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Dr. Marilyn Hamilton, Dean of UDC-CC Academic Affairs, and Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber, Director of UDC-CC Humanities Division, receive their MPD Chief Of Police Special Awards from Chief Peter Newsham (right) on Tuesday, Mar. 19, at THEARC Theater. Since Nov. 2017, the UDC-CC and MPD Historical Community Training Initiative have been nationally recognized as premiere training programs. (Photo Credit: Tony Brown, MPD Photographer)

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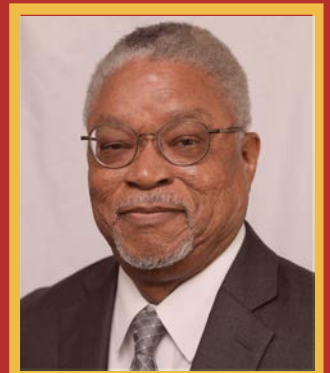
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A Brief Word From The CCCO

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CHIEF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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"As stated by President Mason, the University of the District of Columbia is the only public university in and for the nation's capitol. We have four entry points (doors) that provide pathways for academic achievement: Workforce Development, Associate Degree programs, Bachelor's programs, and Continuing Education. Each provides a pathway to the middle class.

During the State of the District address, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser reminded the District that "UDC should be a first choice 2-year and 4-year institution for D.C. residents." Our mission of "Aspire. Accomplish. Take on the World," the Equity Imperative, and our dedicated faculty, staff and students make us a unique teaching and learning environment. Together, we have the shared responsibility to assist district parents, students, schools, and employers to meet and exceed their goals.

When we come to the end of the Spring semester and prepare for another academic year, we must continue to engage with our students where they are and continue to create pathways for completion.

"If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life." – Marcus Garvey

MEET UDC'S CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Lawrence T. Potter, Jr. became Chief Academic Officer of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) in February 2019. In this role, he reports directly to the President and is charged with the University-wide responsibilities of academic coordination and quality, fostering research and public service, and guiding all aspects of teaching and learning in support of student success throughout UDC's six schools and colleges.

Prior to joining UDC, Dr. Potter served as an Academic Dean at two minority-serving institutions—three years as Dean of the Dollye M. E. Robinson College of Liberal Arts at Jackson State University (a Historically Black University) and four years as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of La Verne (a Hispanic-Serving University). He brings more than 20 years of higher education leadership experience as a tenured professor, department chair, associate dean, two-time chief diversity officer, and Principal Investigator/Director of McNair Scholars Program.

Dr. Potter's professional experiences at diverse types of U.S. higher education institutions (public/private, liberal arts/comprehensive/research-intensive, urban/rural/regional, HBCU/HSI/PWI) have made him a highly sought speaker, consultant, and commentator on matters related to: college access, student success and retention initiatives, faculty development and advancement, academic budgeting and strategic planning, institutional climate and culture (diversity and inclusion), international education, curricular innovation and program development/growth, as well as fundraising, governance, and external relations.

In 2009-2010, Dr. Potter was selected as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow and spent a year at DePaul University. In 2008, the St. Paul Foundation awarded him the Facing Race Ambassador Award for his anti-racism work in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota in 2008. A champion of diversity and inclusivity initiatives, Dr. Potter developed the Center for Intercultural Advancement and Student Success, the Diversity Scholar-in-Residence, and the Council on Diversity and Equity at Allegheny. Diverse Issues in Higher Education did a three-part series recognizing his transformative leadership on diversity, inclusion, and the impact of race in higher education. He was selected as Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa (for January 2019), and his work and diversity models have been used by many colleges and universities, nationally and internationally.

A respected teacher-scholar, Dr. Potter has served on faculties at Western Michigan University (WMU), University of St. Thomas (UST), Allegheny College, Jackson State University (JSU), and at the University of La Verne (ULV). He was awarded the Lewis Walker Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award at WMU and the William B. Malevich Faculty Leadership Award at UST for his outstanding teaching and mentoring of students and faculty. He has published a number of articles in the Encyclopedia of African-American Literature and other publications, including "Brother to Brother: Collected Writings by Black Gay Men," "Invisible Life," and "Literary Authenticity: Life, Reality and Experience as Reflected in Black Literature." His essay, "Still Invisible, Still Voiceless: Or, Still Too Taboo?" in *Ain't Nobody Worryin': Maleness and Masculinity in Black America* (2011), was recognized by the American Men's Studies Association (AMSA) as best scholarly contribution on black masculinity. He recently completed a monograph on famed Harlem Renaissance author and critic Wallace Henry Thurman's *Harlem's Forgotten Genius: The Life and Literary World of Wallace Henry Thurman* and is editing a collection of essays on race and ethnicity in 21st-century higher education. Dr. Potter has presented more than 100 academic papers at national and international conferences.

