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04.15.2009 | Energy and Environment "Green" is the theme at the University of Dayton's annual celebration of academic excellence, the Stander Symposium.

Majora Carter, who has fueled urban renewal in New York City's South Bronx and promotes sustainable development and a "green-collar" workforce, will share her story and her message as the symposium's keynote speaker at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 16, at the RecPlex.

Carter, founder of the nonprofit organization Sustainable South Bronx and later her own green economic development consulting firm, appeared on the green scene in 2000 when she battled the New York City administration against locating a large municipal waste-handling operation in her neighborhood.

She succeeded in 2001. Soon after that, she founded Sustainable South Bronx and landed a \$1.25 million federal transportation planning grant for the South Bronx Greenway. Along with recreational space and 11 miles of alternative transportation, the project provided local economic development, low-impact storm water management and the first new South Bronx waterfront park in more than 60 years.

She continues to attract environmentally conscious investment, emphasizing urban forestation, green roofing and walls and water-permeable open spaces.

Also at the Stander, students and faculty will tackle energy use and good environmental stewardship in a discussion at the Stander Issue Forum held at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in Roesch Library.

Students are promoting the event with a video on YouTube featuring the Snuggie, the infomercial product turned pop culture phenomenon. Watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7hMjj4huXw>.

The Stander Symposium is an annual showcase of individual and collaborative undergraduate and graduate research, creative endeavors and innovative thinking. The two-day event begins Wednesday, April 15, with an opening Mass in the afternoon followed by Celebration of the Arts featuring student artwork, dance, music and theater. It ends Thursday, April 16, with a student art exhibition at the Rike Center Gallery.

All Stander Symposium events are free and open to the public. Tickets are required for Carter's address and the Celebration of the Arts and are available through the Kennedy Union box office at 937-229-2545 or online at <http://tickets.udayton.edu>.

The symposium, now in its 20th year, is named for former University of Dayton provost Brother Joseph W. Stander, S.M., to honor his spirit of collaboration and education through community in the Marianist tradition.

The following is a complete schedule of events:

April 15

4 p.m. Marianist Hall Chapel: Opening Mass celebrating the gifts of wisdom, learning and creativity.

8 p.m. Schuster Performing Arts Center: Celebration of the Arts: Opening Performance featuring films and performances from UD music, visual arts, theater and dance students; hosted by Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra President Paul Helfrich. Admission is free, but tickets are required; call 937-229-2545 or reserve online at <http://tickets.udayton.edu>.

April 16

9 a.m. RecPlex: Keynote address from Majora Carter, founder of Sustainable South Bronx.

10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kennedy Union and various campus locations: Student posters and presentations.

10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Roesch Library: Stander Symposium Issue Forum on "Campus Energy Use."

5-7 p.m. Rike Center gallery: Celebration of the Arts: Closing Exhibition and Reception features open studios and the award

presentation for the visual arts department's Horvath Exhibition, a juried show highlighting student artwork.