The Georgetown Scholarship Program (GSP) was founded in 2004 and has served over 1,400 Georgetown University students. Currently, GSP provides programmatic support for over 650 undergraduates, ensuring that all of our students can access the resources and networks of support they need to succeed at Georgetown. GSP is not a program that students can apply to. Rather, an external committee selects participants during the admission process based on certain profile characteristics including being hardworking, high achieving, the first in their families to attend college, and having a family income below a certain level. The program helps students break down barriers to achievement and navigate successfully through an environment that many may not be familiar or comfortable with. GSP provides a family-like support community through face-to-face interactions, mentoring, financial support, events, and professional development opportunities thanks to alumni involvement.
FIRST YEAR EVENTS

THE PREPARING TO EXCEL PROGRAM

The Preparing to Excel Program (PEP) is a 6-day immersive experience for new students that takes place the week before the school year begins. 40 incoming freshmen and transfer students, led by 20 upperclassmen mentors, participate in academic workshops, a budget bootcamp, lunches with deans and campus ministry leaders, professor panels, fellowship preparation courses, professional development sessions, tours through the city, and even a kayaking excursion. The model of the program allows students to acclimate socially and academically to campus life before classes even begin.

PROJECT MOVE-IN

Many students travel long distances to campus for their first day and many arrive alone. To aid with this transition process, GSP pairs students with local alumni who have offered to pick them up at the airport, train station, or bus station. Volunteers help move first year students into their dorm and welcome them to the Hoya community. We also provide brand new free bedding to students who need it.

PEER MENTORING

Peer mentoring is increasingly recognized as a key factor in supporting first-generation college students. GSP offers an extensive mentoring program (of 100 student volunteers!) that pairs incoming freshmen and transfer students with upperclassmen who help them navigate the first year college experience. Mentors are carefully selected and undergo training which prepares them to serve as an important source of support for new students.
THRIVE + PARENT GUIDES

To prepare students for the transition to college, GSP has prepared a "Thrive Guide", which walks them through the first year experience, from moving in on the first day, to buying books, meeting with professors, and juggling academic demands with social life. GSP also has created a bilingual Parent Guide to prepare parents and guardians for what they can expect during a student’s transition to Georgetown. These resources are mailed to each home, and students also receive a digital version.

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Every year, to welcome the newly admitted class of GSP scholars, GSP hosts an Induction Ceremony.

Students hear from founders of GSP, various deans, and student leaders who celebrate their unique achievements and their important roles as Hoyas.

170
FRESHMEN + TRANSFER GSP STUDENTS IN 2017*

*Data current as of July 7, 2017

FALL 2017

100+ CARE PACKAGES 160+ BEDDING PACKS 50+ SUMMER PHONE CALLS

GSP "TLC"

GSP "TLC" refers to a subset of programming specifically dedicated to make students feel at home at Georgetown. GSP "TLC" is a group of alumni and volunteers, and their programming provides bedding packs for students, social gatherings over Thanksgiving break, candy baskets during Easter Break, and care packages throughout the year.

GSP THRIVE SUMMIT

The Freshman Thrive Summit takes place at the beginning of the second semester of students' first year. It aims to help freshmen and transfer students reflect on their first semester and to prepare them to thrive. The occasion includes inspirational speakers and small group discussions facilitated by recent GSP graduates. Normalizing the challenges faced during the transition to college is important for new students, so this event gives students the opportunity to openly share and reflect on their experiences.
GSP students form teams to participate in intramural leagues in sports such as flag football, basketball, soccer, and volleyball. Team costs are covered by GSP. The teams have been an incredible way to build community within the GSP student body, promote leadership outside the Classon, and the program allows students a fun and healthy way to reduce stress.

Over the breaks, many GSP students stay on campus to save on travel costs. During this time, GSP offers food stipends to students who remain on campus (as the dining hall is closed) and hosts multiple social activities such as movie screenings, and holiday parties. This helps students still feel at home, even though they are far from their families during the holiday season.

