

# Community Impact Report

THE CATHOLIC  
UNIVERSITY  
OF AMERICA





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# About

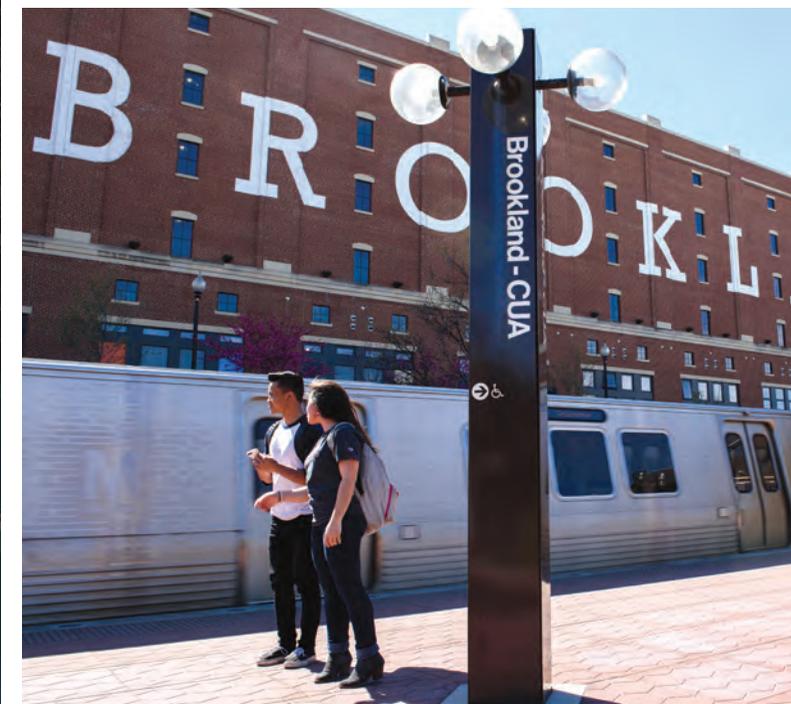
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The Catholic University of America was founded in 1887 as a graduate institution and is the second oldest research university in the country.

Our mission calls us to discover and impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation, and the world.

Today, more than **5,000 diverse undergraduates and graduates** enliven our **176-acre campus** and programs. Our alumni are leaders in politics and law, healthcare, engineering, education, nonprofit service, and in the arts, from the stage in Washington, D.C., to the big screen of Hollywood.

We are proud to call the District of Columbia home and Brookland our neighborhood.



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# Letter from the President

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As one of the nation's first research universities, the faculty, students, and graduates of The Catholic University of America are transforming our world through innovative research, technology, faith, and the arts.

But academic success is only a part of our story. We prepare our students, through a culture of scholarship, spiritual growth, and service, to be an active part of their communities and to use their knowledge in pursuit of the common good.

Our roots are in the District of Columbia and for nearly 140 years Catholic University has anchored the Brookland neighborhood. Today, the University is a leader in the renewal and development of our neighborhood and city, in collaboration with government, corporate, and nonprofit partners.

This report offers just a snapshot of the many ways Catholic University is leading in employment, sustainability initiatives, volunteer service, and financial scholarships for District of Columbia residents. Not only that, but our graduates increasingly are calling our city home.

I invite you to learn more about our contribution to the District as we forge new partnerships with government and private-sector organizations to strengthen our community and expand opportunities for our students, faculty, and staff.

