

COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2017

Charlotte, North Carolina May 20, 2017

Johnson & Wales University: Future Leaders Start Here

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 15,000 graduate, undergraduate and online students at its four campuses in Providence, Rhode Island; North Miami, Florida; Denver, Colorado; and Charlotte, North Carolina. An innovative educational leader, the university offers degree programs in arts and sciences, business, culinary arts, design and engineering, education, health and wellness, hospitality, nutrition and physician assistant studies. Its unique model integrates arts and sciences and industry-focused education with work experience and leadership opportunities, inspiring students to achieve professional success and lifelong personal and intellectual growth. The university's impact is global, with alumni from 166 countries pursuing careers worldwide. For more information, visit jwu.edu.

A Global University

At Johnson & Wales, we've always been committed to embracing diversity and an international perspective to help foster a richly inclusive educational experience for all of our students.

As such, the university has a long and proud history of welcoming students from across the globe. In fact, our more than 9,700 international alumni — representing 166 countries — are a testament to our unique approach to experiential education, and to our welcoming and supportive culture.

Today, we're honored to host more than 1,300 international students representing 78 countries who are such an integral part of our university community. Because of this, we rank as the 126th overall institution in the United States for international student enrollment.

We're equally committed to enriching and expanding opportunities for global learning, and to enhancing opportunities for global citizenship. Our students completed internships in 32 countries last year and took advantage of our 75 study abroad and exchange programs across six continents. Because of this, we rank as the 26th master's level institution in the United States for number of students who studied abroad.

To all of our international graduates celebrating with us today, we thank you for your significant contributions to the JWU experience, and we wish you much success in all your personal and professional endeavors.



Diplomas will be awarded upon completion of all university requirements.

The appearance of a student's name in this program does not necessarily indicate that all graduation requirements have been met.

Graduate names are based on university records or information provided by students on their graduation application submitted via jwuLink.



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 arena floor or in the area where graduates enter and exit the arena.

Ushers are stationed throughout the arena should you need assistance.

After the ceremony, guests can join the graduates in either the front lobby or the front entrance area outside the Spectrum Center.

For your convenience, today's 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 Mace Bearer David Jewell, D.H.Sc., associate dean of academic affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

GREETINGS

Robert C. Mock Jr., Ed.D., *president, Charlotte Campus* The Honorable Jennifer Roberts, *mayor, City of Charlotte*

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 2017 STUDENT SPEAKER

Robert C. Mock Jr.

CLASS OF 2017 STUDENT ADDRESS

Owen Beatty '17, B.S., Culinary Arts & Food Service Management

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE

Tarun Malik, Ed.D., vice president

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Michael Kahn, CEO, Charlotte Checkers; vice president/COO, Empire Distributors Inc.

Conferred by Pamela Allison, Ph.D., chair, School of Hospitality

Kat Cole, group president, Focus Brands Inc.

Conferred by Benjamin Robinson III, Ph.D., chair, School of Business

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kat Cole '17 Hon.

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Tarun Malik

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Robert C. Mock Jr.

INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sam Stachon '06, executive chef, Highland Avenue Restaurant

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Honorary Degree Recipient

KAT COLE

Doctor of Business Administration



Kat Cole is group president of FOCUS Brands, leading this innovative, high-growth company by building brands through consumer packaged goods, food service licensing, global licensed platforms and e-commerce. FOCUS has more than 4,000 ice cream shops, bakeries, restaurants and cafés in the United States and 60 countries under the Moe's, Schlotzsky's, Auntie Anne's, Carvel, McAllister's Deli, Seattle's Best Coffee and Cinnabon brands. Prior to assuming this presidency in January 2015, she was president of Cinnabon.

