

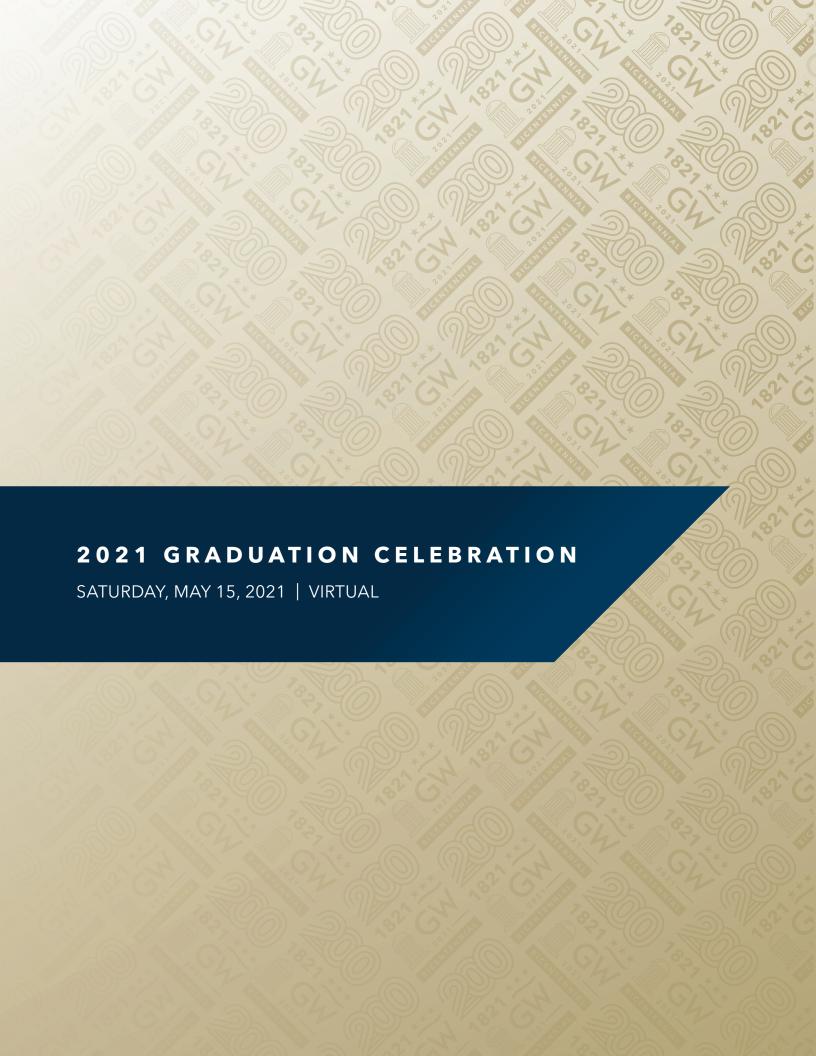
### **2021 GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

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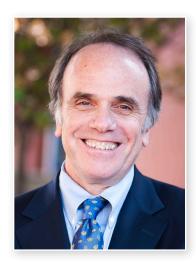
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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY





# LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Michael J. Feuer Dean, Graduate School of Education and Human Development

# Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the faculty, students, and staff of the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, I congratulate you on this special event, your 2021 GSEHD Graduation. This milestone in your academic career represents many hours of work and dedication, and I commend you for your efforts.

As you leave us, I encourage you to pursue your ambitions and dreams with passion. To improve the quality of life in our nation, we must stay focused on high quality education, the nurturing of human talent, and the unflagging commitment to increased opportunity for all our people. We have been a beacon to many other countries committed to high standards of access and performance, and we have much to learn from their efforts and successes, especially as the world becomes more complex and interdependent. I hope you will use your talents, knowledge, and passions to strive for these goals.

We hope you will remain connected; please stay in touch! We want to hear about your accomplishments, we would love for you to visit with us, and we will always turn to you for advice on how to improve our programs.

Welcome to the distinguished ranks of alumni of the George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Feuer

# CELEBRATION SPEAKER



# Dr. Vicki A. Brown Chief Learning Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior GSEHD Alumna, Class of 2015

Dr. Vicki A. Brown, a skilled strategic leader with a global perspective, is the Chief Learning Officer and Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Employee and Organization Development for the Department of the Interior (DOI) in Washington, DC. She serves the Department's senior advisor on strategic learning initiatives, talent, and workforce development.

