

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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2026 Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

MAY 14, 2026 | 5:00 P.M. | LISNER AUDITORIUM



Columbian College
of Arts & Sciences

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

SEAL OF THE COLUMBIAN COLLEGE



In 1819, the Reverend Luther Rice, Obadiah B. Brown, Spencer H. Cone, and Enoch Reynolds (all Baptist ministers) set in motion the reality of a college in the District. These men raised the needed funds to purchase land in the nation's capital, petitioned the Congress for a charter, and began organizing a college.

On February 9, 1821, President James Monroe signed the Act of Congress which created the College. By design of the Congress, a special provision was included which required that "persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected Trustees; nor shall any person, either as President, Professor, Tutor or pupil, be refused admittance, or denied any of the privileges, immunities, or advantages thereof, for or on account of his sentiments in matters of religion."

The original seal was designed by James Peale in 1821, at the time of the founding of the Columbian College. This is the seal that the graduates are wearing today as medals. The seal features a Biblical lion lying down with a lamb and Greek text in an open book. The Greek translates to "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God."

In 1873, the name Columbian College was changed to Columbian University and the seal was changed slightly to reflect this. The Latin text around the outside was changed from "Columbiani Collegii" to "Universitatis Columbianae Sigillum." In addition, some text was added to fill up the rest of the open book, since the Greek phrase only took up part of one page. In 1905, after the name changed to the George Washington University, the old seal was replaced by a completely new one.

The original Columbian College seal is currently on display in the Memorabilia Room of Gelman Library.

LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Paul J. Wahlbeck
Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Today is a celebration of your hard work, dedication and growth as a scholar and as an individual. Earning your degree from George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts & Sciences is a major milestone, but more importantly, it's a steppingstone to new opportunities. You are now equipped with the knowledge, skills and perspective to make a difference—whether in your community, your career or the world at large.

During your time here, you were engaged in rigorous intellectual and creative pursuits, learning from—and collaborating with—our distinguished faculty, tackling tough questions and embracing new ways of seeing the world. GW's distinctive location, research and networking connections in the nation's capital and beyond enhanced those experiences in ways few other universities can match. It is my hope that these experiences have prepared you for whatever comes next, giving you the confidence to navigate the path ahead and the curiosity to continue to seek new knowledge.

You are graduating at a time of rapid change and complex global challenges. From advancements in technology that are reshaping industries to pressing political and socio-economic issues, the world needs thoughtful, informed, and engaged leaders now more than ever. The education you've received has prepared you not just to adapt, but to contribute—to bring fresh ideas and find solutions that make a lasting impact.

As you move forward, I hope you stay connected to the friendships, mentors and experiences that shaped you. You are now part of a strong and supportive alumni network, and no matter where life takes you, your ties to George Washington University and the Columbian College will always remain.

We also hope you'll stay in touch—through alumni events, campus visits, or simply by sharing your journey with us. Our doors are always open, and we look forward to hearing from you.

I offer my warmest wishes for a future filled with success, purpose and boundless opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. Wahlbeck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul J. Wahlbeck
Dean
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PRELUDE..... Corcoran Brass

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONS Deans, Faculty, and Students

WELCOME Antonio López
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE MENTORING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS..... Presented by Kimberly Gross
Vice Dean for Programs and Operations

DOCTORAL MENTOR AWARDEE..... Jisoo M. Kim
Korea Foundation Associate Professor of History, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures

CHARGE TO DOCTORAL CANDIDATES..... Paul J. Wahlbeck
Dean

HOODING OF THE DOCTORAL CANDIDATES..... Dean and Faculty Advocates

ALMA MATER..... Millicent Scarlett
*Adjunct Professor of Music
Corcoran School of the Arts and Design*

RECESSIONAL Corcoran Brass

*The hooding program is meant to be a guide to the ceremony.
Although every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy, the program is not an official record of an individual's degree.*

AWARDS AND PRIZES



American Studies

- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Dissertation Grant*..... GJ Sevillano
- Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee* GJ Sevillano

