U.N. AMBASSADOR DENIS ANTOINE RETURNS TO GIVE ADDRESS AT UDC

“We are honored to know that, as he travels the globe, Ambassador Antoine champions the mission and achievements of UDC and the District of Columbia, along with his native Grenada,” says Dr. James Lyons, Interim President.

November 13, 2014, Washington, DC – The University of the District of Columbia announced that Dr. Denis Antoine, currently the Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations, will give an important address on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, as part of the University’s observation of Homecoming and International Students Week. Ambassador Antoine, an alumnus of UDC, will talk about “Sustainable Development Goals” and then moderate a dialogue with other leaders and the audience, followed by a reception in the Theatre of the Arts on the Van Ness Campus. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. and reception at 12:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Ambassador Antoine had served as Executive Director of International Programs and Exchange at the University, before taking leave to assume his current position. He has an illustrious career as a diplomat, advocate for educational equity and access, and champion of global collaboration, including roles as: permanent representative to the Organization of American States (where he served as chairman of the board of the Directors for the Young Americas Business Trust); former dean of the Corps of Ambassadors of the Western Hemisphere; and education supervisor for DCPS until 1995. He is the 2008 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award for International Service. He holds a Ph.D. from LaSalle University, an MS from National-Louis University, and an MA from the UDC.

“Ambassador Antoine’s intellect and experience are matched by the energy and initiative that he brings to the international community. His insights will highlight some of the solutions he has found both in DC and around the world to some of humanity’s most pressing issues,” added Dr. Rachel M. Petty, UDC’s Provost, “and give our students, faculty, and community

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