Over the course of his academic career, Dr. Potter has acquired both federal agency and private foundation grants, totaling more than \$10 million. He currently serves on the American Conference of Academic Deans (ACAD) Board of Directors and the San Bernardino Catholic Elementary Schools (SBCES) Board of Directors.

Dr. Potter graduated magna cum laude with a triple major in English, philosophy, and religion, from Stillman College and earned his Master's and Ph.D. in English, with distinction, from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has traveled and lectured extensively in Africa, Asia, and Europe.



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Please find below a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the most recent meeting of the full Board of Trustees:

- The appointment of Renee M. Hutchins to serve as Dean of UDC's David A. Clarke School of Law, was approved. Hutchins, who also was granted tenure as Professor of Law, said that coming to UDC felt like "coming home." President Mason noted the exhaustive nature of the search to find Hutchins, and said she was chosen nearly unanimously. Board Chairman Christopher Bell thanked Acting Dean John Brittain for his interim service in leading the Law School.
- The Board approved honorary degrees for Jeh Johnson, former Secretary of Homeland Security, who is currently a partner with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP; and Deanna M. Mulligan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.
- A contract with Networking for the Future, Inc., was ratified, approving Infrastructure and Network Redesign and Refresh.
- Chairman Bell welcomed two new members of the Board: Ken Grossinger and Carolyn Rudd, and acknowledged the years served by departing member Gabriela Lemus.
- President Mason introduced the University's new Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Lawrence Potter.
- Trustee Anthony Tardd and Alexandra Washington, Director of Alumni Affairs & Outreach, spoke about improvements in alumni relations, and the growth of the UDC National Alumni Society.
- Trustee Tardd also said that a site visit paid to the Community College by the American Board of Funeral Service Education showed that UDC's program is outstanding.
- Trustee Sandra Nkamgna reported that the student town hall was successful, and complimented both an African American Composers concert and the opening events of UDC's new Center for Diversity, Inclusion and Multicultural Affairs.
- Trustee Charlene Drew Jarvis praised the University for a report showing that its first-quarter revenue and expenses are on target, and for a 2018 audit, which had no findings.
- Trustee Joshua Wyner reported that the Student Outcomes Committee is making real progress as it discovers new ways to process data so that it can be best used by the University.
- President Mason spoke well of the new Institute for Politics, Policy & History, and its first public event, a panel discussion about the History & Politics of Blackface.

The next meeting of the full Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

***For Complete Outline and Details of BOT Meeting Minutes:
www.udc.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings/***



UDC - COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS/MILESTONES (APR 2019)

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Please find below a summary of accomplishments and achievements at the University of the District of Columbia Community College during the month of April:

- Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber was recognized as Innovator of the Year at the League for Innovation Conference in New York City.
- Professor Robin Cook, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, was appointed Acting Director of the Division of MITE. Her vast experience in program coordination, and her strong collegiality, inspired confidence in her new role.
- Professors Andrew Howard, Ahmad Wright, and Christian Aguiar, attended this year's NADE (National Association for Developmental Education) Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference focused on national developments in the corequisite model currently used by the Community College, and new and emerging andragogic techniques focused on developmental learners, including applications of OER material in developmental courses.
- Ms. Dominique Footes of the CARE Program, has been selected as a fellow in the 2019 inaugural class of the Post-Secondary Leadership Success Program at ACTE, sponsored by the ECMC Foundation (PLSP-ECMCF). Her selection is a testament to her dedication, commitment, and passion for CTE and our CARE Program.
- Dr. Peter Plourde participated in TEDx LeDroitPark at Howard University. He presented the value of math education by articulating his words through the art of rapping.
- Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber, Professor Laurence Covington, Dr. Peter Plourde, Professor Albert Pearsall, Professor Matthew Colburn, Dr. Peter Ufland, and Professor Scott King, all attended and presented at the League for Innovation Conference in New York City. To learn more about the conference, please visit <https://www.league.org/inn2019>.
- Associate Professor Brenda Brown of Mathematics celebrated her 50th Anniversary at the University of the District of Columbia this past March.



