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University of the District of Columbia Student Leaders Participate in 2006 Nissan Student Leadership Conference

Washington, D.C. – William C. Kellibrew IV, Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) President for the University of the District of Columbia and Trevia C. Daniels, USGA Vice-President, recently participated in the 2006 session of the Nissan Student Government Leadership Program held on the historic campus of Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi.

Kellibrew and Daniels, along with 54 colleagues from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) from across the country participated in an innovative leadership program designed to prepare student government presidents for current and future leadership roles. The second Annual Nissan Student Government Leadership Program ended on August 3 after four days of leadership training sessions rendered by a cadre of nationally-recognized speakers.

Jim Morton, Vice Chairman for Nissan North America states, “We hope that the learning and networking the students participated in will positively affect the rest of their lives. Each leader left the program poised to lead their schools toward new heights and prepared to assume future leadership roles in whatever endeavors they choose.”

Ms. Daniels said her experience at the conference was outstanding. “I am sure that I can speak on behalf of the entire delegation of attendee's of this year's conference in saying that we are all truly grateful for the rare and unique opportunity to connect with international speakers, corporate executives, and other student leaders at HBCU's across the country,” said Ms. Daniels. “(The conference) helped foster a bond that will journey on through the years.”

Nissan Student Government Leadership Program, now in its second year, provided student participants intensive leadership development and training at a level generally reserved for Fortune 500 company executives. The leadership sessions, conducted by three of the nation's premier leadership training specialists, enhanced the students' self-awareness, self-management, socio-political awareness and interpersonal relationships. Nissan executives and managers, including Morton, were on-hand as “mentors” throughout the program.

Students began the day with leadership sessions and ended it with nationally-recognized speakers. Session topics included: “The Call Leadership,” “Practice in Team Development” and “Taking Charge: Understanding Your Leadership Challenges.” Participants also received a “Leadership Toolkit” which included books and resources to aid in their success during their upcoming tenure as SGA presidents.

According to Tougaloo College SGA President Chase L. Gayden, a Special Education major, his participation in the program will not only affect his term as president, but the entire campus as a whole. “I now know that it is very important that student leaders learn how to think critically and be able to analyze beyond the norm,” he said.

According to Morton, Nissan developed the program to provide valuable tools to upcoming student government leaders. “When we created and launched the inaugural program last year, we intended to equip these leaders with the training and tools to effectively lead their respective campuses,” added Morton. “As we continue to hold the leadership program annually, we will continue to influence positive change in these leaders, not only on their college campuses, but in the business world as well.”

A number of internationally acclaimed leaders visited the program to offer the participants advice on building a strong foundation for success on their respective campuses, in their communities, in government and in global corporations. The guests included Hill Harper, Actor of CBS’s “CSI: NY” and Author of *Letters To A Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny*; Dr. Beverly Hogan, President – Tougaloo College; Farrah Gray – Entrepreneur and Philanthropist who became a millionaire at the age of 14; Kevin Powell – Writer, Commentator and Community Activist from the first cast of MTV’s “The Real World;” La Shawn Samuel, Diversity Plans and Programs – Central Intelligence Agency; John B. Smith, Chairman – National Newspaper Publishers Association; Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole – President, Bennett College for Women and Chairman of the United Way of America and Rickey L. Jasper, Diversity Plans and Programs - Central Intelligence Agency.

For more information on the Nissan Student Government Leadership Program visit www.NissanSGLP.com or contact Stephanie Valdez-Streaty, Nissan North America at 615-725-3460 or Nicole Brinson, Nissan North American at 615-725-1451. (Photo follows)

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UDC Student Leaders Participate in Nissan Student Leadership Program - William C. Kellibrew IV, Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) President for the University of the District of Columbia and Trevia C. Daniels, USGA Vice-President, are shown with 54 other student leaders from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country. The students participated in the Nissan Student Government Leadership Program, an innovative leadership program designed to prepare student government presidents for current and future leadership roles. The 2006 session was held on the historic campus of Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi (Nissan photo).