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## Campus Overview

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The Catholic University of America was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia in 1887. Its original incorporation was supplemented and amended by an Act of Congress in 1928. The campus is located in the northeast quadrant of Washington with a main entrance at Michigan Avenue and Fourth Street, N.E. University offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except on holidays as noted in the "Academic Calendar." The university telephone number is 202-319-5000 and its website is [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu).

These *Announcements* provide basic information about the undergraduate programs and academic policies of The Catholic University of America. Additional information is published in the *Student Handbook*, which is available at [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu). It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures contained in these *Announcements* and in the *Student Handbook*.

The university reserves the right to establish and revise requirements for graduation and degrees, curricula, schedules, charges for tuition and other fees, and all regulations affecting students, whether incoming or previously enrolled. Inquiries and applications for admission for undergraduate study

should be directed to: The Office of Admissions, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064 (202-319-5305). Additional information and applications for admission are also available at <http://admissions.cua.edu>.

The Catholic University of America is committed to the belief that "with respect to the fundamental rights of the person, every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language, or religion, is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent" (Vatican Council II, *Gaudium et spes*, No. 29). Accordingly, it is the policy of the university to comply fully with provisions of federal and local laws and regulations where applicable, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of criteria specified in those laws and regulations in educational programs and activities, including admission thereto, and in employment. The Catholic University of America admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the university. It does not discriminate against students or applicants for admission, or employees or applicants for employment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or on the basis of sex, age, or disability, in the administration of its educational or admissions policies or in any aspect of its operations.

Inquiries may be directed to the Equal Opportunity Officer at 202-319-5598 or by e-mail at [cua-equalopportunity@cua.edu](mailto:cua-equalopportunity@cua.edu).

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## Message from the President

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### **To the Undergraduate Students at The Catholic University of America:**

A great deal has been written on the topic of academic success and on the ingredients necessary for young men and women to succeed academically. It's an especially important topic in this day when the financial stakes have become so high. No one wants to invest tens of thousands of dollars and to assume large student loans for an outcome that is less than desirable. Identifying some of those ingredients is simple enough: hard work, determination, discipline, and having the sense to ask the right questions. These are all ingredients that contributed to your success in high school and that will serve you well in life after college. I hope you don't stint on them here at Catholic University, because you are certain to be challenged to reveal the best and the brightest side of yourself.

Another ingredient for success that may not leap to mind as quickly is the environment in which you are learning. This is where, as they say in the marketing world, Catholic University has a competitive advantage over other universities. Very few institutions of higher education can come close to matching the combination we offer. By far the most important element is the opportunity we offer to integrate intellectual growth with spiritual growth. At Catholic University you find an environment where reason is in harmony with faith, and both are lifted up in the pursuit of the truth — where each person who pursues an education is nurtured in a holistic way, mind, body and soul.

Of course there are a number of other universities that marry faith with reason. But in the environment that Catholic University offers, students enjoy three other advantages that make us unique. The first is our heritage as a graduate research institution. For undergraduate students this

translates into exposure in small classroom settings to professors who are not only gifted teachers, but also accomplished scholars. Unlike most universities, here that is the rule, not the exception. The second is our location in Washington, D.C., which is not only at the epicenter of our nation's political life but also a major cultural center of the United States, a vibrant metropolitan area, offering a wealth of extracurricular and internship experiences. And third, amid the buzz and bustle of Washington, is our verdant, spacious campus — the largest in Washington, DC — where nature is close at hand and there is an abundance of open space that creates a backdrop conducive to quiet reflection and deep thinking.

Add to all of this a close-knit community that (as national universities go) is modestly sized, and you have an environment that offers fertile ground for academic success for those who are willing and able to work it. I hope you will decide to take full advantage of it.

Sincerely yours,

John Garvey

President

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