Her executive responsibilities include managing a multi-million dollar budget and providing leadership and oversight of all education and training programs delivered by DOI University and DOI Acquisition Institute, oversight of the Federal Consulting Group and an extensive online learning delivery program via the DOI Talent learning management system for more than 70,000 employees world-wide through of staff of 4 directors and 28 learning professionals.

As a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES), Dr. Brown is a dedicated civil servant with a career that spans 40 years. She is a highly regarded organizational leader with expertise in talent and workforce development, leader development, adult learning theories, learning methodologies, organizational change, capacity building in a diverse environment, organization performance and accountability, and managing complex projects.

Prior to her role at Interior, Dr. Brown served as the Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Learning Officer and Director of Talent Development for more than 900,000 civilian employees worldwide. She served as the senior advisor to the Department's leadership on strategic civilian learning initiatives and talent development and managed a multimillion-dollar training budget and team of 18 learning professionals. During her tenure at DoD, she was detailed to serve as the Acting Executive Director for the Human Resources Strategic Programs Advisory Services where she led a staff of 65 through 6 division chiefs, and provided oversight of a \$90M annual budget.

Dr. Brown is a 2015 graduate of the George Washington University Executive Leadership Doctoral Program in Human and Organizational Learning and a 2007 resident graduate of the U.S. Army War College, graduating with a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies. She also holds a Master's in Education from Georgia Southern University and a Bachelor of Science in Education from West Virginia State University.

Dr. Brown is the recipient of numerous performance awards, including a Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the "Spirit of Service" award for the DoD, the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, and multiple Superior Civilian Service Awards.

Dr. Brown is married to Ronald Hiett, a career (retired) Army civil servant and certified fitness professional and health coach. She has two children, Jason and Valoree.

# STUDENT SPEAKER



Wendy Pintado

Master's, Higher Education Administration

Wendy Pintado is graduating with her Master's in Higher Education Administration. She received her Bachelor of Science in Family Science from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2018 where she was awarded La Raza Unida award for her significant contributions towards the advancement of the Latinx community both on campus as a student leader and in her individual capacity as a volunteer and mentor. Currently, Wendy is working for Collegiate Directions Inc., a nonprofit that guides first generation and low income students in the Maryland and DC areas through the college application process and supports them until they graduate college. She uses her experience in college preparatory programs to manage behind-the-scenes work for the organization. Wendy's contributions include assisting in the improvement of the recruitment process, data collection, and scholar engagement, as well as the facilitation of yearly events.

Prior to her current role, she worked with various nonprofit organizations including Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success and the Latino Student Fund. Wendy is passionate about breaking down barriers for students who are pursuing higher education. She strives to ensure that students from marginalized communities maintain a strong support system through specialized programming, mentorship, and tutoring. Wendy hopes to use her Master's to become a college advisor to keep students engaged, on track, and optimistic about their future.

### COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

### **DEAN'S OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Dean's Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award** is an annual honor bestowed upon a worthy alumnus or alumna who has made considerable contributions to their chosen field as well as their community.

Recipient: Dr. Olivia Ngadjui, LPC

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Chi Sigma lota Outstanding Master's Counseling Student Award is presented to a Chi Sigma Iota graduate student who has displayed excellence in academics, the field of counseling, and has shown leadership in both the classroom and experiential settings.

Recipient: Aliya Subhit

Chris Erickson Mental Health Service Advocacy Award was named in honor of Dr. Chris Erickson, a late faculty member who was deeply committed to the provision of quality care to all people with severe mental illness. This recognition is awarded to a graduate of the counseling program who shares her passion for working with these special clients.

Recipient: Esette Negussie

**Clemmont E. Vontress Cross-Cultural Award** recognizes a graduating counseling student who is best known for dedication to the promotion of cross-cultural understanding, social justice, and racial harmony.

Recipient: Sahaj Kohli

**Donald C. Linkowski Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Rehabilitation Counseling** is presented to a rehabilitation counseling graduate who demonstrates a commitment to advancing the field through leadership, consumer advocacy, and promoting consumer welfare through vocational rehabilitation services.

