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University of the District Of Columbia’s Registration Goes “On Line”

Washington, D.C. — The University of the District of Columbia has made a significant step forward in making the only public university in the nation’s capital more accessible to returning students. For the first time, all returning students, irrespective of their location, are able to register on-line for classes they wish to take during the Spring 2006 semester.

“This is a great development and a great day in the progress of the University of the District of Columbia,” said UDC President William L. Pollard. “Our top priority is and must remain our students, and this technology makes it so much easier for them to take advantage of all we have to offer.”

This innovation in registration allows returning University students to sign up for classes from personal computers anywhere, providing students with an unprecedented level of flexibility in registering for classes. In
other words, students can register from home, their place of work or any other location with access to the internet. Current system limitations require the system to be taken down each day, limiting registration to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Even with this current limitation, University students are now able to avoid lines that have long been a part of traditional class registration. Students can sign up for classes, and also complete applications for student health care insurance, another step in the registration process that, until now, required students to stand in line awaiting registration.

“Tuesday, November 15, 2005 is indeed a historic day in the life of the University of the District of Columbia,” said Marian Smith, Lead Recruitment Specialist in the University’s Recruiting Office. “Our students are busy people, and for them to no longer have to stand in line to sign up for their classes…..well, it makes education so much more convenient and assessable.”

Mike Jacks, Chief Information Officer for the University, worked closely with Laverne Hill-Flanagan, director of the University’s Office of Admission and Registrar to make this innovation a reality. The process of converting to on-line registration has been ongoing for some time, according to Jacks. Pilot programs have been conducted for the last several semesters, but students participating in these programs have previously been required to use computers physically located on the campus. Now, says Jacks, students can sign up “from anywhere in the world.”

In order to use the University’s on-line registration process, returning students must confer with their academic advisor, who provide the student with a personal identification number needed to complete the on-line registration. Students will be eligible to register on-line for Spring 2006 classes from November 15-18, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and then pay their tuition bill by December 19, 2005.

“Our students have a lot going on in their lives,” reflected Dr. Pollard. “Any thing we can do to make the education process more ‘user-friendly’ will make the University of the District of Columbia more attractive not only to our current student population, but to those men and women who are considering the University as their ‘institution of choice’ for their future higher education needs.”

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