Nationals Gift Shows Support of UDC Work Force Development Program

In a strong demonstration of support of the DC community and the University of the District of Columbia, the Washington Nationals will present 500 tickets to an upcoming baseball game to the University for distribution to students currently enrolled or planning to enroll in the UDC Workforce Development Program. The tickets for the September 18 game pitting the Nationals against the Atlanta Braves at 7:05 p.m. will be presented by Alphonso Maldon Sr., the National’s Senior Vice President of External Affairs, to UDC President Dr. William L. Pollard during a ceremony at the Patricia Roberts Harris Learning Center, located at 4600 Livingston Road in Southeast Washington, DC next Monday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m.

“We couldn’t be more pleased with this generous gift from the Washington Nationals,” said Dr. Pollard. “This donation clearly demonstrates that the Nationals not only recognize the importance of developing a skilled work force from the citizens of the nation’s capital, but also demonstrates their strong support of quality education in the District of Columbia.”

“The Washington Nationals are committed to being a good community partner,” stated Mr. Maldon. “We are dedicated to supporting youth and educational programs and initiatives, as well as those that improve the health and quality of life of our community.”

The University views this ticket donation as an incentive for first time participants in the Work Force Development program to not only sign up for courses, but also stay in the program. The program is designed for people out of high school and includes university classes in a variety of areas, such as Reading Improvement, English Composition, Literature and Advanced Writing, Basic and College Mathematics, General College Mathematics, Spanish, Public Speaking and U.S. History. Work Force Development class offerings in Nursing Assistance and Home Health Aide, Emergency Medical Technician, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Carpentry and Drywall, Introduction to Computers, Food Sanitation and a Literacy Lab are also available at the satellite sites.

Tickets to the Washington Nationals game with the Atlanta Braves on September 18th will be provided to the University’s Work Force Development students via a coordinator at each of the program sites.
University of the District of Columbia, along with Lehman College, CUNY, Penn State University at Abington, International Health Awareness Network and number of other NGO and UN Organizations, is sponsoring a Global Conference on Sustainable Peace in Hiroshima, Japan, August 31 thru September 3, 2006. Following the conference meetings with local Universities and organizations are expected to take place for networking purposes. A number of UDC staff and students will be participating in the conference. They are: Provost Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke, Dr. Bobby Austin, Dr. Janice Borlandoe, Dr. Vijaya L. Melnick, Mr. William Kellibrew and Mr. Selvon Waldron. Dr. Melnick is the Head of the UDC Delegation and serves on the conference Organizing Committee. She is presenting a paper on ‘Health as an Imperative for Global Peace & Security’ as well as providing Recommendations and Plan of Action for future activities.

Dr. Austin is presenting a paper on ‘Education: A Necessary Tool for the Eradication of Poverty’. Provost Reuben-Cooke will introduce Peace Nobelist Jody Williams, and Dr. Borlandoe, Mr. Waldron & Mr. Kellibrew will be serving on the Education, Human Rights and the Health & Environment panels respectively. The Conference has a stellar set of Key Note speakers, and presenters, including Peace Nobelists Shirin Ebadi & Jodi Williams, UN Under-Secretary General Ambassador Chowdhury, Mayor Akiba of Hiroshima and other diplomats from Japan, South Korea, Philippines, etc. Distinguished speakers at the conference include those from the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and other parts of the world.

USGA President Attends Nissan Student Gov’t Leadership Program

William Kellibrew, Student Government Association President of University of the District of Columbia, recently participated in the 2006 session of the Nissan Student Government Leadership Program held on the historic campus of Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi.

Kellibrew, along with 54 colleagues from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) from across the country participated in an innovative leadership program designed to prepare student government presidents for current and future leadership roles. The second Annual Nissan Student Government Leadership Program ended on Aug. 3 after four days of leadership training sessions rendered by a cadre of nationally-recognized speakers.

Jim Morton, Vice Chairman for Nissan North America states, “We hope that the learning and networking the students participated in will positively affect the rest of their lives. Each leader left the program poised to lead their schools toward new heights and prepared to assume future leadership roles in whatever endeavors they choose.”

