



Firebird Life

Use the Resources...Get Involved

The caring staff in all the offices of the Student Development team provide programs and activities that are an integral part of the UDC experience.

Students who are involved and take advantage of Firebird Life resources are more likely to:

- Feel connected to the University and their fellow students
- Do well academically
- Persist and complete their degrees
- Develop the career-readiness skills employers want

Welcome to the Firebird Nation!
We look forward to supporting
you on your journey.



Dr. Letitia Williams

**Associate Vice President and Dean of
Students**

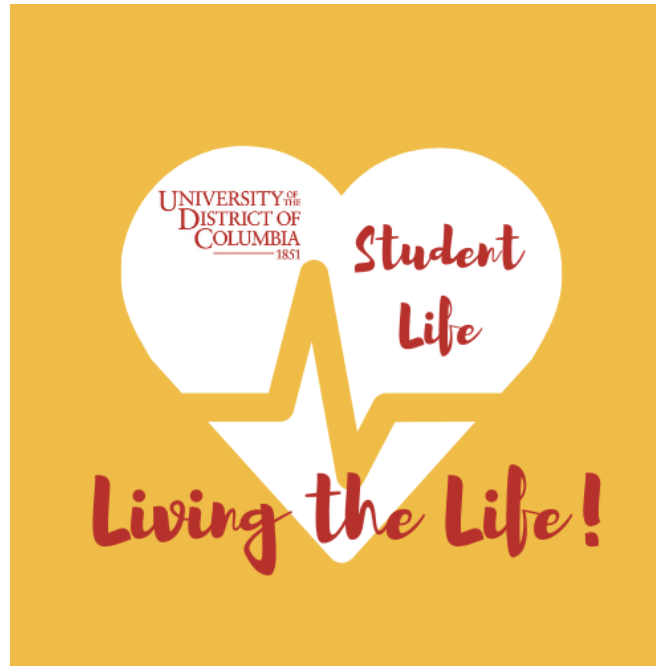
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REMEMBER: These programs and services are for you!

But **YOU** only benefit you when **YOU** take advantage of them.

As you go through this module:

- Get to know the offices and the programs and services they provide
- Take note of what you will utilize or get involved with
- Reach out to staff by email or phone to get information, join programs and access services



The Office of Student Life

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Office of Student Life!

We are committed to facilitating student learning while developing students holistically through leadership, social interactions, and cultural awareness. We are focused on building lifelong learners who will garner success in the workplace and beyond. Through our programs, services, and partnerships, we provide opportunities for students' transformation and enhance their education. We offer 50+ clubs and organizations and signature campus activities which encourage camaraderie and school spirit!

Firebirds, flourish and get involved today!

Melinda Jennings,
Director of Student Life



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Why Get Involved?



Students who are involved have a better connection with the University.

There are perks! Students who are involved can travel around the country and world, may be eligible to receive aid for their education and have first-hand knowledge of how the University works.

Most importantly, students who are involved have fun, meet new people and have great experiences!





Who Are We? U.D.C.!

The University of the District of Columbia is historic and modern, all at the same time. Public higher education in the District is rooted in the school for “colored girls” that Myrtilla Miner founded in 1851 in Washington, D.C., which came to be called the Miner Normal School.

UDC is an Historically Black College and University. UDC is non-traditional. UDC is a commuter school. UDC is whatever you make it to be. Home to three student government organizations, a royal court, nine Black Greek Letter Organizations at least 50 clubs and organizations that span two campuses, UDC strives to provide the best collegiate experience possible.