Anthropology

- QIB Scholarship*..... Jowel Choufani
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant* Jowel Choufani
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad*..... Michael Kaplan, Robert Allen Hildebrandt

Chemistry

- Benjamin D. Van Evera Memorial Prize - Effective Graduate Teaching Assistants* Darren Dolan

Clinical Psychology

- Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee* Alana Rule

Cognitive Neuroscience

- Richard Walk Dissertation Award*..... Sanika Paranjape

Economics

- Hsieh Prize for Outstanding Teaching*..... Pedro Esteban Rodriguez Martinez
- John W. Kendrick Research Fellowship* Pedro Esteban Rodriguez Martinez

History

- Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee* Brittany Lee Lewis

Human Paleobiology

- Lewis N. Cotlow Research Fund Award* Kathryn Ann Fish

Neuroscience

- Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee* Kailyn Price

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Physics

<i>Gus. W. Weiss Prize for Outstanding Student in Physics</i>	Hallie Fausey, Lucia Illari
<i>The Parke Prize for Excellence in Theoretical Physics</i>	Lucia Illari
<i>The Berman Prize for Excellence in Experimental Physics</i>	Andrew Sargent

Political Science

<i>Harvard Belfer Center Predoctoral Fellowship 2024-2025</i>	Stephen Rangazas
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Professional Psychology

<i>James Hansell Award of Excellence</i>	Manon Pesme
<i>Dorothy Holmes Cultural Factors Award</i>	Geoffrey Matthew Bennett Hervey

Public Policy and Administration

<i>Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee</i>	Semret Mariam Kassa Seyoum
<i>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Initiative to Support Promising Research Fellow</i>	Semret Mariam Kassa Seyoum
<i>Mercatus Center Adam Smith Fellowship</i>	Jingwen Zheng
<i>Humane Studies Fellowship</i>	Jingwen Zheng
<i>GW Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship</i>	Jingwen Zheng
<i>Sigur Center for Asian Studies Field Research Grant</i>	Jingwen Zheng
<i>Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Research Grant</i>	Jingwen Zheng

Statistics

<i>Minna Mirin Kullback Memorial Prize</i>	Jilei Lin
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Award For Excellence In Graduate Faculty Mentoring

The Award for Excellence in Graduate Faculty Mentoring is given to a faculty member nominated by graduate students. Mentoring and advising are crucial to the intellectual life and career trajectories of graduate students across the arts, sciences, and professions. A good mentor is a source of wisdom and expertise, an inspiring role model, a compassionate critic, a sounding board, an advocate, and a career counselor. The 2025-2026 Award for Excellence in Graduate Faculty Mentoring is presented to **Jisoo M. Kim, Korea Foundation Associate Professor of History, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures.**

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Zahraa Akhward*

Major Area Paper: Between Seeing and Being Seen: Negotiating Perceived Cultural Sameness, Vulnerability, and Relational Repair in Therapy

Ariel Beckerman*

Major Area Paper: Splitting Across Cultural Selves: A Clinical Perspective on Multicultural Identity in Psychotherapy

Joseph Dorer*

Major Area Paper: Shame in the Therapy Relationship and Its Outcome on Treatment

Jenée Edgerton*

Major Area Paper: Connecting in the Dark: Disordered Attachment in the Therapeutic Dyad with a Black Adolescent Male

Peter Gordon*

Major Area Paper: Is Reflective Functioning a Useful Tool to Aid in Addressing the Complicated Dynamics Between a Black Male Therapist and a White Male Psychiatric Resident?

