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University of the District of Columbia Presents Domestic Violence Dramatization & Policy Discussion

Washington, D.C. – The University of the District of Columbia will present an educational dramatization and public policy discussion on domestic violence in the UDC auditorium (Building 46 East) on the Van Ness campus, Thursday, November 16, 2006 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The production is designed to educate the public about family and intimate partner violence, including spouse abuse, child abuse, same sex abuse, date rape, domestic violence in the church and domestic violence in the criminal justice system. Because domestic violence is a pervasive problem in the District of Columbia, Council members Kwame Brown (at large), Phil Mendelson (at large) and

Marion Barry (Ward 8) have agreed to participate in a public policy discussion about current and future legislative initiatives to reduce family violence in the District of Columbia immediately following the dramatization.

“Domestic violence is an insidious crime that has a far reaching impact on families, as well as the major systems of our community,” according to University of the District of Columbia Visiting Professor Margaret A. Moore and a coordinator of this event. “It seriously impacts the criminal justice system - police, courts and corrections, health and mental health systems, the school system, the child and family service system, and both public and private workplaces in terms of lost productivity.”

The dramatization “I Will Love You to Death: Echoes of Domestic Violence” will be performed by students enrolled in Professor Moore’s Dynamics of Domestic Violence class. Government agencies and community based services providers will also be available to disseminate information about the programs and services they provide to domestic violence victims. Referral services will be made as needed.

All members of the Washington metropolitan area are encouraged to be a part of this important program. The University is easily accessible via the Metro Red Line at the Van Ness/UDC stop. This event is free to the public. For additional information contact Angelisa Young via e-mail at aybrown@udc.edu or by phone at (202) 274-5494.

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