An advisor and investor in startups, Cole is an avid humanitarian in some of the poorest areas of the world. She co-founded Changers of Commerce, a group that builds strong, profitable businesses that help communities thrive and instigate social change. A member of the United Nations Global Entrepreneurs Council, she is starting a foundation to fund creative, sustainable approaches to education and self-sufficiency. In 2013, she was named one of Fortune magazine's "40 Under 40," and was one of only two food service company leaders ranked by CNBC as the "Next 25 Innovators, Leaders and Disruptors" in 2014.

At the age of 17, Cole began her career in the food service industry as a hostess and learned every aspect of every job within the restaurant. Over the next three years she applied this knowledge, traveling globally to help open new franchises. At age 20, Cole joined Hooters' corporate office and advanced to various management and leadership positions, becoming a vice president by the age of 26 — one of the youngest executives in chain restaurant history. As vice president for training and development, she helped build the franchise to 400 units in 28 countries before it was sold to a private equity firm in late 2010.

While chair of the board of the Georgia Restaurant Association and board member of the Women's Foodservice Forum, she was accepted into the MBA program at Georgia State University and received the Distinguished Young Alumni award from Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson School of Business in 2011.

Cole's personal story, business approach and perspectives on leadership have been the subject of feature articles in The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Forbes, Fortune, Cosmopolitan and many other business, trade and interest publications. She is a sought-after speaker and consultant on leadership development, brand building, change management, and brand innovation and growth. She was featured with Cinnabon on CBS' "Undercover Boss" in 2012 and has appeared on CNN, Bloomberg CNBC, MSNBC and more.

Cole and her husband Daley Revin live in Atlanta and New York City.

Honorary Degree Recipient

MICHAEL A KAHN

Doctor of Business Administration

Michael Kahn has been one of Charlotte's leading silent philanthropists for many years. His heart is in helping the city's disadvantaged youth, which he has demonstrated by working with several organizations including Alexander's Children Center, Children's Miracle Network, Special Olympics and others that foster the belief that every child should have an opportunity to be the best they can be. He also serves on several boards including the Fletcher School, Darlington School and Hospitality House of Charlotte.

Kahn is ingrained in the North Carolina sports community, having become the owner of the Charlotte Checkers in 2006 and a minority owner of their parent club, the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes, in 2011. He demonstrated his commitment to the city of Charlotte by moving the Checkers to Bojangles' Coliseum to help capitalize development, entertainment and family-affordable activities for the East Side.

Since Kahn took control of the Checkers, the organization has helped several children and families in need, both directly and through charitable organizations, raising a total of over \$3.7 million. Under his leadership, the Checkers won the AHL's Excellence in Community Service award three times in their first five AHL seasons (2011, 2014 and 2015). In 2011, the Checkers' work with the family of a young fan named Zach Bennett was featured on ESPN's weekly investigative newsmagazine show "E:60."

Along with his brother David, Kahn is a third-generation owner of Empire Distributors Inc., a wholesale wine and spirits company located in Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. An alumnus of the University of Georgia and a fan of college football, Kahn believes in supporting higher education and has contributed to several scholarship endowments and facility upgrades at his alma mater.

Through the Checkers organization, Kahn has provided immense support to Johnson & Wales University's Sports, Entertainment, Event Management (SEEM) program at the Charlotte Campus. Over the years, the company has created internship opportunities for students, employment opportunities for the university's graduates, guest speakers to emphasize special topics on campus, and a forum to market the SEEM program.



Michael Childers, J.D., chair, and the College of Arts & Sciences faculty proudly present their Classes of 2017.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & LIBERAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Michael Ontario Francine Marie DeAngelis Eric John Mamo
Cuthbertson ³ Jason C. Haberland ³ summa cum laude



Benjamin Robinson III, Ph.D., chair, and the School of Business faculty proudly present their Classes of 2017.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Madelize Adames Ahmed Sulaiman Salim Al Wardi Dawn Marie Alonso 3 cum laude Ashish Arora Destiny Pamela Ayers Malik S. Barnette Sara Jane Bartley Shelby Kathryn Barton ³ Nicholas James Batten³ summa cum laude Hailey Brooke Baylin 1 summa cum laude Christopher Eric Bennett summa cum laude Darian Marie Bethel magna cum laude David Lawrence Bill Lamont D. Bolt Regan Ann Booths Kimberly Pauline Bowers 3 Matthew Aaron Bowman³ Julianna O. Brookshire Sarah Courtney Burke ³ summa cum laude

