



Office of the President

President's Report March 3, 2020

District Appropriations

Budget season started November 20, 2019, with the submission of our enhancement requests to the City Administrator's Budget Review Team. Our annual "Campaign for UDC" is therefore in full swing. The theme this year is "Pathway to Possible." We have had several Town Halls on and off campus in that regard. Students, staff, and Board members have also participated in the Mayor's Budget Forums. Our presence is being felt.

On a related note, our marketing campaign, "Find Your Possible," has begun. The television, radio, and social media spots are generating positive reactions. There was an article in the Post, which also seems to have been well received.

Our Performance Hearing before the Committee of the Whole is Thursday, March 5, 2020, and the Budget Hearing before the Council thereafter. We will know later this month what the mayor recommends for our FY 21 budget.

Board of Trustees

We have four board seats, two appointed and two alumni, that are up for renewal. We have generated a list of possible appointees who may be suitable to the mayor and Council. We will vet these with the Chair, ascertain interest, and submit the names of interested parties to the mayor prior to the next meeting of the Board. The alumni election process is being properly organized to avoid some of the confusion of the last election. The process will probably not be complete until the September Board meeting. Member Scott will hold the seat until reelected or replaced.

Mayoral Events

I joined the mayor on her walking tour of our Van Ness neighborhood last month. The local ANCs, Van Ness Main Street, residents, and our staff and students also attended. I was an information source, but I did not have to say much because our students were well versed on issues such as the need for housing, food insecurity, and transportation. The mayor seemed impressed with the new Millennium Cafe'.

The mayor was on campus for the gym renovation ribbon-cutting. I was able to ride with her from campus to Ward 8 for the announcement of the Anacostia High School redesign. We discussed our budget request and the future of UDC along the way. No commitments to report.

ASPIRE. ACCOMPLISH. TAKE ON THE WORLD.

The mayor received the Myrtilla Miner award on Founders' Day for service to the community.

I also served on the Allied Health Professions Subcommittee of the Mayor's Healthcare Task Force.

Finally, I attend all of the Mayor's Cabinet meetings.

District Council

My regular monthly meeting with Chairman Mendelson continues. We are joined by the Deputy Mayor for Education. Unlike the last three years, this year we will probably not raise the \$3M necessary to access the full \$1.5M challenge match approved by the Council. We were unable to obtain a \$1M single gift as we have in past years.

I will be meeting with each member of the Council after the Mayor submits her budget. Also, Councilmember Todd is hosting a Campaign for UDC Town Hall in Ward 4.

All American Talent Maximization System

This initiative to rethink public education so that it can produce more talent than it suppresses, is making progress. Generally, it seeks different ways to identify talent besides high-stake standardized tests, to rethink the learning process so that it better refines the talent of economically disadvantaged, black and brown students, and to develop an Equity Academy that builds an education pipeline with such characteristics from the community through to a bachelor's degree.

We are focused on the Gallup BP10 assessment as a promising talent identification tool because its outcomes do not correlate to race and class. We spent a day with Gallup at Educational Testing Service (ETS) comparing notes on BP 10 and ETS evaluation tools.

We have a grant from the National Science Foundation to develop a Math Teacher Training Institute focused on content conceptualization and delivery to students in the bottom income quartile. An organizational meeting was held with representatives from UDC math and education faculties, Wilson and Anacostia High School math teachers, KIPP Schools, Digital Promise, ETS, and the Southern Initiative Algebra Project.

We are base partners along, with DC Department of Energy and the Environment, in the redesign effort at Anacostia High School. The redesign envisions Anacostia becoming an environmentally focused academy with Engineering and Public Advocacy Career and Technical Education (CTE) tracks. This is the first step in building the C-16 equity Academy.

STRENGTHS Summer

We have partnered with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) to take lessons learned from the Capital Builders pilot and develop a TMCf STRENGTHS Summer at UDC. We will assess up to 500 DC high school graduates and rising seniors with the BP 10 assessment. The top performers who are interested in attending an HBCU will be invited to participate in a rigorous six-week program designed to shore up basic and soft skills, imbue life success qualities, train participants as strengths coaches, and expose them to the worlds of politics, finance, and business on the eastern seaboard. These high potential students are expected to be better prepared for college and the annual TMCf Leadership Institute.

Outings of Note

Goodwill Excel Academy

Junior Achievement Finance Park

English Class to discuss Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Dinner with Johnny Taylor of SHRM regarding global workforce

KIPP Strategic Plan breakfast

Van Ness Main Street Board meeting

Breakfast with Amadou Gallo Fall, UDC alumnus, President of NBA Africa

Keynote Speaker at District GED Graduation

Chief Community College Officer

Tony Summers submitted his resignation, effective April 30, 2020. Dr. Summers has done an outstanding job organizing and moving the Community College forward. His experience and knowledge of higher education will be missed. We wish him well.