GRADUATING STUDENT PROFILES

Contact: 202-994-6460 to interview any of the below George Washington University graduates.

**Angela Sako, public policy**

Angela Sako was just 14, a recently arrived immigrant from Albania by way of Italy who spoke little English, when her father died unexpectedly. Her grief was intense. But with the help of friends and family, she emerged from that darkness to earn a full-ride Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Scholarship and two degrees from GW: a B.A. in international affairs, in 2015, and a master's in public policy that she will accept at the 2017 Commencement. That same day, Ms. Sako will stand on the National Mall before her family and thousands of others, sharing her story as the George Washington University’s 2017 Commencement student speaker.

“During my time at GW, I’ve met my best friends and fallen in love. I’ve attended classes with distinguished professors and talented peers. I’ve sat in on meetings with world leaders, and I’ve held internships that have jumpstarted my career,” she said.

**Anthony Garber, exercise science**

Anthony Garber was nervous when he came to GW. He wasn't sure how well he would fit in with his classmates after spending eight years in the Marine Corps. He was older than most undergraduates, married and a veteran who had been in the military since he was 18, a tenure that included deployment in Iraq.

Mr. Garber is majoring in exercise science in the Milken Institute School of Public Health. He said once he got to Foggy Bottom, he was surprised at how easily he was accepted by his younger classmates and was able to build meaningful relationships with professors.

“That just makes me feel like I’m a normal person, I’m not isolated as a veteran, I’m not isolated as an old guy,” he said. “I’m just a normal student, and it’s great.”

Mr. Garber will continue his education this summer as a physical therapy doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. He wants to work with geriatric patients—a field less glamorous than working with athletes, he said.

**Chris Carr, law**

After nine years in the NFL, Chris Carr came to GW for law school. Chris, who grew up in Reno, Nevada, went to Boise State to play football. He enjoyed his constitutional law class as an undergraduate there and knew then that he would go to law school after he retired from playing football.

Following his graduation from GW Law, Chris will work for Zeman and Petterson, PLLC in Falls Church, Virginia, with a focus on immigration. Eventually, he hopes to open his own immigration practice in Southern California. Chris is married and has three young children.