THE WHITE HOUSE
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The George Washington University
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Dear Friends:

This day, two hundred years ago, President James Monroe signed the Act of Congress creating The George Washington University. I am delighted to join in celebrating today’s monumental anniversary.

From a small college with six professors and twenty students when it was founded, to a distinguished institution of higher learning with nearly 300,000 alumni worldwide leading in almost every industry, the university has served as a beacon for students from every corner of America and around the globe, who come to our Nation’s capital for an exceptional learning experience.

Since its founding, The George Washington University’s faculty and staff have not only prepared students to excel even in the face of challenges, but regularly contribute their own ideas and expertise to influence technological innovation, human health, and policymaking.

When the caps of your graduates are thrown high in the air, with our Nation’s most recognizable landmarks in the backdrop, we are reminded of the hope and possibility the young professionals of the next generation carry with them. As they join the ranks of world renowned journalists, community organizers, public servants, and so many other distinguished professions, they exemplify the extraordinary value of higher education.

I hope your community takes pride in the ways The George Washington University has touched lives. As you celebrate this special milestone, I wish you all the best for the years ahead.

Raise high and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

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