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FOUNDED: Gallaudet University, the world's only university with programs and services specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students, was established in 1864 by an Act of Congress, and its charter was signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

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PROGRAMS: Deaf and hard of hearing undergraduate students can choose from a wide variety of majors leading to a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree. The University also admits a small number of hearing, degree-seeking undergraduate students—up to five percent of an entering class. Undergraduate students have the option of designing their own majors, called “self-directed majors,” in which they select classes from a variety of departments at Gallaudet. All students may take courses offered at 13 other institutions of higher learning that are members of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Graduate programs, open to deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students, include master of arts or master of science degrees, specialist degrees, certificates, and doctoral degrees in a variety of fields involving professional services to deaf and hard of hearing people.

Gallaudet University offers exemplary educational programs to deaf and hard of hearing students at all learning levels. The Kendall Demonstration Elementary School (KDES) serves infants and their parents and continues service through the eighth grade. The Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) offers programs for students in grades nine through 12. Both of these schools are part of the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center (Clerc Center), which has a federal mandate to develop and disseminate innovative curriculum, materials, and teaching strategies to schools and programs nationwide.

UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT: Gallaudet University, federally chartered in 1864, is a bilingual, diverse, multicultural institution of higher education that ensures the intellectual and professional advancement of deaf and hard of hearing individuals through American Sign Language and English. Gallaudet maintains a proud tradition of research and scholarly activity and prepares its graduates for career opportunities in a highly competitive, technological, and rapidly changing world.

THE VISION OF GALLAUDET IS TO:

- Provide the highest quality liberal and professional education through undergraduate and graduate programs for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students.
- Offer a welcoming, supportive, and accessible bilingual educational environment for teaching and learning through direct communication.
- Embrace diversity within the University community by respecting and appreciating choices of communication while guiding students through their process of linguistic and cultural self-actualization.

- Pursue excellence in research, pedagogy, scholarship, and creative activity.
- Lead the advancement of intellectual, social, linguistic, and economic vitality in deaf people through educational, outreach, regional, international, and leadership development programs.
- Preserve deaf history and use visual media to promote the recognition that deaf people and their signed languages are vast resources with significant contributions to the cognitive, creative, and cultural dimensions of human diversity.
- Position our community to reach its full human potential and assume its role as a progressive global entity committed to civic responsibility and social justice.

ENROLLMENT: As of the fall of academic year 2011-2012:

Undergraduate and Graduate enrollments:	
Undergraduate (degree/non-degree, full- and part-time)	1,118
Graduate (degree/non-degree, full- and part-time)	428
English Language Institute	<u>65</u>
University Subtotal	1,611
Clerc Center	
Kendall Demonstration Elementary School	97
Model Secondary School for the Deaf	<u>165</u>
Clerc Center Subtotal	262

TOTAL Fall Academic Year 2011-12 Enrollment 1,873

In addition, on the fall census date, Gallaudet had 102 students enrolled in professional studies activities.

International students comprise six percent of the degree-seeking student body.

ALUMNI: Gallaudet University has approximately 17,000 alumni around the world. The Gallaudet University Alumni Association, organized in 1889, has 53 chapters.

According to a survey conducted by the University, 90 percent of the Gallaudet undergraduate student respondents who graduated between December 2007 and August 2008 are either employed or furthering their education. Ninety-nine percent of the survey respondents who graduated with graduate degrees during the same time frame are employed or furthering their education.

During the same period, 100 percent of the MSSD graduates were in advanced education or training programs within one year following graduation.

EMPLOYEES: The University and the Clerc Center have 980 employees, 475 of whom are deaf or hard of hearing. A total of 231 employees are faculty members or teachers.

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY TUITION AND ROOM AND BOARD (ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012):

Tuition and room and board are charged as follows. Additional charges are applied for student activities and health-related fees. For a full explanation of the details of all charges, refer to the Gallaudet University website.

	Undergraduate	Graduate
U.S. student tuition	\$ 11,610	\$ 12,770
International student tuition (non-developing countries)	\$ 23,220	\$ 25,540
International student tuition (developing countries)	\$ 17,414	\$ 19,154
Room and board	\$ 10,060	\$ 10,060

No tuition is charged for students at KDES or MSSD.

FUNDING: Total revenues and other support for FY 2011 were \$172,294,507.

ENDOWMENT: As of the end of FY 2011, the University’s endowment was approximately \$150 million.

FUNDRAISING: Gallaudet welcomes tax-deductible contributions from individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations in support of University initiatives and priorities, including scholarships, program enhancements and development, and renovation projects. For more information about philanthropic support for Gallaudet, including opportunities to make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one, please visit support.gallaudet.edu.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: Gallaudet is one of the area’s largest businesses, with direct salaries, wages, and benefits totaling more than \$110.1 million in FY 2011. The University spent another \$56.3 million on goods and services and \$16.1 million on capital improvements.

Since 1992, Gallaudet has constructed five buildings and renovated 21 others. In 2003, the District of Columbia’s Zoning Commission approved Gallaudet’s Facilities Master Plan, the University’s vision for campus development for 2002 to 2012.

ACCREDITATION: Gallaudet University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Many of the University’s professional preparation programs are also accredited by their respective nationally recognized, specialized professional association organizations. MSSD and KDES are dually accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Conference of Educational Administrators for Schools and Programs for the Deaf.

TECHNOLOGY: Gallaudet is a leader in the use of technology in its academic programs and services. Approximately 94 percent of courses at Gallaudet have an online component and virtually all students take at least one course using an online learning system. Such technology integration is double the average of universities nationwide. Many courses make extensive use of video, including video recordings of classes. Students are encouraged to bring a computer to campus, and popular software is available at a discounted price.

For students interested in technology careers, majors in graphic arts, digital media, computer science, and computer information systems are available. Students have access to two central computer labs, as well as more than 15 departmental computer labs. Most classrooms are outfitted with computers, projectors, DVD/VCRs, and other technologies. All buildings on campus have wireless network access.

RESEARCH: Gallaudet has a unique obligation to contribute knowledge and scholarship likely to benefit deaf and hard of hearing people, especially in the areas of education and human services. Accordingly, the Gallaudet Research Institute conducts studies related to demographics and assessment of deaf and hard of hearing people in the educational system, as well as language and learning processes, and engages students in research, while stimulating and supporting work directed towards priorities consistent with Gallaudet’s national mission and internal strategic objectives.

Research is a key component of Gallaudet’s mission as a university. Faculty pursue a full range of research interests related to their own academic disciplines. Major grant support includes research, development, and training programs in visual language and learning, access to communication for deaf and hard of hearing people, genetics, and technology assessment.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Last year, Gallaudet served tens of thousands of individuals through conferences, leadership institutes, professional studies and extension courses, sign language classes, American Sign Language/English bilingual education, enrichment and youth programs, international programs, and its regional centers (Southeast-Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.; Midwest-John A. Logan College, Illinois; Northeast-Northern Essex Community College, Massachusetts; Pacific-Kapi'olani Community College, Hawaii; Southwest-Austin Community College, Riverside Campus, Texas; and West-Ohlone College, California).

In fulfilling its national mission role via training and technical assistance, information dissemination, and exhibits and performances, the Clerc Center served tens of thousands of individuals and disseminated over 75,000 products and publications last year.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- Gallaudet University—gallaudet.edu
- Admissions—gallaudet.edu/admissions.html
- Athletics—athletics.gallaudet.edu
- Academics and Research (includes undergraduate majors and graduate programs)—gallaudet.edu/academics.html
- Development—giving.gallaudet.edu
- Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center—clerccenter.gallaudet.edu

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