



# COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2024

Charlotte, North Carolina  
May 2, 2024

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Dear Johnson & Wales University Class of 2024,

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 written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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

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## **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](http://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 57 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 60 study abroad and exchange programs in 34 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 2024 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](http://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®.

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## *Order of Exercises*

### PROCESSION

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

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Adalís Vázquez, '24 B.S., *Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship*  
Mikaela Williams, Class of 2027, *Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship*

### INVOCATION

Elder Chester F. Brown III, *Pastor, Great Mount Moriah Church, Charlotte, North Carolina*

### WELCOME

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

### INTRODUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 2024 STUDENT SPEAKER

Donald Taylor, M.S.S.A., *assistant professor, College of Arts & Sciences*

### CLASS OF 2024 STUDENT ADDRESS

Adalís Vázquez, '24, B.S., *Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship*

### PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE

Richard Wiscott, Ph.D., *provost, Johnson & Wales University*

### CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Michael Smith, *president and chief executive officer, Charlotte Center City Partners*  
Conferred by Mim L. Runey, LP.D., *chancellor*

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Michael Smith '24 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.

### PRESENTATION OF ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Manasseh Zechariah, Ph.D.

### CONFERRING OF ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

Richard G. Mathieu, Ph.D.

### INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Joshua Baskey '15, *assistant general manager, Roaring Gap Club*

### BENEDICTION

Elder Chester F. Brown III

### RECESSIONAL

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## *Honorary Degree Recipient*

### **MICHAEL SMITH**

*Doctor of Business Administration*



Michael Smith serves as the President and CEO of Charlotte Center City Partners (CCCP), a 45 year old Economic and Community Development organization that envisions and implements strategies and actions to assure that Center City Charlotte is a welcoming, safe and equitable, economically vibrant, culturally rich and beloved place for all.

Smith is a proven community builder and innovator with over 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience and trusted relationships across the Charlotte region and North Carolina. Smith's background blends corporate, entrepreneurial and nonprofit experience.

Smith holds his MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and his undergraduate degree from UNC Chapel Hill. He has held roles at AT&T Communications and First Union's Capital Markets Group and was a founder at By-Products Interactive. Prior to his role as CEO of CCCP, Smith was the Chief Financial Officer at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Since 2005, as CEO of CCCP, Smith has been a driving force behind a number of city-building initiatives, creating and helping shape initiatives that have advanced the landscape for Charlotte in economic development, community development, retail development, sustainability, public safety, homelessness, transit and hospitality. Over the last couple of decades, Charlotte's urban core has been transformed into a major destination, become a thriving neighborhood and expanded as the Charlotte region's major employment center.

Smith is past Chairman of the Board of Directors for the International Downtown Association. He also serves on a number of regional boards including the Board of Trustees for UNC Charlotte, Boy Scouts of America Mecklenburg County Council, Charlotte Sports Foundation, and the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance. He is active with St. Peter Catholic Parish.

He was raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, and has resided in Charlotte since 1998 with his wife, Kathleen, and their three young adult children.

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Michael Childers, J.D., chair, and the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences faculty proudly present their Class of 2024.

## JOHN HAZEN WHITE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

### *Bachelor of Arts Degree Recipients*

Abenezer Selsassie Abebe  
Chela Jazelyn Davis  
*magna cum laude*

Kris Alexandra Hart  
*magna cum laude*

Devonte A. Hill  
Evan Stuart Retzlaff

Audrey Jessica Williams

### *Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients*

Ayanna Khadijah Blackmon  
Jennifer Calzada  
Tianna Ashanti Cotten  
Andrew John Curcio  
*summa cum laude*

Mekaiyla Agnes Earle  
Trinity Tylia Graham  
*magna cum laude*  
Jacob William Hart  
Na'tazeigha J. Jenkins

Ahmir Damion Kelly  
*magna cum laude*  
Gianna Teresa Marlow  
Emmalee Christalena Marlowe  
*magna cum laude*

