UDC Kicks Off Alumni Reclamation Campaign

The University of the District of Columbia’s Office of University Relations and Communications has announced the kick-off the “UDC Alumni Call Out: Reclaiming our Alumni.” This campaign, which was introduced at Founders Day 2007 by Carrington Smith, president of the UDC National Alumni Society and Mary Thompson, alumni member of the Board of Trustees, will identify and reclaim alumni of the University of the District of Columbia and its founding schools of:

- Miner Normal School
- Wilson Normal School
- Miner Teacher’s College
- Wilson Teacher’s College
- Washington Technical Institute
- Antioch & DC Law Schools
- District of Columbia
- Teachers’ College
- Federal City College

There are more than 14,000 University alumni who reside in the Washington D. C. community and employed in the nation’s metropolitan community. Through the Alumni Reclamation campaign, the University hopes to reclaim all alumni, increase their interest and participation in University and alumni events and encourage them to contribute to the enhancement of the University. Additionally, the University is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a series of events to include social activities, recognition ceremonies, fundraising events, media awareness and partnership development. The events will occur throughout the city and on campus throughout the 2007 academic year culminating with a celebratory ball during the Homecoming celebration in late October, 2007.

As a part of the recognition ceremonies, the colleges of the University are featuring alumni during the year at various ceremonies. During the year, the University will feature 30 artists, authors, businessmen, lawyers and judicial professionals, media personalities, architects, health care professionals etc. Another element of the campaign will be the induction of graduating seniors into the pre-alumni club that will transition them to their alumni society for continued involvement in the university.
Founders Day Honors Four for Distinguished Service

Four illustrious members of the University family were honored February 22 with awards recognizing a wide spectrum of distinguished service. The University presented the Ronald H. Brown Distinguished Leadership Award, the Marjorie Holloman Parker Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, the Cleveland L. Dennard Distinguished Service Award, and the Paul Phillips Cooke Lifetime Achievement Award during the Founders Day 2007 Convocation program.

William L. Robinson, Dean and Professor of Law at the District of Columbia School of Law (DCSL) and the University of the District of Columbia School of Law (UDC-SL), received the Ronald H. Brown Distinguished Leadership Award. Professor Robinson led the successful implementation of the school’s mission to increase opportunities for minorities and others from traditionally under-represented groups at the bar; to represent low-income residents of the District of Columbia; and to train ethical public interest lawyers.

For more than 35 years, Dr. Clavin Fields, this year’s recipient of the Marjorie Holloman Parker Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, served as founder and Director of the Institute of Gerontology with loyalty, honor and distinction. Under Dr. Fields leadership, the UDC Institute of Gerontology planned and operated extensive educational and community training programs for non-degree, undergraduate, graduate students and older adults in Gerontology studies and community service.

Dwayne A Jones, the Director of Community Outreach and Extension Services (COES), Office of Apprenticeship, Technical & Industrial Trades at the University of the District of Columbia, was presented the Dr. Cleveland L. Dennard Service Award. During his tenure he received numerous awards including the “Community Distinguished Service Award”, as well as the DC Department of Corrections Outstanding and Dedicated Service Plaque for his outstanding contributions in the transformation and reformation of the Lorton Vo-Tech programs.

Rachel M. Petty, Ph.D., an outstanding teacher, clinician, researcher, and academic administrator for more than 30 years, is the recipient of the Paul Phillips Cooke Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Petty currently serves as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of the District of Columbia. Through the years, she has served as chairperson of the Department of Psychology, was Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and served as the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Giovanni Rescheduled

Poet Nikki Giovanni, whose originally scheduled appearance at the University February 14 was postponed due to inclement weather, has rescheduled her reading for Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the University Auditorium.

Strategic Plan Review Initiated

At the request of Dr. Pollard, a Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to review the current UDC Strategic Plan which was completed in 2005. A number of the stated goals in that plan have been met or significantly moved forward. In addition, new higher education related reports such as the Spellings Report, Mayor’s 100 Day Plan, State Education Office Double the Number Report, and others documents and current realities emphasize the need to review the current UDC Strategic Plan, and update the plan to

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recognize new or revised UDC strategic goals. This review and update is scheduled to be completed in May 2007. Over the next couple of months, the committee will host open discussion sessions with the UDC community to solicit feedback and input regarding the strategic plan and related SWOT analysis previously conducted. The committee invites all of the university community to participate in these sessions when they are scheduled.

