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“As we look toward Columbian College’s Bicentennial in 2021, we celebrate the pride, passion and achievements of all who have shared George Washington’s vision in creating and sustaining an extraordinary institution of higher learning. I look forward to continuing to pursue new frontiers of learning and discovery as exemplified by our vision of the engaged liberal arts.”

—Dean Ben Vinson III

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- We are the home to the new state-of-the-art **Science & Engineering Hall**, an innovative teaching and research space for cross-disciplinary collaboration in the sciences (chemistry, biology, physics and hominin paleobiology), engineering and public health.
- We use D.C. as a classroom like no other academic institution, hosting classes in the U.S. Capitol building, the Mount Vernon Estate and the Newseum. Plus, through a variety of partnerships, students have access to research opportunities with numerous federal agencies and multilateral groups, including the National Institutes of Health and the World Bank.
- Our research scholars are receiving multi-million-dollar grants from prestigious institutions such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation to examine issues impacting our daily lives, including climate change, new treatments for disease, immigration and social structures, and mental health.
- **GW’S LARGEST ACADEMIC UNIT & CORE OF THE UNIVERSITY**
- **A HUB FOR THE ENGAGED LIBERAL ARTS**
- **We boast a century-long research partnership** with the Smithsonian Institution, and our collaborative expertise in systematics, evolution of gait, primate brain and dental morphology led to the creation of the Smithsonian’s acclaimed **Hall of Origins exhibit**.
- **We have a history of pioneering academic programs.** The **Art Therapy graduate program** and **Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program**, launched in the early seventies, were among the first programs of their kind in the United States. We established the **world’s first political communication major** in 1982, and the nation’s first **LGBT Health Policy and Practice** graduate program in 2013.
- **Our Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration was ranked the top public affairs school in the D.C. area** by U.S. News & World Report. And it is one of 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.

**8,000**

Arts & Sciences students enrolled from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and more than 120 countries.

**76,000+**

Arts & Sciences alumni living and working worldwide

**20**

graduate professional programs in Forensic Sciences, Psychology, Interior Architecture & Design, Media & Public Affairs, Global Communication, Nonprofit Management and more

**241**

Arts & Sciences research proposals submitted in fiscal year 2016; $17.2 million in total research expenditures

**496**

full-time faculty members

**50**

books published on average each year by Arts & Sciences faculty

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• We are home to the Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute, created to encourage diversity in leadership; the Ambassador John L. Loeb Jr. Institute for Religious Freedom, established to foster dialogue on religious understanding; and the GW Confucius Institute, launched to promote the study of Chinese language and culture.

• We boast internationally acclaimed authors, including Pulitzer Prize Winner Edward P. Jones and best-selling novelist Thomas Mallon; as well as cutting-edge scientists like Akos Vertes, named a top-ten innovator by The Scientist magazine for research that could lead to the rapid identification of biological and chemical threats.

• The Princeton Review’s 2016 edition of “Best 380 Colleges” ranked GW #1 for “Top Internship Opportunities” and recognized our students as the “Most Politically Active” in the nation.

• Within six months of graduation, 87 percent of the Class of 2015 reported that they were employed, pursuing a graduate degree, volunteering, serving in the military or engaged in other activities.

• 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 a top provider of Teach for America volunteers.

• 10 GW alumni currently serve in the 114th U.S. Congress, including Columbian College graduates Senator Mark Warner, BA ’77, and Congressman Steve Israel, BA ’81.

• Our Commencement is held on the National Mall, and speakers have included Michael Bloomberg, Tim Cook, Michelle Obama and alumnus Kerry Washington, BA ’98.

• We have more than 65 current and former Fulbright scholars serving within our ranks and, every year, we produce a number of Fulbright students working on various issues around the world.

• The Aspen Institute reported that GW produces the second highest number of service professionals among national universities, with 31.1 percent of our graduates entering government, education or non-profit fields from 2000 to 2010.