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 Arts & Sciences turns knowledge into immediate impact.

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

**FEB. 9 1821**

The 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 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.

**53 MAJORS**

GW’s largest academic unit & core of the university

**61 MINORS**

A hub of higher education in Washington

**85+ GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

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**28 RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES**

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- GW Arts & Sciences boasts internationally acclaimed authors, including Pulitzer Prize Winner Edward P. Jones, national Poets' Prize winner Jane Shore and best-selling novelist Thomas Mallon, who recently penned Watergate.
- GW uses D.C. as a classroom like no other academic institution, hosting classes at the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, the Newseum, and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Plus, through a variety of partnerships, students have research opportunities with numerous federal agencies and multilateral groups, including the National Institutes of Health, NASA, and the World Bank.
- GW Arts & Sciences’ collaborative expertise in systematics, evolution of gait, and primate brain and dental morphology led to the creation of the acclaimed Smithsonian’s Hall of Origins exhibit.
- The GW Arts & Sciences Museum Studies graduate program is the largest and most comprehensive in the nation, if not the world, and has affiliations with more than 60 museums and cultural centers.
- GW’s new Science & Engineering Hall offers state-of-the-arts lab and teaching space, and integrates the disciplines of chemistry, biology, physics, hominid paleobiology, and engineering to find innovative solutions to critical issues.
- GW Arts & Science’s new Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, is advancing programs in new media photojournalism, fine arts, interior architecture and design, exhibition design and more while raising the stature of arts education in DC.
- GW Arts & Sciences is one of only two schools in the U.S. to have both its top-ranked graduate programs in public policy and public administration accredited by the National Association of School of Public Affairs and Administration.
- GW Arts & Sciences biochemist Akos Vertes was named a top-ten innovator by The Scientist magazine for a technology that allows researchers to quickly determine the chemical composition of a very small biological sample. The invention was also ranked high by R&D Magazine for its significance.

**50 RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES**

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**4,944**

full-time faculty members

**1,616**

Graduate Certificate programs in forensic investigation, nonprofit management, GIS, exhibit design, LGBT health, survey design & data analysis, financial math and more

**272**

Arts & Sciences research proposals submitted in fiscal year 2015; $17.8 million in total research expenditures

**81,500**

alumni living and working worldwide

**8,000**

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

To learn more about how the GW Arts & Sciences makes history, visit us at columbian.gwu.edu.
• The 2014 edition of the Princeton Review’s “Best 378 Colleges” recognized GW students as the “Most Politically Active” in the nation.

• 94 percent of the Class of 2013 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.

• 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 a top provider of Teach for America volunteers. Over the last 24 years, approximately 350 GW alumni have worked as Teach for America corps members.

• 9 GW alumni serve in the U.S. Congress, including Arts & Sciences graduates Senator Mark Warner, BA ’77 and Congressman Steve Israel, CCAS BA ’81.

• GW Arts & Sciences is home to the GW Confucius Institute, launched to promote the study of Chinese language and culture; and the Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute, created to encourage diversity in leadership.

• GW Arts & Sciences has 20+ professional programs in Forensic Sciences, Psychology, Interior Architecture & Design, Media & Public Affairs, Global Communication, Nonprofit Management, and more.

• GW’s Commencement is held on the National Mall, and speakers have included Michael Bloomberg, Michelle Obama, Brian Williams, and Arts & Sciences alumnus Kerry Washington ’98.

• GW Arts & Sciences launched the nation’s first LGBT Health Policy and Practice graduate program in 2013.

• GW Arts & Sciences’ program in Environmental Resource Policy collaborates with the National Park Service to train the next generation of environmental leaders.

• GW has more than 55 current and former Fulbright scholars serving within its ranks. Plus, every year, GW produces a number of Fulbright students working on various issues around the world.

• GW Arts & Sciences boasts a century-long research partnership with the Smithsonian Institution.

• George Gamow (1904-1968), theoretical physicist and early advocate and developer of The Big Bang Theory, was a member of the GW Arts & Sciences faculty.

• The Aspen Institute 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 non-profit fields from 2000 to 2010.