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## Message from the Alumni President

Greetings, alums, students and UOTP team.

Thank you for your continued support. These are exciting times at our university. We are looking forward to the remaining months of the year. A few items of interest include:

- The 28th Commencement Ceremony of University of the Potomac will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Washington DC on June 17, 2017 at 9:00 AM.
- The UOTP Master's degree programs offer great discounts for alumni members, contact admissions or me for information.
- Planning sessions are underway for alumni events for the remaining months of the year – if you want to help please let me know.
- Our University President has been under the weather for some time now – Dr. Gardner, we all wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to your return.

Sincerely,  
David Kimble, Ph.D. PMP  
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University President  
Dr. Clinton Gardner

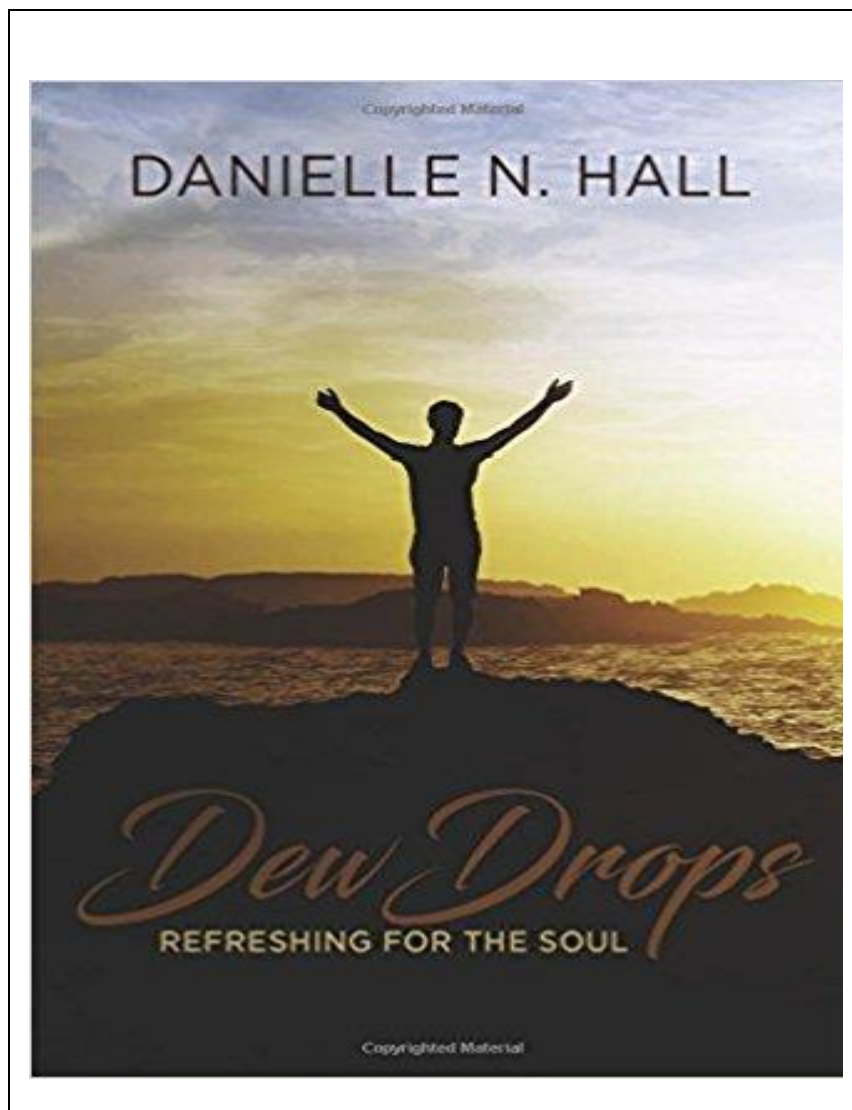


Danielle N. Hall works professionally as a Scheduling and Office Coordinator for a large organization. Danielle earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Management with a concentration in Health Systems Management in August 2009 from Potomac College.

Danielle is the mother of 3 bright and gifted children: Jayla Nicole, Maurice Jr., and Aaron Malachi. She also the loving wife of Maurice Hall, Sr. to whom she's been married for nearly 16 years.

