



COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2023

Charlotte, North Carolina
May 4, 2023

Dear Johnson & Wales University Class of 2023,

Congratulations on your graduation day!

This is a significant occasion that you should be proud of, and I am honored to be here to celebrate with you. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every one of you.

As you celebrate this achievement, take a moment to reflect on all the people who have supported you along the way. Your family, friends, professors, coaches, and mentors have provided you with encouragement, guidance and love. I encourage you to take the time to thank them for their unwavering support.



As you embark on the next chapter of your life, I encourage you to be bold, to take risks, and to pursue your passions with purpose and determination. Your education at Johnson & Wales University has prepared you well for the future. You have learned the importance of leadership, teamwork and community service. You are well-prepared for the challenges that lie ahead, and I am confident that you are ready to make your mark on the world.

As you leave Johnson & Wales, I urge you to stay connected to our alumni network. As a member of the JWU family, you will always be a Wildcat, and we will always be here for you. Our alumni network is strong, and we have a proud history of supporting one another as we pursue our goals and dreams. I encourage you to stay in touch and to share your accomplishments with the JWU community.

Once again, congratulations on your graduation. You have made us all proud, and we cannot wait to see what you will achieve in the future.

Forever JWU,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard G. Mathieu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard G. Mathieu, Ph.D.
Charlotte Campus President

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY: FUTURE LEADERS START HERE

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 8,000 graduate, undergraduate and online students at its campuses in Providence, Rhode Island and Charlotte, North Carolina.

An innovative educational leader, the university offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in arts and sciences, business, engineering, food innovation, hospitality, nutrition, health and wellness. It also offers undergraduate programs in culinary arts, dietetics and design. JWU's unique model provides students with the personalized attention, academic expertise and industry connections that inspire professional success and personal growth. The time students spend at JWU is nothing short of transformative, as demonstrated by career outcomes, expected earnings and economic mobility rankings. The university's impact is global, with alumni in 128 countries pursuing careers worldwide. For more information, visit jwu.edu.

A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY

As an innovative and comprehensive university, Johnson & Wales University is committed to preparing students for careers and leadership in diverse industries. The university is invested in supporting every student's journey to fulfilling their academic potential, professional ambitions and personal aspirations.

Johnson & Wales continues to be a prominent global leader in the academic sphere, with a robust international and national student population. Today we are honored to host international students representing 54 countries, an integral part of our university's dynamic community. High-impact, engaged learning is at the heart of what the university does, including the opportunities we offer for students to participate in the 56 study abroad and exchange programs in 31 countries.

The university is powered by a belief that every student deserves a high-quality education that can prepare them for success in a meaningful career. The university prioritizes a teacher-scholar model and celebrates scholarship and research. The community nurtures an academic culture that embodies discovery, creativity and intellectual curiosity. Our faculty strive to instill in our graduates adaptable thinking, professionalism and the quest for lifelong learning. It is in this spirit that we send our 2023 graduates into the world, eager to see how they will make their own indelible marks on industry, academia, government and community.



For the safety of everyone in attendance and to comply with local fire department regulations, guests are requested to remain in their seats during the program. Guests will not be allowed onto the Coliseum floor or in the area where graduates enter and exit the Coliseum. Ushers are stationed throughout the arena should you need assistance. After the ceremony, guests can join the graduates in the front entrance area outside Bojangles Coliseum.

For your convenience, the commencement ceremony is being professionally photographed by Grad Images®. For information on ordering photos, please contact Grad Images® at 800-261-2576 or online at gradimages.com. Grad Images® has agreed to provide a free 5x7 of the graduate's choice to each graduate that provides his/her email and mailing address to Grad Images®.

Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

Loch Norman Pipe Band
Platform Party led by Mace Bearer Manasseh Zechariah, Ph.D., *professor, College of Business*
Candidates for Degrees
Faculty of the Colleges

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jessi Little

INVOCATION

Kevin Kaye, *Reformed United Fellowship*

WELCOME

Richard G. Mathieu, Ph.D., *Charlotte Campus president*

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 2023 STUDENT SPEAKER

Richard G. Mathieu, Ph.D.

