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### **University of the District of Columbia Honors Women of Achievement at Fifth Annual Gala**

*Washington, D.C.* – The University of the District of Columbia and the UDC Foundation will present the 2006 UDC Women of Achievement awards to five leading women at their Fifth Annual Gala, scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 1300 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. The gala is the Foundation's primary fund-raising event, with proceeds going to support the University of the District of Columbia, the only public institution of higher learning in the nation's capital.

The UDC Women of Achievement awards will be presented for the first time at this year's gala. Dr. William L. Pollard, president of the University, views this inaugural award in part as a tribute to the founder of one of the University's predecessor institutions, Myrtilla Miner. "Myrtilla Miner is without question a woman of achievement," reflected Pollard. "We think it's appropriate to use our gala to honor women of distinction like her for their

contributions in the building and uplifting of our community in general and the University of the District of Columbia specifically.” Honorees include:

- Michele V. Hagans, President of Fort Lincoln New Town Corp. and former Chairman of the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees
- Wilhelmina C. Holladay, founder of The National Museum of Women in the Arts
- Denise H. Lloyd, President & CEO of D.H. Lloyd & Associates, Inc., a District of Columbia minority certified insurance agency
- Barbara B. Lang, President of the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- Barbara J. Krumsiek, President & CEO of the Calvert Group, a District of Columbia based asset management firm

In addition to these honors, gala guests will be entertained by Vanessa Rubin, acclaimed jazz singer and recording artist. Carol Randolph, gala contributor and former anchor for Court TV, will emcee the event. The University's chorale, jazztet, and student soloist will also perform. Business and political leaders, as well as academic and student representatives of the University are expected to attend.

This is the fifth year that the University of the District of Columbia Foundation has hosted their fund-raising gala, which is not only as a celebration of the University, but as a way for the corporate and other private citizens of the District to show their support for the good work being done at the only public university in the nation's capital. The purpose of the Foundation is to solicit funds for student scholarships, and to advance and benefit the programs and mission of the University of the District of Columbia.

Michael C. Rogers, executive vice president of corporate services of MedStar Health Inc., is serving as the Foundation's Gala Chairman this year. Co-Chairs are Jeffrey Thompson of Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio & Associates and Kathleen Carr of Cardinal Bank/Washington. Tickets are available for this evening that combines outstanding entertainment and food with a program that supports the citizens of the District of Columbia

in a unique manner. Tickets are \$250 and may be purchased by calling (202) 342-1988 or (202) 274-5312.

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The University of the District of Columbia is the sole fully accredited 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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