Brielle Denise Perri  
*summa cum laude*  
Shanice Andrea Wright



James Woods, Ph.D., chair, and the College of Business faculty proudly present their Class of 2024.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### *Master of Science Degree Recipient*

Amanda L. Deas

### *Master of Business Administration Degree Recipients*

Antonia Arnold  
Daryl Allen DeWindt Jr.  
Laricka Duncan  
Ja'Karra Ja'Fray Glenn  
Jasmine Michele Gwyn

Bianca R. Jackson  
Aaron T. Kwahmie  
Ashia K. Lewis  
Waylon James Nelson  
Octavia Lanae Osborne

Barbara Rose Outlaw  
Kaitlin Elizabeth Recka  
Shaqedra Ni'erkia Akelia Riley  
Jasmine Keianna  
Robertson-Warren

Audra Katherine Rodriguez  
Kristin Marie Sandoval  
Ashelynn Dia-Yah Scott  
Erica M. Simpson  
Arrielle D. Woodyard

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## *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree Recipients*

Adele Rose Bassil <i>magna cum laude</i>	Alijah Gray Jamison <i>magna cum laude</i>	Nicholas David Makara Madison J. Maloney <i>summa cum laude</i>	Henrietta Williams Richardson <i>magna cum laude</i>
Charrie Ashonte Eiland	Ta'Keshia L. Johnson	Zeriyah Nashya McKnight	Enajeiya Arrmony Rivera
Jesus Arellano Flores	Kelly L. Kapoor <i>summa cum laude</i>	Nathan Meshida	Keyarie Jewell Robinson <i>cum laude</i>
Vanesa Abigail Garcia Nunez	Jevonna Janelle Lamb <i>magna cum laude</i>	Dorrah Wembi Omoyi	Lalia Sery
Christin Adlen Harris <i>magna cum laude</i>	Owen Patrick Lewis	Emma McKenzie Pedigo	Colin John Wurst <i>summa cum laude</i>
Victoria Guadalupe Herrera-Rubio	Mackenzie Michelle Macon	Isabella Rae Pierce <i>summa cum laude</i>	

## *Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients*

Dennis Jeremiah Aseron Bajao	Katherine Marie Forster <i>summa cum laude</i>	Bailey Robert Lamer	Antoine Lee Roach Jr.
N'Gbesso Ruth Vanessa Beke	Ross Allan Garrison	Roused Beatriz Lebron Jr.	Juan Santana-Urieta <i>magna cum laude</i>
Karla Michelle Castaneda Bautista <i>cum laude</i>	Devin Gary Gease <i>summa cum laude</i>	Kyla Dimple Marrero	Serenity Alyse Schreiber <i>cum laude</i>
Lilah Micaiah Clapp <i>summa cum laude</i>	Ahmed Ghosheh	Myeisha McPherson	Jazmine Ananesia Sloan
Nicholas Lee Creel	Isabella Nicole Gonzalez	Charlyse Nicole-Myles Myhand-McDaniel	Brandon Mitchell Summers II
Elizabeth Ann D'Antona	Mason William Graham <i>magna cum laude</i>	Carlisle Makena Overcast-Hawks	Yen Phi Tran <i>magna cum laude</i>
Grace Anne Egan <i>summa cum laude</i>	Gavin Iolani Lee Humelbaugh	Jakorie Daniel Parker <i>cum laude</i>	Alexus Breiyana White
	Christian R. Johnson	Jennifer Chan Phimmasone	Amaya E. Wyatt
	A'Mari Tierra Joseph	Joseline Ramirez <i>summa cum laude</i>	

## *Associate of Science Degree Recipients*

Joyce Cristina Constante <i>cum laude</i>	Kwamesha Tiona Peterkin	Keyziah Keturah Spivey-Simms	Derek Montreal Williams
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## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & DESIGN

### *Master of Science Degree Recipient*

Alexis L. Archer

### *Bachelor of Science Degree Recipient*

Arhema Tilman  
*magna cum laude*

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Michael Childers, J.D., chair, and the College of Health & Wellness faculty proudly present their Class of 2024.