LeAnna Kaitlyn Bussey 3 summa cum laude Larry McNair Byrd III Russell Leundra Carroll 3 Jushawn Patricia Carter 3 Tenisha Monae Catlin Pedro Jose Chaluja Alvarez Pa Chang magna cum laude Jackrey Reachsey Chen Joshua Timothy Cohen Christina M. Colafrancesco 3 summa cum laude Dominque Danielle Collier Precious Inez Crenshaw 3 James P. Cummins Elisha Marie Cutter 3 magna cum laude Derk Shayne Darroux summa cum laude Briosha Quashay Dawkins 3 Ka'bre Monae Dennis 3 Joseph Anthony DiBona 3 magna cum laude Mikayla Marie Dodson 3 magna cum laude Nicholas William Dyer 3

Sydney Nichole Ezell magna cum laude Marie Walker Ford 3 magna cum laude Benjamin Edward Fowler Jason D. Freund 3 summa cum laude Ashley Lauren Gabrielsen 3 cum laude Talaya Brianna Gaither cum laude Genevieve Rose Gallo 3 Hector Andres Garcia Lisa Kathleen Gatlin magna cum laude Kamree Tamara Gattis 3 Antonio G. Gonzalez summa cum laude Vanessa Anne Green Trisha Marie Guthman 3 summa cum laude Ryan Christopher Hall Sarah Anne Hamrick 3 Jacie Nicole Harris Justin Marquise Harrison Corey Deon Hatch

Christer Andre' Haugsoen cum laude Kara Maria Hawkins Alyssa Michelle Heath Sean Patrick Henderson 3 cum laude ShaNekqua Henry Lucy Quinn Herrmann Joseph Horton ³ McKenzie R. Howard 3 cum laude Kelsey Nicole Ives Bre Asia Marshay Jenkins 3 Ann Chandler Jernigan summa cum laude Chayil Alexander Johnson 3 cum laude Thomas Acklin Johnson 3 Desmond Prince Johnston-Wright 3 Lindsey Jones 3 Maya Elise Jones Elizabeth H. Katona Jhon Khalil Khan³ Rodney Kirby³ Sydney Rae Hunter Krewson Jalissa Marie Kuehner cum laude Luis Alfonso La Jara 3 Tiffany Leanza Lambert 3 Ia Lee magna cum laude Chelsea Noelle Lemus³ Alexis N. Lewis Hannah Maureen Lips 3 magna cum laude Bao Lor Jillian Virginia MacIsaac 3 Olivia Grace Marra Giselle Marzan Brittany Nicole McBryde Matthew Thomas McRee cum laude Chance Allen McWhorter magna cum laude Maria Michela Meacher 3 Marissa Ann Meramo Shanice Virginia-Diane Mitchell Davon Lamont Moody³ Holly Ann Murphy summa cum laude Mackenzie Young Naill 3 Nancy Y. Ndanu ³ magna cum laude

Morgan Elizabeth Needles summa cum laude Brittny Nicole Nelson 3 Savett Kaylon Owens Danielle E. Parenteau 3 Emonee' Shanei Parker Rachit M. Patel 3 Zoe Elizabeth Peckich 3 summa cum laude Kiarah Erlys Mone' Penn Talym Talisha Perez Del Valle Rickeem Aaron Perry Samuel Varkins Paasewe Polley 3 Andre Robert Poole 3 Thomas Webster Pope III 3 Kyle Stewart Porte Shauntae Kiana Raines 3 Monish Raju 3 James Alston Ray 3 Derrick Trevon Reed Samantha Reyes Gonzalez 3 cum laude Shelby Taylor Rhabb Hayley Renee Roark 3 Jessica Martha Roberts Modisti Jerrane Rochelle 3 Raya Mariesa Rodgers Conrad Arthur Rogers III

