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LEAD STORIES

George Washington University has announced its Spring Commencement Speaker, Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, Inc. Cook has led the publicly traded corporation since 2011 and is the first openly gay CEO of a Fortune 500 company. Cook will also receive an honorary doctorate at Commencement Ceremonies as will Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease at the National Institutes of Health; and Carole Watson, former acting chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities who received her Ph.D. from GW in 1978.

NEW THIS SPRING

Georgetown University’s Center for Social Justice is hosting six alternative spring break programs in Washington, DC. These weeklong immersion experiences allow Georgetown community members to engage with issues affecting underserved communities through service, immersion, and reflection. Through the six DC experiences, participants will engage on issues of hunger and homelessness; worker justice; environmental equity, education; the ethics of incarceration; and the immigrant experience.

This spring semester, the Gallaudet University Department of Interpretation is offering a Special Topic Course on International Signs (IS). The course is designed to introduce students to International Signs (IS) and will discuss the systematic investigation with the use of language, hands, and parts of the body in communication, and cognition. Additionally, the course will discuss gestural experience and studies of gesture types, universals, and various gesture development and functions in human interactions. During the course, students will have opportunities to practice some translations and interpretation with IS to American Sign Language (ASL), and alternatively, ASL to IS.

American University Magazine has launched a new app which enables the use of slideshows, audio clips, time-lapse videos, and animation. For instance, in a story on AU alums who work at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, the app features a video showing a catfish surgery. To supplement a profile on a Capitol Hill staffer, a fun video is included with 12 rapid-fire questions for her. With some publication apps, you get a literal translation of what’s already on the page. But the goal of this project is to offer new features and added value to the print version.

University of the District of Columbia has launched a new institutional publication entitled Legacy, the Magazine of the University of the District of Columbia. The name connotes the rich history of UDC’s predecessor institutions and underscores the university’s continuing commitment to enrich the lives of future generations. Legacy is a visually exclusive, 72 page magazine, that’s
progressive, smart and well written; with articles that appeal to students, faculty, alumni, and a
diverse group of university stakeholders. The magazine’s content is designed to engage readers
with balanced portions of journalism, essays and columns offering creative and insightful features,
historic reviews, current academic perspectives, personality profiles, research updates and class
notes.

**SPOTLIGHT: PRESIDENTS**

**Catholic University of America President John Garvey** and two other university presidents
discussed “The State of Higher Education and the Calling of Faith-based Universities” at the
National Press Club on February 4th. Garvey joined Ken Starr, president of Baylor University in
Waco, TX, and Richard Joel, president of Yeshiva University in New York City on the panel. The
discussion was part of Starr’s “On Topic” series of talks.

**Marymount University President Matthew D. Shank** stressed three simple concepts during
the commencement address he gave at the American University in the Emirates (AUoE)—recognize
our gifts, seize opportunities and serve others. Speaking at the ceremony for the university’s fourth
commencement was an opportunity that grew out of a partnership between Marymount and
AUoE, which offers an American curriculum, classes in English, and a general education
undergraduate core. It is one of the fastest growing universities in that country. The ceremony
was held December 19th at Dubai World Trade Center. In the audience was High Highness Sheikh
Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashed Al Maktoum and other dignitaries. President Shank, who
serves on the board of trustees at AUoE, met its president when Dr. Muthanna G. Abdul Razzaq and
his family were visiting Washington two years ago. Future plans include sending Marymount
students to study abroad in Dubai and for the AUoE students to study at Marymount.

**Trinity Washington University President Patricia McGuire** continued her busy winter:

- She has penned several op-eds and essays including:
  - One in which she took aim at the U.S. Department of Education’s proposed new
    regulations for teacher education. In her blog published by the Huffington Post, she
    wrote a critique, “Teacher Regulations Worthy of George Orwell.” The
    Washington Post took notice and published her op-ed as, “University President:
    Obama’s Proposed Regs on Teacher Education are ‘Orwellian’;”
  - An op-ed she was invited to write for the Chronicle of Higher Education about the
    federal proposed college rankings system which she strongly critiqued in her piece,
    “Federal Ratings System Is a Lose-Lose Proposition;”
  - An op-ed published in the Hechinger Report, a media outlet focused on educational
    issues. Her op-ed addressed the ways that “Catholic colleges and universities live
    up to the Gospel imperative for social justice,” particularly by making higher
    education affordable and accessible for low-income students. She noted, “Trinity
today continues to demolish barriers that inhibit access to higher education for
marginalized students;” and
  - “Embracing the Paradigm Shift,” a Chapter in a President Perspectives: A Higher
    Education Thought Leadership Series, published by Aramark. In her perspectives on
    the transformation of Trinity, she wrote, “Today, 25 years after the paradigm
    shift began at Trinity, a dramatically different institution has emerged with a
stronger sense of its historic mission than ever before but articulated in bold new ways to new populations across five academic schools;” and

- She was quoted in several media outlets including:
  - Two articles in *Politico* about the December release of the White House college rankings proposal. “Clues to the College Rating Plan Mystery,” and “GOP gives ‘feds’ college rating plan an F.” She noted that by accepting a high number of low-income students, an institution like Trinity could get a lower rating in the proposed system: “It’s an effort to boil all of what a university does down to a single score,” she said. “And there’s a lot at stake if the federal government says you’re an ‘A’ institution or a ‘D’ institution;”
  - A feature article in the *Washington City Paper* about TheDream.US Scholarship program, which provides scholarships to Dreamers. Trinity is the only university in DC to partner with TheDreamUS. The article focused on Trinity’s program, featuring interviews with two Trinity students—Sadhana Singh and Andrea Pinillos—and a photo of Sadhana. The article also included interviews from TheDreamUS founder Donald Graham and program director Gaby Pacheco and was entitled, “Living the Dream: This Nonprofit Helps College Become a Reality for Undocumented Immigrants;” (for more on TheDream US and Trinity see Spotlight: Students; and
  - She was quoted extensively in an article in *Bizwomen*, published by the Business Journals group, about DC being led by three women—the mayor, the police chief, and the superintendent of schools. The article opened with President McGuire talking about this notable leadership at Trinity Winter Graduation in January and quoted her about the importance of having strong women role models. “The nation’s capital has three women in charge for the first time. Here’s why that’s a (very) good thing.”

The search for the 11th President of Gallaudet University continues as the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) announced on January 9th that the formal position description has been finalized and will appear in a variety of print and electronic publications. Duane Halliburton, Chair of the PSAC, stated that the position description will remain on the committee’s website for the duration of the search and he encouraged its circulation. Additionally Halliburton invited nominations and application for President; the review of which will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The deadline for applications in March 2nd.

George Washington University President Steven Knapp and his dog Ruffles were pictured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* story about several university presidents and their dogs.

**Campus News**

Gallaudet University has established a collaborative agreement with Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) in Charlotte, North Carolina, to enhance educational opportunities for future sign language interpreters. The partnership allows students in the two-year Associate in Applied Science Degree in Interpretation Education Program at CPCC to transfer credits into Gallaudet’s four-year Bachelor of Arts in Interpretation (BAI) program. Students will live, study, and interact with deaf and hard of hearing people from the United States and abroad on
Gallaudet’s bilingual campus. Gallaudet in the only university in the world that offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees in interpretation studies.

