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.

To learn more about how the George Washington University makes history, visit us at www.gwu.edu.
The 2016 edition of the Princeton Review’s “Best 380 Colleges” recognized GW #1 for “Top Internship Opportunities” and its students as the “Most Politically Active” in the nation.

According to a recent survey, 86 percent of the Class of 2014 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.

For more than a decade, 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.

Through its Access and Success initiative, GW is committed to increasing access to higher education with partnerships with organizations such as POSSE Foundation and Say Yes to Education. In addition, GW has announced it will no longer require most undergraduate applicants to submit SAT or ACT test scores for admission.

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.

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.

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.