

*In his last will and testament,* George Washington envisioned a university in the heart of the nation's capital that would serve as an intellectual hub for the country. Today, through our vast network of world-class academic opportunities, access, partnerships and policy-research initiatives, GW puts its knowledge to work for immediate impact.

# THIS IS THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND WHAT WE MAKE IS HISTORY

**FEB. 9  
1821**

*The university was chartered  
by an Act of Congress*

**FACULTY:  
1,166**  
NON-MEDICAL

**1,197**  
MEDICAL

**4**

**BLOCKS**

*from the White House  
and mere blocks from many  
major government and non-  
governmental agencies, making  
research, internship and career  
opportunities for students and  
faculty literally a short walk away*

**3**

**CAMPUSES**

*The Foggy Bottom  
Campus, the Mount  
Vernon Campus and the  
Virginia Science and  
Technology Campus*

ONE OF THE LARGEST  
PRIVATE EMPLOYERS  
IN D.C.

**10**

**SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**

**500,000**

*approximate gross square footage of GW's Science  
and Engineering Hall (SEH), the largest academic  
building dedicated to these fields in the nation's capital*

**THE LARGEST  
INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION IN D.C.**

- GW uses D.C. as a classroom like no other institution, hosting classes in the U.S. Capitol, the Newseum and **George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate**. Plus, through a variety of partnerships, GW students have research opportunities with nearly every federal agency in America, as well as numerous multilateral groups, including the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, National Institutes of Health, National Institutes of Standards and Technology, the Naval Research Lab, Pan-American Health Organization, Smithsonian Institution and the World Bank, just to name a few.
- **GW's five strategic initiatives** are an institution-wide effort to move the university forward, guiding new investments and enhancements to the Student Experience, Research, Philanthropy and Constituent Engagement, Medical Enterprise and Institutional Culture.
- GW is a hub for the arts, housing several illustrious cultural institutions, including the **GW Corcoran School of the Arts and Design**, historic **Lisner Auditorium**, the world-renowned **George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum**, the **Luther W. Brady Art Gallery** and **Gallery 102**. From classes, performances and exhibitions in the iconic **Flagg Building** to hundreds of cultural events held around campus each year, GW links audiences, students, scholars and collections to inspire learning, research and artistic expression.
- **GW is the #1 provider of Peace Corps volunteers among medium-size universities in the U.S.** – and has consistently ranked in the **top five for the past 12 consecutive years**. 2018 is also the sixth time in the past decade that GW has ranked first on the Peace Corps' list of medium-sized schools. More than 1,200 graduates have served since the Peace Corps' founding, making GW among the **top 30 highest all-time Peace Corps volunteer producers**. GW is also one of the top producers of **Teach for America volunteers**, with approximately 350 alumni having served over the last 25 years.
- Ten GW alumni currently serve in the **116th U.S. Congress**. These GW graduates represent constituents from eight different states and U.S. territories.
- GW has **119 endowed faculty positions**, and **nine faculty members currently are members of the National Academies**. GW is also recognized among the top-producing institutions for **Fulbright Scholars**, with **more than 83 current and former scholars** serving within the university's ranks. Plus, GW produces several Fulbright students working on various issues around the world each year. Our alumnus and the creator of the scholarships, former Senator J. William Fulbright, LLB '34, would no doubt be proud.
- GW makes a point of connecting academia to policy and the workplace. In fact, two current deans hold leadership positions in high-profile organizations in their respective disciplines: the Elliott School of International Affairs' **Reuben Brigety II** serves on the Atlantic Council Board of Directors, and **Lynn Goldman** of the Milken Institute School of Public Health serves on the National Academy of Medicine Governing Council.
- Service and real-world engagement are a major part of GW's student culture. **GW's annual Freshman Day of Service and Convocation** officially welcomes the incoming class to their academic and civic life with engaging speakers and service with partners throughout D.C. And this commitment grows during students' four years: GW features **70 community-engaged scholarship courses**, and last year, **the GW community logged 703,331 hours of community service**.

# 69%

of undergraduates have held internships or co-ops

# 290,000+

alumni in more than 130+ countries worldwide

# 12,000

undergraduate and

# 16,000

graduate students enrolled at all locations coming from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and 132 countries

# 50%+

of undergraduate classes have fewer than 20 students

# 500+

student-athletes participate in

# 1,800+

military students, veterans and their dependents attend GW

# 15

Honor Societies

# 475+

student groups

# 72%

of undergraduates receive financial aid, according to the 2017-18 Common Data Set

# 27

intercollegiate, varsity sports at the NCAA Division I level

- In addition to members currently serving in Congress, noted public servants among GW's alumni include former Secretary of State **Colin Powell**, former Senate Majority Leader **Harry Reid**, former FBI Director **J. Edgar Hoover**, former Secretary of State **John Foster Dulles**, former SEC Chairman **Mary Schapiro**, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General **Peter Pace**, retired Coast Guard Commandant and national incident commander for the Gulf oil spill **Thad Allen**, and former First Lady **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**.
- According to a recent survey, nearly **89 percent** of the Class of 2017 reported that, within six months of graduation, they were employed, pursuing a graduate degree, volunteering or are otherwise engaged in a gap year, military service or other activity.
- Through its **Access and Success initiative**, GW is committed to increasing access to higher education by forming partnerships with organizations such as the **Posse Foundation** and **Say Yes to Education**. Since 2015, GW has been test optional, dropping the SAT or ACT requirement for most undergraduate applicants.
- In 1982, GW established the **world's first political communication major**.
- Every four years, GW marks the Jan. 20 inauguration of a new U.S. president and vice president by hosting its own black-tie **Inaugural Ball**.
- The significance of the school colors of **buff and blue** are that they were the colors that George Washington wore in battle.
- Now **50 percent solar-powered** for its electricity, GW is making major strides towards its commitment to being carbon neutral by 2040.
- In 1981, the GW Hospital treated President **Ronald Reagan** in the emergency room after an attempted assassination.
- One of the most important moments in the 20th century was revealed at a conference on the GW campus: On Jan. 26, 1939, Niels Bohr announced that Otto Hahn had successfully **split the atom**.
- Edward Teller, nuclear physicist and father of the **hydrogen bomb**, taught at GW from 1935 to 1941. Edward P. Jones, winner of the **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction**, is a current GW English professor.
- Current and former Supreme Court Justices **Clarence Thomas, William Strong, David J. Brewer, Willis Van Devanter** and **John Marshall Harlan** have been among those who have served on the GW Law faculty. Moreover, **Chief Justice John Roberts, Justice Samuel Alito, Justice Elena Kagan, Justice Sonia Sotomayor** and former **Justice Antonin Scalia** have all, respectively, presided over its constitutional law moot court in recent years. Justice Alito presided for the second time in January 2016.
- During his state visit, **President of the Republic of France Emmanuel Macron spoke to more than 1,000 GW students** at an on-campus town hall. He answered audience questions on issues ranging from France's involvement in Syria, anti-Semitism, mass migration, the European Union and President Donald Trump's trade war with China.

