

# **2021 GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

THE FIFTEENTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE

College of Professional Studies

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER



#### ROBERT J. CONTEE III

On December 22, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced that she selected Robert J. Contee III, to serve as Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department. He was sworn in on January 2, 2021.

Acting Chief Contee joined the Metropolitan Police Department as a police cadet in November 1989. He became a sworn member of the Department three years later and quickly rose through the ranks, serving in a variety of assignments. He started as a patrol officer in the Third District, sergeant in the Second District, and the Metropolitan Police Academy. As a lieutenant, he served as a Patrol Services Area leader in the Second District, Regional Operations Command-East, and led the Intelligence Branch. In January 2004, Acting Chief Contee was promoted to captain responsible for leading the Violent Crimes Branch, including the Homicide Branch and the Sexual Assault Unit.

Contee was promoted to Second District commander in August 2004 and was transferred to the Special Operations Division (SOD) in April 2006, where he was responsible for overseeing tactical patrol, special events and traffic safety functions. Following his post at SOD, Acting Chief Contee became commander of the Sixth District in 2007, before taking command of the Recruiting Division in October 2014. He was named commander of the First District in January 2016, and was appointed Assistant Chief of MPD's Professional Development Bureau in the summer 2016 where he oversaw the Human Resources Management Division, Disciplinary Review Division, the Metropolitan Police Academy, and Recruiting Division. In April 2017, Acting Chief Contee was named Patrol Chief of Patrol Services South (PSS), which included his oversight of the First, Sixth, and Seventh Police Districts. He was named Assistant Chief of the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) in March 2018. The ISB works with the community to solve crimes, bring offenders to justice, support the recovery of victims, and protect witnesses. It includes several divisions that are integral to supporting community safety. These divisions are the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), which includes the Homicide Branch and Sex Assault Unit; the Narcotics and Special Investigations Division (NSID), which provides proactive criminal enforcement services so that citizens can live in neighborhoods free from drug dealing, drug-related crime, and prostitution; the Crime Scene Investigations Division; Youth and Family Services Division; and the School Safety Division

Acting Chief Contee grew up in the Carver Terrace community in Northeast DC, and is a DC Public Schools graduate. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Professional Studies with a concentration in Police Science from the George Washington University's College of Professional Studies. He has also completed the Management College at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) of the Police Executive Research Forum in Boston, Massachusetts.

# STUDENT SPEAKER



# ALFREDO GONZALEZ ALFONZO, POLITICAL MANAGEMENT

Alfredo Gonzalez is an international student from Caracas, Venezuela. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications (cum laude) from the Universidad Catolica Andres Bello and is a candidate for an M.P.S. in Political Management from the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM). He served as President of the GSPM Student Association for the 2020-21 academic year, and currently works as a Research Assistant for GSPM's Latin America program.

# **AWARDS**

#### DR. RICHARD F. SOUTHBY POLICE SCIENCE PRIZE

Recipient: Alicia Viviana Ramirez, Police and Security Studies

Dr. Richard F. Southby was a faculty member at the George Washington University from 1979 to 2006, having served as department chair, associate dean, interim dean of the former School of Public Health and Health Services, distinguished professor of global health, and executive dean in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Health Affairs. He was granted emeritus status by the Board of Trustees in 2006. Dr. Southby was the founding director of the Police Science Program in the College of Professional Studies.

The Dr. Richard F. Southby Police Science Prize is presented to an exceptional graduating student from the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Police and Security Studies program. The prize was established by Dr. Southby's wife, Dr. Janet R. Southby, Colonel, U.S. Army, Ret.

#### **FOUNDING DEAN ARTERTON AWARD**

Recipient: Preya D. Samsundar, Strategic Public Relations

The Founding Dean Arterton Award is given to the graduating student who epitomizes professional distinction and ethical conduct in political management. F. Christopher Arterton, who served as dean of the Graduate School of Political Management from its founding in 1987 to 2010, established this award to celebrate the core ideals valued by a school of professional politics.

Before joining the GSPM, Professor Arterton taught political science at Yale, MIT, and Wellesley, achieving national recognition as a scholar of American politics and as a professional pollster. As the founding dean of the GSPM, Arterton advanced his vision that, beyond teaching abstract theory, institutions of higher education have an affirmative obligation to prepare their students for practical participation in democratic governance and electoral politics. In the process, Dean Arterton created the new academic discipline of political management. Having led the merger of the school into the George Washington University, Arterton subsequently expanded the school's curriculum of political management to include programs in legislative affairs, strategic public relations, and the politics of governance. During the 23 years of Dean Arterton's leadership, the GSPM emerged as the foremost academic institution of applied democratic politics in the world.

#### MARK AND DEBBIE KENNEDY FRONTIERS OF FREEDOM AWARD

Recipient: Karan Vijay Sinha, Political Management

During his time leading the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) from 2013 to 2016, the Honorable Mark Kennedy encouraged students to devote themselves to expanding the reach of freedom around the globe with the goal of making democracy work more effectively. The Mark and Debbie Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Award recognizes the GSPM graduating student who best exhibits actions or preparations to promote or protect the expansion of political and economic freedom beyond the borders of the United States.

# AWARDS

# UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

Undergraduate Recipient: Imani K. Poindexter, Information Technology

Graduate Recipient: Jeremy M. Ottley, Publishing

The College of Professional Studies Distinguished Scholar Awards recognize the undergraduate and graduate students who best demonstrate the college's core competencies of strategic thinking, communication, collaboration, leadership, and ethics.

#### **COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Recipient: Eliza Voigt, Sustainable Urban Planning

This honor is awarded to the part-time faculty member in the College of Professional Studies who has provided extraordinary service to the students and the college. The award recognizes both enlightened teaching and meritorious efforts to advance the college and its programs.

The university confers degrees three times per year but only has one commencement ceremony. The following students are candidates for degrees in course by completing degree requirements in August 2020, January 2021, or May 2021. Those who will complete degree requirements and have their degree conferred in the 2021 summer semester are marked by an asterisk.

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# A LETTER TO OUR GRADUATES

### From the Office of the Dean

We offer a hearty congratulations to the graduates of 2020-2021. We recognize the challenges you faced balancing personal and professional responsibilities as you completed your rigorous academic program at the George Washington University. We share the pride you, your family, friends, and colleagues justly feel on this special occasion. Congratulations and welcome to the GW community of graduates.

Melissa R. Feuer Lara M. Brown

Interim Dean Associate Professor and Director, GSPM

K. Cyrus Homayounpour *Associate Dean* 

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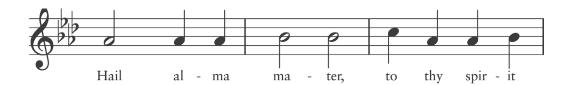
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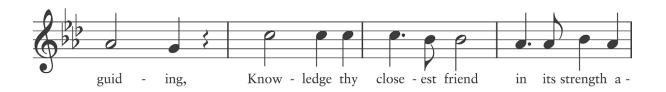
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GW's Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) is the first and foremost school dedicated to the study of applied politics, offering graduate programs in political management, legislative affairs, strategic public relations, and global advocacy, as well as international programs in Latin America. The school seeks to educate students and professionals in the tools, principles, and values of participatory democracy, preparing them for careers as ethical and effective advocates and leaders at the international, national, and local levels. The GSPM has a global network of more than 3,000 alumni, who are leaders and change-makers in politics, government, communications, and public affairs. The school connects its students with this impressive network to help them advance and succeed in their careers.

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