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University of the District of Columbia Welcomes Neighbors, Students to Annual Community Day

Washington, D.C. — The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) will host its third annual **"UDC Community Day Open House"** on **Thursday, April 6, 2006**, on the Van Ness Campus, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. for area high school students and their families, as well as neighbors of the University in order to explore the exciting, educational offerings of the only public university in the nation's capital. This year, the day-long affair is the second in a series sponsored by the University's Office of Recruitment and Admission and has a goal of surpassing the 1,200 total number of guests that visited the campus during the 2005 event. **UDC Community Day** begins at 10:00 a.m. Festivities and exhibits for the general public will begin at 12:00 noon in the University Auditorium and Gymnasium and will continue until 6:00 p.m.

“This is becoming a highlight of our school year here at the University,” said Dr. William L. Pollard, University President. “It is the best time for prospective students and their families to come out and see what we have to offer.”

While the activities of **UDC Community Day** are primarily designed to attract current high school students who may look to the University as their choice for a high-quality, affordable college education, the UDC’s Registrar and Director of Recruitment and Admission Laverne Hill-Flanagan also views **UDC Community Day** as an open house to District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia neighbors. “The University is all about service, not only to students but to every resident of the District” stated Hill-Flanagan. “**UDC Community Day** is our opportunity to remind everyone of this fact.”

A wide range of activities will be available to students and other guests on April 6. Representatives of the University’s faculty and staff will inform visitors about the 75 different degree programs available at UDC through its College of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and School of Business and Public Administration. Additionally, information provided to prospective students will give them a chance to apply for admission on-the-spot, and details on how they can apply for financial aid and scholarships.

The lineup for **UDC Community Day** includes campus tours and an array of special presentations designed to make the college experience a successful one. Among the presentations will be a discussion on the “Seven Habits of Our Highly Effective Students,” presented by the University’s Counseling and Career Development Center. The day will also feature performances by the Peace O Holics, the UDC Players (directed by Professor Lennie Smith), and “The Voices UDC Gospel Ensemble,” (directed by Gerry Gillespie).

What the University of the District of Columbia is trying to emphasize to the prospective student is this — it is *never* too early – or too late - to think about the future and how higher education can help shape that future. The University of the District of Columbia, with its full menu of outstanding academic programs, is located right in their own backyard.

For more information about **UDC Community Day Open House**, call the University's Office of Recruitment and Admission at (202) 274-6333.

The University of the District of Columbia is the 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 Alumni Affairs at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at www.udc.edu.

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