

Congratulations

University of the District of Columbia 175th Anniversary

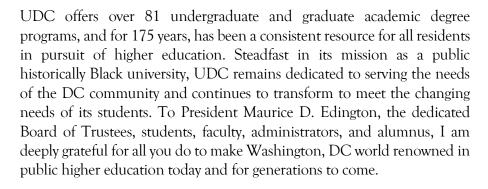
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As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am pleased to extend congratulations to the University of the District of Columbia on the milestone occasion of your 175th—or dodransbicentennial—anniversary!



The Firebird represents rebirth, resilience, and legacy, aligning perfectly with the distinct history of transformation and progress unique to the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). Founded in 1851 by Myrtilla Miner, specifically for the education of young Black women, Miner Teachers College served as a catalyst for public higher education in Washington, DC. In 1955, following Brown v. Board of Education and the desegregation of schools, Miner and its all-white peer institution Wilson Teachers College, merged and became the District of Columbia Teachers College (DCTC). In 1976, thanks to the advocacy of DC residents who wanted more diverse training options from our public education institutions, the Council of the District of Columbia authorized the consolidation of DCTC, the Federal City College, and Washington Technical Institute into what we now know and love—the University of the District of Columbia.



Once again, on behalf of the more than 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, congratulations to the University of the District of Columbia on your 175-year legacy of turning potential into power. Go Firebirds!