CLASS OF 2023 STUDENT ADDRESS

Jay McCollar '23, *Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship*

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Lei Cristine Garcia '10, *owner, Wow Factor Cakes*

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE

Sandra G. Affenity, Ph.D., *vice chancellor of academic administration*

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

David Burke, *chef and restaurateur*,
Conferred by Mim L. Runey, LP.D., *chancellor*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

David Burke '23 Hon.

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES MASTER DEGREE CANDIDATES

Manasseh Zechariah, Ph.D.

CONFERRING OF COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES MASTER DEGREES

Richard G. Mathieu, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Manasseh Zechariah, Ph.D.

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Richard G. Mathieu, Ph.D.

BENEDICTION

Kevin Kaye

RECESSIONAL

Honorary Degree Recipient

DAVID BURKE

Doctor of Business Administration



In the parlance of today's celebrity driven culture, David Burke is a rock star of the culinary world. Fueled by passion, grit and a knack for artful innovation, he employs a signature whimsical, boundlessly creative approach to modern American cuisine. His company, David Burke Hospitality Management (DBHM), owns, manages, licenses and consults with restaurants, hotels, clubs and schools worldwide.

Burke is a restaurateur, artist, philanthropist, businessman, author, educator, art collector — and even a puppeteer and minister! He graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and trained as a pastry chef at France's Lenotre École des Arts Culinaires. At just 26 years old, his kitchen mastery won him the executive chef position of New York City's legendary River Café, where he earned a prestigious three-star review from The New York Times. While at River Café, he became the first (and remains the only) American to win the prestigious Meilleurs Ouvriers de France Diplome d'Honneur, cementing his status as a leading chef on the global culinary stage. He subsequently won Japan's Nippon Award for Excellence, and the Robert Mondavi Award of Excellence, all of which earned him a place in James Beard's Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America. Burke has been nominated twice for James Beard's Best Chef and became a familiar face on the popular TV show "Top Chef." He is the author of two cookbooks: "Cooking with David Burke" and "David Burke's New American Classics."

After opening a number of restaurants with the founder of the iconic Smith & Wollensky steakhouse, Burke set his sights on growing his brand. The first building block was the highly regarded David Burke & Donatella, which debuted in 2003. He went on to form a hospitality company that owned and operated numerous award-winning restaurants around the country. It was during this period that Burke gained U.S. patents for several innovations, including his famous Himalayan salt dry-aging process for beef.

Currently, Burke and his DBHM team orchestrate the culinary component of 15 restaurants in the United States and Saudi Arabia, a historic event venue and a bakery. They also oversee a growing roster of David Burke branded products, including cookware, bakeware, steak sauce, cutlery and wine. Known for his industry insight, culinary accomplishments, business acumen and candid observations, Burke is often a leading contributor to major news sources, such as ABC TV, Forbes, Fox TV, Bloomberg and more. He is also frequently called upon to play the role of event honoree, speaker and judge.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Burke created the #FeedtheHeroes program, which prepared and delivered more than 100,000 meals to frontline workers and charities. Sheer boredom during the months-long lockdown spurred his hugely popular and hilarious cooking demos "LeftobyDB," with Lefto, a doppelganger puppet. He also launched a virtual online cooking demo program, "CookinDB IGTV," and employee incentive initiatives tailor-made for Fortune 500 companies like Verizon.

Michael Childers, J.D., chair, and the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences faculty proudly present their Class of 2023.