Nissan Student Government Leadership Program, now in its second year, provided
student participants intensive leadership
development and training at a level
generally reserved for Fortune 500
company executives. The leadership
sessions, conducted by three of the
nation’s premier leadership training
specialists, enhanced the students’ self-
awareness, self-management, socio-
political awareness and interpersonal
relationships. Nissan executives and
managers, including Morton, were on-hand
as “mentors” throughout the program.

**ATTENTION FACULTY & STAFF!!!**

The University of the District of Columbia
Division of Student Affairs
Counseling & Career Development

**ANNOUNCES**

**THE FALL 2006**

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SEP)**

**WHAT:** “SEP Request For Student Worker Form” are now available for
Faculty & Staff who are seeking for students to work in their department/office
for the Fall 2006 Semester

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 24, 2006 –Friday, September 8, 2006

**WHERE:** Counseling & Career Development Center, Bldg 39 Suite 120

**DEADLINE:** All “SEP Request For Student Worker Forms” are **Due By**

**Friday, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**

***NOTE: All Requesting Worksites must follow SEP Procedures & Guidelines in order to receive a student. No exceptions! Contact the Counseling & Career Development Center if you have any questions, (202) 274-6251 or (202) 274-6000.***
UDC’s International Presence Extends to West Africa

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and Garden City University College (GCUC) in Kumasi, Ghana was initiated on August 15, 2006 subsequent to a July visit to the University by Associate Provost Bertha D. Minus. During the visit, Dr. Minus met with GCUC administrators, faculty, staff, and students; toured the campus; and observed rigorous academic programs, highly qualified faculty members, smart classrooms, and facilities with the potential for expansion. Garden City University College was founded in 2001 and is accredited by the National Accreditation Board of the Ministry of Education of Ghana. The MOU will enable the universities to pursue joint teaching programs, student exchanges, academic program development, and professional development opportunities.

University of the District of Columbia National Alumni Society (UDCNAS) presents its
Fourth Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, October 6, 2006
at the
Glenn Dale Golf Club
11501 Old Prospect Hill Road
Glenn Dale, MD 20769
(303) 262-1166
Shot-gun Start: 9:00 a.m.
Tournament Fee: $100 per player

For more information on sponsorships or for more details on the tournament, contact Jacquelynn Thompson at (202) 274-5206, jthompson@udc.edu; Ben O. Latigo at (202) 274-5027, blatigo@udc.edu; or Evelyn Anderson at (202) 274-6455, eanderson@udc.edu. Go to www.glenndalegolfclub.com for more about the Glenn Dale Golf Club.
Minus Completes Brain Dissection and Neuroscience Course

Dr. Bertha D. Minus completed an intensive three-day, 27-hour course, *Brain Dissection and Neuroscience: Applications to Disorders of Language and Speech Functions*, at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 17-19, 2006. Approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) for 2.7 CEUs, the course included neuroanatomical dissections, lectures, study of higher mental functions, and clinical problem solving. As a certified speech-language pathologist, Dr. Minus’ primary areas of expertise include adult neurological disorders of language and speech, and right hemisphere syndrome.

Science and Engineering Center Welcomes New Program Monitor

The Science and Engineering Center, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is pleased to announce a new addition to its staff. Please join in welcoming Mrs. Akua Sewer-Gunthrope to the Science and Engineering Center School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Mrs. Sewer-Gunthrope is the new program monitor in the Science and Engineering Center. She started in July 2006 and will be in charge of various programs; (Saturday Academy and SEMAA) at the center.

Prior to joining the Center, Mrs. Sewer-Gunthrope served as a Senior Analyst with Resource Consultants Inc. She also worked with various contractors handling various projects with the United States Army, Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, NASA and General Services Administration. In addition, she is a Certified Federal Job Trainer and a Freelance Resume writer.

Mrs. Sewer-Gunthrope has a Bachelors degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland eastern Shore and a Master’s degree from Bowie State University in Counseling Psychology.

She is situated in Building 32, suite 104. The Center will be organizing a welcoming breakfast in her honor on September 11, 2006 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in building 32, suite 104. Please stop by to welcome her to this beautiful university.