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

### *Master of Science Degree Recipients*

Addison McClay Cook

Markita A. Francis

Maleiya Denyce Smiley

### *Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients*

Mariana Grace Ballard  
*cum laude*

Stevenson Oneal Barnes Jr.  
Destiny Joi Benson

Trinity Ann Knauf  
*summa cum laude*

Jaben Aisaiah Mars  
Joyiah Keziah White



Sunil Atreya, chair, and the College of Hospitality Management faculty proudly present their Class of 2024.

## COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

### *Master of Science Degree Recipient*

Kennedy Monet Lynn

### *Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients*

Gavin Angel Adame Lemus

Joseph C. Arpino  
*summa cum laude*

Shayvonta Diongra Banner

Jayde I. Barber

Garrett Ethan Bradish

Olivia Mae Brown  
*summa cum laude*

Slade R. Burnside

*magna cum laude*

Raleigh David Carico

Deja Lynnae Carter

Savannah Graci-Rinehart  
Carter

Anabel Castillo Morla

*summa cum laude*

Brooklyn Danielle Cathey

Mai Chai Monica Chang

*cum laude*

Anna C. Ciaudelli

*summa cum laude*

Kendall Lane Conrad

Delanie Jolisi Council

*cum laude*

Karen Cruz-Rangel

Lamar D. Curry

Lily Jane Daras

Kyle Grafton Davis

*summa cum laude*

Alexis Chantel Dixon

*cum laude*

Jada Reion Elias

*magna cum laude*

Ashley Nicole Epley

*summa cum laude*

Tihler Janelle Evans

Jordan A. Flowers

Brandon Dennis Foskey

Walter O. Foster Jr.

*cum laude*

Aaliyah Marie Fulton

*summa cum laude*

Akira Dashon Gaither

Erin Ashlyn Gealy

*magna cum laude*

Kiera Ja'nai George

Meghan Katherine Gervais

*summa cum laude*

Xavier James Gillon

Ronald Eli Golub

*cum laude*

Isabella Marie Gonzalez

*summa cum laude*

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Shikira Alysia Grimes	Breaunn Shyriess Mack	Sydney Renee Perla	Steven Paul Taylor
Emmanuel J. Harrington	Shelton Magee III	<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>
Tiarah Alexia Hayes	Alyssa Marshall	Tai'Dayia Nayeisha Polydore	Nina Terzyan
Christopher Whitman Haynes	Jabarria Nichele McCallum	Isabelle Rose Porcella	<i>cum laude</i>
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Makala Alexis McCollum	Crystal Evette Raglon	Quimoni Chakria Thomas
Sija Brionne Headrick	Maxwell Edward Meekins	Jessica Jacquelyn Redd	Titus Washington Thomas
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Grace Cynthia Mercer	<i>cum laude</i>	Sarah Joanne Towe
Isaiah Lamar Henry	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Kaitlyn Elizabeth Reese	<i>cum laude</i>
Jordan Michael Hill	Jeremy Isaiah Miller	Hopal Stacey-Ann Richards	Edward Damboh
Maria Antoinette Holliday	<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>	Joshua Tucker
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Meredith Amanda Mills	Madison Rae Riggs	Mikayla Tucker
Emily Loretta Huey	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Alexis Javier Robledo	<i>cum laude</i>
Lorelei K. Hyodo	Jonathan Alexander Millwood	Yenilitza Roman	Ruben Vasquez Jr.
<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Sydney Alea Ross	Kade Jordan Wager
Atiana Lasha Jett	Fany Mora	<i>cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>
<i>cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Audrey Schaidler-Hosack	Erin Nikole Weidner
Zoie P. Johnson	Keyosha Symone Neal	Nia Ayana Scroggins	<i>summa cum laude</i>
Ayanna A. Keyes	Tanner Ryan Newport	Elijah Alexander Seraphin	Krista Nicole Weinhold
Jayden Thomas Klingaman	Logan Elizabeth Norris	Eric C. Serpas	Cerys Megan Williams
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Nessie O'Neil	<i>cum laude</i>	Damien Michael Williams
Lilly Jolie Langevin	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Hunter Louis Shapiro	Mia Janell Wilson
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Haley Overcash	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Myles Woodward
Grace Victoria Liberatore	<i>cum laude</i>	Chalen Jamar Stafford-Gill	Evelyn Aileen Zenteno
Jayla Michelle Lovett	Nicolas Alexander Pagan	Brittany Morgan Steele	
	Daniel Celestino Perales	<i>cum laude</i>	