JOHN HAZEN WHITE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Master of Science Degree Recipients

Robin Ann Due

Jasmine Katrice Locke

Master of Public Administration Degree Recipients

Caroline Elizabeth Allen

Kathryn ShaQuinn
Kiana James

Deborah Hoyte Malette

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Kiara Johnson
Ahmir Kelly
cum laude

Rebecca Ann Lee
Isaac Samuel Nash
cum laude

Ctephanie Savoie
magna cum laude

Regan Brooke Trogdon
summa cum laude
Amber Nicole Worth

Bachelor of Arts Degree Recipients

Kyaisha Diayvonne Bryant
summa cum laude

Lindsay Elise Mays
summa cum laude



James Woods, Ph.D., chair, and the College of Business faculty proudly present their
Class of 2023.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Science Degree Recipients

Jasmine Renee Ballard
Kara Rose Bazzano

Kelly Jacobs

Sharedia Ladett Simon

Sommer Kristionne Whiteside

Master of Business Administration Degree Recipients

Anthony Allyn Alexander
Nicole Darlene Baber
Katie Marie Black
Sharelle Nicole Bridges

Jainell M. Corbitt
Michael A. Downie
Amanda Fletcher
Laurelle Ashley Hammonds

Matthew Shaw Heyert
Gabrielle Martine Horn
Kristoff S. Hursey
Michele Antionette Johnson

Lyperior Zyatique Lovely
Michael Andrew Meadows II
Sydnee Dechelle Stevenson
Chrishonna R. Sutton
Alesha Monique Washington

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree Recipients

Jessica Lorraine Aldridge
magna cum laude
De'zhane Monique Allen
Adele Rose Bassil
magna cum laude
Jacqueline Paige Blair
April Nichole Brown
A'jahlaya Carter
Francisco Chavez Azua
Curtis Giovanni Cooper
Jordan Nicholas Cooper

Rahzell Leandre Davenport
cum laude
Crystal Janay Dover
Ashley Takiyah Gooch
Dylan Matthew Hall
Kayla Tanae Hardy
Destin De'Shon
Guvando Hemingway
Madison Nicole Hendry
magna cum laude
Cameron Hatti Johnson

Kai Johnson
Atutu Boevi Loris Armel
Lawson
Ashia Denay Lewis
Madison J. Maloney
summa cum laude
Shakara Sade Newton Horner
Kayla Reneé Nolton
Emma Kathleen O'Connell
summa cum laude
Dorrah Wembi Omoyi

Emma Kenner Pedigo
Lissette Perez Rodriguez
Justin Corson Portnoy
Anthony Maurice Ray
Enajeiya Arrmony Rivera
Odyssey Shaw
Ayanna Chantalle Wheeler
cum laude
Connor William Wilson
Ashley Nicole Woods
Kyle Wright

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Dennis Jeremiah Aseron Bajao
Vanessa Beke
Karlie Anastasia Calloway
Lilah Micaiah Clapp
summa cum laude
Kiana T. Davis
TaNaeschia DaShawna
Unique Dorsey
Erin Nicole Fisher
cum laude
Michala Noelle Florence
Tory Jemall Floyd
Isabella Nicole Gonzalez
Kayla Ashley Gonzalez

Regan Lynn Goodnight
Mason William Graham
magna cum laude
Camille Aliyah Irby
cum laude
Isabella Johns
A'Mari Tierra Joseph
Bailey Robert Lamer
Quinne C. Masiello
summa cum laude
Taylah Christine Mitchell
Eboni Elise Montague
Kyle Nicholas Mosco
magna cum laude

Terrell Elias Newton
Florin Josh Nork
Carlisle Makena
Overcast-Hawks
Jakorie Daniel Parker
cum laude
Rachel Deloris Rieves
Jasmine Romero
Amber Rene Roscoe
Khalil Abdul Saeed
Aria'na M. Scott
Kara Dashay Scott
Jazmine Ananesia Sloan
Aaliyah Nicole Smith
cum laude

Fanta Sokona
Maira Alejandra Teruel-Palma
Yen Phi Tran
magna cum laude
Edna Valcin
Taylor Rhea Walker
Sarah Patrice Diane Wallace
cum laude
Alexus White
De'Andre J. Williams
magna cum laude
Luetisha Williams
summa cum laude

Michael Childers, J.D., chair, and the College of Health & Wellness faculty proudly present their Class of 2023.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

Master of Science Degree Recipients

Shalyn Denise McCadney

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Robin Lynn Hughes
magna cum laude

Beatrice Joanne Robinson



Sunil Atreya, chair, and the College of Hospitality Management faculty proudly present their Class of 2023.

COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Master of Science Degree Recipients

Jay Edward Jacobs

Nathaniel Benjamin Mosser

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Patricia Therese Santos Abrina
Gavin Angel Adame Lemus
Eleonora Marie Allorto
Ana Luisa Alvim
Emily Arends
Zamarri Auston
Kaiya Sherelle Bagley
Sekai Reis Banes
Alana Monique Bankston
magna cum laude
Louise Elizabeth Baptist
summa cum laude
Cortlyn Barnes
cum laude

Hope Arlene Boryschuk
magna cum laude
Alina Elisabeth Bryan
summa cum laude
Madison L. Burke
Jazmin Chante Capers
Joanne M. Caracappa
summa cum laude
Laura Maggiori
Castillo Martinez
summa cum laude
Brooklyn Cathey
Jaclyn Sierra Chandler
Kadijah Rhianna Charles

Jaylen Dwayne Cherry
Dominique Lashawn-Marie
Clark
Isabel Cleary
Meredith Whiteleigh
Clemmons
Katarah Danae Cruz
magna cum laude
Cameron Michael Culbertson
Nicole Cunningham
Jalyn Deshawn Dale
Gabriel Santos De Oliveira
Alexis Chantel Dixon
cum laude

Nicole Danielle Douglas
Shannon Noel Dugan
DeLondra DeCole Ellis
Sydney Shay Fasel
summa cum laude
Kye Finch
Brandon Dennis Foskey
K'Niqua Tikoia Fredericks
cum laude
Tina Gamble
Precious M. Garbla
Devonna Lenise Gibbs
Sarah Lee Gibbs

Graham Duquesne Griffin
summa cum laude
Shikira Alysia Grimes
Kassidy M. Hairston
Diajé Sergio Lionel Hart
Tiarah Alexia Hayes
Christopher Whitman Haynes
magna cum laude
Kaya LaShon Henigan
Virginia Lynn Henry
magna cum laude
James Glenn Howell
Kya Monet Hudson
Malcolm Hyde
Collin Stephen Irby
Jovanne Brandon Jackson
Noah Browder Johnson
cum laude
Zoie Payton Johnson
cum laude
Shawna Jeraldine Jones
Sher'cole Amonique Jones
Avery Grace Kinnaird
summa cum laude
Victor Daniel Lucero
Isobel Jane Lyttle
summa cum laude

Sandra Priscila Marin-Angel
cum laude
Alyssa Marshall
Kaylah Anee McCants
cum laude
Makala Alexis McCollum
Ramon Jamar McCombs
Satondra Johnna McDaniel
Kamoni Tyreek McHarris
Jordin McLean
Nicholas Alan Merrix
magna cum laude
Nikya Owens
Fredrick Marquis Patterson
Jah'Asia Makayla Pernel
magna cum laude
Miller Piatt
Alexandra Michele Plummer
magna cum laude
Grace Elizabeth Mae Prestidge
Jessica Jacquelyn Redd
Paul Webster Reed II
summa cum laude
Courtney Lynn Rigdon
magna cum laude
Juliana Michelle Rivera
magna cum laude

Natalie Grace Roberts
magna cum laude
Luke A. Robling
Heather Lily Rocca
summa cum laude
Sydney Alea Ross
cum laude
Janya Dashawn Sampson
Abigail Laurine Sanders
Kayla Monét Savage
university honors scholar
cum laude
Jessie Saxman
magna cum laude
Hunter Louis Shapiro
magna cum laude
Cecille Denise Simpson
Arianna Victoria Skiadas
summa cum laude
Clifton Slaughter Jr.
Kaela Mychelle Soders
Chalen Jamar Stafford-Gill
Madison Lynn Stalnaker
magna cum laude
Tomario Stewart
Sarah April Stringer
Greg Terentiev
magna cum laude