Danielle is also an author of this book:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/0997948396/ref=mp\\_s\\_a\\_1\\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1486385762&sr=1-2&pi=AC\\_SX236\\_SY340\\_QL65&keywords=Danielle+N+Hall&dpPl=1&dpID=41-owTGYJiL&ref=plSrch](https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/0997948396/ref=mp_s_a_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1486385762&sr=1-2&pi=AC_SX236_SY340_QL65&keywords=Danielle+N+Hall&dpPl=1&dpID=41-owTGYJiL&ref=plSrch)



## The International Perspective



I met Mr. Aditya Singh about half way through his studies here at the UOTP. Aditya has the vision, drive and intellect to accomplish great things going forward and I know he will. Aditya will graduate in June, 2017 and I hope he will continue to work with the university alumni association. I had an opportunity to sit down with Aditya for a brief interview last week and the conversation went like this:

**Dr. Kimble:** Mr. Singh, what is it like being an international student?

**Mr. Singh:** The Student experience is the single most influential factor, college is nothing like you ever imagined it to be, it's so much better. You don't know this yet, but you are/will be going through dramatic changes that will shape you into adulthood. You will encounter experiences and people that will cause you incredible joy, pain, deep sadness, and unimaginable blessings. You will be transformed into a new person from the time you enter the university until the time you walk across the stage to receive your graduate degree and beyond.

**Dr. Kimble:** How would you advise a new student on finding a place to live?

Off-campus accommodation is the best option for international students, as it gives them a chance to explore the American lifestyle closely. This involves:

- Finding an accommodation which is close to public transportation
- Finding good roommates
- Typically, it costs \$2100 for 3 Bedroom apartment, \$1900 for 2, \$1600 for 1
- Facebook is the best place to find accommodation, type the city and area, you will find plenty of groups and pricing/roommates
- Having a car is a good thing but it does cost you \$150- \$300 per month (Insurance/Tax/Registration)

**Dr. Kimble:** Many students are seeking jobs, any words of wisdom for them?

**Mr. Singh:** First, you could apply for a part-time job at your university while obtaining your degree. Second, if you want to do Internships/Part-time, you have to apply for CPT (Curricular Practical Training). CPT is work authorization while a student is still in school. Finally, OPT, allow you to work legally in the states for 12 months after completing of degree. If you are a STEM major, you are entitled to additional 24 months to your original 12 months (36 months in total)

Steps to attain employment in The United States:

- Get appropriate skills. Certifications are a great way to give you an edge over your competitors
- Network, Network, Network (It's all about connections)
- Make an impressive resume and cover letter
- Updated LinkedIn Profile/ Social Platforms
- Apply to companies/ Recruiters

**Dr. Kimble:** Thank you Mr. Singh



## Spring Job Fair & SBA Workshop – May 6

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone for taking time to come out to the Fair and making it such a huge success! The feedback from instructors, alumni, students and visitors have been very positive. If you want to reach out to any of the SBA presenters or the employers just let me know. More pictures are here: <https://wefaqallahphotography.client-gallery.com/#/university-of-the-potomac/allphotos>





Alums chat before the event: Prof Fisher, Donna Whitehead and Dr. Kimble



Dr. Brydie and guess





Portia Gilliam – Distinguished Alumni member



Prof Fisher and SBA's AA – Government Contacting / Jackie Robinson - Burnette



## UOTP Office of Business Development - Support Services

The Office of Business Development now offers the following services:

- **Book Publishing:** Several of our members and students have expressed interest or has written books. Through Dr. Booker's contacts we now have contact with a publisher.
- **Resume Review and Interview counseling support:** Alumni members have offered to help me help students and members with this support. We could use other volunteers as well.
- **Career advisement:** Alumni members will be happy to network with students that have questions on how to enter or move around the job market.
- **Employment search support:** We have started compiling job advertisements with the plan to establish a database. We are looking for help with this project. An example of the information that will be available is listed below.

**For more information contact:**

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Job Title	Company	Experience	Salary	Location
<a href="#">Programs Intern I</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Policy Intern I</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Policy Intern I</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">AARP Foundation Law Intern</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">AARP Foundation Law Intern</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">AARP Foundation Law Intern II</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">AARP Foundation Law Intern</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">AARP Foundation Law Intern</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
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<a href="#">AARP Foundation Law Intern</a>	<a href="#">AARP</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Equipment Operator</a>	<a href="#">GeoConstructors, Inc.</a>	3 to 10 years		Washington, DC;
<a href="#">Health Fitness Intern - Fall 2017</a>	<a href="#">Corporate Fitness Works</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Communications Specialist Intern</a>	<a href="#">Booz Allen Hamilton</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">New Business Innovations Intern</a>	<a href="#">American Association for the Advancement...</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Locksmith</a>	<a href="#">Protection Strategies Incorporated</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Science in the Classroom Intern</a>	<a href="#">American Association for the Advancement...</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">RESEARCH INTERN</a>	<a href="#">Children's National Health System</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Leasing Consultant</a>	<a href="#">Paradigm Companies</a>	2 to 20 years		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Intern</a>	<a href="#">CBRE</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Summer Intern</a>	<a href="#">Colonial Parking</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Research Intern - Scholl Chair in Intern...</a>	<a href="#">Center for Strategic and International S...</a>	Open		Washington, DC
<a href="#">Intern - Emerging Markets</a>	<a href="#">MWH</a>	Open		Washington, DC