

Meeting tomorrow's challenges requires agile minds capable of thoughtful deliberation and skillful collaboration. At GW's Columbian College of Arts & Sciences (CCAS), we are preparing future generations of leaders across employment sectors through an engaged and inclusive liberal arts education, pioneering and impactful research, expansive and expanding student knowledge and by bridging intellectual knowledge with real-world application.

# THIS IS THE COLUMBIAN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES AND WHAT WE MAKE IS **HISTORY.**

**FEB. 9  
1821**

Columbian College was chartered by an Act of Congress. Its name was changed to the George Washington University in 1904.

**4  
BLOCKS**

from the White House and walking distance to major government and non-governmental agencies, making research, internship and career opportunities accessible.

**67  
MAJORS  
68  
MINORS**

**90+  
GRADUATE  
PROGRAMS**

**13  
RESEARCH CENTERS  
& INSTITUTES**

GW'S LARGEST ACADEMIC UNIT  
& CORE OF THE UNIVERSITY

A HUB FOR THE ENGAGED LIBERAL ARTS

- We are home to the state-of-the-art **Science & Engineering Hall**, an innovative teaching and research space for cross-disciplinary collaboration in chemistry, biology, physics, human paleobiology, engineering and public health.
- Our **Corcoran School of the Arts & Design** and the National Gallery of Art are collaborating to facilitate immersive learning, art-making and interdisciplinary research opportunities to help drive exhibitions, performances and curriculum at the Corcoran.
- Our nationally-ranked **Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration** is one of only two U.S. schools to have its public policy and public administration graduate programs accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.
- Columbian College faculty receive **multi-million dollar grants** from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and other renowned research centers to uncover age-old mysteries and seek solutions to 21st century challenges.
- We are **pioneers in offering academic programs** in Art Therapy, Political Communication, and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies.
- Our **School of Media & Public Affairs** hosts public platforms featuring prominent politicians and journalists who engage students on issues impacting the world.
- We use D.C. as a classroom like no other academic institution, hosting classes at such venerable sites as the U.S. Capitol and George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Plus, through a variety of partnerships, students have access to **research opportunities with federal agencies** and multilateral groups, including NASA and the World Bank.
- We boast a **century-long research collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution**, and our expertise in systematics, evolution of gait, and primate brain and dental morphology led to the creation of the Smithsonian's acclaimed **Hall of Origins exhibit**. The Smithsonian also recently opened a cell phone exhibit in collaboration with CCAS anthropology scholars.

**88,000**

Columbian College alumni

**500+**

full-time faculty members

**3 SCHOOLS**

Corcoran School of the Arts & Design  
School of Media & Public Affairs  
Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration

**42**

academic departments and programs across the arts,  
the humanities, the sciences and the social sciences

**5,484**

undergraduate students

**2,218**

graduate students

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH THE ENGAGED LIBERAL ARTS



## Arts & the Humanities

Creative and humanistic scholarship enlighten our understanding of how we form, articulate and debate issues of religious, philosophical and cultural importance. From performances and exhibitions to language and literature, our students are challenged to think critically as they engage and interpret the world around us.



## Science & Quantitative Analysis

In the classroom and lab, our biologists, physicists, chemists and mathematicians are seeking actionable solutions to today's most pressing challenges. Faculty engage students in every step of the discovery process to mitigate climate change, treat disease, meet global energy needs, address cybersecurity and more.



## Social Science

Studying how we have evolved, the way we interact, live and govern and how we move forward as a society all reflect the essence of what makes up the social sciences. The knowledge we create through such disciplines as policy, psychology, communication and anthropology sheds new light on our past while helping us navigate the path ahead.

**14**

professional  
graduate certificates

**35**

combined  
undergraduate/  
graduate degrees

**\$21M**

annual research  
expenditures

**203**

research proposals

**376**

endowments, including 170 that  
support student scholarships  
and 22 that fund professorships

- From Chile to Spain, every year more than 450 CCAS students **travel the world as participants in Study Abroad Programs**, allowing for immersion in new cultures and unique learning opportunities.
- The **Luther Rice Undergraduate Research Fellowships**—exclusive to only CCAS students—offer one-of-a-kind faculty-mentored research experiences in the lab, classroom or out in the field.
- We are home to the **Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute**, created to encourage diversity in leadership, and the **John L. Loeb Jr. Institute for Religious Freedom**, established to foster dialogue and religious understanding.
- We boast internationally acclaimed scholars, including **Pulitzer Prize-winning** author of *The Known World* Edward P. Jones, and cutting-edge scientists like Akos Vertes, named one of the country's **top innovators** for research on the rapid identification of biological and chemical threats.
- Our Commencement is held on the National Mall, and speakers have included First Lady **Michelle Obama**, Apple CEO **Tim Cook** and U.S. Senator **Elizabeth Warren**.
- Our **alumni** are making their mark in the echelons of power and prestige. They include **Daniel Weiss**, BA '79, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; **Kerry Washington**, BA '98, Golden Globe and Emmy Award-nominated actress; **Mark Warner**, BA '77, U.S. senator and former governor of Virginia; **Dana Bash**, BA '93, CNN chief political correspondent; and **Randy Levine**, BA '77, president of the New York Yankees.
- We are a **top producer of internships**, with placements at Amazon, National Geographic, the White House, National Science Foundation, PBS, Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, AARP and more.
- Our faculty have garnered **prestigious fellowships** in recognition of their scholarship, including Fulbright, Guggenheim, Woodrow Wilson and NEH fellowships. In addition, CCAS faculty members have been named to the **American Council of Learned Societies** and the **National Council of Sciences**.



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