



Mission

The Division of Student Affairs supports the mission of the George Washington University by enhancing the student experience through programs and services that focus on: Student Learning and Success; Student and Family Engagement; and Wellness, Education, and Prevention.

Guiding Principles

In undertaking its work, the Division of Student Affairs is guided by the university's core values of learning, communication, community, diversity, excellence, respect, service, sustainability, and teamwork, the Provost's Operating Principles, and these key principles:

- Facilitating access so all students have the opportunity to fully participate in and learn from the GW experience in support of their own success.
- Building communities for our students to connect with one another and with faculty, staff, alumni, families, and university partners.
- Promoting experiential learning to enhance knowledge in action.
- Enhancing collaboration, transparency, and communication and incorporating recognition to help staff feel included and valued.
- Being flexible, innovative, and evidence-based in developing and delivering services and programs to respond to the changing needs and expectations of students, families, and the university.

Focus Areas

The Division of Student Affairs supports the strategic priorities of the university as articulated in *Vision 2021: A Strategic Plan for the Third Century of the George Washington University*. The division is especially focused on developing and maintaining programs and services that promote a unified student experience:

- Career and Professional Development: empowering students and alumni to translate their world-class academic and co-curricular experiences at the university into a lifetime of productive and engaged citizenship.
- Community, Citizenship, and Leadership: helping students to find their place at GW, integrating their learning in the classroom with co-curricular and experiential activities, and inculcating in them leadership ability, reflective practice, intercultural competence, and an appreciation for diverse, global perspectives.
- Wellbeing: providing clinical services, creating health promotion programs, and offering opportunities geared toward mental, physical, and emotional health to holistically support and retain our student body.
- Efficiency and Effectiveness: operating in a manner that maximizes, allocates, and efficiently and ethically stewards the available resources to serve our students, families, and other stakeholders.