Geoffrey Matthew Bennett Hervey*

Major Area Paper: "One girl in all the world": Utilization of fantasy and fictional media to address selfobject needs

Cara Judkins*

Major Area Paper: Racial Therapist Matching: The Impact of Client-Therapist Racial Similarities on Client Racial Identity Development

Serene Ravindra Kaggal*

Major Area Paper: Protecting the Secure Base of the Therapy Group: The Impact of Leader Transitions and the Prioritization of Individual Treatment in Training Clinics

Matilda Bintu Zana Koroma*

Major Area Paper: "We Keep on Pushing Through": Grief and Emotional Socialization in a Black Immigrant Family - A Single Case Study

Yi Liu*

Major Area Paper: Insight and Denial in Schizophrenia: A Psychotherapy Case Study in a Forensic Setting

Racquel Lyons*

Major Area Paper: Navigating Insecure Attachment and Self Disclosure in Psychotherapy: A Case Study of Ms. X

Emma Mugford*

Major Area Paper: Psychological Defenses in Iranian American Adult Patients Who Relocated as Minors: Idealization of Western Culture and Devaluation of Culture of Origin

Linda Nisanova*

Major Area Paper: Therapist Attunement to Patients with Insecure Attachments: Helping Patients with Fearful and Preoccupied Styles

Kainaz Jamshyd Patravala*

Major Area Paper: Rewriting the Relational Script: Working Through Incest Trauma in the Therapeutic Alliance

Tali Clara Pelts*

Major Area Paper: The Role of Omnipotent Control in the Simultaneous Resolution and Maintenance of Psychic Conflict

Manon Pesme*

Major Area Paper: The Unseen Match: Defensive Structures and Unconscious Communication in Psychotherapy

Presley Patricia Scott*

Major Area Paper: Metaphor in Psychodynamic Treatment: A Wall Between or a Window to Possibility

Nahima Vargas Wilfong*

Major Area Paper: Agoraphobia as an Expression of Ambivalence of Internalized Perfectionism: Examining Ideologies and Structures That Impacted Both Therapist and Patient

Rachel Walton*

Major Area Paper: The Paradox of Ending: How Termination Facilitated Openness in Adolescent Treatment

Youyang Wang*

Major Area Paper: Mirroring Across Difference: Selfobject Functions in a Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Therapeutic Dyad

Elizabeth Watts*

Major Area Paper: How Therapists Trigger Abandonment Wounds: Exploring the Impact of Frequent Transfers on a Fearfully Attached Client

Han Yu*

Major Area Paper: The Wounded Self in Complex Trauma: Psychodynamic Conceptualizations of Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Tracy Zimmerman*

Major Area Paper: Reflections of the Self: Navigating Empathy and Challenge in Psychodynamic Psychotherapy with Narcissistic Patients

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Souad Adnane

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Women's Property Rights in Morocco: A New Framework for Looking at Gender Equality

Mark Albertson

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Macroeconomics and International Finance

Talal M A M H Alkhanfar

Economics

Dissertation: Three Essays in Macroeconomic Development: Selected Issues from the MENA Region

Norah Abdullah Alkhefr

Statistics

Dissertation: Advancements in Efficient Randomized Adaptive Design in Clinical Trials

Rebeka Almasi

Cognitive Neuroscience

Dissertation: Emotion Perception as a Cause and Effect of Cognitive Control

Veronica Amuso

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Uncovering the Role of Dermal Fibroblasts during Injury-Induced Skin Inflammation

Sreejita Arnab

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: TNFR2 Signaling in Hippocampal CA3 Pyramidal Neurons Recruits the Opioid and Endocannabinoid to Resolve Chronic Neuropathic Pain

Sara Bornstein

Political Science

Dissertation: Parties, Institutions, and Policy Priorities: Evidence from State Education Agencies Nationwide and Local School Boards in Pennsylvania

Charles R. Bowery Jr.

History

Dissertation: Black Officers in Army Green: African Americans in the U.S. Army Officer Corps, 1950-1980

Shannon Cahalan

Cognitive Neuroscience

Dissertation: Multilevel Insights into Autism: Linking Cognitive Frameworks, Neural Mechanisms, and Behavioral Presentation

Rachel Canter

English

Dissertation: Novel Extraction: Reading Women in Eighteenth-Century British Novels

Pamela Chansky

Genomics and Bioinformatics

Dissertation: A Deep Learning and Single-Cell Approach to Characterize Patient Response to Virus-Specific T-Cell Therapy

Terri Bevan Chapman

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Dissertation: Low Carbon Development Pathways: Welfare Gains Within Climate Constraints

