CAUSES Partners with Arcadia Mobile Market

CAUSES and the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture have partnered to provide DC residents with two new mobile market locations. The markets will run until September and will focus on bringing fresh fruits and vegetables to some of DC’s most underserved residents who have little access to healthy food choices. MORE

Bodywise Program Featured on International Morning Show!

Bodywise, a popular program offered by the Institute of Gerontology designed to promote health, wellness and fitness for DC residents over 60, was recently featured in this exercise news story for the “Saudi Good Morning” program! Watch it on YouTube. MORE

Lincoln Heights Project a Success for CAUSES Students

Last month, the first group of UDC students who collaborated on an integrated research project with Go Dutch presented their work titled “Raising the Heights” to representatives of the Deputy Mayors Office for Planning and Economic Development and the DC Housing Authority, using an integrated approach to address the needs of people living in Lincoln Heights, an underserved neighborhood in Ward 7. MORE

Architecture Prof. Visits China

Assistant Prof. of Architecture, Kathy Dixon, recently returned from a 10-day trip to China. Prof. Dixon was part of a delegation of architecture and planning professionals who visited Beijing, Shanghai and the Yunnan Province, to study housing and explore options for continuing engagement in sustainability initiatives in the region. MORE

UDC Nursing FAQ

UDC offers several nursing programs at the Community College and the flagship Van Ness campus. The nursing career ladder has five programs, including the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN). MORE

Summer Recipes from CNDH

Need cooking ideas for summer produce? Here are a few healthy recipes, courtesy of Chef Herb Holden of the CAUSES Center for Nutrition, Diet and Health: tomato asparagus salad, watermelon salad and asparagus soup. MORE

Around CAUSES

1) Ycov Assa joins WRRI as a lab tech; 2) Architecture major Theo Willhite works with the National Youth Leadership Forum; 3) Read "My Cautious 180 Degree Turn-Around on UDC" in the Forest Hills Connection. MORE

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Meet the Expert: Che Axum

Che Axum is the Director of the CAUSES Center for Urban Agriculture and Gardening, where he leads a team of researchers at the Muirkirk Research Farm and oversees UDC’s Master Gardener, Specialty and Ethnic Crops and Urban Forestry programs.

All About Muirkirk Research Farm

You’ve read about Muirkirk Research Farm many times in Just CAUSES, but there is so much more to know! For starters, its formal name is the Muirkirk Agricultural Experimentation Station and the overall goal is to research and test techniques in sustainable and organic agriculture, applying them to an urban agricultural setting.

UDC Farm in the Washington Post!

The Washington Post

Muirkirk Farm was featured in the Washington Post in the article "UDC’s research farm embraces multiple missions: grow, teach and discover." The article highlights are experimental growing techniques and our partnership with the Hay-Adams Hotel.

Specialty and Ethnic Crops

The UDC farm is the home for many herbs and spices from Ethiopia, as well as several species of vegetables from West Africa. Two of the most popular and successful farm programs are the Specialty and Ethnic Crops.

Solar at the Farm

Muirkirk Farm is experimenting with solar energy to access groundwater. The project is using solar energy to produce electricity to extract groundwater for food production use.

Going Native in Your Garden

In the flora world, why are our homegrown flowers continually overlooked and at what cost? The answer to that question requires a closer look at ecology on a local, regional and even international scale, as Mary Farrah explains.

Experiment: Small Scale Rice Production

One of the latest experiments being conducted at the UDC farm is rice research. Nazirahk Amen ND, has planted dry land rice to test the feasibility of small-scale rice production that produces less carbon, which contribute to climate change. This is no easy feat in Beltsville, which has a humid subtropical climate.

UDC Celebrates National Pollinator Week

June 16-22, 2014, was “National Pollinator Week,” deemed such to raise bee health awareness by addressing the decline of pollinator populations (i.e. bees, butterflies, bats and beetles). In partnership with The SEED School, the UDC Master Gardener Program celebrated by planting a pollinator garden as part of the Bayer Bee Care Program.

CAUSES TV

The Center for Urban Agriculture has been featured several times on CAUSES TV:

- Ethnic Crops, Shrubs & Invasive Plants
- Composting and Recycling
- Preparing for Spring Gardening
- Urban Food Production
- 4-H STEM Camp at the Farm

Check out the CAUSES TV playlist on the UDCCableTV channel: www.youtube.com/user/UDCCableTV

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