



JIMMY CARTER

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To President LeBlanc and the Board of Trustees

Rosalynn joins me in congratulating the George Washington University community on your historic Bicentennial. I am honored to have played a small role in the 200-year history of this esteemed institution by signing the George Washington University Charter Restatement Act of 1977.

From a humble college with less than 30 students in 1821 to a comprehensive research university, an institution that now attracts 27,000 driven young minds from more than 130 countries worldwide, the George Washington University has evolved into a place of scholastic dreams right in the heart of our nation's capital.

George Washington University's network of academic opportunities and partnerships is responsible not only for educating our future leaders, but for advancing technological innovations, improvements in health, policy initiatives, and a greater understanding of humanity in ways that have made an impact on millions of lives. GW faculty are conducting pioneering research to fight global poverty, HIV/AIDS, cancer, climate change, terrorism, and other urgent challenges facing our world. Many of GW's researchers, doctors, and public health officials have been at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19, applying their considerable talents to helping solve the pandemic.

As you celebrate this historic milestone, I hope you look back with pride on the university's tremendous accomplishments, while also looking ahead to help create a better future for us all.

With warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Carter", written in a cursive style.