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UDC-CC students from the Fashion Merchandising Program pose for a photo by the statue of the man on the sewing machine on the Fashion Walk of Fame in New York during the program's trip to New York City from October 10-11. (Courtesy Photo)

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A Brief Word From The CCCO

BY DR. TONY SUMMERS
CHIEF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OFFICER



As we approach the holidays, let's embrace our connectedness to the residents of the District of Columbia. Our commitment to the Equity Imperative and our vision that "all students will achieve their highest levels of human potential" are calls to action for our engagement with students both in the classroom and the community. Our connectedness must include relationships with community-based agencies, governmental agencies, public schools, and charter schools. Connectiveness is defined as "the state of being joined or linked" and "a feeling of belonging to or having affinity with a particular person or group."

As we work each day, it is important that we encourage each other to *Aspire, Accomplish, and Take on the World*. We often learn by example, and we should be immediately approachable to for every person entering our front door. I request that each of your departments embrace the culture of service for our students, colleagues, and the external community. Teaching, learning, and community building is the foundation of our work. Our call to action is to create the building blocks of service.

"Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew"
-Cicely Tyson

MEET UDC-CC'S NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Ms. Ayanna M. Harrison serves as the Deputy Director for the University of the District of Columbia – Community College (UDC – CC) effective November 1, 2018.

Ayanna currently resides in, and is a native of, Columbia, Maryland. She is a results-driven, impactful, people- and community-focused administrator with 13 years of experience in the public sector, higher education, non-profits, and international organizations. In her role, she is responsible for working in conjunction with internal and external stakeholders to set and implement a strategic plan and key performance indicators for the Community College that are aligned with UDC's "Equity Imperative." She will be working with senior leadership, faculty, and staff to ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness, advance institutional research, as well as support the CCCO with college-based planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of educational programming and policy, in an effort to promote UDC as a public higher education model of student success.

Prior to becoming Deputy Director, Ms. Harrison served as the Associate Director for Executive, Technology Leadership, and the Master of Science in Management Programs at George Mason University. Her experience also includes leadership/operational roles for The Urban Institute, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), United Nations Development Programme, as well as the District Attorney of New York. In her respective roles, she specialized in the areas of program/project management, logistics, knowledge management, policy, procurement, contract administration, finance, strategic planning, quality assurance, and human capital management.

Ms. Harrison completed her Bachelor of Science degree at Howard University, majoring in psychology and sociology. She further completed a Master of Public Administration Degree at Villanova University.

She enjoys cooking, spending time with her family, fitness, traveling, and music.



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A photograph of the University of the District of Columbia building. The building is a multi-story structure with a modern design, featuring large windows and a prominent entrance. The name "UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA" is displayed in large, metallic letters on the facade, with "1851" below it. A set of stairs with a metal railing leads up to the entrance. The sky is overcast.

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MINUTES -- BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018

Photo Courtesy of udc.edu

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

- Approval of Proposed Multi-Year Agreement for Exclusive Pouring Rights at the University of the District of Columbia – Ratified;
- Approval of a Lease Agreement for the Property Located at 4250 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC between BDC Van Ness LLC, as Sublandlord and the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia as Subtenant (the “Lease Agreement”) – Ratified;
- Approval of the Executive Appointment of Avis M. Russell as Acting General Counsel of the University of the District of Columbia – Ratified;
- Designation of University Freedom of information Act Officer – Ratified;
- Designation of University Chief Ethics Officer – Ratified
- Approval of a Proposed FY2020 Budget and Financial Plan – Approved
- Notice of Final Rulemaking, Amendments to Chapter 7, Updating Tuition Rates for AY2019-2020 – Approved
- Notice of Final Rulemaking, Amendments to Chapter 13, Section 1332, Remitted Tuition – Approved
- Approval of the FY2019–FY2024 Capital Improvement Plan – Approved
- Approval of the Executive Appointment of Lawrence T. Potter as the Chief Academic Officer of the University of the District of Columbia - Ratified.

Report of the President

President Mason discussed the following documents that were presented to the Board of Trustees: the End of the Year Report for Fiscal Year 2018, which included the workgroup review, challenges, and accomplishments; the Equity Imperative Baseline and Targets for FY19; and a Three-Year Report 2015-2018.

Alumni Task Force. Trustee Shelton reported the Academic Achievement Awards [pavers] will be presented to ten graduates for academic excellence [Saturday, November 17]. The Alumni Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, November 16.

Community College Committee. Trustee Dr. Anthony Tardd reported the Community College staff has been working on modifying the associate's degree offerings to increase pathways and transferability into the bachelor's programs.

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



**UDC-CC Fashion Merchandising Program
New York Trip**

Courtesy Photos Provided By Stephanie Spears

*By Professor Stephanie Spears
Program Coordinator*

The students of the Fashion Merchandising program took a trip to New York City, October 10-11, 2018! This annual trip was introduced by the officers of the Fashion Merchandising club, who thought it would be a great educational experience for our students to visit the US Fashion Capital of the world.

Students visited M & S Schmalberg Custom Fabric Flowers manufacturing showroom; Mood Designer Fabrics, where they did a design challenge with designer Amani of Urban Oasis; Topshop, where they got to work with and ask questions of the store's top stylists and personal shoppers. They also toured the Garment District, the Fashion Walk of Fame, and the Fashion Institute of Technology's Design Program and Museum. We also made time to do the tourist thing, too!

This trip was designed to let our students see hands-on the ins and outs of the fashion industry, and New York is the best place for this to happen. The faculty of the program want students to be exposed to as many experiences as possible so that they can excel in the industry they are preparing to enter. This trip was a wonderful opportunity for our students. It supported their growth and exposure to the New York fashion Industry.