Sheniqua Chantel Roper³ Marcus Alexander Ryan Taya Morgan Salo summa cum laude Jose Brian Sandoval Christina S. Seanor magna cum laude Brittany Marie Seymour Chanel Cognac Shaw 3 cum laude Colleen Nicole Shelley cum laude Darrylvon Anthony Smith ³ Chanel Sierra Stewart Donyelle Graciella Stuetley Barrington Matthew Sumter Camille Ivana Terry Bryona Janee Thomas Tracey Joan Thomas Rachel Ann Thompson cum laude Alexis Monique Tillman Anthony K. Townsend Jose Luis Trevino Tyree Nicole Trice Ashley Anna Tuttle summa cum laude Ashley Nicole Uber 3 magna cum laude

Ia Vang magna cum laude Candice K. Velasquez magna cum laude Shianne Maria Wadsworth 3 magna cum laude Sherice Marie White magna cum laude Asia Symone Whitted Raven Mikalah Wiles summa cum laude A'Miya Noelle Williams summa cum laude Delta Bouramee Williams 3 Nicole Lynn Williams Melissa Nicole Wilson Nicholas Russell Meyer Wishart magna cum laude Corey Johansen Woods cum laude Eron Joseph Woods cum laude Annie Julia Kiana Wright 3 Qiting Wu³ summa cum laude Jessica Adetola Yiadom 3



Pamela Allison, Ph.D., chair, and the School of Hospitality faculty proudly present their Classes of 2017.

SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Christin Simone' Abdullah Grant Shanahan Adams John Patrick Adkins cum laude Ginamarie Rae Anastasi summa cum laude Akeema Da' Shae Anderson 3 **Emily Rose Anderson** Michael Angelo 3 Jessica Apeldorn magna cum laude Sean Maxwell Appleby 3 Antonia Arnold Nicholas Kennan Asbury Amanda Joy Baden 3 summa cum laude Ashley Brooke Baillargeon Ashley Nichelle Ballard Larissa Katherine Barnes³ cum laude Dejah Sade Barrett John Matthew Bast cum laude Corey Joseph Baunchalk ³ Daniel Christopher Bazakas magna cum laude Chad Michael Beale 3 Emma Beamer 3 cum laude Owen Brian Beatty 1 summa cum laude Malory Tate Belcher Kiev Shanice Bell 3 Reamey Linn Belski magna cum laude Kyea Rhianon Benavidez 3 Kasandra Rae Berrios Alli Margaret Beste summa cum laude Alexis Ciara Bethea 3 Corinne Nicole Beylo magna cum laude Tenaya Dominique Blackwell 3 Amber Lynn Blair Spencer Blatz ³

Aliyah Amanda Boatwright Dylan Thomas Booth 3 summa cum laude Aisha Kizzy Jovonne Boston magna cum laude Antonia Rosemarie Bova cum laude Aubree Denise Bowman JaQuan Majestic Bowser Alana Rosemarie Bravo summa cum laude Anastasia Sylvia Brogan Shahidah Lateefah Muhammad Bronson³ Kennedy Maxine Brooks Robert Byers 3 Nicole Marie Cajuste Davonya Terri Campbell-Payton 3 Tayvonna Canty 3 Christopher Brock Carpenter Jose Leonardo Carranza 3 Precious Carroll 3 Elizabeth Rachel Carson 3 Rachael Ann Carter summa cum laude Peter Andrew Casabianca Treseon J. Cash Esco Todd Champion 3 Ting Ting Chen magna cum laude Brodric Rashad Chestnut Joseph Gregory Cimino cum laude Paige Alexandra Clark magna cum laude Jessica Nicole Clemente Jaclyn Clifford Rashea Lashaun-Estelle Coaxum