Accounting Club (National Association of Black Accountants-NABA) Active Minds	Health Education Professional Student Association	National Society for Professional Engineers (NSPE)
African Student Association	Honda Varsity Team	National Student Speech Language/Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
American Humanics Student Association	Hospitality & Tourism Club	Political Science and History Organization (PSHO)
American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)	Psychology Stunts Club of UDC
American Society for Civil Engineers (ASCE)	International Students Association	Royal Court
American Society for Mechanical Engineers	Journalism Club	Saudi Students Association at UDC
Animation Club Art Student Union	Junior Class	Senior Class
Baha'i Club	Knights of the Firebird's Square (Chess Club)	Sophomore Class
Biology Club	LatinX Student Association	SASE
Caribbean Student Association	Migration Matters Club	Student Ambassadors
Chemistry Club College	Men of Strength (MOST)	Student Dietetic Association (SDA)
College Democrats	Minority in Agriculture Natural Resource and Related Sciences (MANRRS)	Student National Education Association
Criminal Justice Association	Mortuary Science	Student Nursing Association
Early Childhood Education Club	Student Senate	The Alliance Group (TAG)
Economics & Finance Club Elementary	Muslim Student Association (MSA)	UDC Cheerleaders
Education Club Entrepreneurship Club	NAACP	UDC Collective Dance Works
SBPA Environmental Sustainability Leaders	National Institute of Science	UDC Debate Society
Fashion Merchandising Club	National Organization of Minority Architect Students (NOMAS)	UDC Voice
Firebird Cheerleaders	National Society for Black Engineers (NSBE)	Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA)
Freshman Class	National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)	VIRTUES Student Veterans Club
		Women of Worth

Clubs and Organizations

Getting involved is easy! Talk to students, staff or faculty, contact the Office of Student Life or just show up to events to get involved. There is a club for everybody, no matter the age, experience, or classification.

Students also have the option of starting their own club or organization!

WELCOME WEEK

FIREBIRD CLUB/ ORGANIZATION FAIR

FREE PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

MEET THE GREEK LIFE

JOIN A CLUB OR ORGANIZATION

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 116

DELTA SIGMA THETA BETA IOTA CHAPTER PRESENTS

SIP N' PAINT

COME OUT TO RELAX AND GET CREATIVE!

MOCKTAILS + LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

WHEN: OCTOBER 30TH
WHERE: BUILDING 56 DINING AREA

6:13 pm - 9:13pm

UDC CC FASHION MERCHANDISING PROGRAM

Hosted by: Kelly-Ann Ho Sang

THURSDAY
Sept. 13, 2018
11AM - 1PM
Bertie Backus Campus

MASTER CLASS

Featuring: Celebrity Stylists A Guy and A Girl

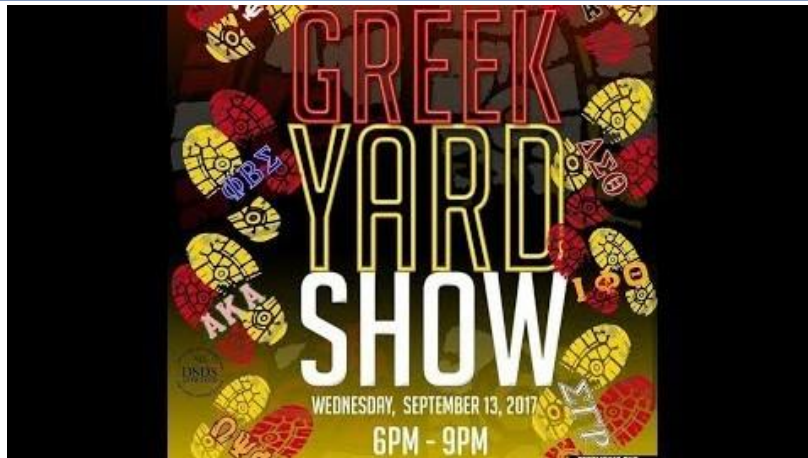
MEET CURRENT STUDENTS + PROFESSORS + CELEBRITY STYLISTS + GIVEAWAYS + AND MORE!



Greek Life

The University of the District of Columbia is proud host all nine Black Greek Letter Organizations. These organizations, member of the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), aim to invoke the tenets of brotherhood/sisterhood, scholarship and service.

- Omicron Omicron, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Beta Lambda, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Beta Kappa, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Omicron Gamma, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc
- Beta Iota, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Gamma Lambda, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Theta, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc



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Greek Life @ UDC

Community College Clubs and Organizations



Omicron Omicron, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Aviation Club

Debate Club

Fashion Merchandising



Beta Lambda, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH)



Beta Kappa, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Mortuary Science

National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)



Omicron Gamma, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Nursing Club

Phi Beta Lambda Business Club



Beta Iota, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Respiratory Therapy

Student Government Association



Gamma Lambda, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Trap and Skeet Club

UDC Artist Collective



Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta Fraternity, Inc.



Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



Theta, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.



ASPIRE. ACCOMPLISH. TAKE ON THE WORLD

The Royal Court



The Royal Court is an opportunity that is steeped in HBCU tradition. The Royal Court is comprised of elected student leaders who serve as ambassadors of the University. They also have initiatives specific to their title and platform.

Mister and Miss University of the District of Columbia (Overall)

Mister and Miss Firebird (Athletics)

Mister and Miss Homecoming (Homecoming)

Mister and Miss UDC Community College (Community College)





VOTE ABDULAYE BARRY
 UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1851
GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
 APRIL 13TH - APRIL 17TH, 2020
[HTTPS://EBALLOT4.VOTENET.COM/UDC](https://eballot4.votenet.com/udc)
 "WHEN PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED THEY CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING" -NELSON MANDELA



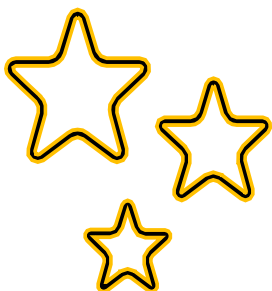
The Student Governments

Student Government is comprised of elected students who aim to make legislative change on behalf of the student bodies they represent. There is a student government for each degree type:

Community College Student Government Association serves students at the 801 North Capitol Street NE pursuing their Associates degree.

Undergraduate Student Government Association serves students at the Van Ness campus pursuing their Bachelor's degree.

Graduate Student Government Association serves students at the Van Ness campus pursuing their master's degree.





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Contact Us!

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Follow Us @UDCStudentLife on Instagram

@usgafirebirds

@ccsga_udc

@udc_royal_court

The Office of Student Outreach & Leadership Development

The Office of Student Outreach and Leadership Development (S.O.L.D.) assists prospective and current students by introducing them to information, processes and resources that will increase their awareness of the college experience, inform them of educational options, and provide steps to help them reach their educational goals.



Contact: Ms. Doni Russell
Phone: **(202) 603 - 5090**
E-mail: drussell@udc.edu

The Student Ambassador Program



Ambassadors, have a pulse on how students want to have fun while on campus. They organize events that allow the campus community to come together in various ways. Prospective students gain invaluable insight from student ambassadors, which will help them understand what it is to be a college student today.

Ambassadors engage in activities that:

- ❖ communicate the mission and culture of the University;
- ❖ strengthen our traditions;
- ❖ promote UDC pride; and
- ❖ encourage lifelong involvement with the University.



UDC CDIMA



Center for Diversity, Inclusion, & Multicultural Affairs (CDIMA)

CDIMA Location: Building 44, A-39

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Office E-mail: cdima@udc.edu

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@cdimaudc



What is the CDIMA?



UDC CDIMA HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9:30AM - 5:30PM
FRIDAY: 10AM - 5:00PM

FOR MORE INFO VISIT US AT
WWW.UDC.EDU/CDIMA AND FOLLOW US
ON INSTAGRAM @UDC_CDIMA FOR LIVE
UPDATES!

The **CDIMA** is the place where students are mobilized to build power on campus and in their community. It is dedicated to promoting social justice through programs and transformational educational activities that enhance the personal development, success, and collegiate experience for students who are historically marginalized and/or underrepresented.



Contact: Founding Director, Ms. Trinice McNally (She/Her)

E-mail: trinice.mcnally@udc.edu

Targeted Populations

THE CDIMA IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING AN EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE CAMPUS CULTURE THAT INTENTIONALLY VALUES THE PERSONAL, INTELLECTUAL & ACADEMIC GROWTH OF:

- **F-1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
- **UNDOCUMENTED/TPS/DACA HOLDERS**
- **LGBTQ/NON-BINARY STUDENTS**
- **1ST-GENERATION STUDENTS**

"THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SINGLE-ISSUE STRUGGLE, BECAUSE WE DON'T LIVE SINGLE-ISSUE LIVES". -AUDRE LORDE