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2019 BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT

November 12 – December 10, 2018 (BY 5:00 P.M. EST)

Open enrollment for your 2019 DC Government employee benefits begins Monday, November 12, 2018 and ends Monday, December 10, 2018.

Open Enrollment is your annual opportunity to review your current benefit elections and make any necessary changes.

Save the
Date:
11.12.2018

<https://www.udc.edu/human-resources/benefits/>

MAKE SURE TO UPDATE
YOUR D.C. GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS!!!

RECAP: HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS UDC-CC (OCTOBER)



Professor Laurence Covington received an award from JV Educational Consultants for his long-term commitment to educating males of color at the 16th Annual International Males of Color Empowerment and Retention Conference, held from Oct. 22-24 in Baltimore, Maryland. (Courtesy Photo)



Professor Albert Pearsall III, Business, and Professor Laurence Covington, English, presented on Transformative Reshaping, an innovative teaching practice developed by the University of the District of Columbia Community College, at the 16th Annual International Males of Color Empowerment and Retention Conference held from Oct. 22-24 in Baltimore, Maryland. (Courtesy Photo)

Student success is the reason I do what I do. Every time, I receive student feedback (emails, LinkedIn messages, and conversations) on how I have contributed to their academic and professional successes and positively transformed their lives, I am motivated, recharged, and inspired to continually work on improving my craft as a college professor by obtaining teaching and industry certifications. Positive student feedback provides the needed confirmation and inspiration that I am doing my best work.



Albert Pearsall III
University of the District of Columbia
Community College
Washington, DC

Professor Albert Pearsall III was published in the October 2018 issue of the National Business Education Association (NBEA) Business Education Forum's Colleague to Colleague column answering the question "What inspires you to do your best work?" (Courtesy NBEA)



Professor Laurence Covington and his English Composition 112 class at Arena Stage, October 12 showing of "Turn Me Loose." (Courtesy Photo)



UDC-CC staff and student leaders participated in the 1st Semi-Annual UDC-CC Food and Nutrition Fair on November 20 in the Multipurpose Room of 801 North Capitol Street Northeast. Volunteers assisted in giving away food items to students and also did a turkey giveaway for the holidays. (Photo by Paul Holston, UDC-CC Communications)

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P.R. Harris' 3rd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Celebration

By Darius R. Baker
Site Director, Patricia Roberts Harris Campus

On October 31, 2018, UDC-CC's Patricia Roberts Harris Campus, located in Ward 8 of our nation's capital hosted its 3rd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Celebration. This year's celebration was accompanied by a voter registration drive in order to build community awareness for the upcoming elections. The Breast Cancer Awareness Celebration is held annually in recognition of students and staff whose lives have been impacted by cancer directly or indirectly. Food, decorations, and activities are sponsored by the faculty and staff of P.R.Harris. This year we were able to register over 55 D.C. residents, and served over 250 students with hamburgers, hot dogs, cakes, cookies, and more!!! This year's vendors were Advanced Auto Parts (conducting on-the-spot interviews), the College Board, Community of Hope, Office of the People's Counsel, the Herb Block Foundation, and National Collegiate Preparatory High School.



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UPCOMING SPORT EVENTS - UDC ATHLETICS

NOV 17

Men's Basketball

3:00 PM



Slippery Rock
Slippery Rock, PA

NOV 20

Women's Basketball

5:30 PM



Post
Waterbury, CT

NOV 20

Men's Basketball

7:00 PM



Goldey-Beacom
Washington, DC

NOV 24

Men's Basketball

1:00 PM



Nyack
Washington, DC

NOV 28

Women's Basketball

5:30 PM



Millersville
Millersville, PA

DEC 01

Men's Basketball

3:00 PM



Chestnut Hill
Philadelphia, PA

DEC 05

Women's Basketball

5:00 PM



Bridgeport
Bridgeport, CT

DEC 05

Men's Basketball

7:00 PM



Bridgeport
Bridgeport, CT

DEC 08

Women's Basketball

1:00 PM



Mercy
Washington, DC

DEC 08

Men's Basketball

3:00 PM



Mercy
Washington, DC

DEC 10

Women's Basketball

5:00 PM



Bowie St.
Washington, DC

DEC 10

Men's Basketball

7:00 PM



Bowie St.
Washington, DC

DEC 16

Men's Basketball

1:00 PM



Holy Family
Washington, DC

DEC 19

Women's Basketball

1:00 PM



St. Rose
Albany, NY



DEC 29

Men's Basketball

1:00 PM



Dominican (N.Y.)
Washington, DC

UDC-CC Faculty/Staff Highlight

UDC-CC Director of Continuing Education Beverly Lucas was recently appointed as a member of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Task Force for the D.C. State Board of Education.



Courtesy Photo

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a law administered by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) that requires all states to develop educational accountability measurements for all public K-12 schools nationally. ESSA replaced the previous No Child Left Behind Act and required all 50 states and the District of Columbia to create state plans to measure individual schools' success at preparing students for college and/or careers. In the District, that means developing an accountability system for DC public and charter schools that demonstrates how well schools are performing, using academic performance and other factors.

As a member of the ESSA task force, Lucas will assist in making recommendations on:

- School Report Cards – each state is required to create a single statewide report card that will help families understand how their public schools, DCPS and PCS are performing.
- Access and Opportunity – each state is required to guarantee high-quality opportunities for all students. The task force will examine areas of inequity and take steps to resolve them.
- High School Growth – the District's ESSA plan currently rewards schools for student achievement, but the plan promises to find a way to identify schools where students are making significant growth toward proficiency.
- Pilot Studies – The task force will work with OSSE to identify methods of measuring school quality, and this information will become a part of each school's ESSA accountability score.

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