CAUSES awarded three Sustainable DC Innovation Grants

The University of the District of Columbia was named one of the honorees of the Sustainable DC Innovation Challenge, winning three out of seven grants for a total of $921,000. The grant competition was established to promote novel initiatives among District agencies that will advance Mayor Vincent C. Gray’s Sustainable DC Plan that seeks to make the District of Columbia the greenest, healthiest and most sustainable city in the nation. The three UDC grants were authored by Dr. Dwane Jones, Director of the CAUSES Center for Sustainable Development, and Mary Farrah, of the CAUSES Center for Urban Agriculture.  

DC Water, DDOE, close series of “Post-Oil City” Workshops

The final in this series of dialogue workshops will focus on water and food security and will bring together a broad range of stakeholders to discuss how food and water needs can be met in the post-oil era. Expert panelists include: George S. Hawkins, General Manager, DC Water and Sewer Authority; Brendan Shane, Chief, Office of Policy and Sustainability, District Department of the Environment; Dr. Jill Auburn, National Program Leader, Division of Agricultural Systems, Institute of Food Production & Sustainability, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and Dr. Thomas Schmidt, Minister Counselor, Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

CAUSES Professor, Dean collaborate on "Physics and the New Economy"

Dr. Sabine O’Hara, CAUSES Dean, and Environmental Science Professor Thomas Kakovitch, collaborated to publish Physics and the New Economy. The book explores the relationship between physics and economics, to address how our mindsets and models must change to ensure a sustainable path of economic development. While economists have warned of physical constraints that will limit the production of economic goods and services, Kakovitch and O’Hara argue that these constraints do not lie primarily on the resource side of the production process.

CAUSES TV: The Environment Matters and Housing and Your Health

In two new episodes of CAUSES TV, Dr. Sabine O’Hara interviews Keith Anderson, Director of the District Department of the Environment, and Dr. Marvin Turner, Director of the National Capital Area Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

UDC to Host Water Symposium

For the second time, UDC will host the National Capital Region Water Resources Symposium, “Water Resources and Infrastructures: Emerging Problems and Solutions”, bringing together water resources professionals from across the region. The one-day symposium will be held Friday, April 4, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the
UDC David A. Clarke School of Law. MORE

CAUSES, Go Dutch partner on integrated research project
The Center for Sustainable Development is collaborating with the GODUTCH Consortium to conduct workshops by integrating academics, research, land-grant programs and Dutch expertise to originate solutions to a case study proposed by the DC Government. The purpose of this initiative is for students, faculty, and Dutch experts to exchange knowledge and use sustainability (economics, equity, and environment) in an applied case study scenario. MORE

When Dreams Take Flight
“When Dreams Take Flight,” is a new campaign being unveiled by the University of the District of Columbia. This short video features CAUSES Dean Sabine O’Hara as she emphasizes the joy of being an educator. If you are local to Washington, D.C., you might catch the video on our local cable station! Lookout for more videos in the future. MORE

What’s New in 4-H
Aside from the upcoming 4-H Volunteer Leaders Training on March 1, here’s what’s happening in the world of UDC 4-H. MORE

Upcoming Events
It may be early in the year, but the CAUSES calendar is filling up with activities. Mark your calendars for: monthly invasive plant removals, the lead-abatement short course, 4-H training, the Water Symposium, and the Sustainability and Social Enterprise Summit. MORE

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