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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 2024.

## COLLEGE OF FOOD INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

### *Master of Science Degree Recipients*

Shyann Nicole Pack

Nyasia Smalls

### *Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients*

Alonie Keyshawna Baxter

Jonathan Christopher

Beckwith

Morgan Lea Belardo

*summa cum laude*

Myasia Carlette Browne

Lauren Hoffmeister Burch

Xiomara Capote-Mata

*magna cum laude*

Makayla Hope Coleman

*cum laude*

Savannah Grace Cossey

*cum laude*

Marshall Alexander Davis

*magna cum laude*

Reanna Marie Daye

Kacie Lynn DeLaughter

*magna cum laude*

Abriyana H. Dykes

Jordan Alise Fewell

Sally Margaret Fox

*summa cum laude*

Erandi Galvez-Ramirez

Asmira Dallanara Garcia

*summa cum laude*

Daniel Christian German

Taylor Nicole Gibson

Shania Ebony Gilmore

Anya Li Jie Glessman

*magna cum laude*

Victoria Nichole Gordon

Takita Tianna Griffith

Australia Princess Hanna

Cassandra Lynne Harrington

Carlos James Herrera

Nathan Xavier Hinds

Ciara Mercedes Hudson

Bryanna Paige Hutchinson

Kaitlyn Ann Jaromin

Destiny Danielle Jenkins

Aaron Grady Langley

Aneesa Nevaeh

Pressley Larkins

Ashley Nicole Levy

*summa cum laude*

Enijah Mackenzie Linville

Rachel Marie Littlejohn

*summa cum laude*

Aneelia Brianna Ma

Yanisha Shantane Marchman

*cum laude*

Eunique Mon'et Mayes

Robert Lucas McArthur

*summa cum laude*

Nicholas Rex McCormick

*summa cum laude*

Anna Grace Meng

*cum laude*

Jaelyn C. Middleton

Tyrell D. Miles

Quynh Nguyen

*magna cum laude*

Annika Joseanne Lori Nicholls

*summa cum laude*

Makenzie Annette Nichols

Nestasia Cynthia Paisley

Ericka Nicole Parra

Shannon Faith Payne

*cum laude*

Dequilla Shalynn Pearsall

Kamahl Irvin Pearson

*cum laude*

Edwin Antonio Pereira

Kira De'Nasia Reaves

Zoe Rice

Aniyah Julia Robinson

Eja T. Robinson

*magna cum laude*

Tierra Renita Robinson

Diego Andres Romero

*summa cum laude*

Leah Renee Schilowitz

*magna cum laude*

Alana Jauné Scott

*cum laude*

Taylor Nicole Scott

Kyra Alicia Smith

*magna cum laude*

Logan Elizabeth Smith

*summa cum laude*

Cody Michael Snider

Micah Noel Sullivan

Hayley D. Taylor

Tamora Sharonda Teague

Ryan Christopher Thomas

Ashantia T. Thompson

Dominique Shanice Toussaint

Careka Jamaysia Townsend

Riley Megan Turner

*magna cum laude*

Finn Julio Valbuena

Adalis Christina Vazquez

*cum laude*

Myah Friendeaser Marie Willis

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## *Associate in Applied Science Degree Recipients*