Speaking candidly and with the unimpeachable perspective of personal experience, retired Air Force General and National Intelligence University alumnus Michael Hayden (’80), provided a thought-provoking retrospective on the creation and impact of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 at the inaugural lecture of the NIU Foundation Speaker Series in mid-December in Tysons Corner, VA. After being introduced by another distinguished NIU alumnus, former Director of National Intelligence John M. “Mike” McConnell (’71), Hayden was interviewed by Michael Allen, former senior White House and congressional official.

The Catholic University of America and Australian Catholic University (ACU) are creating a new joint Rome Center bringing together students and professors from both universities for study, spirituality, and immersion in the rich Italian culture at the center of the Catholic Church, just over a mile from the Vatican. When it opens in September 2015, the Rome Center of The Catholic University of America and Australian Catholic University will offer newly renovated living quarters for undergraduates, a wing for graduate students, apartments for visiting faculty, a studio for architecture majors, a chapel, and a garden, among other amenities. Leaders of ACU visited Catholic University on January 29th for meetings on the Rome Center and an official signing ceremony for the MOU.

The George Washington University’s online programs in education and business saw their rankings improve this year, while the School of Nursing (SON) remained in the top 10 nationally in the latest online rankings by U.S. News & World Report. The Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD) jumped into the top 10 of online graduate education programs, coming in at number eight. GW’s SON remains in the top 10, coming in at 9.

The Greater Washington economy is at risk of trailing other major metro areas if there isn’t more regional cooperation and diversification away from government-related business. Economist and George Mason University professor Stephen Fuller delivered his downbeat message to the 23rd annual Cardinal Bank and George Mason University Greater Washington Economic Conference on January 15th. Professor Fuller also said that local leaders and residents are “in denial” about the fundamental problems with the regional economy with the region adding more low-paying jobs but fewer high-paying jobs due to shrinking federal government and government-related activities. Solution proposed by Dr. Fuller included identifying the region’s collective assets; focusing regional approaches on economic development; reducing conflicting messaging and predatory practices; and bolstering regional hubs including Union State and Dulles Airport.

The University of Maryland was named a Best Value College by The Princeton Review which ranked it No. 17 for most politically active students and No. 21 for top undergraduate entrepreneurship programs. UM also ranks in the Top 10 of Kiplingers Best Values in Public Colleges and is rated Top 10 Public College for 2015 by The Business Journals.

In American University’s annual holiday video greeting, Clawed Z. Eagle helps AU celebrate the holidays. As of early January 2015, the various web and social media promotions of the video reached almost 145,000 people. On YouTube, the video netted more than 8,300 views. Users
watched an average of 2:53 (total video time run of 3:58). Clawed’s Gift also received more than 2,600 likes on Facebook and almost 100 comments and 400 shares.

On December 2nd, the Gallaudet University Real Estate Development team and the JGB Companies hosted an open house workshop on the Sixth Street Development for the Gallaudet community. The event marked another important step forward in the Sixth Street Development, building with the Board of Trustees’ approval of the JGB Companies as the university’s development partner in October. The development, which is expected to occur in phases over the next 10 years, will create opportunities for Gallaudet students, staff, and faculty in terms of employment, internships, training and collaborations. Booths at the event featured different themes of the development including DeafSpace; Community/Housing; Retail; Public Realm; Academic Programing; Innovation Lab; and Overall Vision. Participants’ opinions about the development were collected and will be sued to assist in the shaping of the development going forward.

DC Councilmember Vincent B. Orange has introduced legislation that would make the University of the District of Columbia Community College free, eliminate up-front tuition and fee costs for the University of the District of Columbia in exchange for a student’s commitment to pay a small percentage of his or her adjusted gross income following graduation for a set number of years; and rename UDC the Marion S. Barry University of the District of Columbia after the late mayor and councilmember. Council chairman Phil Mendelson, to whose Committee of the Whole all three bills were referred, said that renaming UDC after former Mayor Barry was premature. The other bills face legislative obstacles due to their high costs.

**GREEN CAMPUS**

Members of Team Capitol DC—architecture, engineering, and communications students from The Catholic University of America, the George Washington University and American University—reunited in December to receive a Presidential Citation in Sustainable Design from the head of the DC Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for Harvest Home, which was designed and built for the 2013 U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon. It placed seventh in the competition. The house was designed and built at Catholic University beginning in 2011 before it was moved to the Solar Decathlon competition in California in fall 2013. Since the competition, it was donated to Wounded Warrior Homes, a nonprofit organization in Southern California that serves medically discharged, single men and women of the armed forces with traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

This is the fifth year Howard University has participated in RecycleMania. Domenio Smith from the Office of Sustainability is leading the competition. They have provided students in residence halls with recycling bins as well equipped Resident Assistants with recycling training so they could pass along the information to their residents. During the competition 461 participating colleges report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week. The goal is to increase recycling rates at institutions of higher education.

The University of Maryland is also participating in RecycleMania February 1st to March 28th. Students have been invited to recycle as many eligible items as possible. In addition, students have been asked to compost food scraps and paper containers to add to the UM total.

**Class Notes**

On Thursday, January 15th, Gallaudet University and the New Student Orientation (NSO) committee welcomed new transfer and undergraduate students to the university. The students first completed the registration process in the Student Academic Center (SAC) before diving into the orientation activities. In addition to academic advising, placement testing, and course registration, the NSO included a number of informational sessions pertaining to life on campus. During these sessions the newcomers learned about the Department of Public Safety, life in the residence halls, campus sexual misconduct policies, tips on leading a healthy lifestyle on campus, university traditions, and the Student Body Government (SBG). The orientation weekend was wrapped up with a tour of the university, ice skating, and a dinner off campus.

Trinity Washington University awarded more than 200 diplomas at its Winter Graduation in January 2015.

The University of Maryland Admissions Office has instituted a new program this year sending a team of university staff to the home of randomly selected students who have been admitted but not yet enrolled. The personal approach is giving admitted student their news with the assistance of Testudo, UM’s mascot.

**Academic Affairs**

American University is now offering students a joint degree program in partnership with Columbia University’s Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. Students will spend three or four years as full-time students at AU, followed by two years as full-time students at Columbia Engineering. They will graduate with a BA from AU in the natural sciences and a BS in a specific engineering major from Columbia University.

During the summer of 2014, the Gallaudet University Department of Psychology requested students to submit a variety of writings related to psychology. The department was delighted with the results as many students not only submitted their manuscripts, but volunteered to serve as reviewers. The result was the online version of the third volume of Gallaudet Chronicles of Psychology. Shortly after the January publication, student Editors-in-Chief Joanna Dziura and Gregory Farber announced that articles could now be submitted for the fourth volume. Students have until February 28th to submit their work for consideration of inclusion.

**Research and Technology**
La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company, a leader in the development of innovative therapies intended to significantly improve outcomes in patients suffering from life-threatening diseases, and the **George Washington University** announced on December 9th that La Jolla and GW had entered into an exclusive worldwide license agreement for GW intellectual property rights covering the use of angiotensin II for the therapeutic treatment of patients with hypotension and shock. La Jolla plans to initiate a phase 3 registration program of LJPC-501, La Jolla’s proprietary formulation of angiotensin II in catecholamine-resistant hypotension (CRH), in the first quarter of 2015.

