Senior and Rising Senior Day Resounding Success

The hospitality of the University of the District of Columbia was never more in evidence than on Thursday, February 23, when our doors were opened to more than 500 seniors and junior from District of Columbia Public Schools and Charter Schools. “UDC High School Senior and Rising Senior Day,” sponsored by Academic Affairs Office of Recruitment and Admission, gave students a first-hand opportunity to see the University and learn about our programs. The event, according to one high school student, was “the bomb!” Marian Smith, event chairman and recruiter, said the event was an “excellent rehearsal” for UDC Community Day, which is coming up on Thursday, April 6.

While spending a day on campus, our guests viewed displays from a wide range of programs, including Radiology, Respiratory Therapy (see Dr. Don Steinert photographed below with a visiting student), Nursing, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Aerospace Technology and Graphic Communications. Information was also available for the Office of Recruitment and Admissions and the Office of Financial Aid. The day included a presentation of “Seven Habits of our Highly Effective Students’ by our own Dr. Kevin Naiker, as well as performances by the Peace O Holics and the UDC Players, directed by Professor Lennie Smith. Students also had the opportunity to put questions to members of the University family.

The Office of Recruitment and Admissions extends a special thanks to the planning committee that made Senior – Rising Junior Day a success, as well as the greeters, volunteers, students and others who gave of their talents and services. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our prospective students.
1st International Conference on Renewable Energy Next Month

The Honorable David K. Garman, Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment, has agreed to deliver the keynote address at the University of the District of Columbia’s International Conference on Renewable Energy for Developing Countries 2006, scheduled for April 6-7, 2006. Secretary Garman will deliver the Keynote Address at 9:00 a.m. on April 6 at the plenary session of the Conference at the Omni Shoreham, Woodley Park.

The conference will provide information on current research and best practices on sustainable alternative energy sources to improve quality of life in developing countries. Organized primarily by the University of the District of Columbia’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the conference provides a forum for discussion of topics relevant to the development of renewable energy solutions throughout the world and in developing countries in particular. Experts from academia, government and industry will come together at this conference to evaluate best practices and solutions for feasible, reliable, and sustainable generation of renewable energy. The program will also include an Ambassadors’ Panel and an International and Non-Governmental Forum. Details on the conference, including registration, sponsors, speakers, and the Advisory Board, can be found at www.icredc.udc.edu.

Secretary Garman is one of many distinguished speakers slated to address the conference. U.S. Rep Mike Honda (D-CA), ranking member of the House Energy Subcommittee (at right), will address the conference at a dinner banquet Friday evening. Mr. Chuck Clinton, Director of the DC Energy Office, and Dr. Rosenthal-Brendel, a Senior Energy Specialist from the Energy and Water Department of the World Bank will also address the conference. Panel discussions throughout the conference will explore a wide range of topics related to sustainable alternative energy sources.

The Conference will conclude on April 7 with the inauguration of the Center of Excellence for Renewable Energy a multi-disciplinary center in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The Center will be a national and international locus for innovation in the rapidly growing area of renewable sources – solar, wind, fuel cells, etc. Additionally, the Center will be a partner in the development of energy efficient resources and uses for the District and other urban areas. The conference has received strong support from the District of Columbia Energy Office. This event will be located on the Cleveland Dennard Plaza at University with transportation provided from the Omni Shoreham Hotel.
3rd-year Law Student Awarded 1st Justice Sandra Day O’Connor Scholarship

On March 6, 2006, The National Association of Women Judges awarded the first Justice Sandra Day O’Connor Scholarship to Candice Owens, a third-year student at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (Candice is show below with her parents and Justice O’Connor). The scholarship was established this year to honor and perpetuate Justice O’Connor’s legacy by annually recognizing the achievements and commitment of a law student who exemplifies the values that have guided Justice O’Connor throughout her extraordinary career. As Justice O’Connor has said, “Society as a whole benefits immeasurably from a climate in which all persons, regardless of race or gender, may have the opportunity to earn respect, responsibility, advancement and remuneration based on ability.”

A graduate of Christopher Newport University in Virginia, Candice Owens has excelled academically since her enrollment at the School of Law in 2003 and contributes to the law school community in a myriad of ways: as a Law Review Senior Associate Editor, as a teaching assistant, as chair of the Academic Support Committee, and as treasurer for the UDC-DCSL Equal Justice Works Chapter. She also chaired the Black Law Student Association Moot Court/Mock Trial teams.

In addition to academic excellence, Ms. Owens compiled a stellar record of service to the community during her law school years. In her first year, she worked with the Veteran’s Legal Service Program as part of the Law and Justice course. As a summer law intern for D.C. Magistrate Judge Joan Goldfrank, she conducted legal research, drafted memoranda, and reviewed attorney briefings for the judge. As a student advocate in the School of Law’s HIV/AIDS Law Clinic, Ms. Owens represented a child with HIV who had repeatedly been denied disability benefits, and together with another student, won an appeals hearing and approximately $30,000 in benefits for her client. In her second clinic, she worked with the Government Accountability Project, a law school clinic and the nation’s largest “whistleblower” protection organization.

