

# GEORGETOWN SCS MAIN CAMPUS TOUR

## NEW STUDENT WELCOME

### SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

**Route:** (Map at the end of this document) Main Gates → Lauinger Library → Healy Hall and Healy Lawn → Dahlgren Chapel → Old North → Statue of John Carroll → Copley Hall and Copley Lawn → White-Gravenor → Red Square and ICC → Leavey Center → Hariri.

#### HEALY GATES – 37<sup>TH</sup> AND O STREETS, NW

Welcome to Georgetown University! We begin our tour at the gates of Georgetown’s main campus, also known as Healy Gates.

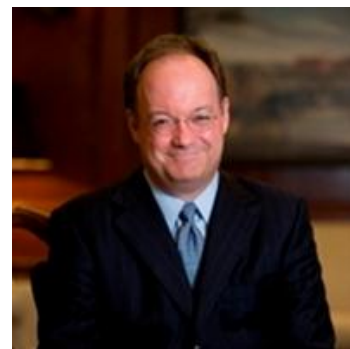
Georgetown was founded in 1789, the same year that the American Constitution went into effect and the year of the first U.S. presidential election. The current president is Dr. John “Jack” DeGioia, an alumnus, faculty member, and the first lay president of a Jesuit university.

The main campus is just over 104 acres and includes 54 buildings. The university has over 7,500 undergraduate and over 9,000 graduate students from diverse religious, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds. Georgetown’s main campus is home to the oldest student theater group and the largest student-run business in the United States. Georgetown’s most notable alumni have served in leadership positions in the United States and abroad; among them are former U.S. President Bill Clinton, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and the heads of state or government of more than a dozen countries.

Georgetown has a total of eight schools including the School of Continuing Studies, or SCS, which was founded in 1956 as the School for Summer and Continuing Education. In the last six years, SCS has grown rapidly to include nine academic programs, more than 600 courses, 20 certificate programs, customized education, and much more.

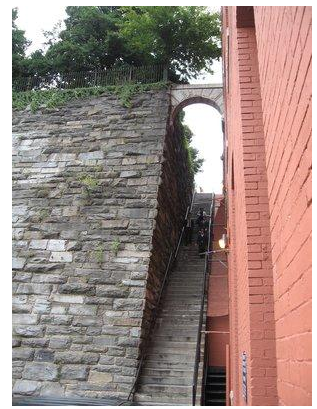
Georgetown is rich with traditions:

- The **university colors are blue and gray**, and were selected by crew team in 1876 to honor Georgetown students and alumni who wore the Union blue and Confederate gray during the Civil War.
- The school mascot is **Jack the Bulldog**, who makes his presence known throughout campus and at athletic events, where he can often be seen attacking and eating cardboard boxes branded with the opposing team’s logo.
- Students are nicknamed “Hoyas” after the official school cheer. No one knows exactly when or how the term **“Hoya Saxa”** was first used at Georgetown. Many years ago, there was a team at Georgetown called the “Stonewalls,” likely named after the stonewall surrounding the campus, and it is suggested that a student applied the Greek and Latin terms and dubbed them “Hoya Saxa,” meaning “what rocks!” Hoya has since become a nickname for Georgetown’s athletic teams and students.



Nearby spots to check out beyond the gates:

- Filming of *The Exorcist*, written by Georgetown alumnus William Peter Blatty (COL '50) took place on campus in October of 1972. The “**Exorcist Steps**” are located at 36<sup>th</sup> and Prospect Streets and refer to the outdoor staircase that connects Prospect Street with Canal Road. This is a popular stop because of the film’s famous climax.
- Right nearby is the restaurant **The Tombs**, a favorite with students, alumni, faculty and neighbors. The Tombs has been a Georgetown institution since 1962 when it was founded by alumnus Richard McCooey.
- **Robert and Bernice Wagner Alumni House** is located on the corner of 36 and O Streets, one block from the Healy Gates. It is a welcoming "home away from home" for alumni to connect with each other and their alma mater. The house contains Georgetown memorabilia, and hosts special events, including faculty lectures and career network programs.



## LAUINGER LIBRARY

Lauinger Library is the main library on Georgetown’s campus. Lauinger contains 2.3 million bound volumes and is the center of study on campus. Lauinger Library also has many computer rooms for students to access the Internet, check e-mail, or work on projects. Note that you will need a GoCard to enter the library and check out resources.

You’ll also find **Gelardin New Media Center** on the first floor. Gelardin is the University’s main resource for turning ideas and research into multimedia projects. It offers facilities for post-production, graphic design and other digital media endeavors, and an experienced staff is available to help. All equipment and media resources are free to use for Georgetown students, staff, and faculty.