Pillars



ON THE BLACK RADICAL FEMINIST TRADITION @ HBCUS

WED. JULY 29 @ 6 PM-8 PM EDT



FEATURING: DR. BEVERLY GUY-SHEFTALL,
TRINICE MCNALLY, CHI HUGHES, KRISTAL
LEAPHART & ALEXIS MCKENNEY

REGISTER HERE: [BIT.LY/3GPMRDS](https://bit.ly/3GPMRDS)



THE CENTER FOR DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND
MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS

VIRTUAL WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 15

12:30pm-1:30pm

LINK: bit.ly/CDIMAWelcomeWednesday

PASSWORD: 007023

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CALL
HOSTED BY CDIMA WHERE WE WILL BE
EXPLORING WAYS TO HEAL THROUGH
CREATION. PLEASE HAVE WITH YOU
WHATEVER YOU NEED TO CREATE ART
(PAPER, PEN, PENCIL, PAINT, YARN, MUSIC,
ETC.) BE CREATIVE!



For any questions or additional information contact
Ms. Trinice McNally at trinice.mcnally@udc.edu

RESISTANCE & RESILIENCE

DURING REBELLION

Processing state-sanctioned violence during COVID-19

Thursday, June 4th
1-2:30 pm

Join the CDIMA for a rapid response call to hold
space and discuss ways you can organize on and
off the frontlines.

You'll also get access to trainings needed to
support organizers and process the heaviness of
everything impacting Black & Brown folks across
the country.

[Bit.ly/DEFENDBLACKLIVES](https://bit.ly/DEFENDBLACKLIVES)
Password: freedomnow



CDIMA Signature Programs

- Social Justice Lyceum Series
- Lunch & Learns
- Chat & Chews
- Social Justice Ambassadors
- Short-term Study Abroad Travel Education Program
- Welcome Wednesdays





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CENTER FOR DIVERSITY, INCLUSION
AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Trainings Offered:

- Power & Privilege 101
- From Cultural Competency to Social Justice
- Self-reflection & Conflict-resolution
- Abolition VS. Reform
- Making All Black Lives Matter
- Intersectionality & Interlocking Oppression
- Using Transformative Justice as a response to harm
- Black Queer Feminist Lens in Practice
- Dismantling Patriarchy, White Supremacy & Anti-Blackness
- Community Organizing 101
- LGBTQ Safe Zone

Interested in becoming a part of the CDIMA? There are several ways to engage and learn:

- Work as a CDIMA Student Assistant
- Join an organization apart of the CDIMA Cultural Organization Council (CCOC)
- Apply to be a Social Justice Ambassador
- Join the feminist book club
- Apply for the Short-term Study Abroad Cohort
- Visit our library (digital and physical)
- Follow our IG and subscribe to our newsletter (UDC_CDIMA)



BLACK HISTORY EDITION



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SPECIAL
GUESTS
AND MORE



2/5/20 - Black Migration Panel
5-7PM - Ballroom A



2/10/20 - The Criminalization of Blackness
5:30-7:30PM - Ballroom A



2/11/20 - Colorism Lunch & Learn
12:30-2:30PM - Ballroom A



2/25/20 - Black LGBTQ History Panel
5-7:30PM - Ballroom A

2/7-8/20: BHM NYC Tour (SOLD OUT)





The Student Center

Administrative Office: Student Center Suite B-50

4200 Connecticut Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20008

Tel: (202) 274-6900

Website: www.udc.edu/student-center

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Virtual Student Center:

universityofdc.webex.com/meet/studentcenter



What is the Student Center?

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STUDENT CENTER

STUDENT CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

FALL SEMESTER
MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:00AM - 10:30PM

FRIDAY

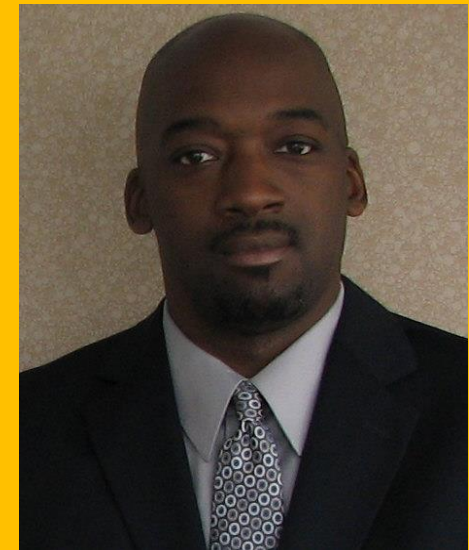
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 [udc_student_center](https://www.instagram.com/udc_student_center)