Ms. Owens came to law school to find a career where she could “help those who are underrepresented and without a voice in our legal system.” Through her classes, clinical work and internships, she has earned the respect of faculty, her fellow students, and many in the District of Columbia legal community. Her achievements illustrate the three core values Justice O’Connor espouses: scholarship, leadership, and commitment to public service and equal justice. Ms. Owens looks forward to continuing to use her legal skills on behalf of the public interest after graduation in May, 2006.

It’s Coming…..So Get Ready
**UDC Day2006 – A Community Affair**
Thursday, April 6, 2006
University to Host Viewing of “Freedom’s Call”

The University of the District of Columbia is proud to host a free viewing of the film, “Freedom’s Call” and panel presentation on Friday, March 24, 2006 from 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the University Auditorium (Building 46East). Since seating is limited, those interested in attending should email Dr. Sandra Lawson of the Office of University Relations at slawson@udc.edu.


The documentary takes viewers to Memphis, Little Rock, Oxford, Jackson and the Mississippi Delta, exploring the path of the civil rights movement. Two noteworthy stops along the way are visits with Minniejean Brown Trickey, one of the Little Rock Nine; and James Meredith, the first African American student to attend the University of Mississippi. Production credits for “Freedom’s Call” include George Kilpatrick, producer, and Robert Short Jr. executive producer.

D.C. Court of Appeals to Hold Appellate Argument on Campus

On Monday, March 20, 2006, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals – D.C.’s equivalent of a state supreme court – will hold its first ever “en bane” (the full nine-judge court) appellate argument away from the courthouse. The judges have selected the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law for this
unprecedented event. The judges will hear an appeal in the first degree murder case, Lakeisha Wilson-Bey, Sckeena Marbury v. United States of America at the University’s Auditorium at 11:00 a.m.

Of special interest to the University of the District of Columbia community, the attorney who will argue the case on the 20th for the appellant, Lakeisha Wilson-Bey, is UDC David A. Clarke School of Law alumnus, John O. Iweanoge, Jr., Class of 1993. Mr. Iweanoge is the first of four brothers to earn a juris doctorate at UDC-DCSL.

In addition, this is an appeal from a jury verdict in a case before another of the School of Law’s alumni, D.C. Superior Court Judge Russell F. Canan, Class of 1976.

All faculty, staff and students are welcome and encouraged to attend this historic event.

UDC Jazz Ensembles – Leslie Spotz, pianist - Pianist and guest artist Leslie Spotz, will present a recital on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall, Bldg. 46-West. An active proponent of music by women, Ms. Spotz, will perform a program featuring compositions by Undine Smith Moore, Ruth Crawford, Nancy Galbraith and Margaret Bonds. Ms. Spotz enjoys an international solo career that has included performances in Moscow at the Tchaikovsky Hall of Moscow University, the South Bank Center of London, Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the famed Academy of Music in Philadelphia, her highly acclaimed tours of Germany and most recently her performance at the inaugural opening of Philadelphia’s new performance venue, the Kimmel Center. She currently heads the piano faculty at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX.

Allyn Johnson, pianist - One of the most sought-after musicians by the revered musical giants as well the “young lions” of his generation – premier pianist and Jazz Studies director, Allyn Johnson will perform his original arrangements of jazz standards as well as new compositions on Tuesday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the 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.lrdudc.wrlc.org/events.html.

Save the Date - Calvin Jones BIG BAND Jazz Festival

Make sure to mark your calendar for the big celebration. On Monday, April 24, 2006, at 8:00 P.M., the BIG BAND sound will return to UDC for the 20th year. Save the date and join us again for what has become one of the most anticipated events on D.C.’s jazz calendar as the powerhouse jazz ensembles of the University of the District of Columbia (directed by Allyn Johnson), Howard University (directed by Fred Irby III), and the University of Maryland (directed by Chris Vadala) celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month and a remarkable 20th anniversary. Produced by UDC’s Jazz Studies Program and the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives, the festival began in 1987 as part of a citywide tribute to Duke Ellington, and it remains one of the most anticipated events on Washington, D.C.’s jazz calendar. For more information on the 2006 festival, contact Judith Korey at (202) 274-5803 or JazzAlive@udc.edu.
NSPAA of HBCU’s to Host Web Cast

The National Sponsored Programs Administrators Alliance (NSPAA) of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Inc. will host a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded conference designed to familiarize sponsored program and research administrators with funding opportunities and processes at the National Science Foundation March 20-21 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The conference is being presented by NSPAA as a response to the professional development needs of sponsored program and research administrators. It is the first of an ongoing series of initiatives to enhance competitiveness of researchers and administrative staff at HBCUs and other institutions.

For those unable to attend, the conference will be web-cast. Those interested in participating via web-cast should log on at http://event.on24.com/events/17403/nsf_nspaa_hbcu_webcast/ or for additional information contact: Dr. Vijaya L. Melnick, Office of Sponsored Research and Programs, at vmelnick@udc.edu or JoVita Wells, Office of University Relations, at jowells@udc.edu.