In 2010, **American University** associate anthropology professor and historical archaeologist Daniel Sayers received a three-year $200,000 We the People Collaborative grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support his Great Dismal Swamp Landscape Study (GDSLS). The study is an ongoing and interdisciplinary exploration of the resistance communities that lived in the swamp interior from the 1600s through the Civil War. In December, Sayers published the results of his research as a book, *A Desolate Place for a Defiant People: The Archaeology of Maroons, Indigenous Americans, and Enslaved Laborers in the Great Dismal Swamp* (University of Florida Press and The Society of Historical Archaeology).

**George Washington University’s Global Women’s Institute** (GWI) hosted a panel on December 3rd to discuss a GWI paper published November 21st in *The Lancet* on preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG). Mary Ellsberg, director of GWI, co-authored one of the five papers published in the special edition that studies the effectiveness of violence-reducing programs around the world. The publication was produced in collaboration with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine of the World Health Organization. A second event took place at the World Bank Group later that afternoon involving the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and GWI to launch a new resource guide for integrating VAWG prevention and response.

According to a new **GW Battleground Poll** released December 18th, Americans continue to hold strong negative views about the state of the economy and a grim outlook for the next generation’s financial prospects. Americans are uncertain about the direction of the economy and 77 percent of poll respondents are at least somewhat worried about current economic conditions. The nationwide poll of registered voters also found that 31 percent of respondents think the economy is getting worse and another 25 percent say the economy is poor and staying the same. Just 11 percent say the economy is good and staying the same and 30 percent believe the economy is getting better. The poll, which surveyed 1,000 registered likely voters nationwide December 7th to 11th, was conducted in partnership with The Tarrance Group and Lake Research Partners.

**American University’s School of Communications** professor W. Joseph Campbell’s new book, *1995: The Year the Future Began* examines a pivotal year in recent American history that was defined by significant developments in new media, domestic terrorism, crime and justice, international diplomacy, and political scandal. The book offers fresh insights into five decisive moments of 1995 and discusses how each has exerted lasting influence on American society, policy and culture.

Results from a 2014 preliminary study led by Gustavo Hormiga, biology professor in **George Washington University’s** Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, suggest that the two types of webs of orb weaving spiders actually evolved independently or had a much more ancient origin.
than is commonly thought. Further, the new data shows that other families—such as jumping spiders and wolf spiders—may have actually descended from orb weaving ancestors. This research could reverse decades of thought about the orb weaving spider’s 230-million-year-old history. Dr. Hormiga and his colleagues from Harvard University have received new funding from the National Science Foundation to expand their research using modern DNA sequencing methods.

**American University** linguistics professor Naomi Baron has written a new book exploring the differences between reading on screen and in print reviewing how people consume material in an e-book verses a print book. According to her research, depending on the circumstances, how the material is presented makes a difference. For the past 20 years Professor Baron has been probing how technology shapes the ways we speak and listen, read and write. In her new book, *Words Onscreen: The Fate of Reading in a Digital World* (Oxford University Press), Baron uncovers the advantages and disadvantages of e-reading and makes a case for educators, parents and policy makers to slow down the rush to digitize all reading.

The **Howard University Center on Race and Wealth** released a new report on payday lending practices. The report found that these actions worsen economic conditions in targeted low and moderate income communities. While these loans give consumers short-term convenience, they have high fees and triple digit interest rates. The report also recommended government action to limit these practices.

The **George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health** held an all-day event December 5th to highlight the challenges and opportunities faced by high school students from Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as they transition from high school to adulthood. **GW Board of Trustees Chair Nelson Carbonell** spoke at the event, which highlighted the work of the Autism Transition Project (ATP), a two-year research initiative that aims to better understand from the school and family perspective what the challenges and opportunities are as high school students with ASD prepare for the adult world.

**George Washington University’s Cyber Academy** hosted a special presentation on the potential intersection of cybersecurity and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). The December 9th event, “ISIS: A Future Cyber Threat?” featured special guest speaker Col. (Ret.) Gabi Siboni, senior research fellow, director of the military and strategic affairs program and director of the cybersecurity program at Tel Aviv University’s Institute for National Security Studies.

**P-20**

**Georgetown University** hosted the annual Junior Science and Humanities Symposium for high school students from over 20 DC-area high schools. The symposium, held over two days, included lectures from researchers and faculty members, tours of laboratories, and other events to experience the sciences on a college campus.

For the fourth consecutive year, **George Washington University** hosted the finals of the Siemens Foundation annual Siemens’s Competition in Math, Science & Technology, where 20 top contenders competed to win up to $100,000 in scholarship funds. The competition, held December 6th through 9th, showcased the original research projects of high school science students
from across the country. On the last day of the competition, *The Atlantic* hosted a series of discussions focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) research and activities. The program featured prominent STEM practitioners and experts in policy, technology and education, including Russell Shilling, executive director of STEM initiatives at the U.S. Department of Education; and Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Frank Sesno, director of the GW School of Media and Public Affairs moderated one of the panels and GW Provost Steven Lerman gave opening remarks.

The **University of Maryland** is encouraging local Middle and High School students to explore college life:

- Middle School students are invited to participate in the Discovery Program, July 19th o 31st, 2015. Students will be able to discover academic and career opportunities, learn about college life and engage with experts in innovative classes; and
- High school students can apply to the Young Scholars program, July 12-31st, 2015. Participants can pursue their academic interests, discover career opportunities, earn three university credits and explore college life.

**Georgetown University’s Center for Social Justice** has launched a pilot program at Nalle Elementary School in DC’s Ward 7 to provide afterschool tutoring in science and engineering. The program will help students learn more about science and engineering, gain awareness of STEM careers, and improve academic performance in these fields.

**International Relations**

On February 10th, the **Institute for National Strategic Studies** and the **William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies** at the **National Defense University** hosted a conference entitled “Beyond Convergence: A World Without Order.” The conference was a follow up discussion to the Center for Complex Operations’ 2013 release of the report, “Convergence: Illicit Networks and National Security in the Age of Globalization” focused on the range of new actors threatening world order. Topics of discussion included non-state adversaries and illicit networks including terrorists, insurgents and transnational criminal organizations and how these groups are aligning and allying to create international blocs hostile to U.S. interests.

**Howard University** Assistant Provost for International Programs and Dean of the College of Pharmacy Anthony Wutoh, PH.D., recently led a delegation to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to celebrate the successful implementation of the Clinical Pharmacy Twinning Project, conducted with the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) in collaboration with Addis Ababa University School of Pharmacy. Dean Wutoh was accompanied by Dr. Bisrat Hailemeskel, associate professor of clinical and administrative pharmacy sciences, and principal investigator for the Clinical Pharmacy Twinning Project. Jeronimo Augusto, program manager for international programs, was also part of the **Howard University** delegation visit November 6th to 8th.

