

Just CAUSES Newsletter

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Our Mission - The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) offers research-based academic and community outreach programs that improve the quality of life and economic opportunity of people and communities in the District of Columbia, the nation and the world.

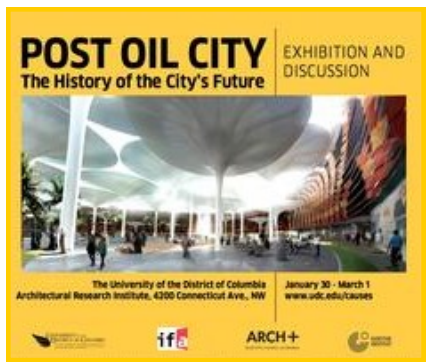
What is a Land-Grant University?



You may have heard that the University of the District of Columbia is a land-grant university, but do you know what exactly that is? Land-grant universities provide education both on campuses and in communities. Signed by President Lincoln in 1862, the Morrill Act established the creation of the land-grant university. In 1887, the Hatch Act expanded the mission of land-grant colleges by providing states with federal funds to establish what are known as Agricultural Experiment Stations, which research solutions to individual state agricultural concerns. Read on to learn more and to watch UDC President Lyons discuss UDC as an urban and-grant institution on CAUSES TV. [MORE](#)

Post Oil City exhibit and workshops Jan. 30 - March 1

Can cities function without oil? The negative side effects of fossil fuel use are obvious and costly. Presented by CAUSES and the Goethe-Institut Washington, *Post-Oil City: The History of the City's Future* will present solutions for the post-oil city as envisioned by architects, planners, designers and engineers from 10 different countries.



The exhibit will be hosted on UDC's Van Ness campus from Jan. 30 – March 1, 2014. Embedded in the exhibit will be free workshops on topics shaping the post oil city of the future, discussed by panelists representing federal government and district agencies, the private and non-profit sector, and individual residents:

- Jan. 30, 5:00 p.m. - Opening Reception
 Jan. 31, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - *The City of the Future: Mobility and Energy*
 - Feb. 1, 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m. - *Planning the Post Oil City*
 - Feb. 8, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - *The Future of Urban Mobility*
 - Feb. 15, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. - *The City of the Future: Materials and Functionality Workshop*
 - Feb. 21, 10:00 a.m. – Noon - *The City of the Future: Water & Food Security*
- [Register](#) for the workshops and learn more about the speakers. [MORE](#)

National 4-H CEO Featured on CAUSES TV

On this episode of CAUSES TV, Dean Sabine O'Hara is joined by Jennifer Sirangelo, President and CEO of the National 4-H Council, and Rebecca Bankhead, Director of UDC's Center for 4-H and Youth Development. 4-H is the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, with more that seven million



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young members in rural, suburban and urban communities across the country. Children from elementary to high school have the opportunity to learn about science, citizenship, healthy living and food security. 4-H programs are designed to shape our future leaders. What makes the organization special is its reach-- 4-H has 540,000 volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 60 million alumni. Contact [Rebecca Bankhead](#) for more information on DC's 4-H programs. [MORE](#)



Internship and Apprenticeship Opportunities

Students, read on to learn more about these opportunities and apply today:

- Military Extension Internship Program
- Eco City Farms
- [MORE](#)

Around CAUSES



Catch up on topics and events happening around CAUSES. It's only January, but we've been busy spreading the word about all the great strides we are making within CAUSES: 1) Dean O'Hara Delivers Keynote for Austria's Young Science Summit; 2) CAUSES Takes Part in NBC4's Health and Fitness Expo; 3) DC Central Kitchen and Bread for the City Purchase Muirkirk Farm Greens for Area Schools; 4) Yao Afantchao to Participate in Penn State Ethnic Produce Conference. [MORE](#) And don't

forget to mark your calendars for [Upcoming Events](#).

Just CAUSES online

Visit *Just CAUSES* online at causes.blogspot.com. The blog is updated frequently so you won't have to wait until the next newsletter to learn about all things CAUSES. Last month's edition is available [online!](#)



CAUSES TV: Food Security



Food is fundamental to our health and well-being. If we don't eat

right we don't feel right. Can the city of Washington, D.C. do more to ensure that everyone has access to healthy food? On this episode of CAUSES TV, Dr. O'Hara interviews Dr. Judy Fisher, Bishop of the Full Gospel Church of the Lord's Missions International, and Gus Schumacher, Executive Vice President of Policy of Wholesome Wave and former Undersecretary of Agriculture. Together, they discuss the challenges faced in addressing food security in , D.C. [MORE](#)

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To submit materials for consideration, contact [Leslie Malone](#) or [Carilyne Vance](#).



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