Members of the committee are:

Joe Brooks – Finance
Christine Brooks – President’s Office
David Caruth – Institutional Research
Willie (Stu) Gardner – CAS Mass Media
Diane Hyman - COES
Mike Jacks – Information Technology (co-chair)
Walter Jones – Information Technology
William Kellibrew – Undergraduate Student Government
Sam Lakeou – SEAS
Harold Merritt – Athletics
Derek Musgrove – CAS

Kevin Naiker – Counseling Center
Clarence Pearson – SEAS
Dorothy Phaire – CAS
Marie Racine – CAS / Assessment
Robbie Robinson – Public Safety
Bill Robinson – Law School
Clemmie Solomon – Student Affairs (co-chair)
Connie Spinner – State Education Agency
Carol Stewart – Academic Affairs
Paul Tennessee – University Relations
Sharron Terrell – B&PA
Selvon Waldron – Student Representative – Board of Trustees
Connie Webster – CAS
Chester Wright – CAS / Satellite Programs
Gloria Wyche-Moore – COES

The goal of this committee is to bring the UDC Strategic Plan up-to-date, building in specific new measurable goals, objectives, outcomes and target dates, with a defined process to link the strategic plan to the annual budgeting process for the university. The updated strategic plan will also be re-written, so the new strategic plan can be better used as a guide and planning document.

In Celebration of Black History Month

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. – UDC Small Jazz Ensembles Jazz ensembles under the direction of Allyn Johnson celebrate Black History Month. Recital Hall (Bldg. 46-West).

Contact Judith Korey at (202) 274-5803 or JazzAlive@udc.edu for more information. For a listing of confirmed events for this year, visit JazzAlive at www.lrdude.wrlc.org/events.html.

Dr. Pollard Addresses Federal Maritime Commission

President Pollard was the featured speaker for a Black History Month event at the Federal Maritime Commission in Washington DC last Wednesday, February 21. Addressing approximately 50 Commission employees, Dr. Pollard discussed the evolving role of African-Americans in American society, and shared observations drawn from his personal experiences.
UDC Literature Live! Spring 2007

Poets
Kenny Carroll & Brian Gilmore
with Saxophonist
Marshall Keys
present

An Evening of Poetry and Jazz

Thursday, March 1st
7:30 PM
Building 46, West Recital hall
UDC Campus

AfroLez® Productions presents

NO!

a documentary
by Aishah Shaidah Simmons

"Why are we silent about one of the most barbaric, intensely painful, ultimately destructive acts that any community can endure?"
Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole
President, Bennett College for Women; President Emerita, Spelman College

"If the Black community in the Americas and in the world would save itself, it must complete the work this film begins."
Alice Walker
Pulitzer Prize Winning Author, The Color Purple

University of the District of Columbia
Thursday, March 8
12pm, Building 44, room A-03

Followed by a discussion with:
Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber, UDC
Lucane LaFortune, DC Rape Crisis Center
Moderator: Prof. Margaret A. Moore, UDC

Free and open to the public!
Co-sponsored by the Dept. of Urban Affairs, Social Sciences, and Social Work; Phi Delta Kappa, UDC
Chapter 1521; and the DC Rape Crisis Center

www.NOtheRapeDocumentary.org
Nowell Invited to Participate in Public Administration Panel

Dr. Antonia Nowell, Professor in the Management Department is an invited panelist for the panel - *Public Administration and Social Change: Reflections on the Black Experience* - which will take place at the Conference of Minority Public Administrators 2007 National Conference - Global Think Tank: "An Approach to Governance and Public Administration to be held in Memphis Tennessee from February 20 -25, 2007.

Khatri Describes ways to Improve Physics Education

Dr. Daryao Khatri, Professor of Physics, presented two papers, titled, "Practical Ways to Improve Physics Education" and "Do We Need Remedial College Math Courses" on January 8 and January 9, 2007 in Seattle, Washington. This was part of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) Winter 2007 meeting held in Seattle on January 5-10, 2007.

Dept of Urban Affairs, Social Sciences and Social work to Host “From Freedom’s Shadow”

In celebration of Black History month, The Department of Urban Affairs, Social Sciences and Social Work, in partnership with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, will host the exhibit, *From Freedom’s Shadow: African Americans and the U.S. Capitol*. The exhibit will be on display through February 28, 2007 in the Learning Resources Division (LRD), building 41; Level A. The twelve-panel exhibition commemorates the African American experience at the U.S. Capitol. Among other issues, the exhibit highlights Benjamin Banneker’s contribution to surveying the Federal City, the enslaved labor used to construct the Capitol, segregation of the building’s facilities, and current African American Congressional representation.

“Being Black and Blue: The Impact of Intimate Partner Abuse on Black Women”

Visiting Professor Margaret A. Moore, Department of Urban Affairs Social Science & Social Work, moderated a forum on the impact of domestic violence on African American women. The Delta Research and Educational Foundation and The Center for Research on African American Women sponsored the forum at the Barbara Jordan Conference Center in Washington, DC on Friday, February 16, 2007.

The purpose of the forum was to call attention to the fact that domestic violence is a major cause of disabling injuries and premature death for African American women, yet there is a paucity of research and interventions specific and culturally relevant for these women.
Panels of advocates, practitioners, criminal justice agencies and survivors were assembled to assess the scope of the problem, to evaluate the criminal justice response, and to identify intervention strategies and opportunities for greater collaborations between and among service providers. Professor Moore moderated the discussions and facilitated workgroup activities to develop specific recommendations for research, practice, education and policy to reduce and prevent intimate partner violence against African American women.

