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University of the District of Columbia to Celebrate Reopening of Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives and Renovation of Learning Resources Division

Washington, D.C. – The University of the District of Columbia will celebrate the renovation of the Learning Resources Division and the expansion of the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives and host an Open House on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Learning Resources Division, Building 41. The public is invited to attend this celebration.

The Learning Resources Division manages the University's collections and provides information access to the University community. The Division's Center for Academic Technology Support maintains the University's learning portal and provides technology support to students and faculty. In addition to remodeling and refurbishing areas within the Division, spaces have also been redesigned to increase teaching and study areas, improve services and support, and provide a better environment to its users.

The renovation of the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives – the University's stellar

resource and research center – has provided a state-of-the-art facility for one of the greatest treasures at the University. The Archives houses several major collections including the collection of Felix Grant, the internationally renowned jazz authority and radio personality, and an ongoing collection of materials that document the history of jazz at the University of the District of Columbia. The evening will also feature the unveiling of an exhibit showcasing the trombone of Calvin Jones, a legendary figure in the Washington, DC community, who was professor of music and director of the University's Jazz Studies Program from 1976 until his death in 2004.

Two art exhibits will highlight the celebration. African Perceptions is a limited edition of serigraphs inspired by African art and created by the acclaimed Argentinean artist, Eduardo Mac Entyre. Mac Entyre is the recipient of many international awards and his works can be found in major museum collections in Latin America, Europe and the United States of America. This exhibition is made possible by the collaboration of the Colección Campomar, Buenos Aires.

The Sculptures of Allen Uzikee Nelson, a former faculty member in the University's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will complement the graphic display. Uzikee's sculptures can be seen around Washington, DC and are designed to bridge the gap between African ritual and abstract art as well as African and Western culture.

An exhibit of the 2000-2006 winners of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association Literary Awards will be also on display.

The University's Jazz Studies Program will join the Open House festivities with a performance by the UDC Jazztet that is sure to spread the celebratory spirit.

The Learning Resources Division is located in Building 41 on the UDC campus at 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. The campus is easily accessible on Metro's Red Line, Van Ness/UDC station.

For more information about this event, call the University's Learning Resources Division at (202) 274-6370.

The University of the District of Columbia is the fully-accredited 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 Spokesperson at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at www.udc.edu.

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NOTICE TO MEDIA: Media are welcome to cover the Open House on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parking for media may be arranged by prior notification of Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications at (202) 274-5685.