Nina Terzyan
Isaiah Tysun Todd
Victor Ryan Torrao
magna cum laude
Julie Thi Tran
Abulfazl Rasheed Turabi
summa cum laude
Kira Monet Uzzle
Camila Van Grieken
cum laude
Jon Anthony Wade
magna cum laude
Charles Alvraze Walker III
Jack Edward Thomas Watters
Joseph Matthew Wiggins
Zyrion Trenique Wilkins
Cerys Megan Williams
Mikayla Noelle Wilson
magna cum laude
Nadiyah Evette Winchester
Christopher Jonathan Windley
summa cum laude
Myles Woodward
Michael Dwane Yates
Autumn Monet Young
magna cum laude



Jerry Lanuzza, associate dean; Amy Felder, Ed.D., department chair of Baking & Pastry Arts; Jennifer Gallagher, department chair of Culinary Arts; and the faculty of the College of Food Innovation & Technology proudly present their Class of 2023.

COLLEGE OF FOOD INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Master of Science Degree Recipients

Alesha Rashawn Murphy

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Destinee Alford
Prince Tyrese Artis
Erika Anahi Barranco
Brianna Kiara Bennett
magna cum laude
Jasmine Arlester Blanton
Damarius Nykwaun Borden
magna cum laude
Bridget Dawn Bowers
magna cum laude
Travis Micah Canipe
magna cum laude
John Joseph Carroll
summa cum laude
Allison Nicole Casper
John Cassidy
Kayla Ann Clark
cum laude
Makayla Hope Coleman
cum laude
Tamajanique Collier
Annabelle Marie Daniels
Josiah Paul Davis
Reanna Marie Daye
Kacie L. Delaughter
cum laude

Chelsey Marie Deleon
magna cum laude
Kellie Michael DeMark
Chawntae Tamia Donegan
Kenyatti Dejauntai Elgin
Jordan Alise Fewell
Jzhanece Marchelle Frierson
cum laude
Victoria Nichole Gordon
Dwayne Samuel Harper Jr.
Victoria Precious Hart
summa cum laude
Peyton Clarice Hedrick
Kaila Alys Howard
Destiny Danielle Jenkins
London Christine Johnson
summa cum laude
Kimberly Lynn Keener
summa cum laude
Maria Grace Kremer
Arianna Jade Kruiuzenga
cum laude
Aaron Grady Langley
Victoria Grace Lowry
Aneelia Brianna Ma
David Jeremia Martin

Eunique Mon'et Exie Mayes
Robert Lucas McArthur
summa cum laude
Jay McCollar
cum laude
Jessika Cheyenne Meeks
Darjelena Chynell Miller
Ty'Keria La'Qaye Mitchell
Logan Christiaan Motes
magna cum laude
Rajeev Natarajan
cum laude
Arnell Auddyne Celesta Neal
Morgan Alyssa-Ivey Noil
Mary Kaegan Parks
cum laude
Erica Marie Paul
Aliyah Nicole Payne
Dequilla Shalynn Pearsall
Andrew Jacob Pimblett
Násim D. Powell
Laura Rocio Ramos Martinez
summa cum laude
Kira Reaves
Molly Ringle
summa cum laude

Aniyah Julia Robinson
Eja T. Robinson
magna cum laude
Tierra Renita Robinson
Brandon Rodriguez-Morales
Diego A. Romero
summa cum laude
Taylor Katherine Ann Rowley
magna cum laude
Alexandria Brooke Saunders
cum laude
Antwaun J. Scott
Taylor Nicole Scott
Cody Michael Snider
Autumn Justine Taylor
magna cum laude
Ashantia T. Thompson
Danielle Melissa Thorsen
summa cum laude
Careka Jamaysia Townsend
Sara Amanda Tweedle
Joyce Lorpu Weah
Nathaniel James Williams
Myah Friendeaser Marie Willis
Dakota JW Yarnell
Nikki Vanessa Zupko