On December 2nd, Lu Wei, Minister of Cyber Administration for the People’s Republic of China, participated in a **George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs** event focused on the bilateral relationship in cyberspace between the U.S. and China. **GW President Steven Knapp** gave opening remarks.
National Intelligence University officials joined 120 participants from over 25 countries, including a rich mix of government officials, academics and practitioners in the field of intelligence and security studies at the 20th edition of “Intelligence in the Knowledge Society” conference in Bucharest sponsored by Romania’s “Michael the Brave” National Intelligence Academy. The conference focused on “Security Today: New Drivers, Challenges and Opportunities.” Larry Hiponia, Director of the NIU Center for International Engagement, provided welcoming remarks and Dr. Cathryn Thurston, NIU Vice President for Research, presented a paper on “Helping People Forge Peace: Intelligence Support to Third Party Intervention.” Dr. Thurston was also a discussant for another panel.

**CAMPUS SUPPORT**

Howard University was awarded a $25,000 grant from the Home Depot “Retool Your School Program” which the Office of Sustainability used to create a new Transportation HUB on campus. Howard was one of three schools to win in the $25,000 Campus Pride Award category. The Home Depot 2014 Retool Your School Campus Improvement Grant Program is designed to reinvigorate the appearance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The Catholic University of America’s School of Business and Economics has received a commitment of up to $3 million from a group of donors including the Charles Koch Foundation ($1,750,000), the Busch Family Foundation ($500,000), and three business leaders (each contributing $250,000) to support additional faculty members who will bolster the school’s goal of advancing the study and practice of principled entrepreneurship. The $3 million pledge comes a little more than a year since the Charles Koch Foundation and the Busch Family Foundation committed $1 million and $500,000 respectively, to the business and economics school to support four visiting scholars researching principled entrepreneurship as a catalyst for improving society’s well-being. The four additional faculty, who may be hired as early as fall 2015, will be long-term scholars who will teach in the management area and share a common focus in research on the integration of Catholic social doctrine within business professions.

The Howard University School of Divinity has received a $500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. to launch an innovative program to strengthen fundraising. The funds will be used to introduce a more inclusive approach to fundraising within the School of Divinity. The grant is part of Lilly Endowment’s nationwide initiative to support historic African-American theological schools. This foundation was created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family.

**CAMPUS MOVERS AND SHAKERS**

Trinity President Patricia McGuire announced the appointment of Dr. Carlota Ocampo as Provost. Dr. Ocampo first joined the Trinity community in 1997, as a member of the faculty in psychology, and has served in several administrative positions since 2008. Prior to her appointment in December 2014, she served as interim provost for six months. Dr. Ocampo is a summa cum laude graduate of Howard University in psychology, where she also earned her master’s and doctorate in neuropsychology.
Howard University has named Carrolyn J. Bostick as Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness effective March 2nd. This position will allow Bostick to optimize and streamline the university’s organizational effectiveness to reinforce Howard’s movement toward a more strategic HR function. She currently serves as Assistant Administrator for Human Resource Management for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Pamela R. Jeffries, inaugural Vice Provost of Digital Initiatives at the Johns Hopkins University, will join the George Washington University School of Nursing as its next dean on April 6th. In her more than 30 years in academia, Dr. Jeffries has held several faculty and leadership positions and has received awards and honors in recognition of her work in higher education and her many accomplishments and innovations in preparing future nurses.

Howard University has named Carlos De La Rosa as its new Chief Information Officer, managing the university’s technology services, infrastructure and operations. De La Rosa has served as technology leader and consultant to LogiAnalytics. He holds a BA in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree from Harvard University.

Distinguished development economist Sabina Alkire will join George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs as the Oliver T. Carr Jr. Professor in International Affairs after directing Oxford University’s Poverty and Human Development Initiative for eight years. Dr. Alkire has gained global recognition for her work on multidimensional poverty measurement and analysis and development economics, the measurement of freedoms and human development.

Associate Professor of History Michael Kimmage at American University will spend 2015 working in the Department of State’s Office of Policy and Planning as part of the Franklin Fellows Program. The Franklin Fellows Program provides opportunities for experts with at least five years of relevant professional experience to devote one to two years of public service working for the Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Office of Policy and Planning provides longer-term analytical thinking on the problems of the day, according to Kimmage, who will be working on issues related to Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia.

Chryssa Kouveliotou, a higher energy astrophysicist at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center, joined the Department of Physics at the George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences in February. Dr. Kouveliotou, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, is studying gamma-ray bursts to learn more about the formation and expansion of our universe.

The Howard University Office of the Provost sponsored its first TEDxHowardUniversity Event. The theme of the event was “Discoveries.” Speakers included Gary L. Harris, Ph.D., Associate Provost of Research and Graduate Studies; James Lindesay, Ph.D., Professor of Physics; Gregory Carr, Ph.D./JD, Chair, Afro-American Studies; and Muriel Logan, retired principal and teacher. Topics of discussion included some of the exciting discoveries of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries in quantum materials, black hole theory, and the age-defying impact of modern technology. It also touched on the dynamic talent of today’s youth and the cultural
diversity of the community. The event also featured the Malcolm X Drummers and Dancers and the Jones-Haywood School of Dance.

Recently, several George Washington University staff members were acknowledged for excellent performance including:

- Vice Provost and Dean of Student Affairs Peter Konwerski, (BA ’91; MA, ’93; Ph.D. ’97), who was recognized with the NASPA—Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Region II Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance by a Dean. Dr. Konwerski’s modern approach to higher education leadership is built on student engagement and digital communication;

- GW Law School Dean Blake D. Morant who was officially installed on January 4th as president of the Association of American Law Schools during its annual meeting. Mr. Morant has been active in the association—which comprises 178 member law schools and seeks to advance excellence in legal education—for more than two decades, previously serving as its president-elect for a year; and

- Devin Belzer, coordinator of veteran services in GW’s Office of Military and Veteran Student Services, recently received a Patriot Award from Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve within the Department of Defense—a recognition celebrating supervisors and bosses for support provided to a nominating member of the National Guard or Army Reserve.

**BIG MEN (AND WOMEN) ON CAMPUS**

On December 1st, U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA), visited George Washington University’s Virginia Science and Technology Campus, where he joined GW President Steven Knapp for a behind-the-scenes tour of the School of Nursing’s state-of-the-art Skills and Simulation Lab. Following the tour, Sen. Kaine addressed nursing students presenting their senior capstone projects. The visit allowed Sen. Kaine to see firsthand how healthcare professionals are practicing critical thinking skills that translate into enhanced clinical reasoning and judgment.

The George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute (HSPI) hosted the Honorable John S. Pistole on December 3rd for a discussion where he reflected on his 4 ½ years leading the U.S. Transportation Security Administration and his prior service at the FBI, where he served as deputy director from 2004 to 2010. Mr. Pistole’s remarks were followed by a discussion with the audience, moderated by HSFP Director Frank Cilluffo.

On December 8th, Comedy Central’s “The Colbert Report” brought its Emmy-winning blend of news and satirical comedy to the nation’s capital, to record a special episode at George Washington University’s Lisner Auditorium which featured President Barack Obama. Free tickets to “Stephen Colbert Presents: Mr. Colbert Goes to Washington, D.C. Ya Later, Legislator: Partisan is Such Sweet Sorrow: A Colbert Victory Lap, ’014,” were available by lottery to GW students.

