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### **UDC's Office of Apprenticeship to Host First Annual Benefit Gala**

*Washington, D.C.* – The University of the District of Columbia's Office of Apprenticeship Technical and Industrial Trades (OATIT) announces their First Annual Benefit Gala. University officials will formally introduce the recently created OATIT Scholarship Endowment during the Gala, which will be held Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Arbor Center of the Washington Times Building,

The Endowment will grant greater access to students seeking a post-secondary education, building on an already-impressive track record. "We have documented countless success stories of students who have received training through one of the many curriculums offered by OATIT," says Dwayne A. Jones, Sr., Director of OATIT for the University. "The endowment is an important next step in expanding these offerings."

Apprenticeship training programs offered through OATIT appeal to a broad spectrum of students from diverse backgrounds who are looking to further their industrial, occupational,

vocational, and technical skills training. OATIT makes every attempt to match each student's skills with industry needs. The office aggressively works to place students in a career oriented job using an extensive network of government agencies, corporations, small businesses, and emergency service organizations. The demonstrated need for this program is great, and the University is confident that through the endowment, their outreach to more students will be greatly expanded.

A brief fact sheet on OATIT follows this release.

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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](http://www.udc.edu).

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**UDC OATIT Fact Sheet Follows**

# UDC OATIT AT-A-GLANCE

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## OUR SERVICES

Operate D. C. Apprenticeship School

Offer full range of Industrial and Technical Trades Training

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Program (Bilingual Training also offered)

Paramedic Certificate Program

Emergency Medical Technician Re-Certification Program

## PROPOSED SERVICES

DC Drivers' Certification Program

Federal Homeland Security first Response Training

DC Police, Fire and Medical Dispatcher Training

## OUR ACCREDITATION

Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

## CURRICULUM APPROVAL

US Department of Transportation and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

- DC Fire and EMS
- American Federation of Government Employees Local 3721
- DC Department of Health
- DC Public Schools Office of Career and Technical Education
- DC Chapter of the Association for Career and Technical Education
- DC Department of Human Services Income Maintenance Administration
- UDC School of Business – PATH Program
- Washington Hospital Ctr
- Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Southeast Community Hospital
- Numerous Local Small Disadvantage Businesses (LSDBE)
- D C Robotics
- FIRST, Inc.
- Oak Hill Youth Detention Center

## OUR FUNDING

The Office of Apprenticeship Technical and Industrial Trades receives a limited amount of UDC's operating budget and relies heavily on contributions from federal and charitable organizations to help meet the office's objectives.

90% of our operating budget comes from the Perkins Act and corporate funding.

## OUR NEED

Our goal is to establish an endowment in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the 2007 fiscal year.

This amount will offset the cost of the tuition and training of nearly 100 new students.

Our goal is to increase the number of students who are interested in the services offered by OATIT but are restricted by lack of personal resources.

We want to increase student enrollment to 500 over the course of the next five years. Currently, we serve approximately 200 students.