Qi Chen

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Technology Adoption, Diffusion and Entrepreneurship

Samantha Chin

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Nanoparticle-based Photothermal Therapy for Potentiating CAR T Cell Therapy against Solid Tumors

Sunhak Cho

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Multiplex Consequences of Innovation Policy

Anastasia Chondrogianni

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on the Informal Economy

Jowel Choufani

Anthropology

Dissertation: Negotiating Obligation Amidst Organized Abandonment: Relatedness and Belonging in Contemporary Lebanon

Jenna Clements

Cancer Biology

Dissertation: HDAC11 regulates Alternative Splicing of Androgen Receptor Variant 7 via De-fatty Acylation of Splicing Factor 3B Subunit 2

Maya Cook Alford

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Black Parenting Power: A Qualitative Study Examining Coparental Racial Socialization Practices in Black Families

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Perna Dokania

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Educational Choices, Investment and Outcomes

Darren Dolan

Chemistry

Dissertation: Design and Application of Layered Double Hydroxide Catalysts for Tandem Transformations

Allyson Jacqueline Evans

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Morphological and functional novelty within otomorphan fishes

Hallie Fausey

Physics

Dissertation: Unveiling the High-Redshift Universe with Gamma-Ray Bursts

Kathryn Ann Fish

Human Paleobiology

Dissertation: Modeling Preservation Bias to Improve Hominin Habitat Reconstructions

Nicholas Gabriel

Physics

Dissertation: Neural Operators for Many-Body Complex Systems

Ferhan Guloglu

Anthropology

Dissertation: Birthing the Natural: Reproductive Politics and Childbirth in Turkey

Huizheng Guo

Mathematics

Dissertation: From Branched Covers to 4-Manifolds: Alexander Modules, Skein Modules and Mapping Class Groups

Federico Haslop

Economics

Dissertation: Essays in Development Economics

Molly Henderson

American Studies

Dissertation: "For Our Children": Reproduction, the Family, and Neoliberalism in the Environmental History of the 1970s

Robert Allen Hildebrandt

Anthropology

Dissertation: Entangled Labor, Entangled Lives: Work, Reciprocity, and Settler-Colonial Capitalism in Jisr al-Zarqa

Liye Hong

History

Dissertation: A Mediator is Made: Sino-Romanian Relations and China's Political/Economic Rapprochement with the West (1949-1979)

Lucia Illari

Physics

Dissertation: Many Body Dynamics of Living Systems

Lana Jagannathan

Genomics and Bioinformatics

Dissertation: Insights into Photothermal Therapy-Derived Adoptive T Cells

Michael Kaplan

Anthropology

Dissertation: Cultivating the Umma: Muslim Mobilities and Everyday Aspirations in Istanbul

Akbota Karibayeva Meyer

Political Science

Dissertation: Ungrateful Successors: Why Do Authoritarian Leaders Turn on Their Predecessors?

Nicholas Kirschner

Physics

Dissertation: From Data to Detection: Advancing Gamma-ray Burst and MeV Science with Fermi and the Path Forward with AMEGO

Ofri Krischer

History

Dissertation: Aharon Amir (1923-2008): An Intellectual Biography

Stinson Lee

Physics

Dissertation: Evaluation of the Impact of Two-Photon Exchange for Semi-Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Electron-Nucleon Scattering

Seon Lee

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: The Effect of Marital Conflict and Positive Parenting on the Development of Adolescent Global Self-Worth

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Brittany Lee Lewis

History

Dissertation: Black Freedom and the Other Side of the Boardwalk

Yiruo Li

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Essays on Welfare and Gender Inequality in South Africa

Ziwei Li

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Empirical Investigation of Global Economic Interdependence

Jilei Lin

Statistics

Dissertation: Quantile Regression for Censored Data and Spatial Data

Caitlin Loeffler

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Microbes and One Health across Humans, Animals, and the Environment

Arianne Nahavandi Malekzadeh

Applied Social Psychology

Dissertation: Neighborhood Poverty: An Intersectional Structural Determinant of PrEP Uptake among Black Heterosexual Cisgender Women