Associate in Applied Science Degree Recipients

Patricia Therese Santos Abrina	Casey Byers	Kathryn Grace Douglas	Trinity L. Hamlor
Cora Renee Ackerman	Monica Camille Calhoun	Aliyah Douté	Kayla Briana Hand
Jasmin Simone Adams	Gabriel Callahan	<i>cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>
Jainah Michei Ahmad	Samantha Rose Cannon	Anastasia Arin Dregory	Jared Daniel Hansen
Kendel Dawson Aldridge	<i>cum laude</i>	Alexander Douglas Drew	<i>summa cum laude</i>
Mary Allen	Mary Racheal Canter	<i>cum laude</i>	Abdullah A. Harper
Liz Glammir Alvarado	<i>cum laude</i>	Vanessa Omega Dreyer	Emmanuel J. Harrington
Carlos Iván Alvarez Jiménez	Xiomara Capote-Mata	Kyle James Duggan	Elijah Amin Harris
Jalen Patrick Anderson	<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Takayla Talese Harris
Tiye Amachi Anthony-Elwin	Raleigh David Carico	Arrianna Anastasia Ebert	Shamerica Le'asia
Frida Angeles Galvan	Anabel Castillo	Elijah Thomas Edwards	Harrison-Kanard
<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Jordan Ashley Faith Edwards	Tiarah Alexia Hayes
Kaden Alexander Armstrong	Luke Ryan Castillo	Charles David Emrich	Diamond Idacia Hazzard
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Daniel Leon Castro	<i>cum laude</i>	Trinity M. Head
Eileen Arnett	Melanie Esperanza Castro	Alielle Shakira English	Ashley Summer Hendrickson
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Desirae Yazmine Chambers	Tihler Janelle Evans	Isaiah Lamar Henry
Kennedy Taylor Baptiste	Jaclyn Sierra Chandler	Teliah Annette Faison	Ania Nicole Hensley
Jayde I. Barber	D'Ante Kywan Robert Charity	<i>cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>
<i>cum laude</i>	Anna C. Ciaudelli	Henry C.B. Falla	Jordan Michael Hill
Adam James Barner	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Kamrin Yvette Felton	Xavier Mehki Himes
Grayson Bradford Baylor	Rebecca A. Clark	Adam J. Fenn	Precious N. Hogue
Ana Jordan Beall	Jeremiah Richmond Clay	Cruzmaria Michele Fernandez	Samantha Ruth Holder
Haylee Lynne Beasley	<i>cum laude</i>	Cecilia Marie Figueroa	Essence Nechelle Houser
Faith Agatha Beckford	Destiny Marie Cole	Janet R. Fliieger	Emily Loretta Huey
Morgan Lea Belardo	Natalia Collazo	Hannah Hope Freeman	Bryanna Paige Hutchinson
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Nicole Galvan Concepcion	Aaliyah Marie Fulton	Lorelei K. Hyodo
Oliver Benton	Joël David Conde	<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>
<i>cum laude</i>	Courtney La'sha Cosby	Adiayn Mac Furr	Kendra Faith Ingle
Cameron Scott Berger	Mallory Rose Covalt	Erandi Galvez-Ramirez	Danasia Alize Marie Jackson
Jessica Maria Bizzell	<i>cum laude</i>	Erin Ashlyn Gealy	Jenae T. Jackson
Shelby Leigh Black	Hayley Julianna Cubero	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Sierra Monique Jean-Baptiste
Ronaldo Blanco	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Kiera Ja'nai George	<i>summa cum laude</i>
Cheyenne Lillie Blankinship	Christian Lacey Culpepper	Kymmia Amor'e George	Amari B. Jeffery
Isaiah L. Boswell	Nicole Cunningham	Daniel Christian German	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Bridget Dawn Bowers	Christopher Allen Curry	Meghan Katherine Gervais	Zoie Payton Johnson
<i>magna cum laude</i>	JaQuan Malik Dailey	<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>
Liam P. Boylan	Annabelle Marie Daniels	Catelyn Michele Giraldo	Jackson Reece Jones
Maria Jourdan Braun	Abigail Lynn Dargis	Logan Scott Glotfelty	Jestina Jones
John Lucas Brime	<i>cum laude</i>	Mariah Lenee Goins	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Anela Ariana Brinson	Orijah Dasher	Ronald Eli Golub	Kristian Antoinette Jones
Maegan Anise Brookins	Kyle Grafton Davis	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Tionna Maria-Naquè Jones
Cirius Lachae Brown	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Mason Rafael Gonzales	Brandon D. King
Treniyah Caprice Brunson	Suzanne Collins Davis	Isabella Marie Gonzalez	Bailey Robert Lamer
Ayana Leigh Bryant	<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Abigail Mahala Lamp
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Chris-Shi J. Debato	Sarah Nicole Grafer	Madario Lampkins
Skyler Rees Bryant	Christian Jordan Delarosa	<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>
Caroline Annabelle Bui	Danielle E. Diflorio	Shawn-Nae Juliana Granison	M'Kayla Monique Lawrence
<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Keairra Jazzmare Enique	Connor Nelson Leaman
Slade R. Burnside	Damien Elijah Dixon	Gregory	Austin Kade Lents
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Joshua M. Dobson	Nicole Jessenia Guevara	

