

"We are thrilled to welcome you to the CAUSES team here at UDC. We have begun exciting work and look forward to your talent, enthusiasm, and innovative ideas to take CAUSES to greater heights. Welcome to CAUSES Nation!"

Dean Jones



Position: Research Associate at Center for Urban Agriculture & Gardening Education

"I am thrilled to be joining the Center for Urban Agriculture and Gardening Education, and looking forward to contributing to research that directly mpacts DC urban growers."





Position: Project Specialist / Adjunct Professor at Center for Sustainable Development & Resilience

"I am excited to explore, implement, and develop novel environmental education and urban conservation programs conservation science and collaborate with non-government, government, and education institutions across the DMV."

Position: Staff Assistant at Center for Urban Agriculture & Gardening Education

"I am really happy to be joining such an amazing team!"

Patricia Bon

CAUSES Nation



Position: Visiting Assistant Professor at Center for Nutrition Diet & Health

"I look forward to assisting the department with designing the dietetic internship."

Raeleena Collington



Position: Sustainability, Innovation & Urban Entrepreneurship at CAUSES

"I am excited to collaborate among all departments at CAUSES and UDC to enhance urban resiliency, green infrastructure and innovation systems that support environmental and social equity, urban agriculture and a thriving entrepreneurial makers economy in the

Diana Dakik District of Columbia."



Position: Senior Program Coordinator of EFNEP

"Being apart of a healthier community is my dream. With EFNEP, we can have a healthier community."

Banafsheh Dehdashtizadeh



Anna Franz

Position: Assistant Professor of Architecture and City Planning at Department of Architecture & Urban Sustainability.

"I'm ready to expand CAUSES' body of knowledge, I am thrilled to work with UDC students as they explore and publish innovative research relevant to heathy cities and healthy people."



Position: Project Specialist, Urban Planning at CAUSES

"I am most excited about working with my colleagues at UDC and the broader community to advance equitable green infrastructure in the

Elizabeth Gearin



Position: Marketing & Communications Manager at

"I am excited to ignite the College's brand marketing efforts, both digitally and creatively."

DerWayne Henry



Position: Project Specialist at Institute of Gerontology

"My service to the District communities of older adults is an honor and a privilege!"

Gayle Hutchinson



Teresa Merz

Position: Staff Assistant, Associate Dean of Academics/Associate Dean of Operations at CAUSES

"CAUSES" academic programs have never been more relevant and necessary to our world in need of a reset, and I am delighted to be supporting the excellent faculty and change-maker students!"



Kiera Ortiz

Position: Bodywise and Respite Aid Coordinator at Institute and Gerontology

"I look forward to servicing the community through education, positivity and integrity; while accomplishing and achieving personal and professional development. "



Janet Spain

Position: Volunteer and Assessment Associate at CAUSES

"I'm looking forward to meeting and working the land-grant volunteers and data related to CAUSES programs to ensure lasting and meaningful impacts on the individuals and



Position: Marketing & Communications Assistant at CAUSES

"I am most excited to create visually appealing graphics and familiarize various audiences' about this fantastic team at CAUSES!"

Coretta R. Troxler

Position: Assistant Professor at Center for Architectural Innovation and Building Science

"I look forward to supporting our students on their career journey and giving them their best chance of success!"

Kimberly Tuttle, AIA, NCARB, CAE

