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Philip L. Graham Fund Awards Grant to University of the District of Columbia

Washington, D.C. – The Philip L. Grant Fund, which has dedicated resources to betterment of the Washington, DC area since 1963, has selected the University of the District of Columbia to receive a discretionary award of \$50,000 for the University's unrestricted use.

The Philip L. Graham Fund's president, Ms. Candice C. Bryant, notified UDC President Dr. William L. Pollard of the award, acknowledging that the Fund does not traditionally make grants to colleges and universities. The Fund does recognize, however, "the significant contributions that institutions of higher learning make to the intellectual, economic and cultural well being of the communities in which they reside." To encourage such efforts, the Fund makes unsolicited awards to metro area colleges and universities from time to time.

In a return letter to the Fund, Dr. Pollard indicated great excitement within the University concerning the generous gift. “The start of another school year will bring (the University) new challenges,” said Dr. Pollard. “This grant will help to financially position the University to meet ongoing and new objectives that impact the intellectual, economic and cultural welfare of our students and community.”

“We see a favorable future for the students and citizens we serve,” Pollard went on to say. “This gift will be used where it has the most immediate reward.”

The Fund is named for Philip L. Graham, who was publisher of The Washington Post and president of The Washington Post Company for many years before his death. Gifts from his widow, the late Katharine Meyer Graham, his friends, and The Washington Post Company formed the corpus of the Fund. From its earliest days, the Fund's mission has been, first, to use its resources for the betterment of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and, second, to support activities that will foster improvements in the field of journalism and communications.

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.

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