For more information visit us at www.udc.edu/student-center

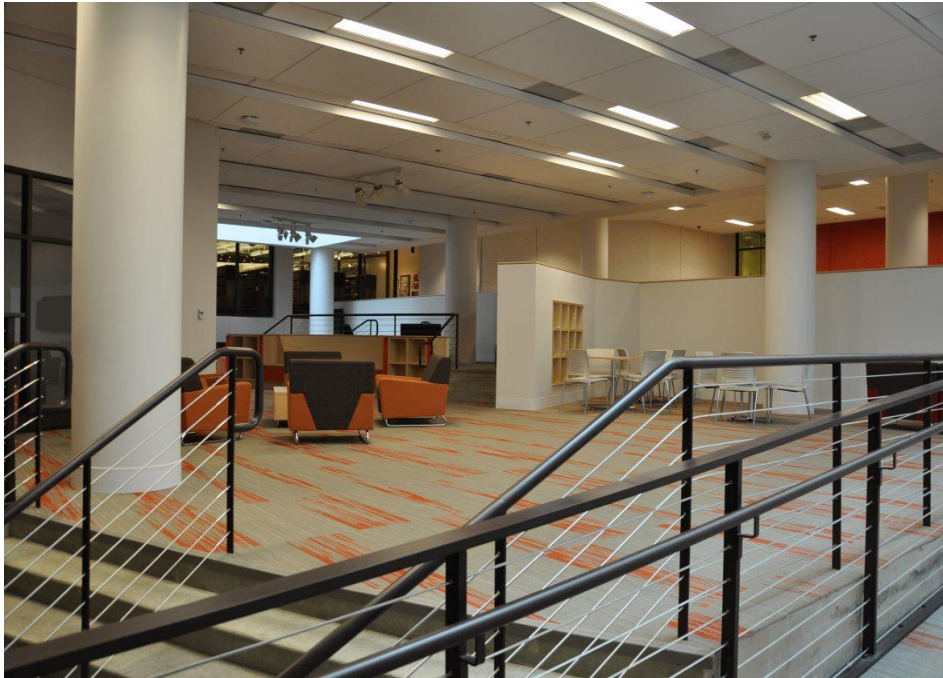
An 83,000+ sq. ft. LEED Platinum facility where the University community goes to eat, study, attend events, meet up with friends, get fit, make things happen, play games, or just relax.



