GWAA CODE OF ETHICS

George Washington Alumni Association Board Members and alumni volunteers have strategic and complex roles serving George Washington University alumni, including championing the institution’s mission, encouraging and fostering alumni involvement, building long-term relationships with other alumni, students, and other constituencies, and collaborating with University officials. Board members and alumni volunteers should strive to maintain the highest level of ethics in all of their actions on behalf of the GWAA and GW. The principles below are intended to assist GWAA Board members and alumni volunteers in fulfilling their volunteer roles in a manner that will benefit the institution, its alumni and the academic community.

GWAA Board Members and alumni volunteers have a fundamental obligation to:

- Serve and support GW alumni in an ethically and socially responsible manner;
- Advance the mission of the University;
- Reflect in their volunteer efforts the basic values of GW, including an abiding respect for diverse ideas and interests;
- Enforce through words and actions the principles of honesty, integrity and trust, forming the basis for long–term relations and engagement with the University’s other alumni and constituencies;
- Not take any action when interacting with students that would knowingly encourage any student to violate the GW Code of Student Conduct;
- Take responsibility for one’s decisions involving the GWAA and GW, and treat colleagues, alumni, and others with courtesy and respect;
- Avoid placing or the appearance of placing, one’s own self-interest or any third-party interest above that of the GWAA and GW when acting in any ambassadorial or other GWAA capacity;
- Disclose involvement with other organizations, businesses, or individuals where such a relationship might be viewed as an actual or potential conflict between his or her own personal or financial interests and that of the GWAA or GW, and disqualify himself or herself from participating in any decision with respect to those interests;
- Not engage in harassment or discrimination basis on race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other basis prohibited by applicable law;
- Maintain the highest standards of personal and professional behavior with students, treating them in a respectful and responsible manner, and never engage in any
inappropriate sexual, romantic, or other intimate behavior, whether through conduct, words, innuendo, or otherwise; and

- Immediately report any violation of this Code of Ethics to the President of the GWAA, or if the person reporting prefers, to the most senior official in the Office of Alumni Relations or a more senior official within the University.

[Add the following for GWAA Board of Directors members and GWAA Committee members:]

My signature below confirms that I have read, understand, agree to, and will abide by the contents of this Policy.

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Signature

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Date