Located on the second floor of Lauinger Library, the **Midnight Mug** coffee house is a great place to take a break from the textbooks and hang out with professors and friends. This is one of nine services run by The Corp, which is the largest entirely student-owned and student-operated corporation in the world, with a staff of over 200 students.

## HEALY HALL AND HEALY LAWN

Healy Hall is named after Patrick Healy, S.J., the first African American president of a non-Historically Black College & University. The basement of Healy Hall contains the **Office of Student Financial Services** while the upper floors contain offices for Campus Ministries, classrooms, **the Office of the President**, **Riggs Library**, and **Gaston Hall**, a world renowned lecture hall.

Directly in front of Healy Hall is Healy Lawn, which is the lawn for studying, whereas the lawn across the way, called Copley Lawn, is known as “the beach” because it is used for play.

At the central entrance to Healy is the **seal of Georgetown in mosaic form**. If you observe people coming and going from this

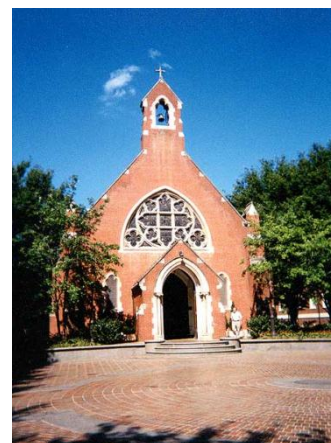


entrance, you'll notice that almost no one steps on the seal. The superstition is that if you are a student and you step on this seal, you won't graduate. If you are a parent with a prospective student and you step on the seal, your child won't be admitted. Luckily, alumni are safe to walk on it as they please!

The text around the oval reads: *Collegium Georgiopolitanum Ad Ripas Potomaci in Marylandia* or "Georgetown College on the Banks of the Potomac in Maryland." The scroll in the eagle's mouth bears the university's motto *Utraque Unum* (both into one).

## DAHLGREN CHAPEL

Georgetown's historic Dahlgren Chapel of the Sacred Heart is the main Catholic chapel on campus and seats 275 people. Mass is celebrated in Dahlgren Chapel at 12:10 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mass is celebrated six times on Sunday during the academic year and is regularly filled with students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus. The University also has a Muslim Prayer Room (Copley Hall) and a Jewish Student Association House (1318 36<sup>th</sup> Street.) Protestant services are primarily held in St. William Chapel (Copley Hall).



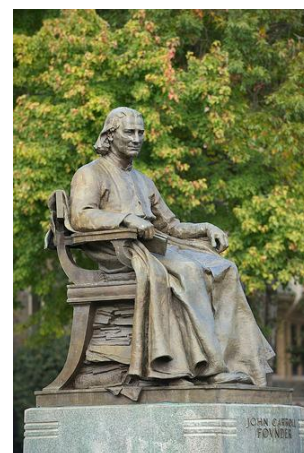
## OLD NORTH

When facing Dahlgren Chapel, this building to your right is Old North and is the home to the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. In 1797, George Washington visited campus and addressed students from this porch, and it has since been a traditional spot for presidents to speak when visiting campus. Thirteen sitting U.S. Presidents have delivered addresses from Old North steps, including Bill Clinton, a 1968 Georgetown graduate.



## STATUE OF JOHN CARROLL

This statue depicts Archbishop John Carroll, the founder of Georgetown University. John Carroll received a grant from George Washington in 1789 to open Georgetown University as the first Catholic university in the United States, making it the oldest Catholic and Jesuit university in the U.S. Jesuit ideals and principles are central to Georgetown's mission and character, and Georgetown fosters an environment where students can develop their unique gifts and insights through reflection, service and intellectual inquiry. Students are challenged to engage in the world and become men and women in the service of others, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community.



## COPLEY HALL AND COPLEY LAWN

Copley Hall is an upper-class residence hall, and the first floor contains **Copley Formal Lounge**. This lounge is used as a formal reception and dining room for student and university gatherings.



The grassy area in front of the building is known as Copley Lawn. Until 1928, this lawn was used as Georgetown's varsity football and baseball fields. Though the stone wall encloses the main campus, the university extends into the neighborhood of Georgetown and well beyond. SCS has campuses on M Street and in Clarendon, the Georgetown Law Center is located on Capitol Hill, and Georgetown also has auxiliary campuses in Italy, Turkey, and Qatar.

## WHITE-GRAVENOR

Completed in 1932 to house classrooms, the first floors of White-Gravenor are also home to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the **Office of the Registrar** and the Dean's Office of the Georgetown College of Arts & Sciences.

## RED SQUARE AND BUNN INTERCULTURAL CENTER (ICC)

Red Square is a focal point of student life on campus. It is used by students to advertise for events and performances, causes and organizations.

The Intercultural Center, or ICC, consists of academic departments, classrooms, a language learning center, a computer lab and an auditorium on the first and second floors.