Contact: Student Center Director

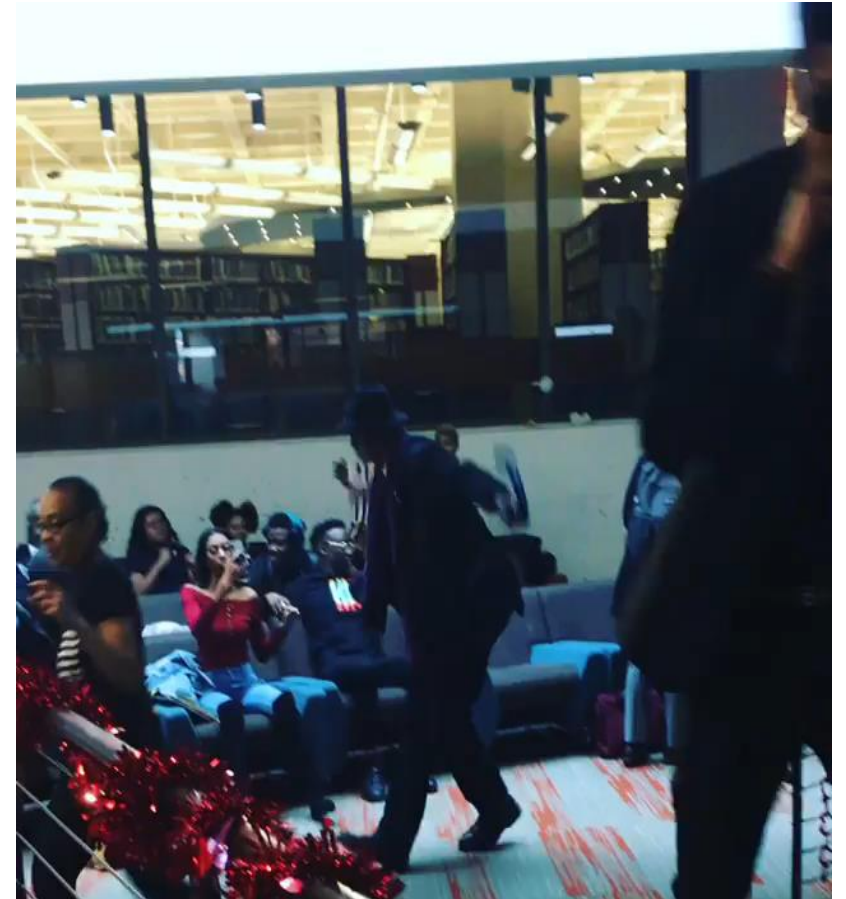
E-mail: Charles.Amerson@udc.edu

Student Center Conveniences & Lounge Spaces



Amenities Include:

- Dividable Ballroom
- Study Rooms
- Campus Information Center
- Dining & Retail Areas
- Student/Game Lounge
- Student Storage Lockers
- Meeting Rooms
- Vending Machines
- Video Game Equipment
- Laptop for Checkout



**Maintenance
Concerns Contact:**
Student Center Building
Manager
E-mail:
Nicholas.Hayes@udc.edu



Student Center Fitness Programs

- **The 5,680 sq. ft. Wellness Center offers:**
 - Free Membership for Current U.D.C. Students, Faculty & Staff
 - Free Weights, Cardiovascular, Weight Training Machines, Etc.
 - Group Exercise, Yoga & Meditation Classes in our Aerobics Studio
 - Health & Wellness Special Events
- **Normal Operating Hours during Academic Terms**
 - Monday – Thursday: 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 - Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Virtual Wellness Center:**
 - universityofdc.webex.com/meet/wellnesscenter

Contact: Student Center Fitness Specialist

E-mail: Michael.Warren@udc.edu





Student Center Programs

- **Student Center Program Board**
 - A student-led programming committee that brings engaging events to the Student Center.
- **Leisure Time E-Sports & Game Programs**
- **Student Center Special Event Programming**

Contact: Student Center Director/Program Board Advisor
E-mail: Charles.Amerson@udc.edu



Work for the Student Center

Contact: Student Center Assoc. Director
E-mail: Andrea.Jenkins1@udc.edu



Student Jobs Available As:

- Operations Leads
- Building Assistants
- Customer Care Attendants
- Marketing Assistants
- Operations Assistants
- Wellness Center Attendants



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

UDC is proud to serve approximately 400 students from over 75 countries

- Provide Immigration advising for F-1 students
- Provide academic and personal support to international students
- Serve as a resource center for students, faculty and staff, in order to better serve the international community at UDC

For immigration questions or opportunities for cultural exchange contact:

Contact: Diana Housein Salaita

E-mail: International@udc.edu

****NOTE F-1 International Students:** are required to also attend the Mandatory Immigration Orientation and submit immigration documents to International Student Services



The University of the District of Columbia
Office of Military and Veteran
Student Services

Director: Sequoyah Adebayo

Sequoyah.Adebayo@udc.edu

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Military Education Benefits

- The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is proud to be the only public Service Members Opportunity College in the nation's Capital. Our commitment to support our military is well-aligned with our mission to develop and support public service leaders.
- The Office of Military and Veteran Student Services supports and works with students with the following benefits:
 - **Tuition Assistance**
 - -Department of Defense (DOD)
 - -Tuition Assistance
 - -Advanced Civil Schooling
 - **Department of Veterans Affairs**
 - -Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserves™ (MGIB – SR)
 - -Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty™ (MGIB – AD)
 - -Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E)
 - -Chapter 35: Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)
 - -Chapter 33: Post – 9/11 GI Bill™
 - -Fry Scholarship

Getting Started

- Do you intend on using a GI Bill to pay for school?
- If so, please provide the following:
 - -Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
 - -DD-214 (If you are the veteran)
 - -Veterans SSN (This is your VA file number). This is needed if you are a dependent using Chapter 35 (DEA) educational benefits
 - -Electronic Authorization for Vocational Rehabilitation students
 - -Everyone Complete The Following Link: <https://www.udc.edu/military/va-education-enrollment-form/> .
 - It is the way to formally request for your benefits to be used in the upcoming semester.
- Follow us on Social Media!