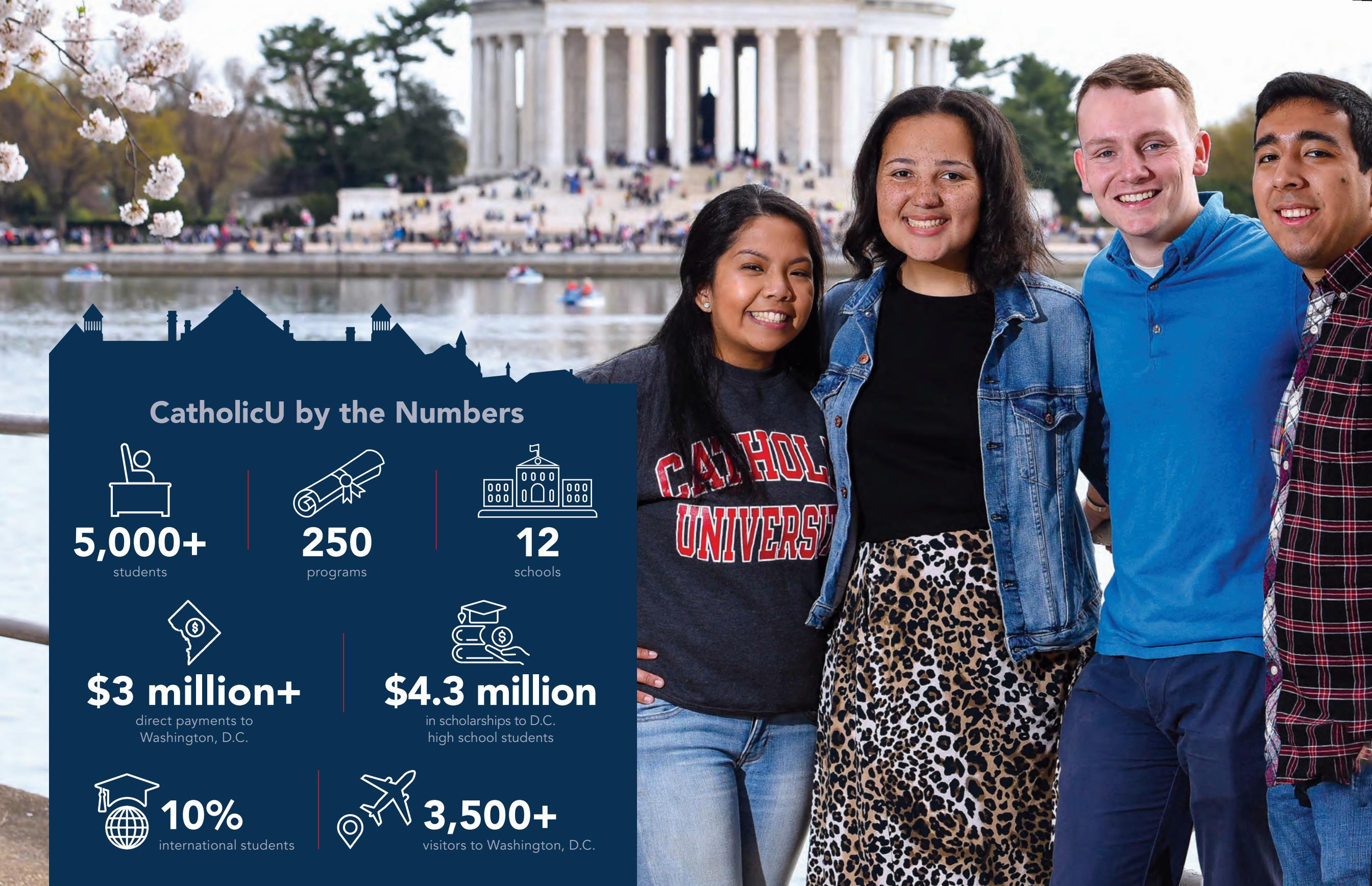
Together, we can make a difference, shaping lives and contributing to a stronger and healthier community.

Sincerely,



Dr. Peter Kilpatrick  
President, The Catholic University of America





## CatholicU by the Numbers



**5,000+**  
students



**250**  
programs



**12**  
schools



**\$3 million+**  
direct payments to  
Washington, D.C.



**\$4.3 million**  
in scholarships to D.C.  
high school students



**10%**  
international students



**3,500+**  
visitors to Washington, D.C.



# Generating Jobs

As a national research university, Catholic University is an anchor institution and major employment center for the District, with **operating expenses of \$222 million**. Nearly **6,000** of our alumni call the District home and another **8,000** live in nearby Maryland and Virginia.



**1,687**  
employees

**\$100 million**  
in salary and wages

**1 in 4**  
employees lives in the District,  
generating nearly **\$23 million**  
annually in payroll

**150+**  
new jobs created on average every year

# Giving To Our Local Community

Our service to the community starts on campus, with our legal clinics, community garden, on-campus food pantry, and donation closets. But it doesn't stop there. Students volunteer every day across our city, working with individuals who are unhoused, immigrants, youth, imprisoned, alone, or living with disabilities. They protect the environment and give their time to dozens of legal, healthcare, education, and community organizations.



