GW COMMENCEMENT NOTABLE FACTS

- George Washington University is the only university to hold its Commencement ceremony on the National Mall.
- GW is the largest institution of higher education in Washington.
- There are 290,000 GW alumni in more than 150 countries worldwide.
- GW School of Business professor Lisa Delpy Neirotti took a group of students to Pyeongchang in February to help the International Olympic Committee collect data in order to run more efficient events in the future.
- Nine GW alumni currently serve in the 115th Congress.
- GW has been in the top-five providers of Peace Corps volunteers among medium-size universities for 11 consecutive years.
- More than 500 student-athletes participate in 27 varsity sports at the NCAA Division I level.
- GW’s Milken Institute School of Public Health is the only school of public health in the nation’s capital.
- GW Law is the oldest law school in the District of Columbia.
- Edward P. Jones, winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, is a GW English professor.
- GW's Foggy Bottom Campus is located four blocks from the White House.
- The GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences was founded in 1824 as the first medical school in D.C.
- The GW Graduate School of Political Management’s strategic public relations program has been named PR Week’s “PR Education Program of the Year.”
- The GW School of Media and Public Affairs established the world’s first political communication major in 1982.
- The GW Milken Institute School of Public Health’s building was the first LEED Platinum academic building in D.C.
FACTS ABOUT GW’S 2018 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Marcia McNutt
- Marcia McNutt is president of the National Academy of Sciences.
- Dr. McNutt is the first female president of the National Academy of Sciences.
- Today, Dr. McNutt is receiving a Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa from GW.
- From 2013 to 2016, Dr. McNutt served as editor-in-chief of the “Science” family of journals.
- Dr. McNutt served as director of the U.S. Geological Survey from 2009 to 2013.
- During Dr. McNutt’s tenure as director, the USGS responded to a number of major disasters, including earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and Japan, and the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
- Dr. McNutt is a veteran of more than a dozen deep-sea expeditions, on most of which she was chief or co-chief scientist.
- Dr. McNutt is a fellow of American Geophysical Union, the Geological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the International Association of Geodesy.

Steven Knapp
- Steven Knapp served as the 16th president of GW, from 2007 to 2017.
- During his tenure, Dr. Knapp oversaw the planning for and construction of GW’s Science and Engineering Hall, which significantly increased the university’s capacity for cutting-edge research.
- Dr. Knapp presided over the creation of the GW School of Nursing in 2010.
- Dr. Knapp spearheaded the transfer of the Corcoran College of Art and Design to GW.
- Dr. Knapp was the first GW president to reside on campus.
- Dr. Knapp helped GW move up the National Science Foundation’s list of top research institutions from 108th in 2007 to 83rd in 2014.
- Today, Dr. Knapp is receiving a Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa from GW.

Elana Meyers Taylor
- Elana Meyers Taylor is a three-time Winter Olympian representing the United States.
- Today, Ms. Meyers Taylor is receiving a Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa from GW.
- Ms. Meyers Taylor is a three-time Olympic medalist, winning bronze in 2010 and silver in 2014 and 2018.
- Ms. Meyers Taylor is the first American woman to win three Olympic bobsled medals.
- Ms. Meyers Taylor earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from GW.
- While at GW, Ms. Meyers Taylor was a member of the softball team.

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