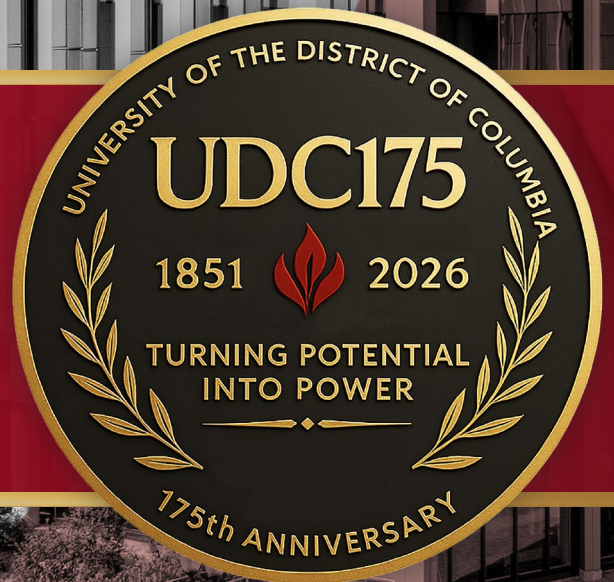


# UDC LEGACY GALA SPONSORSHIP INVITATION





# Letter *from the* President



As the 10th President of the University of the District of Columbia, I am honored to lead this historic institution into its next chapter. Founded in 1851 by abolitionist Myrtilla Miner, UDC is the only public university in the nation's capital and the second-oldest HBCU in the United States.

This year, we mark a major milestone—**UDC's 175th anniversary**. Join us in celebrating this legacy by attending our **175th Anniversary Gala**, a signature fundraising event supporting student success, research, and workforce development.

Today, UDC offers more than 80 academic programs, from workforce credentials to doctoral degrees. We are building “One UDC”—a world-class university rooted in access, equity, and opportunity.

**Your presence and support at this special celebration will help fuel the next generation of leaders. Join us—and invite your friends—as we honor our past and boldly invest in UDC's future.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurice Edington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Maurice" and last name "Edington" clearly legible.

**Maurice Edington**

*President, University of the District of Columbia*

In celebration of the University of the District of Columbia's 175th Anniversary, we will host a signature fundraising gala on **February 20, 2026**. The Gala will support UDC's priority initiatives, with a focus on Student Scholarships, and will jump-start UDC's goal of raising \$10M annually, per our new strategic plan, by 2029.

### **Delivering on the Promise: UDC Legacy Gala Sponsorship Opportunities**

The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is proud to be Washington, DC's only public institution of higher education and the nation's second-oldest Historically Black College and University (HBCU). UDC plays a vital role in advancing inclusive economic mobility and preparing a diverse, talented workforce for the region and the nation. As we continue *Delivering on the Promise*, we invite friends and sponsors to join us in fueling access, innovation, and opportunity for District residents.



Over 70% of UDC students are DC residents, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college. We serve more DC high school graduates than any other institution in the region. With more than 80 degree programs, workforce certifications, and a nationally ranked law school, UDC empowers students across every ward of the District to rise, thrive, and lead.

UDC is composed of six colleges and schools, plus a workforce development unit, that anchor its academic and community impact:

- **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)** offers rigorous programs in education, social work, biology, homeland security, the arts, and more—fields that directly address the District's workforce and community needs.
- **College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES)** focuses on health equity, nutrition, climate resiliency, and sustainable urban systems, preparing students to solve the most pressing challenges facing cities.

- **School of Business and Public Administration (SBPA)** is AACSB-accredited, placing it among the top 5% of business schools globally. Its programs in finance, management, and procurement prepare graduates for leadership roles in government and industry.
- **School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS)** trains the next generation of innovators in fields like computer science, cybersecurity, biomedical engineering, and nanotechnology, offering ABET-accredited programs that open doors to high-demand careers.
- **UDC Community College (UDC-CC)** delivers associate degrees and certificate programs that connect learners to immediate employment, particularly in high-need fields like healthcare, early childhood education, aviation maintenance and quantum information technology.
- **UDC David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC-DACSL)** boasts the most robust clinical legal education program in the country, with every student providing hundreds of hours of free legal services across the District.
- **Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning (WDLL)** delivers free programs designed to rapidly upskill DC residents and prepare them for in-demand careers. WDLL reaches thousands of learners annually through flexible offerings in hospitality, construction, technology, and healthcare support. These programs are central to UDC's mission to create economic mobility and meet the talent needs in the region's labor market.

UDC returns \$4 to the city for every \$1 of public investment. Our alumni work in education, government, healthcare, law, engineering and infrastructure, technology and agriculture—fields vital to the District's future. With your partnership, UDC will continue to be a leading driver of equitable growth, talent development, and civic leadership in the nation's capital.

Join us, February 20, 2026, in supporting the **UDC Legacy Gala**, to celebrate student success, recognize outstanding alumni, and invest in the University's bold future.

Your sponsorship underwrites immediate priorities that impact thousands of lives, including:

- **Scholarships** that expand access for high-achieving, low-income students.
- **Student success services** that remove barriers and create a welcoming, inclusive environment.
- **Faculty excellence funds** that attract and retain top educators.
- **OneUDC** that allows UDC's administration to build and develop the central staff and infrastructure to support the institution holistically.





# Sponsorship Levels & Benefits



## Legacy Sponsor

**\$100,000**

Benefits include:

1 VIP table (10 seats)

Premier visibility across stage, media, and materials

Speaking and check presentation opportunity

Named scholarship opportunity

VIP reception access

Full-page ad in gala program publication

Logo + hyperlink on UDC website and select social media



## Red & Gold Sponsor

**\$75,000**

Benefits include:

1 VIP table (10 seats)

Prominent logo placement on signage and materials

Speaking and check presentation opportunity

VIP reception access

Full-page ad in gala program publication

Logo + hyperlink on UDC website and select social media



## Impact Sponsor

**\$50,000**

Benefits include:

1 VIP table (10 seats)

Named table and student honoree recognition

Recognition in program remarks

On-screen recognition

Logo + hyperlink on UDC website and selected social media

## Innovation Sponsors

**\$25,000**

Benefits include:

1 premium table

Logo in gala publication & digital signage

Recognition from podium during program

Group recognition during event

Logo + hyperlink on UDC website and select social media

## Firebird Sponsors

**\$10,000**

Benefits include:

6 gala seats

Logo in gala publication

Group recognition during event

Logo on UDC website (static)

## Anniversary Sponsors

**\$5,000**

Benefits include:

4 gala seats

Name listed in gala publication and donor roll

Group recognition

Name listed on UDC website

## Community Sponsors

**\$2,500**

Benefits include:

2 gala seats

Name listed in digital and donor roll

Invitation to pre-event networking reception

Name listed on UDC website



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for a world-class city.*

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