**SBPA Students Receiving Outstanding Internships**

Submitted by Gwenn Bush-Hodge, Career Service Officer in the SBPA - More and more School of Business and Public Administration (SBPA) students are receiving high-end internships and co-op opportunities. From the federal government, the big four accounting firms, non-governmental organizations (NGO’S), to small and medium size companies the “B” school students are on the move! The SBPA recognizes that an internship or co-op can be one of the more valuable experience a student can have during his her college career. Practical experience in the workplace is not only an education itself; potential employers in today’s marketplace also increasingly demand it.

Dr. Melanie A. Anderson, Acting Dean of the School and Mrs. Gwenn Bush-Hodge, Career Service Officer reports that many students in the Accounting Department have received internships with major organizations. These include KPMG, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Ernst and Young, and Deloitte. While other students have been offered internships with accounting firms such as Grant Thornton and NDS Fixit, LLP and Walker & Company, LLP and a finance student is interning with Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc.

Our students are also receiving outstanding placement opportunities in the federal government as well. Many are entering into Student Career Experience Programs. This program allows the student to attend school and work part-time in a federal agency. Recent placement includes The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Justice and Patent and Trademark and the National Institute of Health (NIH)/National Library of Medicine to name a few. Some students are interested in non-profit work and two graduate students accepted United Nations Association (UNA) Graduate Fellows. In fact, one of these students just received word that he was chosen for an internship with KPMG as well!

Internships provide a way for students to explore a field of interest and internships allow a student to learn what the job would be like on a day-to-day basis. Internships also provide the opportunity for the honing of skills, which can strengthen the student’s candidacy when job-hunting, or applying for graduate school. In fact, this is exactly what happened to a student who recently graduated with his B.B.A. in Finance. After receiving his degree, Dawit Asmellash was an intern over the summer with Verizon/Washington in their Executive office. Dawit then enrolled in the MBA program and began his career search with assistance form the SBPA Career Service Office. He is an intern with the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Asmellash was very active as an undergraduate at the University. He is a member of Delta Mu Delta, Epsilon sigma Chapter, the International Honor Society in Business Administration, competed in business student’s competitions and was on the Dean’s List. Dawit’s current internship is in the executive suite of the bank and he report directly to Joe Grandmaison, the Director of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Asmellash is currently working in the Sub Sahara Africa (SSA) Division and from all reports; he is doing an outstanding job!

The Career Service Office encourages students to prepare for the competition that they will face in applying for internships and co-ops.
Internships are like a job search in that students should have some general ideal of what they want in a career. Organizations take the best candidate, as measured by resumes, transcripts and interviews. Increasingly companies are looking for leadership qualities in their candidates.

The School of Business and Public Administration encourages students to become involved in the activities of the University, attend career-fairs, join national associations and begin their personal “network” long before graduation. Bush-Hodge then works with them on resume- writing, networking, and counseling and effective interview techniques.

Institute for Human Service Delivery Coordinates Grant Request

Dr. Antonia Nowell announces that the School of Business and Public Administration’s Institute for Human Service Delivery will again coordinate a Request for Application (RFA) MG-0330-07 for the D. C. Department of Human Services Income Maintenance Administration (DHS/IMA) FY07 Mini-Subgrant to Small Non-Profit Community-Based Organizations. Ms. Chonda Walden will serve as coordinator. DHS/IMA invites submission of applications for funding through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The RFA release date was February 15, 2007 and the application submission deadline is March 30, 2007 by 4:00pm, EST.

Ogletree to Speak on Latest Book

The University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law invites you to join the School of Law community and Harvard Law Prof. Charles Ogletree, who will speak about his new book, From Lynch Mobs to the Killing State: Race and the Death Penalty in America. Former Secretary of Transportation, William T. Coleman, Jr, will introduce Professor Ogletree. There will be a pre-talk reception at 5:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 to 8 pm
UDC David A. Clarke School of Law
Window’s Lounge – Building 38, 2nd Floor
4200 Connecticut Ave., NW

Admission is free. RSVP: JLibertelli@Udc.edu
Melnick Selected for Research Committee and Chair U.N. Panel

Dr. Vijaya L. Melnick, Director/OSRP has been selected, by the President of the National Academies of Science, to serve as a member of the Committee on Emerging Research Institutions Partnerships. The selection was made from among 70+ nominations made to the National Academy. The committee will meet in early March to determine its priorities for a workshop on the subject. The workshop is expected to be held at the Academy within the calendar year.

Dr. Melnick has also been selected to chair and moderate a panel on the ‘Prevention of Violence against Women’ at the United Nations on Feb 28th in celebration of the International Women’s Day. The events at the UN, celebrating this event, continues from Feb 28 to March 9, 07. She will also appear as a participant on two other panels discussing ‘Female Infanticide.’

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007
BUILDING 44, A-03
5:00PM

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Final Thoughts

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