## LEAVEY STUDENT CENTER

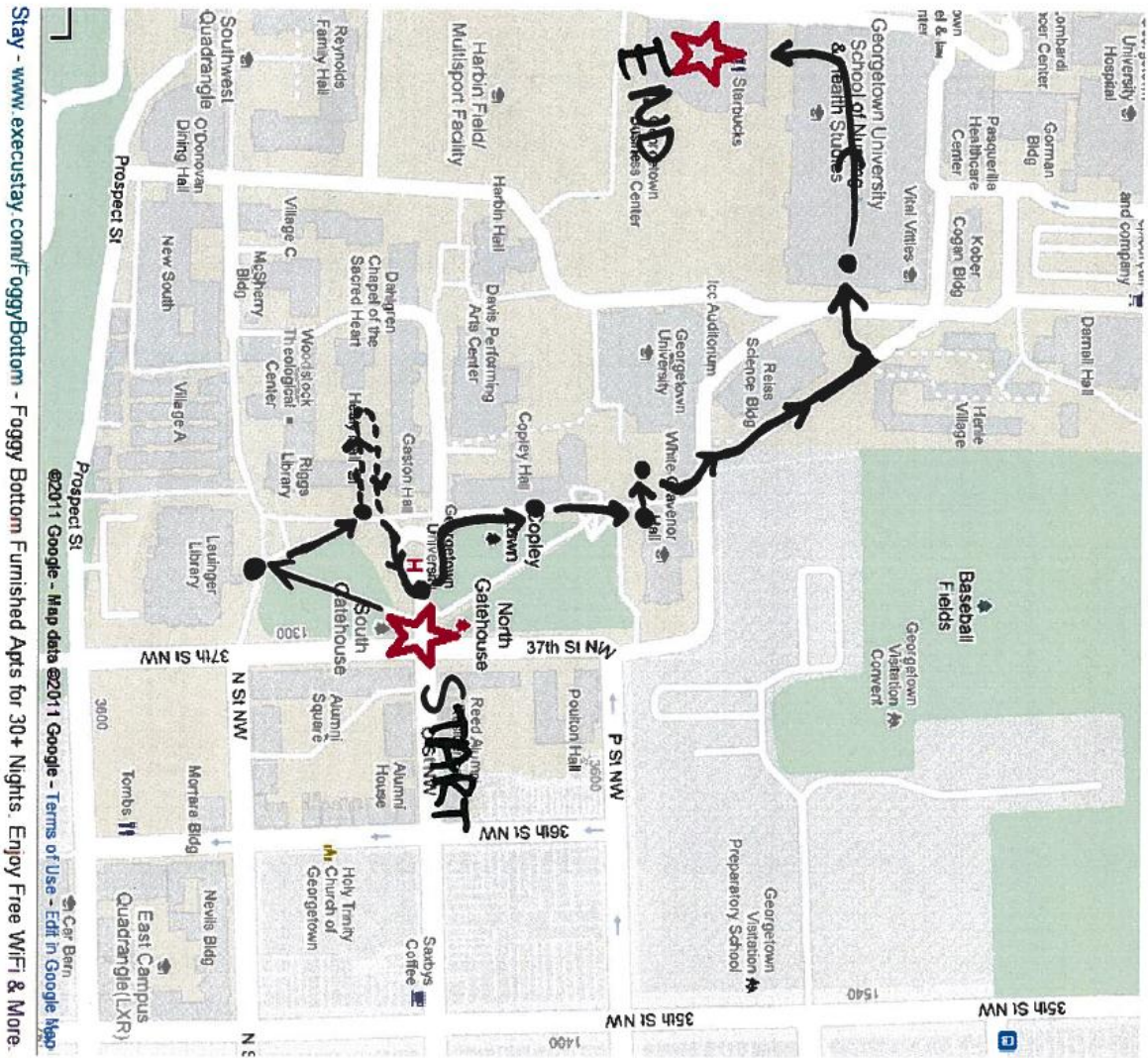
The Student Center is a multi-purpose facility that contains several restaurants, a fast-food area, a hotel and conference center, and the **University Bookstore**. The Leavey Center also is the home to The Corp and two of its services, the grocery store **Vital Vittles** and coffee shop **Uncommon Grounds**. The Leavey Center also houses the **Career Education Center** – a valuable resource for Georgetown students looking for career advising. The Georgetown University Alumni and Student Federal Credit Union, the largest independent student-run financial institution in the country, is also based here.

*Send students to the second floor of Hariri to check in at Lohrfink Auditorium.*

## RAFIK B. HARIRI BUILDING

The Hariri Building is the home of the McDonough School of Business. It features classroom space, professor's offices, an admissions office, dean's offices, the 400-seat Lohrfink Auditorium and extensive workspace.





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