



UDC Journalism Club Holds a Dynamic Workshop

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Washington - On November 13, 2013, the UDC Journalism Club hosted its first workshop of the school year in the Journalism lab of the Van Ness Campus.

This workshop featured five outstanding journalists, who admired for their work in their respective fields, came to share their experiences and advice with students of the University. The workshop was divided in two parts; the first one was the “The New Journalist Panel” and the other was the “TV Production Panel.”

Among the journalists were George Curry, editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper; Denise Rolark-Barne, Publisher - editor of the Washington Informer; Peter Bailey, Acclaimed Journalist, Author and lecturer, and Media consultant, Herman Washington.

The workshop begun with a welcome speech by

club President, Madeline LaCore, then proceeded with a brief introduction by Dr. Joseph Elam, club Advisor and Associate Professor at the University. Dr. Maxime Legall, interim chair of the Department of Communication, also advanced her warm greetings before the panelists began their discussion.

The panel presentation, featuring the four veteran print and broadcast journalists, illustrated the skills needed to succeed as a journalist. Each panelist took turns to introduce themselves and their work before diving in the discussion.

George Curry gave an advice to all aspiring journalists in the room before the Q&A begun, saying: “If you want to be a successful journalist, you must know how to write and describe vividly. You have to be able to make the readers see it.”



The students were engaged and asked many questions to the guest speakers. Yaa Nkrumah, senior majoring in Journalism, asked: “What’s the best way as a journalism student or aspiring journalist to get hands on mentorship from some of the best people in the industry?”

“Well, I think that’s what internships provide. Take advantage of internship opportunities out there. Do it now, make it your priority,” advised Denise Rolark-Barne.



The Journalista with their certificates in hand

At the end of the event, each journalist was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Journalism Club acknowledging their participation and time to come down to the workshop. The certificates were awarded by club President, Madeleine LaCore and club Advisor, Joseph Elam.

