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## **University of the District of Columbia Welcomes Neighbors, Students to Annual Community Day**

*Washington, D.C.* — The University of the District of Columbia has set aside next Tuesday, March 22 as “UDC Community Day,” a day for area high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to learn about the outstanding educational opportunities that exist at the University of the District of Columbia. While offering a “Ticket to Success” to area high school students, the University is also welcoming citizens of the District to come and learn more about the only public university in Nation’s Capital.

“We have a lot to offer here at the University of the District of Columbia,” said Dr. William L. Pollard, University President. “Our Community Day gives us an opportunity to share with our neighbors the exciting opportunities that await them at the University.”

While the activities of “UDC Community Day” are primarily designed to attract current high school students who may look to the University as their opportunity for a high-quality college education, the University’s director of Recruitment and Admission event coordinator Laverne Hill-Flanagan is quick to point out that there will be something for everyone on the campus next Tuesday. “We serve the District of Columbia,” said Flanagan. “If citizens of the District come visit us, they will not only learn how the University provides a “ticket for success,” but they will also learn more about programs available to all to promote healthy lifestyles.” Flanagan points out that guests to “UDC Community Day” can receive hearing, blood pressure and oral health screenings, as well as learn about programs offered through the University’s Continuing Education division.

Music, dance and other demonstrations will weave into briefings on academic and financial aid programs to make for a fun and informative day. Interested students will also have the opportunity to enroll in summer and fall semester classes at the University.

Last year more than 900 students attended this event, which was the highlight of the academic year on the University's campus.

This day-long celebration to showcase the University, its academic degree and non-degree programs, faculty accomplishments, student life, alumni, and other exciting programs available to students seeking higher education is becoming a tradition. "UDC Community Day" presents an excellent opportunity to prospective students to explore the more than 75 different academic offerings at the university, while getting a first-hand taste of the college atmosphere.

"UDC Community Day" kicks off with a program in the University Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22. Festivities for the general public will begin at 12:00 noon, with events scheduled to continue in the University gymnasium until 7:00 p.m. Officials from every department and program will give prospective students detailed information on the University's academic programs in a fun-filled and entertaining setting. Campus tours will be given and there will be more surprises throughout the day. There will also be an opportunity to apply for admission, with full tuition scholarships being awarded to selected applicants. For more information about "UDC Community Day," call 202-274-6333.

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The University of the District of Columbia is the sole public source for accessible, inclusive, affordable, and comprehensive public higher education in the District of Columbia and provides additional life-long learning opportunities. The University delivers quality instruction and uses student-centered approaches to empower and benefit both individuals and its local communities. The University, an urban land grant institution, is a very diverse community, a gateway to the world, and a significant investment engine for the District of Columbia. The University is located at 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, and is conveniently located at the Van Ness/UDC stop on the Red Line of Metro. For more information on other University activities, contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications and Alumni Affairs at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at [www.udc.edu](http://www.udc.edu).

**NOTICE TO MEDIA:** Media are welcome to observe and report on highly visual activities taking place in concurrence with UDC Community Day. Media interested in covering this event should contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications and Alumni Affairs at (202) 274-5685 prior to the event to ensure convenient parking and access to activities.