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### **Verizon Washington, DC President Anthony Lewis to Address University of the District of Columbia Commencement**

*Washington, D.C.* —Anthony A. (Tony) Lewis, President of Verizon Washington DC, will deliver the keynote address at the University of the District of Columbia's 29<sup>th</sup> Commencement Convocation, scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, as graduates will receive their associates, baccalaureate, masters and juris doctorate degrees. Mr. Lewis will address the graduates and guests at the ceremony at the Verizon Center, which will be presided over by University President William L. Pollard, PhD.

Anthony A. Lewis is president of Verizon Washington, DC, a position he has held since March 1, 2004. Mr. Lewis has oversight for all of Verizon's operations, including regulatory and financial matters in the nation's capital. Previously he held the title of executive director, business planning. His responsibilities included the coordination and linkage of strategic policy and initiatives affecting Verizon's business units and its regulatory organization.

Mr. Lewis joined The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, now Verizon Virginia in 1986 as a group manager in the operator services department. He has held a succession of positions with increasing responsibilities in product line management, traffic engineering and planning, sales, regulatory and public policy.

Mr. Lewis is on the Board of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University, a member of the DC Chamber of Commerce's Governing Board and on the Board of Associates of Gallaudet University. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Workforce Investment Council, DC CAPS, the Washington Performing Arts Society, the Federal City Council, the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington, the United Way National Capital Area, and a member of the National Eagle Leadership Institute. Mr. Lewis is also a conductor for the South Lakes High School spring musical production and is a percussionist with the Heritage Fellowship United Church of Christ Gospel Choir. He is past president and current member of the Developmental Roundtable for Upward Mobility (DRUM) and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Mr. Lewis graduated from Elizabeth City State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business in 1986, the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Leadership Development Program in 1996, the John Hopkins Leadership Development Program in 1996, and the Johns Hopkins University with a Master of Science degree in business administration in 1999.

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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 University Spokesman at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at [www.udc.edu](http://www.udc.edu).

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