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"When we show up, act boldly, and practice the best ways to be wrong, we fail forward. No matter where we end up, we've grown from where we began."
- Stacey Abrams

Friends,

As the academic year comes to a close, we send our deepest appreciation and admiration for the many students, faculty, staff, and community residents with whom we have worked, served and shared this year. This has been a year of challenge and of grief, and it has also been a year of resilience and brilliance. Know that you have our thanks for your service -- and know that who you are and what you do has been enough; often much more than enough. Take satisfaction in the accomplishments that you have made and the positive difference that you have made in the lives of others. Reflect on this time! Remember that part of critical reflection is to notice the good -- not just the to-be-improved.

I want to especially recognize all of the graduating students. The Nashman Center programs and our operations depend to a very large extent on the work that students do as leaders, program assistants, graduate assistants, and participants. Those students - you students - will be missed. You have developed incredible skills, knowledge, and heart -- and you have made the Nashman Center and its programs run. You are irreplaceable and we will miss you.

Lexi Simms has managed, produced, and organized this newsletter and much of our social media and graphic presence these last two years - and she has made us look good! Thank you, Lexi!

All who graduate or who move on to the next thing - we wish you all the very best in what comes next. We know there will be many great adventures to come! And we will be here for you.

Congratulations!

Amy Cohen and the Nashman Center Team

NASHMAN OPPORTUNITIES

The Nashman Center helps GW to record and report the service that we do as a community. This year, we recorded **654,708 hours** of service from more than **5,000 members** across the GW community. Each hour of service signifies a different issue area where a GW community member made a sustainable and ethical impact in our community.

The Nashman Center is also proud to award the **President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)** to individual GW community members who complete more than **100 hours of service**. This year **504** students, faculty, and staff were eligible for the PVSA.

Bronze (100-174) - 133

Silver (175-249) - 62

Gold (250+) - 309

Become a GWupstart Commissioner

GWupstart is the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service's social innovation hub that provides funding support to GW students to turn their change-making ideas into a reality. Our grants support students' passions for creating change and delivering solutions through student-led service projects and initiatives in partnership with area organizations. The student-led commission reviews and recommends student-led, innovative, and action-oriented service projects (or initiatives) for funding. The commission is an essential component in the success of the GWupstart program. **Apply to be part of the commissioner team by June 13th at 11:59 pm.**

GWupstart Summer Information Sessions

Join GWupstart at one of our virtual information sessions to learn how you can join the list of changemaking students taking an idea and creating the change that communities need. Every year GWupstart provides GW students with mentoring, training and over \$45,000 in funding opportunities. Information sessions will take place **May 19th at 12:30pm EST and June 2nd at 6:30pm EST**. If you can't make it to the info session but would like to learn more you can email upstart@gwu.edu.

Register

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

DCCK's Virtual Learning Series

Introducing Connect-Engage-Learn (DC Central Kitchen's Virtual Learning Series)! Maybe you are an individual volunteer or part of a group interested in learning about our Covid-19 response? This is your chance to register a virtual seat for a 1 hour session with CEO Mike Curtin, Jr.! [Learn more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ArtReach GW Student Exhibition Spring 2021 May 2021

The [ArtReach GW Community Gallery at THEARC](#) presents artwork from students who [participated in Spring 2021 programs](#). In the programs conducted fully via Zoom, students explored the architecture design process with Washington Architectural Foundation, art therapy workshops with graduate students from George Washington University's Art Therapy program, clay with District Clay Center, and the world of digital illustration and fine arts with local professional artists.

This semester was extremely unique, learning to navigate the art making process in a completely virtual setting. Despite the challenges this semester brought, students and teachers remained dedicated to their projects and used their experiences to inspire creativity. [View.](#)

"Siempre Aqui" by Creating Casa June 7 - July 2, 2021

[Creating Casa's](#) newest exhibit, Siempre Aqui, maps the memories of Latinxs in the Washington metropolitan area through the community's personal photographs. Through an immersive gallery experience that emulates and honors grandma's house as central to community life, this community-based exhibition will provide the public with the opportunity to celebrate the rich memories Latinxs have made in their everyday life throughout the decades. [RSVP.](#)

Bicentennial Celebration Ongoing

The George Washington University's bicentennial is an incredible, historic milestone. February 9, 2021 is officially the 200th anniversary of when the United States Congress established our university's charter in 1821. [Learn more.](#)



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Congrats to our 2021 Nashman Center graduating students!



Follow us on Instagram [@gwserves](#) to learn more about our graduating students.

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