Ashley Nicole Levy <i>summa cum laude</i>	Jaylyn T. Pearsall	Mariah Izabel Shepherd-Contreras	Julie Thi Tran
Grace Victoria Liberatore	Sydney Nicole Peppell	Hannah Shine	Connor Bryan Troup
Shawntel Ileena Niché Lowrance	Daniel Celestino Perales <i>cum laude</i>	Allison Ann Shipe	Finn Julio Valbuena
Gabriella C. Luthard	Elayni Gisela Perez	Michael Marlowe Shires	Danielle Vaughn
Elizabeth Ashley MacDonald <i>summa cum laude</i>	Sydney Renee Perla <i>magna cum laude</i>	Aysia Tatanya Shirley	Laylia Josephine Vaught <i>magna cum laude</i>
Breaunn Shyriess Mack	Ashlyn Brenea Pierce	William Howard Shull	Marielena Destiny Vazquez **
Shelton Magee	Kaycee Cay Pitcher	Tyriq Conrad Simmons	Zeaylah S. Wadsworth-Norris
Kaily Renee Maguth-Kaczynski <i>cum laude</i>	Alyssa Nichole Pittman	Destiny Lashante Simms	Kade Jordan Wager <i>magna cum laude</i>
Olivia Grace Marshall	Isabelle Rose Porcella	Bryanna Q. Simons	Sarah Emily Weaver <i>cum laude</i>
Maria Christina Martinez	Imari C. Pugh	Schylar Madison Slunaker	Jasmine Nicole Whitaker
Ethan Masterson	Kylie Samantha Raively	Sequoia Yvette Smalls	Alexus BreiYana White
Gabrielle Virginia Matthews <i>summa cum laude</i>	Celeste Ramirez <i>summa cum laude</i>	Aaliyah Tiffany-Marie Smith	Christopher Ryan White <i>cum laude</i>
Trinity Matthews	Joe M. Ramirez	Tamia KeAndra Smith	Rhys White <i>magna cum laude</i>
Briana Christine McAllister <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jamashia D. Ravenell	Anna Caroline Spurrier	Daniel Hamilton White Jr.
Jessika Cheyenne MEEKS	Derek Benjamin Reyes	Kristin Jimelle Stanford <i>cum laude</i>	Lacie Elizabeth Whitehead
Raquel Victoria Mendez <i>cum laude</i>	Hayden Marie Rhode <i>magna cum laude</i>	Amani A. Staton	Samuel Alexander Wilder <i>magna cum laude</i>
Janeah A. Miles	Hopal Stacey-Ann Richards <i>magna cum laude</i>	Donovan Leroy Stephens	Abby Williams
Taylor Kiana Miller <i>cum laude</i>	Samuel Charles Richardson <i>cum laude</i>	Tomario Denard Stewart	Ashanti Briana Williams
Miranda Francesca Montes	Brooklyn Marie Rigdon	Hannah Marie Stokes <i>magna cum laude</i>	Dominique Marie Williams
Michael Andre Moore <i>cum laude</i>	Madison Rae Riggs	Mia B. Suber	Genesis Judiah Williams
Sarique Marie Moore <i>summa cum laude</i>	Kerim Alanzo Riley Jr.	Kelly Nicole Tanner <i>summa cum laude</i>	Madison L. Williams
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Symbols of Commencement