Li Chen Publishes in Soft Computing Journal

Computer Science professor Li Chen recently published a paper with Duke professor P.P. Wang on fuzzy relation equations in the Soft Computing journal. The online version was published March 2006 and the printed version will be in the January 2007 issue. The paper is entitled "Fuzzy Relation Equations (II): The
Branch-Point-Solutions and the Categorized Minimal Solutions." Fuzzy relation equations are similar to the system of linear equations. Using Max and Min as the operators instead of summation and multiplication in linear equations, fuzzy relation equations has been the hot research topic in fuzzy logic for more than 30 years. The UDC & Duke professors' paper constructed the third (type) solution, the branch-point solution, beyond the two types known by the public: the maximum solution and the minimal solution. This result clarifies the solution structure of fuzzy relation equations where all solutions form a tree and every part can be constructed.

UDC Men’s Soccer Drops Season Opener 4-0 To East Stroudsburg

The University of the District of Columbia Men’s Soccer Team lost its season opener to the East Stroudsburg University Warriors 4-0 this afternoon in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Playing under new Head Coach Jim Bell, the Firebirds struggled through the 90-minute game, unable to get the ball past the tough Warrior defense and across the goal line.

The Firebirds were only able to take two shots on goal (one each period) during the entire game, while the Warriors took 21 shots. UDC Goalie Boyan Yankulov had 12 saves.

Ryan Love scored East Stroudsburg’s first goal on an assist from Jason Shegda in the 45th minute. Their second goal came in 53rd minute, again, by Love with another assist from Shegda. Roshane Ellison scored the 3rd Warrior goal at the 64-minute mark with an assist from Ryan Love. East Stroudsburg’s last goal came in the 76th minute when Shane McFarlane scored, unassisted.

UDC will see their next action on Saturday, August 26, against Mercy College in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

TIAA-CREF
FINANCIAL EDUCATION SEMINARS
University of the District of Columbia Employees

The Office of Human Resources has invited Glenn Collins, Financial Consultant for TIAA-CREF, to the University to provide individualized financial counseling sessions for employees under the TIAA-CREF retirement plan. Employees will have the opportunity to discuss their investment strategy, asset allocations and potential retirement options. Sessions will be held in the Office of Human Resources, Building 38, Rm. 301 on the following date:

Thursday, September 7, 2006 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To schedule an appointment with Mr. Collins, please visit www.tiaa-cref.org/ or call him at (202) 637-8939. For questions, please call the office of Human Resources at (202) 274-5442.
Announcing Homecoming 2006 - October 22-28

It’s the time of year for our annual homecoming festivities in celebration of our great university again! Remember to keep these important dates open: October 22 through October 28, 2006 for “Homecoming.” During that week, a full schedule of activities presented and produced through the auspices of the Office of Student Life and Activities in conjunction with the USGA, will take place on and around the University campus. You are invited to support, assist and participate in the planning for any of the various events and related activities. Plans are in the works for a parade on Saturday October 28, 2006. Make plans to come join our parade and festivities and make a day of it. Volunteer to work on one of our dedicated committees. Send us your suggestions for new and novel events. You may contact Ms. Mary Roberts (274-5350) or Ms. Jacquelynn Thompson (274-5206). Go Firebirds!!!!
"BUILDING A BIGGER ZETA
FOR A STRONGER SORORITY"
INFORMATIONAL

Thursday, September 7th, 2006
Time: 7:20 pm
Location: Building 44, A-03

For more information please contact:
Monica D. Williams * 202.321.1412 * zetasace1@aol.com

Renisha Weston, Campus Advisor * rweston@udc.edu

Final Thoughts

The UDC Spark is your publication. It can only be effective if you make contributions. If there is something happening in your department that everyone else should know about, then tell us. As always, we ask that you please submit items of interest in text format by e-mail only to mandrews@udc.edu by noon on every other Thursday. PLEASE – NO FLIERS – text paragraphs in Times Roman 12 (black) only. We always welcome photos and appropriate clip art.

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