

Magis Society

Dear Magis Society Members,

Welcome to the first Magis Society Newsletter! We hope you and yours are having a lovely holiday season. Georgetown's Magis Society consists of alumni who have celebrated their 50th Reunion, an honor which highlights the great legacy of our graduates. As members, you embody the spirit of Georgetown, and your continued relationship with the university speaks to the connection within the Georgetown community.

These newsletters will provide updates from the university, highlights from the Georgetown archives, and ways to stay involved with the Hoya community. To learn more about the Magis Society, please visit our new [website](#)! We are so grateful for the support Georgetown receives from its Magis Society alumni and hope to aid in your connection with classmates and the university.

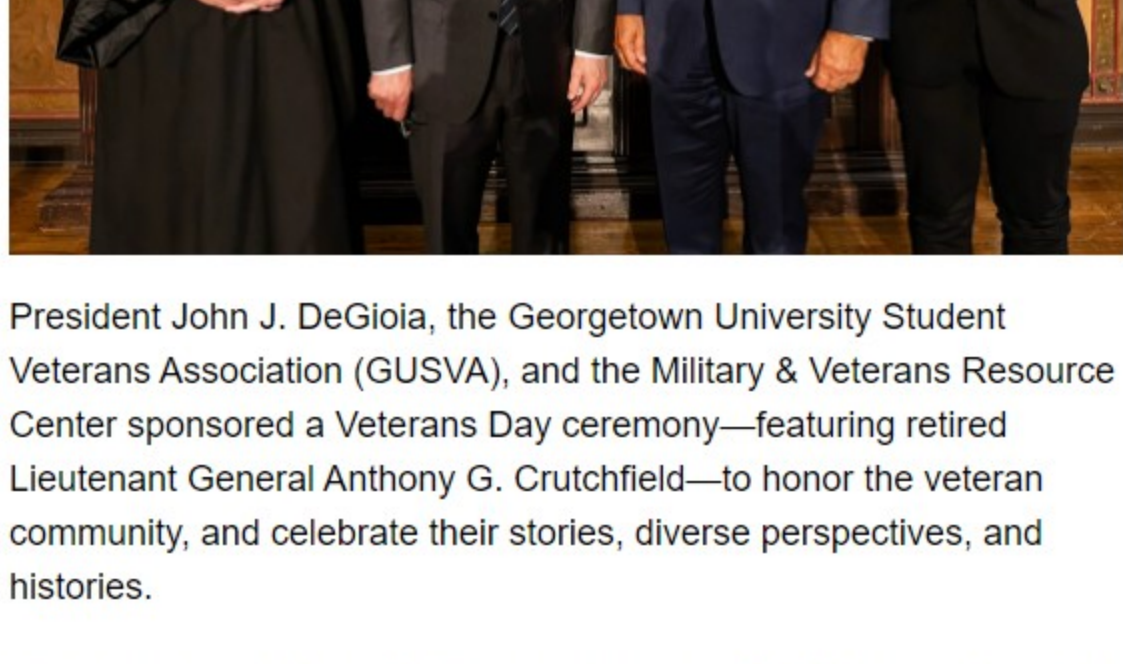
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University News and Updates

Veterans at Georgetown Today

In January 2023, Georgetown announced that it has expanded benefits for veterans attending the university via the Yellow Ribbon Program to further support the tuition and fees not covered by the Post-9/11 GI Bill. This expansion will enable more veterans and members of the military-connected community to attend Georgetown who otherwise could not. [Learn more about the direct impact of this expansion and Georgetown's focus on supplying holistic support to veterans here.](#)

Veterans Day Ceremony



President John J. DeGioia, the Georgetown University Student Veterans Association (GUSVA), and the Military & Veterans Resource Center sponsored a Veterans Day ceremony—featuring retired Lieutenant General Anthony G. Crutchfield—to honor the veteran community, and celebrate their stories, diverse perspectives, and histories.