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UDC-CC Department Leaders Awarded For Contributions To UDC & MPD Police Officer Training Cohort

Dr. Marilyn Hamilton, Dean of UDC-CC Academic Affairs, and Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber, Director of UDC-CC Humanities Division, received the MPD Chief Of Police Special Award from Chief Peter Newsham on Tuesday, Mar. 19, at THEARC Theater as part of the the Nineteenth Annual Metropolitan Police Department Awards Ceremony. Drs. Hamilton and Jowers-Barber were recognized for working with the MPD to create the Police Officer Training Cohort.

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) recently announced a new partnership with the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Community College and the Department of Employment Services (DOES) to provide an opportunity for qualified men and women to obtain associates' degrees and become D.C. Police Officers. Participants have the opportunity to obtain practical application of classroom topics through the strong partnership between UDC Community College and MPD. The cohort model allows for a dynamic and supportive learning environment.

The awards ceremony honored the employees of the MPDC and its law enforcement partners, civic organizations, and residents who have helped to make a difference in D.C. communities over the past year. This year the ceremony celebrated outstanding contributions to the Department's overall mission.

DC Police Officer Training



In partnership with the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Community College, MPD is pleased to announce the **DC Police Officer Training Cohort**, to provide an opportunity for qualified men and women to obtain their associate degree and become a police officer with the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).


- Gain practical experience with MPD, while studying criminal justice and become a DC police officer.
- Classes are held nights and weekends, taught by professors of the UDC Community College and members of the DC Metropolitan Police Department.
- Upon completing 60 college credits with UDC Community College, participants will join the DC Police Academy and will earn a salary of \$58,163. Once graduated, applicants will become police officers and will also earn their associate degree.

[JOINMPD.DC.GOV/UDC-POTC](https://joinmpd.dc.gov/udc-potc)

Your future is calling. #BecomeMPD

Have questions? Contact MPD Recruiting Division by email: helpdesk.oap@dc.gov or (202) 645-0445






RECAP: HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS UDC-CC (JANUARY-MARCH 2019)



Thomas (Tom) Morris Jr., former cohost of America's Most Wanted, visited as a guest speaker at Prof. Jerome Kearney's Juvenile Justice Class on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at UDC-CC 801 N Capitol Campus. (Photo by Paul Holston, UDC-CC Communications Specialist)



UDC-CC SGA and Royal Court candidates held a meet and greet event at the UDC-CC 801 N Capitol Campus, Wednesday, Mar 20. The candidates talked with Community College students about their platforms prior to elections in the upcoming weeks. (Photo by Paul Holston, UDC-CC Communications Specialist)



UDC-CC was well represented at the 2019 League for Innovation in the Community College in New York City in March 2019. Professor Albert Pearsall and Professor Laurence Covington spoke on "Transformative Reshaping: Creating Competency and Lifelong Learners". Dr. Peter Plourde discussed "The Increasing SEMT Degree Attachment via Hip Hop Culture" in his presentation. Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber presented "The Community College in Action." Professor Scott King and Professor Pearsall focused on "Enhancing Student Success with Financial Education" in their presentation. Dr. Peter Ufland and Instructor Matt Colburn received the John and Suanne Rouche Excellence Award for Teaching. (Photos by Prof. Laurence Covington)



UDC-CC Executive Team Leaders attending the SCUP 2019 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference at the University of Maryland on March 21, 2019. The event consists of concurrent sessions about institutional planning. (Courtesy Photo)



Members of UDC-CC participated in the inaugural TEDxLeDroitPark 2019, a community engagement Capstone event centered on "ideas worth spreading." The theme, "Translation to Transformation," was explored through live and recorded presentations on an incredible range of science in society topics (including precision medicine, astronomy and climate), bubbles, the arts, higher education and spirituality. Other highlights included the performing arts of music, song, dance and the spoken word. (Courtesy Photo)



