UDC to Host 4-H LifeSmarts Competition March 14

Gameshow style competition tests teens on marketplace skills

UDC will again play host to the 4-H LifeSmarts Competition on March 14, 2014. The LifeSmarts Consumer Education for Teenagers Program creates savvy consumers and develops marketplace skills among teens in a fun and engaging format. Complementing high school curricula, Lifesmarts is run as a game-show style competition for 9th through 12th grade students. Eight teams from DC area high schools are set to compete in the areas of: personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology and consumer law. The competition will be held in room 515 of the David A. Clarke School of Law from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., located at 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Over the past two years, McKinley Technology students have been crowned champions of DC LifeSmarts competition and will be returning to defend their crown. The champions of this year’s competition will travel to Orlando, Florida, to vie for the National Championship April 26-29.

LifeSmarts Consumer Education for Teenagers is a program of the National Consumers League locally run through the division of the Center for 4-H and Youth Development of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia. CAUSES is committed to building strong, vibrant communities of active and engaged citizens. The Center for 4-H and Youth Development develops innovative programs that emphasize experiential learning opportunities for young people and their families. Through "hands-on" interactive programming, participants develop life skills, leadership abilities, and an ethic of civic stewardship.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer for the event, contact Jamie Brown, 4-H Extension Agent, at (202) 274-7136 or jsbrown@udc.edu. For more information on LifeSmarts, visit www.lifesmarts.org. Learn more about the District’s 4-H program here.

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