Michael W. Cocks III 3

summa cum laude

Alyssa C. Colon

Molly Elizabeth Ann Coen 3

Davonte Markees Coleman

Brande Marie Colston 3 cum laude Tracey Amita Cooper Christina Ann Copeland Bruce Jonathan Cortez cum laude Nichalos Monyea Crawford Marsela Marie Cuevas 3 summa cum laude Rachel Cumby cum laude Sierra Nicole Curry 3 Ashley Frances Cutrona magna cum laude Gabriel Nguyen Dang magna cum laude Nicole D'Antoni 3 magna cum laude Randy Howard Davis Zachary Davis Alysha Averil Dean cum laude Stephanie L. Decker summa cum laude Cleonice Del Valle Meredith P. Devanney 3 Danielle Marie Devito 3 Bethany Dixon³ George Anthony Dougherty Courtney L. Draper Aida Lumturie Drazhi magna cum laude Paige Noel Drewry Jahvonna Drummond David J. Dukarski Margret G. Durkin 3 cum laude Chelsea Rae Duty 3 cum laude Tonya Maria Dwyer 3 summa cum laude Metta Michelle Edwards Ryan Alexander

Andrew Cloyd Willis Elder magna cum laude Matthew Joseph Peters Ellington ³ Michael S. Escoto Rachelle Marie Essick summa cum laude David Walker Wray Evans Alexandra Bryce Everhart David Fabrycki 3 magna cum laude Ryan Michael Fafard Aura Cristina Fajardo Quintero 3 cum laude Alex Marie Farrell 3 Johnny Clifton Farrow Jr. 3 Tiara Nycole Fennell³ Mariah Taylor Fermil 3 Ashley Morgan Fields Darian Nichole Fisher cum laude Sarah Donielle Fitzpatrick 3 Abigail Livia Flanagan 3 summa cum laude Shayla Anne Fletcher Bridget Mary-Avis Patricia Flowers cum laude Todahtiyah Naomi Forbes 3 Desiree Renee Ford Jason Patrick Foster cum laude Liana Love Fowler 3 Candice Elizabeth Freeman 3 Lia Marie Frering 3 Kylie June Frock 3 Mariah Cassidy Fullem summa cum laude Victoria Marie Andrea Gage Antonio Delmar Gaillard 3 Aleta Jamika Gaines Iyauna Tonoria Gaines 3 Nathan Lewis Garvey cum laude

Edwards-DaRosa 3

Selena Judith Garza³ Etienne Noel Gerdes 3 magna cum laude Roland Glover ³ Ross Goldstein ³ cum laude Erica Lynn Goon 3 cum laude Jabin Sisera Gordon 3 Samantha Nichole Gordon 3 cum laude Jason Tanner Graffagnino Patrice Marie Grant 3 Katelyn Anne Gray³ Rashima Ayolaion Gregley-Bey Idmisha K. Grimsley 3 Cristofor Grit cum laude Darren Jay Gwynn Jr. Claire Elizabeth Hackman Kiara Shaneese Jade Kyling Hackshaw summa cum laude Courtney Kay Haggard 3 magna cum laude Iheri Allina Hairston Rudy Hamilton Lindsay Julia Hammond ³ Hannah-Rose Hanschell magna cum laude Jared Lamont Harper 3 Keisha Danee Harper Hannah Lynn Harrell cum laude Geoffrey Keith Harris 3 magna cum laude Michelle Christine Hartz Zachary M. Hathaway Honnah Noel Jean Hay 3 Elissa Jane Hayward Roberto C. Herrera 3 cum laude Breana Michelle Hill summa cum laude Bria Renae Hill Keana S. Hill ³ Stacy Marie Hoblit summa cum laude Hunter Hernandez Holmes 3 Asha Iman Hopson³ Andrew James House cum laude Domenic Stephen Hrezik Jr. ³ Olandria Caress Hudson