Jasmin Simone Adams	Tahj Malik China	Catelyn Michele Giraldo	Leslie Ta'John Kimbrough
Mya Shunay Addison	Hanna Lynn Ciplickas	Logan Scott Glotfelty	Marina L. Klee
Lucius Graham Adkinson	Brenden Marcus Clark	Mariah Lenee Goins	<i>cum laude</i>
Mary Allen	Maya Yasmin Coleman	Michael A. Goldmann	Jayden Thomas Klingaman
Liz Glammir Alvarado	Milan Lashae Coleman	<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Antionne Dantarious	Amanda Elizabeth	Andre Josh Gonzaga	Christina Marie Kocina
Anderson	Cumberledge	Anyriana Taja Graham	Autumn Rose Korr
Sydney Anderson	Nicholas Daniel Czarnecki	Shawn-Nae Juliana Granison	<i>cum laude</i>
Indiya Alexandra	Gabe Adam Thomas Dancy	Jason P. Gray	McKenna Renae Koski
Anderson-Mccoy	Annabelle Marie Daniels	Neyomi Lexus Grier	Tyler Jason Kroll
Frida Angeles Galvan	Abigail Lynn Dargis	Travis J. Grondell	Leo Alexander Kuhlmann
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Jayla Camille Davis-Lewis	Bryan Austin Grylik	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Tiye Amachi Anthony-Elwin	Mia Amor De La Rosa	Trinity L. Hamlor	Hannah C. Lambert
Ruben Armenta	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Madison Raylene Hansma	King Doreen Lampasona
Anite Erin Augustin	Logan Delahanty	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Ashley Michele Langenbach
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Christian Jordan Delarosa	Jerome Peter Hargrow II	<i>cum laude</i>
Kennedy Taylor Baptiste	Kayla Alize Delgado	Diondra Shanae Harris	Alyssa D. Lari
Gavin Rinehart Barbour	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Elijah Amin Harris	<i>summa cum laude</i>
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Tatiana Amaya Dinardo	Remedie N. Harris	Aneesa Nevaeh-Pressley
Grayson Bradford Baylor	<i>cum laude</i>	Tiarah Alexia Hayes	Larkins
Jordan Beall	Crystal R. Doane	Diamond Hazzard	Deven Tyler Letton
Brock Alan Begley	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Trinity M. Head	<i>cum laude</i>
Brahim N. Benbenu	Megan L. Dolby	Xavier Mehki Himes	Emma Grace Levick
Julius S. Bhola	Kathryn Grace Douglas	Hannah Lea Hime-Smull	Haben T. Lewis
Antoine Shwayne Black Jr.	<i>cum laude</i>	Precious N. Hogue	Audrey Marie Linek
Ronaldo Blanco	Vanessa Omega Dreyer	Winter Novi Holmes	<i>summa cum laude</i>
Isaiah L. Boswell	Jayden Malik Drinks	Emily Loretta Huey	Rachel Marie Littlejohn
Alissa Elizabeth Bova	Drennan Ruby Ellis	Tristan Avery Hurst	<i>summa cum laude</i>
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Charles David Emrich	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Alexis Ayanna Livingston
Liam P. Boylan	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Alexcia A. Jackson	D'Miyah Chrichelle
James Donald Bradley III	Desiree O. Estes	<i>cum laude</i>	Livingston
Jasmine I. Brady	Charnisha Angelique Evans	DaNasia Alize Marie Jackson	Chartu Johnnie Lopez-White
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Joaquin Kyjuan Evans	<i>cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Maria Jourdan Braun	Tihler Janelle Evans	Jenae T. Jackson	Jamariah Zavionna Lowery
Anela Ariana Brinson	Teliah Annette Faison	Joi Trinity-Nevaeh Jackson	Gabriella Casey Luthard Peña
Maegan Anise Brookins	<i>cum laude</i>	Viktorina Shae Jackson	Briean Jeiel Lyles
Aryana Tashawn Bryant	Isabelle Rose Felke	<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>
<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>	Chalena Danielle Johnson	Brandon Joshua Mables
Dai Denise Bryant	Adam J. Fenn	Claire Elizabeth Jones	Benjamin M. Machado
Skyler Rees Bryant	Cruzmaria Michele Fernandez	<i>cum laude</i>	Breaunn Shyriess Mack
Gabriel Callahan	Jasmine M. Fisher	Jestina Menwhei Jones	Rupert Niles MacKin
Paul Truett Canady III	Janet R. Flieger	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Isabella J. Madrigano
Luka R. Cannon	Walter O. Foster Jr.	Kristian Antoinette Jones	Jessica Marie Manders
<i>cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>	Mikayla Y. Jones	Olivia Grace Marshall
Raleigh David Carico	Sage Marie Franzel	<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>
Desirae Yazmine Chambers	Adiayn Mac Jonah Furr	Calen Robert Jordan	Maria Christina Martinez
D'Ante Kywan Robert Charity	Hannah Elena Garcia	Azalea Marina Joyner	Kathleen Belen Mascardo
Harmony Angelique Chatman	Kiera Ja'nai George	<i>cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>
<i>cum laude</i>	Daniel Christian German	Denaje Josefina Kebreau Pierre	Savannah Renee Masi
Isabelle Marie Cheripka	Meghan Katherine Gervais	Georgia F. Kidd I	Trinity Rene Matthews
<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>	Donovan Elijah Mays