Every year GSP hosts a tailgate cookout where all GSP students, family, friends, supporters, alumni and volunteers are invited! This event is special as it is one of the few times of the year that the entire GSP family comes together. We love to welcome parents from out of town as well as alumni & volunteers who are just as a part of our GSP family!
ONE-ON-ONE ADVISING
One-on-One Advising is a daily GSP fixture where a staff advisor meets individually with GSP students in 45-minute increments over tea, coffee, and cookies. The meetings cover life, financial concerns, academics, a student’s journey to Georgetown, campus life, social activities, involvement in clubs and extracurriculars, leadership and fellowship opportunities, career preparation, job concerns, etc. The meetings are a way to build trust within the GSP network and to address student needs.

"ONE-ON-ONE WITH AN ALUM"
This program is yet another favorite GSP tradition. Each Friday during the fall and spring semesters, GSP invites an alumnus(a) or GSP supporter to meet with students individually over the course of the day in one-hour increments. These meetings are uniquely valuable because they allow students to expand their network, meet a new mentor, and receive guidance from a fellow Hoya. Additionally, volunteers and supporters have the opportunity to make connections with GSP students and hear their stories.

ALUMNI MENTORING
The program pairs a sophomore GSP student with a Georgetown alumni mentor with students’ interests and mentors’ strengths in mind. The program’s benefit is two-fold: the student has access to the alum with whom he or she otherwise may have never interacted. The mentor gains a different perspective into the unique story of a first-generation student on a college campus. Through calls, campus visits, and in-person check-ins, mentors offer invaluable advice and encouragement to help GSP students thrive on campus and beyond.
# Financial Support

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## Budget Bootcamp

Budget Bootcamp is a mandatory training for first year students on how to best utilize their university scholarship package, find affordable flights and textbooks, and survive college on a budget. The session also provides loan counseling and basic financial literacy training.

## GSP Necessity Fund*

Funded through alumni and supporter contributions, the Necessity Fund provides grants to students in need of additional funding for emergencies, travel home, stipends during breaks when the cafeteria is closed, and winter coats.

*Information current for 2015-2016

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**Student Needs Funded through the GSP Necessity Fund by type of grant awarded**

This graph represents relative amounts of types of grants awarded. Graph does not depict dollar amounts.
SUMMER FELLOWS
The Summer Fellows Program is a fellowship offered to 10 students every summer who are working in unpaid internships in the District. The program provides free housing, a stipend for living expenses, and programming that includes roundtables with professors, outings in the city, and professional and personal development workshops. The fellowship is crucial for students who would otherwise be unable to work in an unpaid internship over the summer due to financial concerns.

RESUME WORKSHOPS
GSP partners with Google, PwC, Deloitte, and other employers to host comprehensive resume workshops. The first hour is an overview of resume do's and don'ts. The second hour includes individual resume consultations for each GSP student.

ALUMNI ROUNDTABLES
Some of the most valuable ways to promote student and alumni engagement are small roundtables where a group of GSP students can meet with an alumnus or GSP supporter, hear his or her story, engage in conversation, and ask questions. We have hosted roundtables with a variety of guests, including GSP Board Members, business leaders, the founder of a charter school, professional development experts, and even a former Olympian.

GSP ACHIEVE ADVISORS
Seniors provide peer-to-peer advising on career topics, host office hours and provide all GSP students frank advice on navigating the job and/or internship search process.
SENIOR FEATURES

GRADUATION RECEPTION

To celebrate the achievements of GSP graduating seniors, and recognize the support of their families, GSP holds a Graduation Celebration every year during commencement weekend. The memorable event includes speeches from GSP Board Members and reflections from GSP seniors.

PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE GIFT CARDS

All GSP seniors are awarded a generous gift card to either JosA. Bank or LOFT to purchase professional clothing as they begin their post-graduate careers. Traditionally, the shopping day is a group adventure, and the local LOFT store annually hosts a special event with on-hand stylists to assist students with their professional wardrobe choices.

CAREER WEEKLY EMAIL

To make sure we guiding our seniors on their paths post graduation, all GSP seniors receive our Career Weekly Email. This email is chocked full of opportunities such as internships, jobs, graduate school programs, research, tips for applying to law school and more! This email is also available to underclassmen should they complete a career preparation checklist to make sure their resume is polished and they prepared to take on these opportunities.

POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES SEIZED