The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) offers research-based academic and community outreach programs that improve the quality of life and economic opportunity for people and communities in the District of Columbia, the nation and the world.

CAUSES Associate Dean William Hare Participates in United Nations Forum

William Hare, CAUSES Associate Dean of Programs, recently participated in a United Nations symposium: Education as an Imperative for a Transformative Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda in observance of Universal Children’s Day 2014. “I recommend that more investment be placed in universities. Public-private partnerships using universities as unbiased monitors of projects will ensure a seamless, sustainable system of continuous improvement so that our children will have the opportunity to get a great college education,” Associate Dean Hare said before the audience of high-level policy makers. MORE

Urban Agriculture Program Concludes

The pilot of the Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certificate Program concluded this month. Over 30 participants from the D.C. region attended classes in one of three certificate tracks: general, food & agribusiness, and sustainable design. What makes these classes so unique is the experiential learning, such as the technical functions of hydroponics and aquaponics at the Muirkirk Research Farm, testing soil quality in the lab, and touring a local school garden. These classes appealed to all ranges of experience from beginners learning about basic agricultural principles to more advanced information about designing an urban agriculture site and growing nutrient-rich crops. CAUSES plans to offer more certificates in 2015 including: Low Impact Development, Environmental Project Management, Environmental Impact Assessment. MORE

UDC Farmers Market Ends for the Season

The time has come for the UDC farmers market to close for the season. Located in front of the David A. Clarke School of Law, the market was open on Saturdays from May 17 until Nov. 22. In addition to all of the vendors, special thanks to Kelli Webster, Xiangliang Shi and Andrea Herrera, who managed the market under the leadership of Dr. Wayne Curtis of the Center for Sustainable Development. Additional thanks to the Center for Nutrition, Diet and Health for providing food tastings and demonstrations. MORE

Farm Greens Donated to DC Central Kitchen

In celebration of Thanksgiving, CAUSES donated freshly grown produce to DC Central Kitchen, to feed their clients during the Thanksgiving holiday. CAUSES donated kale grown on the UDC Research Farm and harvested by several volunteers, on Sat., November 22. “This is an opportunity for the University to give back to DC residents. This is their farm and their taxpaying dollars make this possible,” said Center for Urban Agriculture Director, Che’ Axum. MORE

Healthy Recipes for Thanksgiving

Just in time for Thanksgiving, enjoy these healthy recipes, courtesy of Chef Herb Holden of the CAUSES Center for Nutrition, Diet and Health. Still deciding on what sides to serve? How about healthy pumpkin soup and quinoa-kale salad? Or tomato basil soup, kale and sweet potato soup, or kale salad? MORE

Cooking for the Holidays with Chef T

Tyrome “Chef T” Henson will be leading Cooking Healthy for the Holidays at the Washington Parks & People’s Riverside Healthy Living Center, located at 5200 Foote St., NE, Washington, DC. In addition to cooking demos, the course will cover sanitation, knife skills, food safety and healthy menu planning. Free to Ward 7 residents ages 18 and over, the class will be held Dec. 13 and 20. Email Chef T at thanson@udc.edu or call (202) 274-5757 to register. MORE

CAUSES Hosts Caribbean Roundtable

At a recent session of the Caribbean Symposium, CAUSES hosted a roundtable Research and Education Partnerships for Agribusiness Value Chain. The goal of the academic session was to provide an overview of current research interests and priorities up to the year 2020. Representatives from Caribbean institutions shared emerging issues, challenges and opportunities as related to agribusiness value chain and economic development. A common theme was the future of the industry. MORE

What’s New in 4-H?

4-H volunteers are an integral component to the organization’s success. There are over 540,000 adult volunteers who have the unique opportunity to make a significant and positive contribution to youth development by sharing learned skills, making a difference and leaving a legacy. Mrs. Abena Disroe is one of those volunteers for the Center of 4-H and Youth Development. MORE

Around CAUSES

Here’s what’s been happening around CAUSES: 1) Gossie Navoro joins as the Administrative Specialist for Data Management and Assessment; 2) UDC Matching Funds Donation; 3) Institute of Gerontology Hosts Legal Clinic; 4) Monica Wiggins Inducted into Honor Society. And click here to check out two external student opportunities. MORE

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