

## **2010-2011 – HEA Video Transcript**

### **Sharron Dannels, Chair, Dept. of Educational Leadership**

One of the things we try to do at the School of Ed. here at George Washington University is to instill leadership in our students...leadership through innovation. We try to offer a variety of experiences for the students. Coursework is one element. But we also try to provide experiences outside of the classroom to enrich the learning environment.

### **Cameron Klementik, HEA Master's Student Class of 2010**

It's a very unique private school and it's a great way to learn about administration and to learn about different student service opportunities. I would say that it's a great way to get experience. And also being in the district there are a lot of other ways to get involved.

### **Rick Jakemam, Higher Education Administration Professor**

In most traditional doctoral programs, students would start their dissertation in years 3 or 4 or maybe in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of dissertation work after they've completed their core content courses. Our program at GW goes a little bit differently and based on some student feedback and some faculty evaluations of the program, we've highlighted specific courses that focus on certain elements of the dissertation and those occur all the way from the very beginning, the first day of classes until the first year, second year, and third year of the program.

### **Billy Molasso, Higher Education Administration Professor**

If you compare GW to other programs in the country and you look at what offer in the classroom and you look at the educational experience that we provide, and you look at the other opportunities that are available. We will stack up against any other program in the country. So I think it is important that student s look and make that informed decision.

### **Jennifer Athay, HEA Doctoral Student – Cohort 11 – Alexandria, VA**

When I say that I am in a graduate program at GW, the first response is "oh, that's great, GW is a great school".

### **Adam Obstein, GW Master's Student Class of 2010**

If I get a job anywhere in the country or even in the world, everyone's heard of George Washington University and it was too hard for me to turn down coming to school here.

### **Gina Dowell, Associate Director of School and Alumni Programs**

I regularly get emails from Alumni saying they want to mentor and spend time with students. They're out there in the community. They are educators, they are people who can take in student teachers and help them in that process. So it's really invaluable to get in touch with A) get in touch with faculty

members and in touch with the alumni office to know who's out there in the community that has the same interest as you and who can be a good mentor or just a connection professionally.

**Cameron Klementik, HEA Master's Student Class of 2010**

On my way to work and on my way to class I get to go past the national monuments. I just think it's a really cool thing to do every day and I just think it is just awesome to be a couple of blocks away down from the White House and just to be in this experience in this area.

**Zahabiyah Khorakiwala, HEA Master's Student Class of 2010**

I mean, anyone that's deciding to come here I think it is important to recognize the immediate resource you have just given our amazing location.

**Tom Harnisch, HEA Doctoral Student – Traditional Track**

Not only are their outstanding scholars at GW, but there is a community here of professionals and a network that runs nation-wide that you can't get anywhere else.

**Stephanie Chito, HEA Master's Student**

The program really gave me the opportunity to work full time and go to school in the evening so I just thought that was just perfect for what I wanted to do.

**David Surratt, HEA Doctoral Student – Cohort 11**

I could commute from Jersey City, New Jersey, come down to DC, take my classes and continue working full time and continue supporting me and my family.

**Caroline DeLeon, HEA Master's Student**

Thus far, since I've been here, the professors have been incredibly supportive. They've given me the type of push that I need to pursue my careers and my dreams and I'm very happy with my choice.

**Tom Harnisch, HEA Doctoral Student**

I would tell doctoral students to check the box that says yes and come on down to GW!

**Markesha McWilliams, HEA Doctoral Student/Graduate Assistant**

So if you are seriously considering pursuing your graduate studies in education The George Washington University Higher Education Program should be at the top of your list. So we encourage you to apply and would be glad to welcome you into our community of scholars.