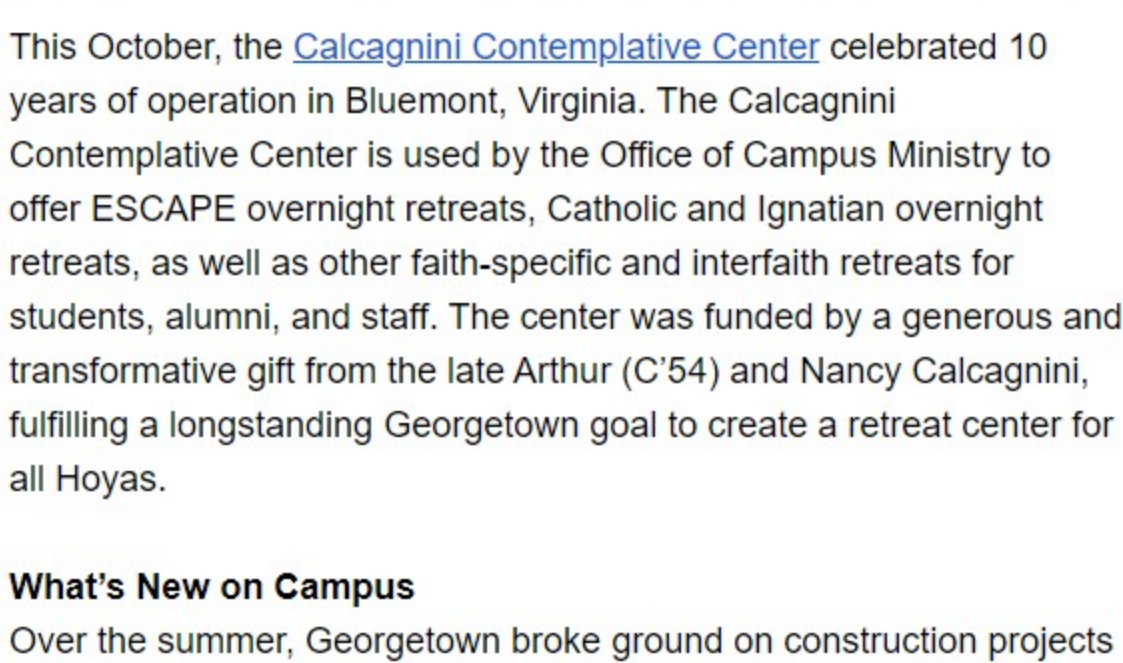
The Problem of God: Challenging Nearly 100,000 Hoyas Over 50 Years Later

As Georgetown alumni, it is likely that you took the university's signature course: The Problem of God. For over 50 years, almost 100,000 Georgetown students have taken this course, which encourages undergraduates to practice Georgetown's value of interreligious understanding, critically examine the religious dimension of human nature, and reflect on their own experience with religion. Across its history, nearly 3,000 distinct sections of the course have been taught. Read about [a few of the 24 professors who teach The Problem of God.](#)

BellRinger Ride to End Cancer

The second annual BellRinger ride to support Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center brought together nearly 1,000 riders, more than 400 volunteers, and countless supporters. The funds raised will directly support the center's work to prevent, treat, and cure cancer. [Learn more about the impact of BellRinger from its participants who are dedicated to ending cancer.](#)

Celebrating 10 Years at the Calcagnini Contemplative Center



This October, the [Calcagnini Contemplative Center](#) celebrated 10 years of operation in Bluemont, Virginia. The Calcagnini Contemplative Center is used by the Office of Campus Ministry to offer ESCAPE overnight retreats, Catholic and Ignatian overnight retreats, as well as other faith-specific and interfaith retreats for students, alumni, and staff. The center was funded by a generous and transformative gift from the late Arthur (C'54) and Nancy Calcagnini, fulfilling a longstanding Georgetown goal to create a retreat center for all Hoyas.