Office of Residence Life

**Administrative Office: Room 127
4200 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008
Tel: 202.763-3533
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Mission Statement

The Office of Residence Life supports our residents by fostering a vibrant living and learning community that enriches personal development, celebrates diversity, promotes leadership, and enhances the educational experience of each resident.

Mr. Quintin Veasley



Contact: Director of Residence Life

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202-763-3533 – Work Cell

Office Campus Assistance

To assist new, returning, and transfer students with their off-campus housing needs, UDC provides Off-Campus Housing Services. The mission of Off-Campus Housing Services is to acclimate students to the campus, the larger Van Ness community, Washington, D.C. at large. Specifically, these services are designed to support all students in making well-informed decisions when acquiring housing in and around the Washington, DC area and connect them to campus and community resources.

Current Housing Options

***At this time we are filled to capacity**

The University of the District of Columbia houses our students in two luxury apartment communities across from the Van Ness campus. The apartment communities are within walking distance to grocery stores, banks, restaurants, the National Zoo, the National Cathedral, Rock Creek Park, Cleveland Park neighborhood, and Woodley Park/Adams Morgan neighborhood. They are also steps away from the Van Ness/UDC Metro Station on the Red Line with easy access to all major DC museums, monuments, and attractions.

Ava Van Ness – 2 Bathroom/ Shared Bath

3003 Van Ness – 2 Bathrooms/ 2 Bath

Housing is very limited and the housing application comes out on April 2nd, 2021 at 9:00 AM.



Questions?

Office of Residence Life

202-763-3533 – Work Cell

housing@udc.edu

Quintin.Veasley@udc.edu

The Office of Student Conduct

The Office of Student Conduct is responsible for fostering a safe learning environment by upholding community expectations and promoting character development, ethics and responsibility.



Contact: Dr. Marc Strothers

Phone: **(202) 277-4951**

E-mail: mstrothers@udc.edu

or judicialaffairs@udc.edu

Community Expectations and Personal Responsibility

While you are a student at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) it is our expectation that you uphold the standards and core values of the UDC community:

- Respect the rights of others
- Adhere to the highest standards of academic and non-academic integrity and reporting any violations of those standards
- Respect the property of others, and the property, equipment, facilities, and programs of the University.
- Refrain from actions that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of any member of the University community or its guests.
- Comply with the policies, standards, rules, and regulations of the University as well as with federal, state, and local laws.

The Code of Student Conduct

The Code of Student Conduct also applies to all UDC campuses, leased or owned University property, facilities, and sponsored events/activities, both on and off-campus

The Code:

- Establishes policies, behavioral expectations, rules, and regulations for all students
- Sets behavioral expectations for civility, integrity and ethics
- Defines due process for handling violations
- Identifies possible sanctions

Examples of Violations of the Code of Student Conduct

- **Misuse of Information Technology.** This includes: cyberbullying, internet threats, sending, receiving, or displaying threatening or sexual messages, including pornographic images
- **Assault.** Threatening or attempting to cause physical harm
- **Assault/Sexual Misconduct.** Unwanted touching or physical contact, directly or indirectly, of a sexual nature
- **Threat:** Knowingly to intend harm verbally or cause bodily harm to another person either by that particular individual or by someone else who will bring harm onto that person as a second party

Examples of Violations of the Code of Student Conduct

Unauthorized use of Alcohol and Drugs. This includes:

- Consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages on University premises to include failing to comply with local laws governing the transporting or sales of alcoholic beverages which has not been authorized by a University official.
- Exhibiting behavior which indicates intoxication or drug use while on University owned or controlled property or while attending a University sponsored event.
- Unauthorized use or possession of any controlled substance other than one duly prescribed by a licensed physician.