**8th**

most engaged campus for community service (Princeton Review)



**12,000**

volunteer hours with 50+ community and nonprofit partners annually



**89,000+**

student-contributed hours annually



**35%**

of undergraduate population engaged with community service



## Service by the Hours

### NURSING

**33,500+**

hours of clinical care in the  
Washington metro area

### SOCIAL WORK

**32,000+**

hours contributed to residents and  
patients in hospitals, clinics, schools,  
veteran, nonprofit, and other facilities

### LAW

**21,500+**

hours of pro-bono hours through  
legal clinics and programs

### PASTORAL MINISTRY

**1,800+**

hours of pastoral care by seminarians  
in local hospitals and prisons

### EDUCATION

**520+**

hours contributed to **11** District schools



# Driving Economic Growth

When Catholic University developed the award-winning Monroe Street Market adjacent to Metro in 2014, not only did District residents gain an exciting urban live-work-eat destination, but Monroe Street sparked the redevelopment of the larger Brookland neighborhood.

The University's investment didn't stop there. New on-campus construction, renovation, and the installation of the city's largest ground solar array are the latest capital investments. Add to that dozens of national and international conferences and prospective family tours that draw visitors, and Catholic University is part of the city's success.



**\$84 million**

nursing building under construction

**\$40 million**

dining commons and career center

**50+**

major conferences annually

**\$19.2 million**

spent in the city on vendors and direct payments





# Investing in Workforce Training

The Metropolitan School of Professional Studies is an important part of our commitment to our local community. Located right on Metro — and online — MSPS is responding to workforce development and adult learner needs, offering certificate, associate, and bachelor's degree programs that are flexible and provide the expertise District residents need to take that next step forward in their careers and lives.

As needs change, we are ready to adapt. This includes partnerships with the city, most recently in areas such as childcare worker training and the DC Futures Program. The Metropolitan School is one of just three higher ed institutions to partner on DC Futures, with **120 students enrolled** in 2023.