What's New on Campus

Over the summer, Georgetown broke ground on construction projects and opened new spaces on the Hilltop. In May, the university began demolition on Henle Village, kickstarting a three-year project to transform the residence into a state-of-the-art, apartment-style complex. At the same time, university leaders unveiled a new center that aggregates student services into one central hub, students tended to a new garden, and a new tap room opened its doors. [Learn more about what's new on Georgetown's campus today.](#)

Campaign Corner—Called to Be

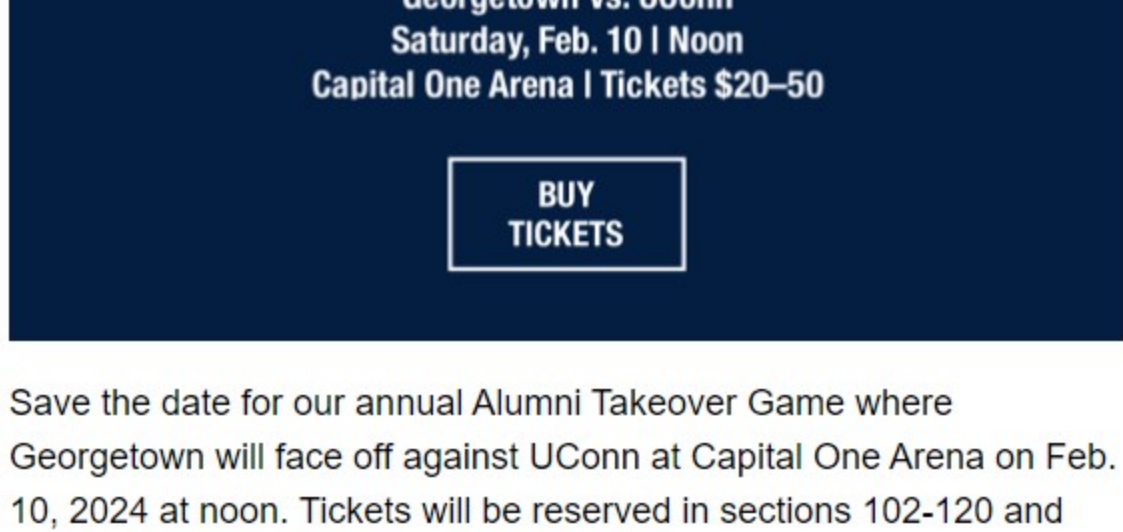
Called to Be

THE CAMPAIGN FOR GEORGETOWN

Called to Be: The Campaign for Georgetown was launched earlier this year! This campaign invites the exceptional community of alumni, family, and friends to support Georgetown in preparing tomorrow's leaders and answering the world's most complex challenges. The *Called to Be* campaign, with its \$3 billion campaign ambition, will support four key commitments: ensuring our student community thrives; shaping the future of teaching, research, and learning; advancing the health of people and the planet; and building a stronger, more ethical society.



Alumni Takeover Game



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Georgetown vs. UConn
Saturday, Feb. 10 | Noon
Capital One Arena | Tickets \$20–50

BUY TICKETS

Save the date for our annual Alumni Takeover Game where Georgetown will face off against UConn at Capital One Arena on Feb. 10, 2024 at noon. Tickets will be reserved in sections 102-120 and section 400. [Purchase your tickets today!](#)

Planned Giving Opportunities

Tax-Smart Ways to Give to Georgetown Using Your IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you can direct up to \$100,000 each calendar year to charity from a qualified IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). These distributions are income tax-free and count toward your RMD if you are 73 and older, while also providing a gift to support a school or program that is important to you. You can also direct up to \$50,000 using an IRA QCD to fund a new charitable gift annuity, which provides income for life and leaves a gift for Georgetown in the future—a great option with rising interest rates. To learn more, visit our [website](#), email plannedgiving@georgetown.edu, or call 800-347-8067.

Simple Planned Gifts to Support Georgetown

By including a bequest for Georgetown in your will or trust, or naming Georgetown University as a beneficiary of a retirement account, you add to the legacy of Hoyas that have come before you. These simple, revocable gifts allow you to help ensure the future of the university while providing flexibility in case future circumstances change. Bequests and beneficiary designations can be designated to a school or program that is meaningful to you, or can be left unrestricted and put to use where needed most. To learn more, visit our [website](#), email plannedgiving@georgetown.edu, or call 800-347-8067.

Archives

The Georgetown archives are available online! Look back on your time at Georgetown via the digitized [yearbooks](#) and [The Hoya](#) archives.

The Hoya 60 Years Ago this week



Read the [full edition here](#).

Magis Society Website

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