Also on December 8th, George Washington University’s Milken Institute School of Public Health (SPH) hosted a taping of a portion of WETA-TV’s new series Cancer: The
Emperor of All Maladies, A Conversation,” which will premiere on PBS on March 30th and run through April 1st. The taping was held in the Milken Institute SPH building’s first-floor auditorium. The discussion was led by Katie Couric, Yahoo! News global news anchor and co-founder of Stand Up To Cancer, with participation from Ken Burns, executive producer and series creative consultant for “Cancer: Emperor of All Maladies;” Siddhartha Mukherjee, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer; and Sharon Percy Rockefeller, WETA-TV president and CEO.

On December 15th, Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, spoke to first-year medical students at George Washington University’s School of Medicine and Health Sciences about the history of HIV/AIDS in the United States and how the virus changed the trajectory of his career. Dr. Fauci has been instrumental in the understanding of and fight against HIV/AIDS, both in the United States and abroad. His research has led to therapies that could extend the life of a HIV/AIDS patient by 50 years.

Mary Cheney, daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney, spoke to American University students. Mary Cheney has been both a successful businesswoman and political adviser. Despite her high profile family pedigree, she mainly works behind the scene now. But she has a number of informed opinions, and she shared them with the student audience on January 21st.

The University of the District of Columbia’s David A. Clarke School of Law and the College of Arts and Sciences co-sponsored UDC’s spring semester “Big Read” lecture series, featuring civil rights icon, Congressman John Lewis. The distinguished lawmaker and his co-author Andrew Aydin discussed their award-winning graphic novel March before a capacity crowd, on Thursday February 12th in the university’s Theater of the Arts Auditorium. The free event was followed by a public reception and book signing for those in attendance. The program was held as part of the university’s observance of Africa-American History Month.

FBI Director James Comey delivered a nationally recognized speech on race relations at Georgetown University on February 12th. In his speech, Director Comey admitted that historically law enforcement has enforced laws based on race and that unconscious racial bias exists in the nation’s “white-majority culture.” He also admitted that law enforcement officers sometimes take “lazy mental shortcuts” resulting in racial profiling. Director Comey concluded by saying that he hoped his remarks would be part of the conversation and the solution as discussions continue on how to improve police performance against people of color.

Trinity Washington University welcomed to campus veteran journalists Tom Sherwood (NBC4 Washington) and Harry Jaffe (Washingtonian magazine), for a lively discussion of their book about DC Dream City. Several Trinity classes are reading and discussing the book in their class; when Trinity President Patricia McGuire mentioned this to the authors, they offered to come to campus to discuss the book. The room was standing room only as students asked lots of questions and Sherwood and Jaffe kept the conversation provocative, insightful and engaging.

Marymount University will host Dr. Jane Goodall at DAR Constitution Hall on Friday, April 17th. Dr. Goodall is a famed primatologist, conservationist, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute (janegoodall.org) and UN Messenger of Peace. Proceeds from the event will help establish a fund
at Marymount that will enhance the work of volunteerism and the community engagement through campus grants and capacity building. Tickets went on sale through Ticketmaster on February 16th. New information can be found at http://www.marymount.edu/Home/News-Events/News?newslk=58.

**Spotlight: Students**

**National Intelligence University** celebrated an important milestone in late December as Greg Meyer (’14) became the first student to complete the Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) degree program at the NIU Southern Academic Center in Tampa, Florida. NIU established the Tampa-based academic center in 2012 in cooperation with U.S. Central Command. Meyer completed his intelligence master’s degree while working real-world intelligence issues during the day at his full-time job and participating in the university’s two-year part-time program in the evenings.

Mariana Rivera, a junior in the George Washington University Corcoran School of the Arts and Design curated the Mexican Cultural Institute’s “Contemporary Identities/Invisible Gestures” exhibition, presented in collaboration with the Iberoamerican Cultural Attachés Association and in conjunction with Fotoweek D.C. Through images shot by artists from all over Latin America, Spain and Portugal, the show examines how the digital world has affected social identity in Iberoamerican society. The exhibition ran through January 31st.

The tragic events in Ferguson, Missouri have reverberated everywhere. Many American University students have had an emotional reaction to both the killing of Michael Brown and the grand jury’s decision not to indict the police officer responsible. Students have taken part in demonstrations and discussions on and off campus. In a variety of formats, they’ve worked to generate constructive dialogue on police brutality and racism. The University of Maryland has also explored the events that occurred in Ferguson. The university and surrounding community have been invited to attend ongoing events and teach-ins aligned with the national BlackLivesMatter Movement.

**Trinity Washington University** nursing senior Martece Yates is featured in a new documentary film, Southeast 67, which chronicles the lives of 67 students from DC who were part of Stewart Bainum’s I Have A Dream program, which provides wrap-around support services and colleges scholarships to students, starting in junior high in 1988, to encourage them to complete high school and continue on to college. The documentary will premiere at the Independent Filmfest on February 27th.

Vince Bantu, a doctoral student in Catholic University’s Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures, is among 20 recent recipients of a 2014 Forum for Theological Exploration Fellowship for Doctoral Students of African Descent. The fellowship stipend of up to $20,000 will support Bantu’s studies as he finishes his doctorate. He says he hopes to teach seminary students in the future.

American University student Maria Rose Belding has been recognized for her work to fight hunger. She received a 2015 President Clinton Hunger Leadership Award. Named in honor of
President Bill Clinton for his commitment to humanitarian causes, the award recognizes an undergraduate or graduate student who has proven outstanding leadership in the movement to end hunger. Belding received a $1,500 cash prize from Stop Hunger Now at the Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit on February 21st at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Canada. Belding plans to use her grant to continue her fight to end hunger.

Peter Sacco, a senior in the George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, received the District of Columbia Government Service Star on December 2nd at the 2014 Mayor’s Community Service Awards. Mr. Sacco, who serves on an Advisory Neighborhood Commission and Serve DC (The DC Commission on National and Community Service), was one of eight people or organizations honored by the mayor’s office. The Mayor’s Community Service Awards are given to DC residents who demonstrate exceptional commitment to DC communities through service and volunteerism. The Government Service Star recognizes service connected to a government agency.

The work of Catholic University architecture and planning students was showcased in January and February at the District Architecture Center (DAC) SIGAL Gallery by the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA DC) and the Washington Architectural Foundation. The month-long exhibit, “Aedificium Memorarium + Aedes Mortis: Buildings of Memories/Houses of Death,” presented the Spring Semester 2014 work of students from Catholic University’s Comprehensive Building Design Studio. Students in the studio class used Historic Congressional Cemetery as a theoretical site. Working in teams of three or four, the students designed Aedificium Memorarium (buildings of memories) and Aedes Mortis (houses of death). In their designs, they focused on the emotional and spiritual dimensions of architecture, while also balancing the economical and functional requirements to build one of two buildings within the cemetery.

Trinity Washington University Dreamers Student Scholars were featured on the front page of El Tiempo, the leading Spanish language publication in the region, in an article and an extensive video package about Trinity’s Dreamers Program, in partnership with TheDream US Scholarships program, which provides scholarships to undocumented students. (For more on TheDream US and Trinity, see Spotlight: Presidents.)