ATTENTION !!!!
The University of the District of Columbia’s Commencement Ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 13, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
at the Verizon Center (formerly MCI Center)

Orders for Purchasing Regalia

Academic regalia purchases can be done through the UDC bookstore. If you desire to purchase your regalia, please secure the order form from Mrs. Josephine Whitehead, accounting clerk in the bookstore. These are time sensitive orders that require immediate action.

Orders for Rental of Regalia

The UDC bookstore will be taking orders for rental of regalia beginning Monday, April 3, 2006 through Friday, April 28, 2006.

Please place your orders early to avoid the rush or delay in receipt of your order.

for more information, contact Mrs. Whitehead in the bookstore in Bldg 38, Level A or call 274-5110

Behera Publishes on Runoff Quality Analysis

Dr. Pradeep K. Behera from the Department of Engineering, Architecture and Aerospace Technology published a research paper entitled “Runoff Quality Analysis of Urban Catchments with Analytical Probabilistic Models” in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management, Volume 132/Number 1 (January and February 2006). This journal is one of the top journals in the field of Water Resources Engineering. The research paper develops mathematical models to assess storm water runoff pollution loads from urban catchments. The co-authors of the paper include Dr. Barry J. Adams from University of Toronto, and Dr. James Y. Li from Ryerson University, Canada.

The abstract of the paper as follows:

The assessment of stormwater runoff pollution from urban catchments is addressed within a
probabilistic framework. The methodology utilizes probability density functions of rainfall event characteristics, a runoff coefficient based rainfall-runoff transformation and commonly used pollutant buildup and washoff processes representations. Employing derived probability distribution theory, analytical probabilistic runoff quality models are derived using exponential buildup and washoff functions. The derived analytical models yield expressions for expected event pollutant washoff load; annual average washoff load, the probability distribution of event washoff load, and the long-term average pollutant event mean concentration (EMC). These derived models are verified with available field data from an urban catchment located in the Greater Toronto Area. The verification results suggest that these analytical probabilistic models can be used for the assessment of runoff pollutant loads from urban catchments during planning level analyses. These are computationally efficient closed-form mathematical expressions that can be easily incorporated into the spreadsheets; thus, a useful tool as an alternative or complement to more resource-intensive simulation models.

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Thursday, March 30, 2006
12:15 to 1:45
Bldg 41, Room 421

Please contact Sylvia Benatti at 4-5794 for more information and to confirm your attendance at the lunch

**Acclaimed D.C. Poet Featured in “Literature Live” Reading Series**

The University of the District of Columbia’s English Department will host “Literature Live! A Reading Series” on Friday nights in February and March on campus (4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW). All sessions with authors start at 7 p.m. and take place in Building 44, Room A-03.

On Friday, March 10th, Poet/Memoirist E. Ethelbert Miller will take the stage. Mr. Miller is the author of numerous award-winning books of poetry including *How We Sleep On The Nights We Don't Make Love* and the anthology, *In Search of Color Everywhere*, as well as the memoir *Fathering Words*. One of Washington D.C.’s major literary and cultural activists, Miller is director of the African American Resource Center at Howard University and chairperson of the board of the Institute for Policy Studies.

The final session of the “Literature Live” series is scheduled for Friday, March 31st, with Lynne Duke, a writer for the Washington Post, and author of *Mandela, Mobutu and Me*. During 18 years at the Washington Post, Lynne Duke has written local, national and international magazine articles and served as bureau chief for the Post in Johannesburg, South Africa for four years. *Mandela, Mobutu and Me*, inspired by her travels through Central and southern Africa, was a finalist for
the 2004 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award in Nonfiction.

All events are free to the public. For additional information, contact: Professor Marita Golden, UDC Literature Live! at 274-5553 or by fax at 274-5783. If you’d like to reach Professor Golden by email, do so at udc_literature_live@yahoo.com, maritagolden@udc.edu, or UDC_literature_live@yahoogroups.com. Information is also available on the web at http://www.udc.edu/academics/college_arts_sciences/dept_english/english_composition.htm.

Applications Available for Heinz Foundation Fellowships

Applications are now available for the 2006-07 round of the H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship Program at the University of Pittsburgh. Heinz Fellowships will be granted to two individuals from developing countries who demonstrate potential as future leaders in the public, government, non-profit or private sectors. The goal is to improve, early in a career, the successful candidate's capacity to contribute to the development of their country and enhance their understanding of the United States. This is accomplished through a year of auditing selected courses and participating in practical professional activities while based in Pittsburgh. Courses taken as part of the Heinz Fellowship do not earn credit towards an academic degree.

The competition for a Heinz Fellowship is open to men and women from developing countries whose records of accomplishment early in their careers indicate strong potential for leadership and achievement. Applicants must have completed a university degree, be suitably proficient in speaking, reading and writing English and should be working in some subsection of sustainable development, governance, public health or conflict resolution. Preference will be given to those applicants in the earlier stages of their careers.

The fellowship is intended for individuals in the practitioner/policy domains. It is not awarded for basic academic research, academic sabbaticals, nor for medical research or updating. For more information, contact heinz@ucis.pitt.edu.

Final Thoughts

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