

Just CAUSES Newsletter

November 2013

Our Mission—The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia 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.

CAUSES, partners host urban revitalization exhibition and conference



CAUSES, together with the Goethe-Institut Washington, HafenCity Hamburg and the International Building Exhibition (IBA) Hamburg, recently hosted the conference and accompanying exhibition: "Hamburg: Building the City Anew. A Journey into the City of Tomorrow."

The exhibit served as the basis for a panel discussion engaging Hamburg urban revitalization partners with representatives from the U.S. government, the District of Columbia, the private sector and from local citizens in designing the city of the future while bridging the divide between those who have access to economic opportunities and those who do not. [MORE](#)

All about Architecture

UDC has a premiere architecture program which is part of CAUSES. The Department of Urban Architecture and Community Planning exemplifies the University's urban land-grant mission, providing a program that equips students with the essential skill

set to effectively implement maximum sustainability in the design and planning of buildings, neighborhoods and communities. The Architectural Research Institute is the clinical arm of UDC's architecture program, offering a research and community service based program that utilizes the University's capital assets to support the District of Columbia's mission to provide affordable and energy efficient shelter to its citizens. Continue reading to learn more and meet the faculty. [MORE](#)



Testimonial: Muirkirk Farm Ethnic Crops

UDC alum, Margaret Forbin, recently submitted a testimonial about our Ethnic Crops program. She writes: "I first learned about the UDC ethnic crop program from a former CAUSES Nutrition major who had been helping to introduce "ethnic crops," to the cultivation and distribution schema of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan



grocery system. He referenced crops that I was familiar with from growing up in Cameroon, Africa. I was quite eager and excited, and could not wait to visit the farm myself." [MORE](#)

Murikirk Farm donates 110 pounds of fresh greens to NBC's Food Campaign!



In celebration of Thanksgiving, UDC-CAUSES donated freshly grown produce to NBC Washington's 'Food 4 Families' campaign, which seeks to feed as many people as possible during the Thanksgiving holiday season. CAUSES donated kale and collard greens, grown at UDC's Research Farm. [MORE](#)

Meet the Expert: Dr. Dwane Jones

Dwane Jones, Ph.D., recently joined UDC as the Director of the Center for



Sustainable Development, a division of CAUSES. Prior to UDC, he served as a faculty member of North Carolina State University. Dr. Jones conducts research and teaches courses in Urban Sustainability, Urban Design, Urban Planning and Low Impact Development. He has degrees in Urban Planning, Environmental Planning, and Urban Design. [MORE](#)

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CAUSES TV: Healthy Cities, Healthy People and Creating a Green, Sustainable Economy



This episode of CAUSES TV continues the CAUSES theme “Healthy Cities—Healthy People.” Harriet Tregoning, Director of the D.C. Office of Planning, joins Dean O’Hara, along with UDC Architecture Professor Kathy Dixon. In a second episode, Dean O’Hara is speaks with CAUSES Project Specialist, Dr. Wayne Curtis, an expert on green and socially responsible jobs and Sustainable Entrepreneurship.

Fall Gardening Tips

Mary Farrah, Urban Agriculture and Forestry Outreach Extension Agent, provides helpful tips about taking care of our gardens during the winter:

“It’s time for the fall garden clean up! As our growing season is winding down, the only crops able to tolerate the chill are the overwintering garlic bulbs, the cold hardy greens of the brassica family, lettuces and spinach. It’s time to pull all the dead and decaying warm season veggies—and the weeds that escaped our notice while we were busy having fun this summer!” [MORE](#)



Watch video from Ward 8 urban aquaponics launch

Were you unable to attend our groundbreaking urban aquaponics launch in Southeast D.C.? This special edition of CAUSES TV was taped onsite at the Sept. 28 event. See the “hoop house” up close and watch as Dean Sabine O’Hara interviews: Pastor Cheryl Gaines, ReGeneration House of Praise Church, Che Axum, Director of UDC’s Center for Urban Agriculture and research farm, and Tom Kakovitch, Professor of Environmental Sciences and inventor of the Flo-Vex aeration device. [MORE](#)



Around CAUSES

Catch up on topics and events happening around CAUSES: 1) UDC farmers market closes for the 2013 season; 2) 4-H "Ready, Set, Go!" training; 3) Dr. Wayne Curtis hosts UDC Forum on Minority MBAE Case Competition; 4) Dr. Prema Ganganna was interviewed by PBS; 5) GO DUTCH 2014 Consortium partnership; 6) Agriculture and nutrition team guest lecture at Georgetown University; 7) Former Governor of Bangkok visits UDC [MORE](#)



CAUSES supports DC Women’s and Children’s Shelter during holiday season



In Celebration of the Holiday Season CAUSES will support the DC Womens and Childrens Shelter. In this effort, until December 18, 2013 we will collect:

- *Small Toys
- *Hat, Glove and Scarf sets
- *Slippers
- *Warm Socks (all \$10 or less)

We are asking that all gifts be donated wrapped, with bows and include an outside tag (preferably placed under the box) that tells what the gift is and pertinent information such as color and size.



Please bring all donations and gifts to the office of Dr. Connie Webster Bldg. 44, Room 105

For more information, please contact causes@udc.edu

Just CAUSES online

Just CAUSES, the online blog component of the newsletter, is available at <http://udc-causes.blogspot.com/>. It is updated frequently so you won’t have to wait until next month to learn about all things CAUSES! Did you miss last month’s edition? It’s available [online!](#)



For more information on CAUSES visit www.udc.edu/causes.

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