GW COMMENCEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

About the Class of 2017

• **275,000**: The Class of 2017 joins a worldwide community of alumni living in more than 150 different countries.
• **49**: U.S. states represented by the entire Class of 2017; the Class of 2017 also includes students from Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands
• **43**: Countries represented by the undergraduate Class of 2017
• **81**: Countries represented by the 2017 graduating international undergraduate and graduate students.

By the Numbers

• **6,000**: Number of graduates expected to attend the ceremony on the National Mall
• **20,000**: Number of guests expected to attend the ceremony on the National Mall
• **225**: Student staff
• **60**: GW staff working on the Mall
• **106**: Faculty participating
• **54**: Members of the Platform Party
• **12**: Alumni Emeriti
• **43**: Musicians
• **1**: George Washington Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps’ Ceremonial Color Guard
• **1**: GW Police Department Honor Guard
• **61**: Number of students who entered the Student Commencement Speaker Competition

Youngest Graduate is 16. In addition, 12 School Without Walls high school students are earning an associate degree from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

Youngest Bachelor Degree Recipient is 19 years old.

Oldest Graduate is 71 years “young.”

The Site:

• **12**: Number of years on the National Mall (since 2006)
• **1**: GW is the ONLY university to hold its Commencement on the National Mall
• **25,000**: Number of chairs
• **8**: Number of tents
• **4**: Number of golf carts
• **85**: Porta-johns
• **3**: Number of ambulances on stand by

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