

*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*

**THE LARGEST  
INSTITUTION  
OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION  
IN DC**

**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**

**500,000** *approximate gross square footage of GW's  
new Science and Engineering Hall (SEH),  
the largest academic building dedicated to these fields in the nation's capital*

**FACULTY:  
1,268**

**NON-MEDICAL**

**1,032**

**MEDICAL**

**ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN DC**

- 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. Justice Alito presided for the second time in January 2016.
- 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.
- GW has **95 endowed faculty positions** and more than **65 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.
- GW makes a point of connecting academia to policy and the workplace. In fact, three current deans currently hold leadership positions in high-profile organizations in their respective disciplines: **Michael Feuer** of the Graduate School of Education and Human Development serves as President of the National Academy of Education, the School of Business' **Linda Livingstone** serves on the Board of Directors of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and **Blake D. Morant** of GW Law serves as the President of the American Association of Law Schools.

**11,000**  
*undergraduate and*  
**14,500**

*graduate students enrolled at all locations coming  
from all 50 states, Washington, DC, and 130 countries*

**275,000**

*alumni in more than 170 countries worldwide*

**450+**

*student groups*

**1,500+**

*military students, veterans and their dependents  
attended GW during the 2014-15 academic year.*

**50+%**

*of GW undergraduate classes  
have less than 20 students*

**70+%**

*of undergraduates receive financial aid,  
according to the 2014-15 Common Data Set*



**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 **655,192 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**.

## making HISTORY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR GW

GW is in the midst of Making History, a **\$1 billion comprehensive campaign** that will support students, enhance academics and break new ground for future generations of citizen-leaders.

# 11

*Honor Societies*

# 70%

*undergraduates have held internships or co-ops*

- 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, nearly **87 percent** of the Class of 2015 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.
- For the fifth time in a decade, GW is the **#1 provider of Peace Corps volunteers** among medium-size universities. Since its inception, nearly 1,200 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.
- 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 (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.



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