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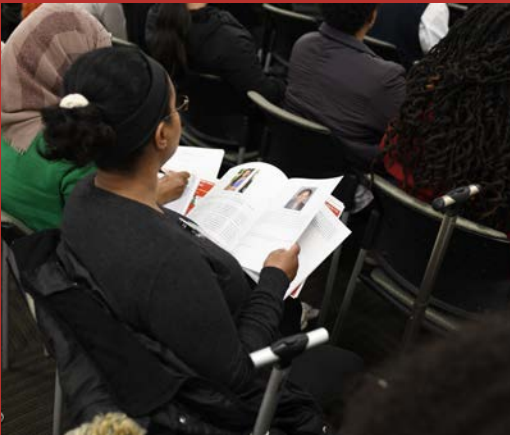


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ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN IN STEM AND HEALTH (A WISH) 5TH ANNUAL EVENT

Over 100 attendees gathered in the multipurpose room of the University of the District of Columbia Community College's 801 North Capitol campus to engage in an insightful dialogue during the 5th Annual "Accomplished Women In Stem and Health (A Wish)" Forum on Wednesday, March 20.

The forum focused on discussing careers in Allied Health and STEM fields with accomplished women in the industries. Featured panelists included Paula H. Christopher from the American Chemical Society, Natasha A. Zimmerman from John Hopkins University, Kimberly Brown Smith from the Food and Drug Administration, Candi Hudson from the Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement, Rachel Ramirez from the National Institutes of Health, Terri Chambers from the American Chemical Society, and Keshia Ashe from the National Science Foundation. The panel was moderated by UDC-CC student Nomvuyo Mkhabela.



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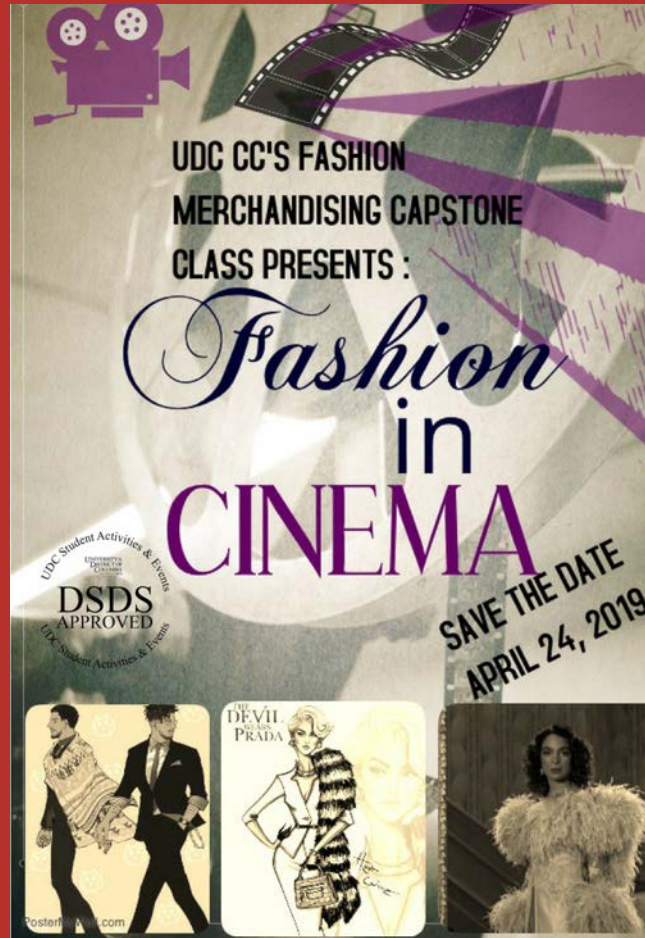


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UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS - UDC ATHLETICS

<p>APR 13 Men's Lacrosse 12:00 PM</p>  <p>Roberts Wesleyan</p>	<p>APR 13 Men's Tennis 2:00 PM</p>  <p>NYIT Washington, DC</p>	<p>APR 14 Women's Lacrosse 1:00 PM</p>  <p>Mercy</p>	<p>APR 20 Men's Lacrosse 12:00 PM</p>  <p>NYIT</p>	<p>APR 20 Women's Lacrosse 3:00 PM</p>  <p>NYIT</p>
<p>APR 27 Men's Lacrosse 3:00 PM</p>  <p>Molloy</p>	<p>NO EVENT</p>	<p>NO EVENT</p>	<p>NO EVENT</p>	<p>NO EVENT</p>

UPCOMING UDC-CC EVENTS



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