Welcome to one of the most diverse universities in the world.

Our diverse campus
“UPON MY ARRIVAL AT GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY, I KNEW THAT I WOULD FACE MULTIPLE EXPERIENCES, SITUATIONS, AND POINT OF VIEWS THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO MY LEARNING AND GROWTH IN LIFE. DURING MY JOURNEY, I HAVE LEARNED THAT DIFFICULT TIMES ARE NOT SOMETHING TO TRY TO ESCAPE, BUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN MYSELF TO GROWTH AND CHANGE.”

—David King, ’17
Tamarac, Florida
B.A., Psychology
Graduate student, School Psychology

FOSTERING SELF-AWARENESS, INTI
Our Different Perspectives
Make Us Stronger.

Broaden your mind, learn more about the world around you and think about yourself in new ways.

Gallaudet University brings together students, faculty and staff from many cultures, languages and ethnicities. Our campus welcomes and provides resources for individuals who employ a variety of communication modalities. You will discover a welcoming, respectful community united in its passion to make a difference in the world.

You will find people and programs that will support, challenge and strengthen you.
As the world’s only university designed for deaf and hard of hearing students, Gallaudet draws a myriad of diverse individuals from around the globe.

College is the time to discover and nurture your identity, and there is no better place for this than Gallaudet. You will find inspiring role models among our staff and faculty, several of whom advocate internationally for the rights of all individuals. They embody and foster diversity, energizing a learning community of students and teachers eager to empower all to reach their full potential.

A Well-rounded Education

Collaborate on a service project with classmates from around the world. Explore civil rights or how technology affects social relationships. Get involved on campus as an athlete, artist, entrepreneur, student leader—or all of the above. And by being at Gallaudet, you will experience life as a world citizen.

Resources for All

Office of Diversity and Equity for Students (ODES)
Empowers students of all backgrounds to achieve academic, career and personal success and contribute to an inclusive campus environment. Offers programs, services and resources that include:

- **Keeping the Promise:** Cultural and educational workshops, leadership training and mentoring to encourage and support the academic success and inclusion of underrepresented communities

- **LGBTQA Resource Center:** Services, trainings, events and gatherings to encourage an inclusive environment for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions

- **Multicultural Student Programs:** Cultural presentations, lectures from a variety of inspiring visitors, panel discussions, workshops and leadership training to support racial and ethnic minority students, multicultural student organizations and an appreciation of diversity on campus

Office for Students With Disabilities (OSWD)
Individually tailored, comprehensive support services to promote equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities

JumpStart ASL
A four-week immersion program for first-year deaf and hard of hearing undergraduates and Bachelor of Arts in Interpretation students in American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture

International Affairs
Eases international students’ transition to life in the United States and at Gallaudet University, and assists current international students who seek advice on immigration regulations

English Language Institute (ELI)
An intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program for domestic and international deaf and hard of hearing students

Office of Campus Ministries (OCM)
Outside clergy and lay leaders, serving, ministering and providing resources to students of many faiths
Emma V. Balderas  
Denver, Colorado  
Current student  
Early Childhood Education major  

“When I arrived at Gallaudet, I was curious about the opportunities that lay ahead. Through active involvement in student organizations I felt myself grow and discover my identity as a Queer Latina. Being a Gallaudet student has been such a rich experience.”

Kainoa Costello  
Elbert, Colorado  
Current student  
Business Administration major  

“Being on my own for the first time means learning how to make good decisions, and just as importantly, learning from mistakes. These are among my greatest lessons as a Gallaudet student.”

Nicki Koniak  
Troy, Illinois  
Current student  
Biology major  

“Gallaudet has opened many opportunities to embrace my trans and Deaf identities. I was able to transition with the support of the LGBTQQA community on campus. I have never felt more at home than I do here. This community holds so many ideas and so much knowledge and power, and we motivate one another to achieve our fullest potential.”
Students from Across the United States and More Than 20 Countries

As a world leader in education, research and advocacy for people who are deaf and hard of hearing, Gallaudet gathers a global community. Many different signed, spoken and written languages are represented on campus.

Diverse in Many Ways

More than 40 percent of our undergraduate students and about 25 percent of our faculty identify themselves as part of a traditionally underrepresented group in higher education. Simply put, all students are welcomed and supported in our campus community.

For Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing Students

Our undergraduate students come from many academic backgrounds, including mainstream programs and schools for deaf and hard of hearing students. We offer support for new signers, students with and without cochlear implants, and international students who are learning ASL and English.

“I LOVE MEETING AND INTERACTING WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE AT GALLAUDET. THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE VERY FRIENDLY AND DIVERSE. I GET TO COMMUNICATE AND LEARN FROM PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO HAVE LIVES VERY DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN.”

—Franklin Jones, ’17
Charleston, South Carolina
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