## Metropolitan School of Professional Studies by the Numbers



**331**

students enrolled

DC★FUTURES

**120**

DC Futures students



**20**

programs



**49%**

of students are D.C. residents



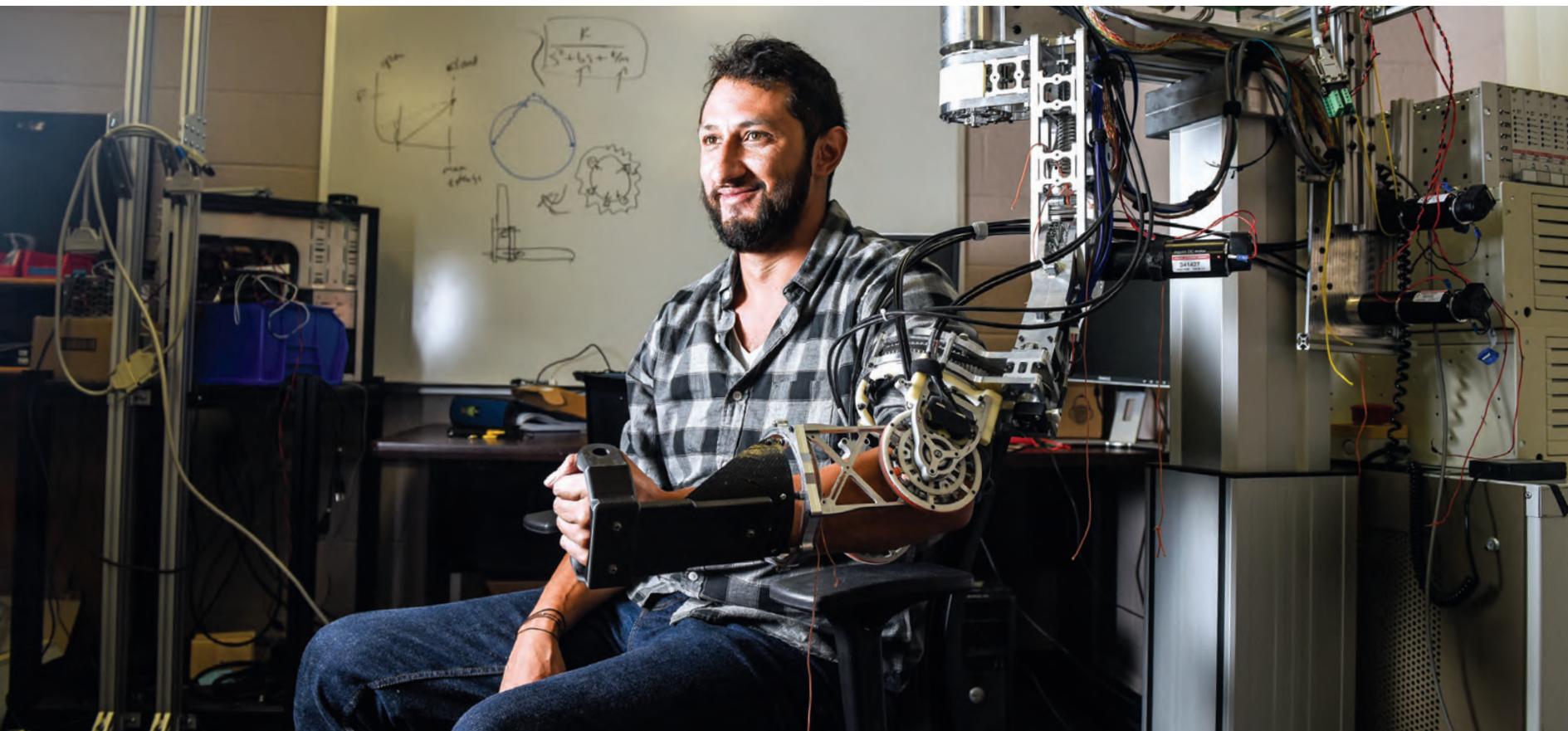
## ON THE FRONT LINES

Our nursing students are frequently in the community and many live off-campus. The Conway School of Nursing has partnered with the city's Fire and EMS Department to ensure students learn about opioid use and how to use Narcan. Having students trained and equipped with Narcan provides additional "bystander" response for opioid emergencies.

Our students care about the health of District residents. Nearly **40% of recent nursing graduates took positions at District hospitals** immediately following graduation.

# Leading in Research

In FY 2022, Catholic University had **\$26.53 million of externally-funded research**, and **\$11.67 million of internally-funded research**. The University partners with federal agencies to push the limits of knowledge and develop technology that will further the common good.



## Largest Active Grants Currently in the Research Portfolio

NASA

**\$64.1 million**

Partnership for Heliophysics and  
Space Environmental Research

NASA

**\$26.9 million**

Center for Research and Exploration  
in Space Science and Technology II  
(subcontract with University of Maryland)

**\$5.05 million**

Nuclear Waste Remediation  
Atkins Energy Federal  
(subcontracts from U.S. DOE)

NIDILRR (DHHS)

**\$4.6 million**

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center —  
Patient-Centered, Home-Based Technologies  
to Assess and Treat Motor Impairment in  
Individuals with Neurologic Injury

NASA

**\$2.6 million**

Community Coordinated Modeling Center —  
Facilitating Space Weather Research,  
Advancing Forecasting and Providing  
Hands-On Opportunities for Education

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# Ensuring a Sustainable Future

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There is a reason Catholic University has been ranked the **10th most sustainable campus in the country**, and **one of just 12 institutions worldwide to receive the first Zero Energy Design Designation from the U.S. Department of Energy**. It's because we know we have a responsibility to care for creation and to ensure a healthy world for future generations.



## SOLAR CAMPUS

The largest ground solar array in the District is coming to life on West Campus. The impact? Producing energy equal to removing nearly 1,500 cars from the road. This is just one way the University is contributing to the District of Columbia's goal of 100% renewable energy by 2032 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

It's also the latest addition to our sustainability efforts, on a campus with solar installed on roofs, LEED buildings, re- and upcycling, and sustainability-related courses across two dozen majors, minors, concentrations, and graduate degree programs.





## SERVING OUR MILITARY

Catholic University is proud of our designation as a "Military Friendly School." Not only do we have an active ROTC program, but we participate in the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship Program, covering the gap between tuition and GI Bill benefits for undergraduate, graduate, and law students. In 2023, **82 veterans and nine active duty personnel** were part of our student body.

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# Following Our Faith

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Our campus is a place where faith inspires. So it's not surprising that Catholic Charities USA was founded at Catholic University (1910). Or that Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) received her first honorary degree here (1971).

We have had a social work school for more than 100 years, and our social work doctoral program is the third oldest in the world. What else makes us different?

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- **Only national Catholic university in the U.S.**
  - **Established by the U.S. bishops and chartered by Pope Leo XIII**
  - **Only U.S. university authorized to grant degrees in canon (Church) law.**
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And our alumni go on to do great things. In fact, five — including Sister Thea Bowman, national advocate for racial justice — are in the process to potentially be named saints in the Catholic Church.



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