Daniial Masood

Genomics and Bioinformatics

Dissertation: Leveraging Machine Learning and Knowledge Graphs to Discover Novel Relationships in Biomarker Data

Rodeeia McClinton

American Studies

Dissertation: Neo-Negro Nuptials: Commedia Dell'arte and the Staged Lives of Black Celebrity Marriage

Gordon McIntire

Cognitive Neuroscience

Dissertation: Challenging Assumptions About Location Memory

Elaine Nicole Miller

Human Paleobiology

Dissertation: Dopamine Receptor Expression In The Nucleus Accumbens Of Adult Rhesus Macaques And Resilience To Early Life Adversity

Blakely Murphy*

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: The Power of Appraisals: Perceived Stress and Perceived Threat as Parallel Mediators Between COVID-19 Stressful Event Exposure and College Students' Mental Health

Teresa Murphy

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Strategies to Study HIV-1 Viral Escape from Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies In Vitro

Emma Northcott

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Essays on Administrative Burden and E-Government in Social Services

Pi Nuessle

Physics

Dissertation: The BurstCube Mission and the Classification of Gamma-Ray Burst Progenitors

Brita Ostermeier

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Exploring Mechanisms Behind Immune Dysfunction in People Living with HIV on ART

Sanika Paranjape

Cognitive Neuroscience

Dissertation: Representation-specific Recruitment for Visual Working Memory Maintenance

Sean Paul

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Essays on Environmental Economics

Kailyn Price

Neuroscience

Dissertation: Sex Differences in Contributions of Mesolimbic Dopamine to Stress Coping and Avoidance Behaviors

Stephen Rangazas

Political Science

Dissertation: Breaking Insurgent Economies: State Indiscriminate Violence During Civil War

Ash Reed

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Disaster Risk Messaging: The Impacts of Perceived Threat, Efficacy Beliefs, and Cultural Values on Disaster Preparedness

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Grace Richter

History

Dissertation: Mothering the South: Gender, Race, and Antebellum Slavery

Pedro Esteban Rodriguez Martinez

Economics

Dissertation: Essays in the Economics of Crime

Alana Rule*

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Black Girlhood is Sacred yet Stolen: Construction and Validation of a New Measure of Gendered Racial Microaggressions for Black Adolescent Girls

Shatha Salameh

Pharmacology and Physiology

Dissertation: Investigating Developmental Differences in Cardiac Physiology: Implications for Pediatric and Adult Therapies

Andrew Sargent

Physics

Dissertation: Investigating Circumnuclear Radio Emission Mechanisms in Hard X-ray Selected Active Galactic Nuclei

Caleb Schmotter

Political Science

Dissertation: Boundaries of Belonging: The Structure and Stability of Ethnic Identity

Tyler Seckar

Cancer Biology

Dissertation: Molecular Characterization of Small Intestinal Adenoma and Adenocarcinoma in a Genetically Engineered Murine Model and their Derived 3D Organoids Containing Oncogenic KrasG12D and/or Cdkn2a/p16 loss

Claire Seo

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Dissertation: Menopausal symptom latent profiles: Subtypes of the menopausal workplace experience

GJ Sevillano

American Studies

Dissertation: "'Ang Sarap, Sarap!': Filipinx American Culinary Imaginaries and Diasporic Gastropoetics

Semret Mariam Kassa Seyoum

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Social Risk, Chronic Illness Burden, and Continuity of Care: Implications for Emergency Department Utilization Among Medicaid Beneficiaries

Awanti Shastri

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Behavioral Responses of Ants to Climate Warming: Insights from Field and Laboratory Studies Across Three Species from Shenandoah to Panama

Lara Skibbie

Chemistry

Dissertation: Novel PPCS Inhibitors to Prevent CoA Biosynthesis in Drug-Resistant Pathogens

Kwabena Slaughter

American Studies

Dissertation: Inside the Indirection of Booker T. Washington: Applying the Philosophy of Photography and Washington's Style of Rhetoric to Seeing What's Been Sown

