CAUSES Launches Sustainable Urban Ag Certificate Program
CAUSES has announced the launch of the Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certificate Program, that will provide classroom and experiential knowledge to community residents. In response to this growing need, the certificate program will address urban agriculture, urban food production and urban agribusiness, and sustainable design for urban agriculture, providing information to participants about small-scale, urban gardening and farming. MORE

CAUSES to Host Green Living Expo DC alongside Back to School BBQ
The 2014 Green Living DC Expo will be held Sept. 11, in conjunction with UDC’s 9th Annual Back to School BBQ. Conjoining the two events will lead to meaningful experiences as the University explores how it and the local community can continue to collaborate in adopting sustainable initiatives beyond the Expo and in our everyday lives. The events will be held on Dennard Plaza on UDC’s Van Ness campus. MORE

UDC Faculty Published in Scholarly Journal
Congratulations to Drs. Tolessa Dekissa, Lily Liang, Suzan Harkness and Predeep Behera for having their research published in the Intl. Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The four faculty members co-authored, “Fostering Significant Learning in Sciences,” about experiential learning as taught recently in the STEM Summer Bridge Program. MORE

Meet Siaka Nuah, Graduate Student Govt. Association Vice President
Siaka Nuah is the newly elected Vice President of the UDC Graduate Student Government Association. He is currently a graduate student in Water Resources Management in the Professional Science Master’s program. His goal as vice president is to ensure all graduate students are informed about campus activities. MORE

UDC Offers Health Screenings and Nutrition Education at DC Job Fair
On Thursday, August 21, 2014, UDC CAUSES led a collaboration of Health Care agencies, to provide health screenings to participants of the Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton’s annual job fair. attended by over five hundred job seekers, of which many chose to utilize the free screening services. Basic services such as free blood pressure and mental health screenings and counseling were provided. MORE

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CAUSES TV: College Summit
Joining Dean O’Hara on this episode to talk more about the link between a college education and success are Rustin Lewis, and Mardia Blyther from College Summit. MORE

Upcoming Events
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events: Green Living Expo, City Orchard Harvest, Gerontology farm visit, EcoDistrict Summit, Mid-Atlantic Water Conference, Agroecology Day, Stormwater BMP Training and the Urban Agriculture Symposium. MORE

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Meet the Expert: Claudia John, Institute of Gerontology
Ms. Claudia John is the new Project Specialist for the CAUSES Institute of Gerontology. Ms. John has over 12 years of work experience in adult and geriatric health services, and for more than a decade served as the guardianship specialist with the Prince George’s County Department of Family Services.

Senior Companion and Respite Aid Program
The Senior Companion/Respite Aide program (SC/RA) promotes seniors helping their fellow senior citizens through volunteerism. The program helps to preserve the independence of aging D.C. residents, supporting low income and disabled persons 55 years and older with high quality and compassionate volunteer service. Now in its 34th year and with more than 70 senior volunteers, SC/RA is facing funding cuts.

Senior In-Service Training
Participants in the SC/RA program gather once a month for “In-Service” training, where the senior volunteers meet for half a day, training, fellowship, fun and to take care of programming-related housekeeping items. SC/RA also has an Asian-American component who meet separately and with the assistance of a translator.

Bodywise Senior Exercise Program
Funded by the DC Office of Aging, the Institute of Gerontology runs the Bodywise exercise program, specifically designed to promote health, wellness, fitness and prevention knowledge for D.C. residents 60 years and older. Bodywise consists of water, stretch, walk and chair exercise classes and provides benefits such as an increase in cardiovascular efficiency, muscular strength, flexibility, and overall life satisfaction.

Senior Tuition Program
Since 1978, UDC has offered free tuition for D.C. residents aged 65 and up. CAUSES research assistant Arielle Gerstein spoke with two long-time program participants about their experience.

For more information on the Institute of Gerontology, contact Claudia John at Claudia.john@udc.edu or visit www.udc.edu/causes.

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