

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*

**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*

**10
SCHOOLS**

**FACULTY:
1,250
NON-MEDICAL
1,010
MEDICAL**

THE LARGEST INSTITUTION OF
HIGHER EDUCATION IN DC

ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN DC

- Notable faculty include **Nobel Laureate Ferid Murad** and **Pulitzer Prize-winner Edward P. Jones**.
- GW uses DC as a classroom like no other institution, hosting classes in the U.S. Capitol, the Newseum, and **President George Washington's Mt. 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.
- Supreme Court Justices **Clarence Thomas, William Strong, David J. Brewer, Willis Van Devanter** and **John Marshall Harlan** were among those who served on the GW Law faculty. Moreover, **Chief Justice John Roberts, Justice Samuel Alito, Justice Antonin Scalia, Justice Elena Kagan** and **Justice Sonia Sotomayor** presided over its constitutional law moot court competition in 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012 and 2014, respectively.
- Former Federal Reserve Chairman **Ben Bernanke** delivered a **seminar class exclusive to GW students** entitled "Reflections of the Federal Reserve and its Place in Today's Economy," giving students an intimate, behind-the-scenes look into the financial crisis and its aftermath.
- The seventh floor of Gelman Library includes the **National Security Archives**, a research institution that publishes declassified U.S. government files concerning American foreign policy. In fact, a National Security Archive Freedom of Information Act request made the Central Intelligence Agency's so-called "Family Jewels" public.
- GW has **90 endowed faculty positions** and more than **60 current and former Fulbright scholars** serving within its 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 '34, would no doubt be proud.
- 1982: GW established the **world's first political communication major**.

25,000

*students enrolled at all locations coming from
all 50 states, Washington, DC, and more
than 120 countries*

270,000

alumni in more than 150 countries worldwide

450+

student groups

1,300+

*military students, veterans and their dependents
used U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
educational benefits during the 2013-14 academic year*

70+

service-learning courses offered by GW

>60%

students receive financial aid



First Lady **Michelle Obama** challenged the GW community to complete 100,000 hours of service in the 2009-2010 academic year, agreeing to speak at GW's Commencement if its students, faculty and staff met this goal. By the end of the challenge, the GW community logged more than 163,000 hours of service. This commitment to service continues to grow. Last year, students, faculty and staff logged a record 403,146 hours.



In addition to members currently serving in Congress, noted public servants among GW's alumni include former SEC Chairman **Mary Schapiro**, retired Coast Guard Commandant and national incident commander for the Gulf Oil Spill **Thad Allen**, former Senator **J. William Fulbright**, former Secretary of State **Colin Powell**, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff **General Peter Pace**, former FBI Director **J. Edgar Hoover**, former Secretary of State **John Foster Dulles** and former First Lady **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**.



In 2012, GW hosted the **Clinton Global Initiative University**, bringing more than 1,000 college students and dozens of prominent speakers to campus, including **Bill Clinton**, former Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**, **Jon Stewart** and **Usher**, to help spark students' commitments into action.

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Honor Societies

>66%

undergraduates have held internships or co-ops

- The 2014 edition of the Princeton Review's "Best 378 Colleges" recognized GW students as the **"Most Politically Active"** in the nation.
- According to a recent survey, **92 percent** of the Class of 2013 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.
- The Aspen Institute's Impact Careers Initiative reported that GW produces the **second highest number of service professionals** among national universities, with 31.1 percent of graduates who entered government, education or nonprofit fields from 2000 to 2010.
- GW is a **top provider of Peace Corps volunteers** among medium-size universities. Since its inception, more than 1,100 graduates have gone on to serve in the Peace Corps, making GW among the **Top 30 highest all-time Peace Corps volunteer producers**. GW is also one of the top providers of **Teach for America** volunteers. Over the last 24 years, approximately 350 GW alumni have worked as Teach for America corps members.
- 10 GW alumni currently serve in the **114th U.S. Congress**, including Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, J.D. '64. These GW graduates represent constituents from 10 different states and U.S. territories.
- For 10 years, GW has had a **fixed tuition policy** for undergraduates, under which a student's tuition is guaranteed to remain at the same rate for up to five years of attendance at the university.
- The **first GW commencement in 1824** was considered an important event for the young city of Washington, DC. In attendance were President Monroe, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, Marquis de Lafayette, and other dignitaries. Today, commencement ceremonies are held directly on the **National Mall**. Recent commencement speakers at GW have included **Michael Bloomberg**, **Michelle Obama**, **Brian Williams** and **Kerry Washington '98**.
- 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.
- There are six busts of George Washington on campus.
- In 1981, the GW Hospital treated President **Ronald Reagan** in the emergency room after an attempted assassination.
- Edward Teller (1935-1941), nuclear physicist and father of the **hydrogen bomb**, taught at GW.
- 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**.

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