Recipient: Brittany Silver

**Harry Grubb Detwiler Memorial Award** recognizes the student who is best known for outstanding achievement, professionalism, and dedication in the field of counseling.

Recipient: Mahogany Persip

### **DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY**

**Corey Hansen Award** recognizes students in secondary education who, consistent with Dr. Hansen's experience, overcame adversity and changed careers in order to teach. The recipients are recognized as collaborative, student-centered, and creative, with a love of the content to be taught, the act of teaching, and the students to be taught.

Recipient: Patrice Splan

**Elementary Education Model Program Award** recognizes outstanding development as a graduate student in the field of elementary education.

Recipients: Max Adamo, Britta Buchanan

**Sylven Seid Beck Elementary Education Prize** recognizes an outstanding student who comes from an underrepresented population and is a leader in the field of elementary education.

Recipient: Pary Aflaki, Allie Grossman

### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**Doris and Sam Buchalter Museum Education Prize** recognizes graduating students who exemplify a love of learning and teaching.

Recipient: Kendall I. Brinson

Dorothy A. Moore Award in International Education recognizes outstanding leadership in the field of international

Recipient: Julia Brunner

**Jere Trout Award in Educational Technology Leadership** recognizes outstanding work in the field of educational technology leadership.

Recipient: Tiffany Moy, Hiba Okar

**Marcella Brenner Museum Education Award** recognizes merit in encompassing leadership service to graduating students in the museum education program.

Recipients: Christiana E. Stawasz

**Nakyuin Shin International Education Award** recognizes outstanding academic and professional contributions to the field of international education.

Recipients: Janiel Slowly, Lexus Bivins

Rossetta A. and Sadie B. Feldman Fellow in Museum Education recognizes academic performance and cultural advocacy, in appreciation of Sadie Feldman's esteem for education and museums.

Recipients: Kaylie E. Schunk

### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING**

**Leonard Nadler Leadership Award** recognizes students in the organizational leadership and learning master's program who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership, and have also contributed to the collaborative learning process both within and outside the classroom.

Recipients: Louis Choporis, Jessica Bonaquisti, Courtney Powell

### **DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND DISABILITY STUDIES**

Bertice Cornish Award in Early Childhood Special Education recognizes outstanding performance in the early childhood special education master's degree program.

Recipient: Nolan Day

Bilingual Special Education Award recognizes an outstanding student in the field of bilingual special education.

Recipient: Dr. Sandra Duval

Perry Botwin Award in Special Education recognizes outstanding development as a graduate student in the field of special

education.

Recipient: Harley Mitchell

Rita Ives Award recognizes outstanding performance as a professional in the field of emotional and behavioral disabilities.

Recipient: Kathy Lane

### **DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

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**Sherry Teague** 

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### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

John Joseph Ralls

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<sup>\*</sup> Degrees will be conferred on August 31, 2021 upon those students who complete all degree requirements in the 2021 summer sessions

### GW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LETTER

# Congratulations Graduate!

Congratulations Graduate!

Today you join more than 26,000 alumni of the Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD) around the world. In recognition of your accomplishment, we are honored to welcome you to the GW Alumni Association, with its benefits, connections, and community.

As members of the GSEHD alumni network, we are privileged to serve the greater public and to remain connected to GW's lifelong community. We invite you back to campus for Colonials Weekend, as guest lecturers, as alumni panelists, and as mentors to the next generation of GSEHD students.

Now you begin a new chapter in your GW experience and we look forward to working with you as an important stakeholder of the school. As your career continues, we hope you will share your insight, knowledge, and expertise with current and future GSEHD students. The generosity of our dedicated and loyal alumni is one of our most valued resources.

Stay in touch with us through our website at gsehd.gwu.edu/alumni. Connect back not only with your faculty and cohort, but also with GSEHD Alumni Relations and the larger GW network around the globe. You will find that the GW world is all around you, and you will build bridges to opportunities you never thought imaginable. We are a proud, esteemed, and grateful Colonial Community.

Thank you for the work you have done and the work that you will do as leaders in education and human development!

Welcome to the George Washington Alumni Association!

Jennifer Usis
Assistant Director, GSEHD Alumni Relations
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