UNIVERSITY SEAL

The university seal represents Johnson & Wales University's roots. The year at the top of the shield, 1914, is the year that the university was founded by Gertrude I. Johnson and Mary T. Wales. The dragon of St. George on the upper portion of the crest honors the Wales family, while the lower portion of the crest bears the cross of St. John and honors the Johnson family.

MACE

The Johnson & Wales University mace symbolizes the ideals and values of JWU's educational philosophy. Cast of silver and bronze, it is engraved with the names of our chancellors, past and present. Our campus locations are engraved on the golden bands. On ceremonial occasions, university officials carry the mace to display the unity and continuity of Johnson & Wales University.

The mace dates to medieval times, when it was first used as a weapon. Forbidden to use swords, medieval European bishops were allowed to enter battle with a mace — typically an iron or steel club designed to split armor. By the 16th century, the mace had become a symbol of authority that colleges and universities began using ceremonially. That tradition continues today, and the mace is carried as part of formal academic occasions like these at colleges and universities across the globe.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The tradition of wearing distinctive dress for academic reasons dates back to the Middle Ages. Today, academic costumes are usually worn in the United States by people participating in academic ceremonies.

The faculty and platform party wear regalia representative of the degrees they possess.

The academic dress worn by graduates at today's ceremony are 100% certified recycled polyester fabric that can be recycled and made back into future gown products, helping to divert from landfills. After the ceremony, graduates can drop their gowns in the nearest Renew Gown collection box after walking and keep their cap and tassel as mementos of their achievement. Each recycled gown saves 29 plastic bottles from landfills, reduces carbon dioxide emissions by 1.5 pounds, and saves half a gallon of gasoline.

HOODS

Originating from the cowls of monastic orders, the hoods are the most distinctive part of the academic regalia. Their shape and size indicate the level of degree attained, and the colors reflect both the academic field as well as the institution that granted the degree. The fields of study most frequently represented in academic processions are the following:

FIELD OF STUDY

FIELD OF STUDY	COLOR
Arts	Gold
Business, Commerce, Fine Arts, Sciences	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Occupational Therapy	Slate Blue
Physician Assistant Studies	Green

CAPS

There is more variety in the shape and color of academic hats than in any other area. Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap. Upon reception of the associate or bachelor's degree, it is moved to the left. Master's and doctoral degree recipients wear the tassel on the left throughout the ceremony and the doctoral soft-cap often features a gold tassel.

GOLD CORD HONORS

Eligible undergraduate degree candidates receive cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude recognition according to their academic program average. Students with the designated graduating GPA are eligible to receive Latin honors as follows: cum laude, 3.50-3.69; magna cum laude, 3.70-3.89; summa cum laude, 3.90-4.00. Students graduating cum laude or above as of fall semester are designated by gold cords.

BLUE & WHITE CORD

Students who have participated in co-curricular activities designated by university parameters are distinguished by a blue and white cord.

To attendees of this event:

Johnson & Wales University has hired professional photographers/videographers to capture images of this graduation for use in educational and promotional materials. Attendance at this event constitutes each individual's consent to Johnson & Wales University to have their image and voice recorded and retransmitted for any and all purposes at the university's discretion. If you do not agree with the foregoing, please see a university staff member.