The JoLT (Journalism Leadership Transformation) initiative launched in January 2015 has named three Fellows at American University. The JoLT initiative is aimed at defining disruptive leadership in media and journalism as graduate students study the fields through the lens of game design theory and systems thinking.

Fourteen Charles (Chuck) F.C. Ruff Fellows, graduates of George Washington University Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, American University Washington School of Law and Howard University School of Law have begun work at the DC Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The fellows are funded jointly by the schools and the OAG and are chosen by the schools and the Attorney General’s office in a competition among top graduates from each school. They will work in several different Divisions of the office for the next year. Three previous classes totaling 43 Ruff Fellows worked at OAG during the last three years with several being hired for permanent positions in the office.
A science project designed by Shayda Shahbazi and XiXi Ni, two seniors in George Washington University’s School of Engineering and Applied Science, reached the International Space Station on January 12th on board SpaceX’s Falcon 9 rocket after the original experiment aboard the Antares rocket exploded on October 28th. The two students, along with two Georgetown University students, are aiming to assess the effects of microgravity, or “weightlessness,” on seed germination. The team is part of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP), an experiment design competition. SSEP judges chose the GW-Georgetown team’s winning research proposal along with 17 others from more than 1,400 entries.

**CAMPUS LIFE**

The University of the District of Columbia marked the bicentennial birthday of its abolitionist founder, Myrtilla Miner during their Founder Day observance on February 19th. During the program, extended remarks were given by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, with the keynote address delivered by DC Public Schools Chancellor, Kaya Henderson. Miner, who established Miner School for Colored Girls (Miner Normal School, Miner Teacher’s College) in 1851, was born on March 4, 1815. Considered by many to be the “mother” of public education in the nation’s capital, she fought against the odds to ensure learning opportunities for African-American girls and earned Congressional support for her groundbreaking institution. Miner’s efforts to privately educate minority youth and the resulting backlash from the broader community were the catalyst for increased support of public education for all children in the nation’s capital, and ultimately to the establishment of the public university that UDC is today.

The launch of the Healthy GW initiative at the George Washington University was commemorated with the grand opening ceremony of the new Colonial Health Center on January 14th. The center is housed in the Marvin Center and combines GW’s Student Health Service, University Counseling Center and the Center for Alcohol and other Drug Education.

Members of The Catholic University of America community were encouraged to become “merciful teachers who wake up the world” during the university’s annual Mass in Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, held January 27th in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass, which is held annually on or around the feast of the university patron St. Thomas Aquinas, was celebrated by the Very Rev. Ken Letoile, O.P., prior provincial for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, with more than 50 celebrants from CUA, the Dominican House of Studies, and neighboring seminaries and consecrated houses of studies. Patrick Lofton, Executive Vice President of the National Catholic Educational Association, served as lector. This year’s Mass was broadcast on EWTN and CatholicTV. Cosponsored by CUA, the Dominican House of Studies and the National Catholic Educational Association, it was held in celebration of National Catholic Schools Week for the third year in a row.

**CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY**

Homeless veterans in the Washington, DC area have been given a big hand by Marymount University. Marymount donated more than $250,000 worth of used furniture and other items
to help furnish transitional or permanent housing for them. The donation included more than 400 surplus beds, 80 chairs, and 45 dressers, along with desks, filing cabinets, and carpeting from the university’s Ballston Center, which is being redeveloped.

The **University of Maryland** has made several changes in community leadership. The **College Park City University Partnership** is under new direction with former College Park Councilmember Eric Olson at the helm. In addition, **University of Maryland President Loh** has been appointed Chair of the College Park Academy while former Howard County Executive Ken Ulman has been tapped to bring more businesses and investors to the region. The appointment of Mr. Ulman represents the sustained efforts by the university to make College Park a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching renewed **Georgetown University**’s classification for community engagement, the most prestigious recognition of an institution of higher education’s commitment to community engagement. The classification is valid for 10 years until 2025. Since 2008, when **Georgetown** first received the classification, the university has created a new **Office of Community Engagement** and an **Office of Global Engagement**, developed new curricular programs with strong community engagement components, and strengthened existing student service and experiential learning opportunities.

One hundred and seventy four students, faculty and staff provided nearly 7,000 hours of community service in disadvantaged U.S. and Latin American communities as part of the **George Washington University**’s weeklong Alternative Winter Break program. Seven trips, organized by the **Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service**, tackled issues of sustainability, community health, housing, poverty, education and urban restoration in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Indian River County (FL), Los Angeles, New Orleans, Nicaragua and Puerto Rico between January 4th and 12th. Six of the seven sites were return visits for **GW**, with university volunteers working alongside local partner organizations in each community.

The **University of Maryland** is hosting a “Lose It to Win It” competition challenging participants to lose 4 pounds by December 2015. The student-led initiative is being sponsored by the School of Public Health and is challenging 250,000 Prince George’s County residents to lose one million pounds in one year.

The **Howard University College of Dentistry** hosted the annual “Give Kids a Smile Day” for children ranging from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. This day seeks to address oral health care and break down barriers to dental care for these families. This 12-year collaboration between **Howard University College of Dentistry**, the District of Columbia Dental Society, the American Dental Society, and the District of Columbia Public School System provides dental care to kids who normally wouldn’t receive these services.

**Consortium** members celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19th in many different ways:

- More than 700 students, faculty, and staff from **The Catholic University of America** served neighbors in need on Martin Luther King Jr. Day — the largest contingent in the 10 years the university has participated in the MLK Day of Service. It was the largest
community service event ever at Catholic University. Volunteers assembled in the Great Room of the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center on the morning of January 19th and then fanned out across Washington, DC. More than 15 buses transported volunteers to some of the 23 sites Catholic University partnered with that day. This was the 10th consecutive year Catholic University has organized service projects on MLK Day of Service which when it began in 2006 had 26 volunteers.

- **Georgetown University** hosted a Day of Service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Led by Georgetown’s Center for Social Justice, more than 300 students, faculty, and staff conducted service projects with community organizations, including the NIH Children’s Inn, Carver 200 Senior Residence, Martha’s Table, and many more. Participants ended the day by reflecting on their experience during a community lunch and celebration at the Cesar Chavez Public Charter Schools Parkside Campus. (See “Arts and Culture” for more on Georgetown University’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration);

- Members of the George Washington University community celebrated and honored the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., through service, leadership development and interfaith dialogue. This year GW partnered with Serve DC to jointly conduct the MLK Jr. Day of Service and Leadership event in which participants had the opportunity to either serve off campus in direct service projects or engage on campus through workshops and mobile service projects. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Charlene Drew Jarvis spoke at the opening event in the Marvin Center. In addition, three GW students, who are GW Jumpstart Team Leaders and AmeriCorps members, participated in a service project at a local Boys and Girls Club with President Barack Obama. GW President Steven Knapp and other members of the GW community also celebrated Dr. King with an event entitled “Reinvesting in the Dream featuring keynote speaker John Hope Bryant, founder and CEO of Operation Hope, on January 21st in Betts Theatre; and.

- Howard Dodson, director of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (MSRC) at Howard University delivered the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. address at Washington’s flagship library, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library. This speech is made in Dr. King’s honor every year. Dr. Dodson explained how the work and life of Dr. King inspired him to dedicate his life’s work preserving the history and culture of African-American life. The MSRC is one of the world’s largest and most comprehensive depositories for the documentation of the history and culture of people of African descent in Africa, the Americas and other parts of the world.