Lei Song

Statistics

Dissertation: Robust Prediction Transportability under Covariate Shift: A Two-Step Weighted Bootstrap Framework

Vikki Sui

Statistics

Dissertation: Singing Voice Synthesis through Diffusion Probabilistic Model

Anum Syed

Political Science

Dissertation: Between Home and Host: Anti-Caste Mobilization and the Political Incorporation of South Asian Immigrants in the United States

Elizabeth TeVault

English

Dissertation: Patternwork: Textile Models of Social Repair in Condition of England Novels

Mia Vantine

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Reproductive Rights, State Ballot Measures, and Voter Turnout

Yipeng Wei

Statistics

Dissertation: Risk Prediction of Advanced Adenoma and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes

Ian Wilenzik

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Mesozoic Origins of Diversity and Global Biogeographic History in the Order Squamata

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Emily Williams

Genomics and Bioinformatics

Dissertation: TRIM28 and Endogenous Retroviral Element Expression in Prostate Development and Disease

Alexander Wright

Political Science

Dissertation: Collateral Duration: External Intervention and Interstate War Duration

Katherine Hye-Ryun Yang

History

Dissertation: The Making of Kisaeng Tourism: Women Gendered Hospitality, and (Trans)Nationalism in Postcolonial Cold War Korea.

Peiqi Yang

Mathematics

Dissertation: Stochastic Approximation on Manifolds and Topological Data Analysis

Guannan Zhai

Statistics

Dissertation: Some New Advancements in Adaptive Randomization for Clinical Trials

Raushan Zhandayeva

Political Science

Dissertation: Essays in Political Communication during International Crises: The Case of the War in Ukraine

Dou Zhang

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Effects of a Vaccine Mandate on Health and School Outcomes: New Evidence from California

Jingwen Zheng

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Essays in Urban and Real Estate Economics

Shizhe Zhong

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Unconventional Monetary Policy

**Students indicated as earning their degree in summer 2026 must complete their internship before the degree is awarded.*

Dear Graduate,

Greetings! On behalf of the National Council for the Arts and Sciences, I offer my sincere congratulations on your significant achievement and welcome you to the George Washington University Alumni community. Do not underestimate your accomplishment and the opportunities that await you!

You are now a member of a select group of individuals, bonded by a college with which you will be proudly associated. As an alumnus of this historic institution, I fully appreciate the excitement of this very special moment in your life and remember that feeling well. I encourage you to remain involved and, more importantly, engaged with the university as you enter the next phase of your life. Your opportunities to make a difference are endless—from mentoring a student, to becoming an active member of the GW Alumni Association organizing regional and local alumni events, offering services as a career advisor or being a guest lecturer, and providing philanthropic support. Each of these types of engagement offers wonderful opportunities to continue showing support and your pride in the university. And, of course, passing on that GW spirit!

I have been fortunate to volunteer with GW in a variety of settings since my graduation. They include time as a member of the Alumni Association, my 20th and 25th Class Reunion Committees, the GW Black Alumni Association, as well as with the former Admissions Alumni and Parent Program (representing the university at college fairs and interviewing potential GW students).

In my current role as a member and chair of the National Council of Arts and Sciences (composed of alumni, parents, and friends who advise the dean of the Columbian College), I have the opportunity not only to keep abreast of the current issues and initiatives of CCAS and the university but also to bring real world experience to help shape the educational and professional needs of the next generation of GW Alumni. I hope you find similar avenues of engagement and opportunities to advance GW's promise and potential.

Finally, it is not lost on anyone that your time here has required significant personal dedication and financial commitment. We are grateful for your investment and hopeful that your degree will lay the groundwork for future success in whatever career you choose.

Again, congratulations! It is both an honor and a pleasure to welcome you as a graduate of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, and I hope to see you at a GW event soon.

Raise High!

Andrew L. Dixon, III
Chair, National Council of Arts and Sciences
The George Washington University
CCAS '92

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Hail al - ma ma - ter, to thy spir - it

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bid - ing, Pledge we fi - del - i - ty ne'er its place re -

sign - ing, Hail thee George Wash - ing - ton.



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