Avery Helena McLeod  
Justin McMillian  
Nevaeh Shauntae McNeil  
Peter Alexander Mejia  
*magna cum laude*  
Grace Cynthia Mercer  
*summa cum laude*  
Keely Ann Merrick  
*magna cum laude*  
Lincoln J. Mitchell  
Sinai Amaya Clay Moon  
Dillon Riley O'Brien Munns  
Natalie Jean Murphy  
Virginia Grace Murphy  
Grace Marion Neville  
*summa cum laude*  
Kourtney E. Newton  
*cum laude*  
Amy Ni  
*cum laude*  
Annika Joseanne Lori Nicholls  
*summa cum laude*  
Luke A. Norum  
Monica Oelofsen  
Tyejay Kevin Oldham  
Haley Overcash  
*cum laude*  
Lindsay Donna Pacharis  
*summa cum laude*  
Gabrielle Nicole Parsons  
*magna cum laude*  
Jordana Kaitlyn  
Cameron Phillips  
Zharla Nech'e Pierce  
Jean Christopher Pierre  
Albert John Plasencio  
*summa cum laude*

Khaila Danae Rabb  
Marvelyn Ramirez  
Joe M. Ramirez  
Hopal Stacey-Ann Richards  
*cum laude*  
Samuel Charles Richardson  
*magna cum laude*  
Savannah Grace Richmond  
*magna cum laude*  
Erma Elyse-Lee Robello  
Lamea Robinson  
Alyssa Jasmine Rochester  
Jacqueline Renee Rodgers  
*cum laude*  
Vante Lee Rodgers  
Gabriella Angelina Rodondi  
Adrian Chase Rogers  
*cum laude*  
Hunter Matthew Rogers  
Nasreen Montez Rollins  
Alexander Rosecrans-Stroud  
Nyasia Kiara Roseman  
*cum laude*  
Dejah C'Nae Ross  
*magna cum laude*  
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*cum laude*  
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University Honors Scholar status indicates one of the highest academic honors awarded by the university: successful student participation in the JWU Honors Program and completion of an Honors Thesis. Through this four-year program, academically advanced students receive an honors-caliber education that enriches the university curriculum and builds a diverse community of scholars.

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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**

<b>FIELD OF STUDY</b>	<b>COLOR</b>
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.**