The City’s Neighborhood Quality of Life (NQoL) Committee of College Park, MD hosted a community forum, “Working, Living & Learning Together” in November. The meeting was an opportunity for city and University of Maryland stakeholders to discuss strategies to overcome the unique challenges of living in a college town. The committee compiled a list of resources and is continuing to address the quality of life issues in College Park.

Students in the Harrison Institute for Housing and Community Development at the Georgetown University Law Center played an instrumental role in the revitalization of Sierra Cooperative, an affordable housing building in the Eckington neighborhood of Washington, DC. The institute helped prevent a tax sale, assembled a financial package for renovating the building, and helped secure an architect and contractor to complete the renovation.
**ARTS AND CULTURE**

The **Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland** continues to build the future of the arts in Maryland by sponsoring performances in community spaces around College Park and with its plans to develop an art house performance space in downtown College Park. The goal of the Art development is to improve integration of the university and the city bringing jobs and revenue to the community and providing more space for social interaction and collaboration.

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (MSRC) at **Howard University** in partnership with Wikimedia DC hosted the “Black History Edit-a-thon” on the first floor of Founders Library in the MSRC Reading Room. Faculty, graduate students, and others were introduced to the skills needed to improve Wikipedia entries on African American and African Diasporic history and culture. Participants were also shown how to create new entries using MSRC’s collection of African documents, artifacts, archives and online resources.

The new **HonoringMary.cua.edu** website details the auxiliary programming created by **The Catholic University of America** for a landmark exhibit at the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) and features Marian artwork by many of the best-known Renaissance and Baroque artists. The website presents details about events and programming that complement the NMWA exhibit “Picturing Mary” Women, Mother, Idea” which runs through April 12. The School of Theology and Religious Studies is hosting a series of lectures to complement the Picturing Mary exhibit.

**Georgetown University** hosted the annual Let Freedom Ring celebration at the Kennedy Center on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. **Georgetown** recognized George Jones, CEO of Bread for the City, with the John Thompson, Jr. Legacy of a Dream award. The event also included a performance by Natalie Cole, with musical back-up provided by the Let Freedom Ring choir. (See “Campus and Community” for more on **Georgetown University’s** Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration)

**Marymount University’s** Barry Gallery will be showcasing the “Yes, It’s Colored Pencil” exhibit this winter. The exhibit opened January 16th and features 30 works from a group of Washington, DC area artists put together by Van Dyke, a nationally known curator and fine arts consultant. The Barry Gallery is located in the Reinsch Library at **Marymount’s** main campus, 2807 North Glebe Road and is open from 10:00 Am to 8:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Friday and Saturday. Admission is free. The exhibit will run through March 5th. For more information on the gallery go to [www.marymount.edu/barrygallery](http://www.marymount.edu/barrygallery).

The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) took a road trip as part of its NSO in Your Neighborhood series which included **Consortium** member campuses:

- **Trinity Washington University** welcomed members of the NSO and students from the Duke Ellington School of Arts for a brass ensemble concert in Notre Dame Chapel as a part of Brookland and NoMa (North of Massachusetts Avenue) swing of the NSO in Your Communities program;
• Staying in the Brookland neighborhood, Catholic University of America hosted hundreds of students, faculty members, and members of the community on January 12th as NSO Music Director Christoph Eschenbach, performed a free concert at CUA’s Hartke Theatre. The performance was the culmination of a week of events in the Brookland and NoMa (North of Massachusetts Avenue) neighborhoods of Washington, DC. The concert also marked the beginning of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, a year-long series of special events. In the hours leading up to the concert, a brass quartet from the NSO interacted with music students as part of Studio X, the music school’s weekly music colloquium in which undergraduates gather for presentation, performances and master classes; and

• The Howard University School of Divinity hosted the NSO on January 15th.

Hundreds of Washington, DC area music-lovers experienced a moment of solidarity with families in the Holy Land on Friday, December 5th during the 25th annual Christmas Concert for Charity. The concert, which was sponsored jointly by The Catholic University of America and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, raising $10,000 for the Holy Family of Bethlehem Hospital Foundation, an organization that supports a highly regarded infant and maternity hospital located 500 yards from the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem.

The Howard University Gospel Choir was featured on the John F Kennedy Center for Performing Arts Millennium Stage. The choir of students, alumni and community members performed for one hour, singing spiritual, traditional and contemporary gospel music. They also shared some music from Glorious G-d, it’s soon-to-be released album.

The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum will officially open to the public on March 21st with three inaugural exhibitions. The Textile Museum will debut “Unraveling Identity: Our Textiles, Our Stories,” with its largest exhibition to date, which will unite textiles from across cultures to explore expressions of individual, cultural, political and social identity through the ages. The Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Collection will feature exhibitions presenting historical items examining Washington, DC, during two different periods—“Seat of Empire: Planning Washington, 1790-1801” and “The Civil War and the Making of Modern Washington.”

The Deaf Women of Color (DWC) will be celebrating its tenth anniversary at Gallaudet University March 5th to 7th. The event’s theme is “Today’s Vision: Tomorrow’s Reality” and is designed to inspire and encourage DWC participants to advocate within their community and equip them with the necessary resources. The organization is expecting approximately 200 people from around the world to register, and the conference aims to benefit deaf women both economically and educationally, as well as promoting their awareness and empowerment in the communities in which they live. The conference will have hand-on activities, workshops, keynote speakers, exhibitions, meals, opening reception and a gala. Proceeds from the event will fund scholarships for underserved undergraduate and graduate deaf women of color.

The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum hosted its second lecture in “Voices of American Design,” a series of evening lectures that explore contemporary
design through textiles, wood and glass. The second lecture, “Taking Shape: How Natural Materials Can Inspire Design” was held in the Myers Room on January 8th.

Musical theatre students at Catholic University of America explored the material of one of today’s most well-known composers and lyricists in February’s staging of Unlimited: The Music and Lyrics of Stephen Schwartz made its premier at CUA. The revue, which was co-presented by the Musical Theatre Division of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music and No Rules Theatre Company in Arlington, VA, featured works by Grammy and Academy Award-winning composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz, who is best known for the Broadway hits Pippin, Godspell, and Wicked. Schwartz has also contributed lyrics for films, including Pocahontas, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Prince of Egypt, and Enchanted.

**SPORTS**

Howard University has named Shelley Davis Interim Director of Intercollegiate Athletics while searching for a permanent replacement. Davis joined Howard in July 2011 as the Senior Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator. Prior to joining the Howard family, Davis was Assistant Commissioner for Championships and Senior Woman Administrator at the Southwestern Athletic Conference, Director of Education and Professional Development at the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators and Assistant Athletic Director at North Carolina A&T State University. The previous Athletic Director, Louis “Skip” Perkins, is leaving to pursue other professional endeavors.

American University men’s basketball players John Schoof, Jesse Reed, and Pee Wee Gardner have each earned the moniker “Iron Man” for their uninterrupted play on the basketball court. They recently had the chance to meet the athlete that held that title first—former Baltimore Orioles baseball player Cal Ripken, Jr.

The George Washington University Men’s Basketball Team upset 11th-ranked Wichita State 60-54 to win the 2014 Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic in Honolulu on December 25th. The Colonials also beat Colorado 53-50 in the semifinals and Ohio 77-49 in the days leading up to the final.

**LIFE AFTER COLLEGE**

Trinity Washington University graduate Mary McGowan (’79) was named Chief Executive Officer of WomenHeart: The National Coalition of Women with Heart Disease, the nation’s only national organization solely devoted to women’s heart health and the support of the 43 million American women living with or at risk for heart disease. She had served as the organization’s Chief Operating Officer since 2010, immediately prior to assuming the role of CEO.

Arena Stage’s production of Fiddler on the Roof, staged October 31st to January 11th was a hit. Much of the praise from local media centered on the show’s strong cast, which included seven alumni of The Catholic University of America (CUA). Alumni cast members of Fiddler on the Roof

“Making History: The Campaign for GW” hosted its third in a series of kick-off events in various cities with alumni and friends of the university. The event in Miami was held on December 3rd.

Ted Leonsis, owner of two professional sports team in Washington—the Washington Capitals hockey team and the Washington Wizards basketball team—has been named the new chairman of the D.C. College Access Program, a nonprofit group founded by former Washington Post owner Donald Graham to assist DC students get into and graduate from college. Leonsis said DC CAP’s mission strikes a personal chord for him because he was the first in his family to go to college. He is a Georgetown University alumnus. In 1999 before DC CAP’s founding, fewer than one in three DC high school graduates enrolled in college, less than half the national average. Today more than 62 percent of DC high school graduates enroll in college—on par with the national average—with about 44 percent graduating in six years.

Corcoran photojournalism alumna Tracy Eustaquio (BFA ’14), won the Silver Award at the annual College Photographer of the Year Competition for her interpretive project “Saudade.” More than 600 students from 130 colleges participated in the contest, which is administered by the University of Missouri with support from Nikon Inc.

**What’s Next?**

**CONSORTIUM CALENDAR**

March 24  
Campus Public Safety Institute Meeting, 1:00 PM

March 30  
Chief Academic Officers Meeting, by phone

April 6–May 1  
Campus Public Safety Institute Session I at Washington National Cathedral

April 22  
Registrars Committee, 10:00 AM, One Dupont Circle

April 23  
Human Resources Training Committee Meeting, 1:00 PM, George Mason University

May 12  
Financial Aid Directors, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700

May 19  
Consortium Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:00 AM, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700

May 25  
Memorial Day Federal Holiday. **Consortium** is closed.
May 26-June 19  Campus Public Safety Institute Session II at the Washington National Cathedral

June 4-5  Emergency Managers Annual Conference, George Washington University

June 19  Campus Public Safety Institute Graduation, 10:00 AM, Washington National Cathedral

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

March 9-16  Spring Break at Catholic University of America

March 14-22  Spring Break at Howard University

March 15-22  Spring Break at University of Maryland

March 16-20  Spring Break at Gallaudet University

March 16-21  Spring Break at the University of the District of Columbia

March 18  Lecture on “Congress and Foreign Policy,” 12 Noon, Mary Graydon Conference Room 203-205, American University

March 19  The Muslim Abdul Said Conference and Festschrift, 9:00 AM, Abramson Family Founders Room

March 19-22  Verdi’s Rigoletto, Hartke Theatre, Catholic University of America

March 20  DC and the War on Poverty: Then, Now and the Future, 9:30 AM, Lohrfink Auditorium, Georgetown University

March 21  The George Washington University Museum and the Textile Museum opens with three inaugural exhibits

March 23  Performance by Brian Brillion, 1st Prize Winner of the 1st Catholic University of America International Piano Competition, 8:00 PM, Ward Recital Hall

March 24  Creative Minds: A Look at Self-Taught Artists,” 12 Noon, Rose Parlor, Trinity Washington University

March 25  The University of Maryland Farmers Market reopens on campus, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
March 25
Hal Israel Endowed Lectureship in Jewish-Catholic Relations featuring Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, 6:30 PM, Health Hall, **Georgetown University**

March 25
**American University** Job and Internship Fair, 1:00 PM, Kogod Center for Career Development

March 25
Reel Talk: Screening and Discussion of Richard Robbins *Girl Rising*, 7:13 PM, 1957 E Street, NW, sponsored by **George Washington University**

March 26
Equitable Development in DC: Sustainability from Below conference, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, **George Washington University Marvin Center**

March 26
Shlomi Eldar, “The Hamas Movement at a Crossroads: The Struggle Between the Military and Political Wings,” 4:00 PM, START Headquarters, 8400 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 250, **University of Maryland**

March 26
Career and College Fair, 12:00 Noon, Building 47 (Athletic Center), Floor A, Gym, **University of the District of Columbia**

March 27
Women’s Leadership Conference: “Charting a New Course,” 8:30 am, **George Washington University Mount Vernon Campus**

March 27
One Move, One Groove, 6th Annual Groove Theory Hip-Hop Showcase, 7:30 PM, Rafik B. Hariri Building, Lohrfink Auditorium, **Georgetown University**

March 28
Good Neighbor Day and Spring Egg hunt at the **University of Maryland**, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Good Neighbor Day) and 10:00 AM to Noon (Spring Egg Hunt.)

March 28-31
Battle of the Books National Competition, Jordan Student Academic Center, **Gallaudet University**

March 30

March 31-April 1
**George Washington University** Research Days, 9:00 AM, GWU

April 1-2
Annual James A. Porter Colloquium on African American Act and Art of the African Diaspora: Sheroes & Womanists: An Examination of Feminists—Subjectivity in Modern & Contemporary African American Art, 1:00, 4/1; 9:00 AM, 4/2, **Howard University**
April 1-3  March Marsala: Unity in the Face of Diversity, Various Campus Events, George Washington University

April 2  20th Annual Women Ambassadors Conference, 10:00 AM, Howard University Main Campus

April 2-6  Easter Break at Catholic, Georgetown and Marymount Universities

April 3-5  Easter Break at Trinity Washington University

April 8  Gallaudet University Charter Day Birthday Cake, 12:15 PM, Marketplace, Gallaudet University

April 9-11  National American Sign Language and English Bilingual Consortium for Early Childhood Education Summit VI, Jordan Academic Center, Gallaudet University

April 10  The 2014-2015 Charles W. Harris Public Policy Lecture: Analyzing Societal Issues Revealed Killings of Unarmed African Americans by Law Enforcement Personnel, 2:00 PM, Blackburn Ballroom, Howard University

April 11  Spring Ball: Beaux Arts, 8:00 PM, Social Hall, Trinity Washington University

April 11  Georgetown Superfood & Georgetown Saxatones, “Spring Sing,” 7:30 PM, Gaston Hall—Healy Building, Georgetown University

April 16  Emancipation Day Break at the University of the District of Columbia

April 16  Howard University Research Day, 7:30 AM

April 16  The Political Future of Catalonia and the Role of Public Diplomacy, 9:00 AM, 1957 E Street, NW, George Washington University

April 17  Marymount University hosts Jane Goodall Lecture, Constitution Hall, Washington, DC 7:00 PM. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

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