Stephanie Faith Hudson magna cum laude Carley Michelle Hunt cum laude Daniel A. Insogna Casey Lynne Jackson Kayla Marie Jarvis 3 summa cum laude Christine Margaret Jaworski cum laude Beverly Loreen Johnson 3 cum laude Danielle LaJoy Johnson Elysha Lindiwe Johnson summa cum laude Jada Chantelle Johnson 3 Richard Eugene Johnson II Aaron Deonte' Jones 3 Bethany Raye Jones 3 Danielle R. Jones Jennifer Lillian Jones 3 cum laude Kylie Marie Jones Taylor Michelle Jones 3 cum laude Travis Lee Jones Kadijah Lashay Jordan Brittaniee Anne Kaetzel³ Eloise Aoleone Kallaghe 3 Shane Kandasamy 3 Alison Leigh Kathan Katherine Elizabeth Kearns cum laude Amy Jo Keeler summa cum laude Katy Anne Keith summa cum laude Giovanna Kelly Jared Peter Kent 3 magna cum laude Taylor Renee Kesselring³ summa cum laude Danielle Denise Key Darienne Diane Key Haley Jean Keyser Franchesca Violetrose Kiesling summa cum laude Nancy Kathleen King summa cum laude Nicolette Marie Kirkpatrick Casey James Klaric magna cum laude

George Joseph Krause IV

Isaac Krell 3

Hannah Marie Kruse Chainey May Kuykendall summa cum laude Madison Bailey Lail Erica Elizabeth Lamons Marisha Iantha Elaine Landers summa cum laude Hailey Marie Lape cum laude Dana Yvonne Tia Lawrence 3 Quintessia Lynette Lawrence 3 Danielle N. Lazzarini Kevin Lamont Lebby 3 Shelby Nicole Lechner Rachel Elizabeth Lee Jacob Arthur Leferson ³ Priscilla Reane Lemos 3 cum laude Paige Leslie Lethbridge Jennifer Nicole Lewis Quantera Angelita Lightner cum laude Dwight H. Lindsay Katarina Therese Liska magna cum laude Andrew Taub Love Kiree Lamonte Loyd Marketa Anita Lucas Danielle Eve Luff Jessica Rena Lynch 3 Sharece Lynn Mackall-Alvarez 3 Crystal Maines 3 Troy Tyler Maldonado JaQuari Orelle Mallory Danielle Lee Margalit Kevin Earl Marston Jr. 3 T'Ana Saide-marie Matthew Alexandra Lynn Mawra 3 cum laude Rachel Megan Maxcy Gulian Allen Maxey 3 Ellery Maxwell summa cum laude Shaquel RaeQuan Maxwell Romaine Leslie May Autumn Michelle McCann magna cum laude Christopher Raymond McCollum Jenny Jang McCravey³ cum laude Thomas Foster McDaniel 3

Kyle Garrett McGowan

Kaylyn Laws McGuyrt 3 magna cum laude Mary Agnes McIntosh magna cum laude Jonathan McKaig magna cum laude Emily Caitlin McKee Allison McKelvey³ summa cum laude Michael Andrew Meadows II 3 summa cum laude Matthew Brenton Meighen 3 magna cum laude Summer McKenzie Meredith Taylor Monet' Merriweather Stephen J. Mestan Whitney Faye Michael 1 summa cum laude Cody Zane Middleton summa cum laude Angela Jennifer Millan³ Tarell D. Mills magna cum laude Melissa Morgan Mincheff magna cum laude Christopher M. Mitas Michael Dean Mitchell 3 Nomita N. Momin ³ magna cum laude Jules L. Moody Caisey Renee Moore Tiffany Deeneen Moore 3 Evan Scott Moran 3 Lydia Ashley Moranski 3 Kenneth Ross Morgan Jr. Monica S. Morgan Cloydia Mone' Mosley cum laude Marie Keisha Mosoti magna cum laude Elizabeth Myers magna cum laude Toni Ariah Myers John Andrew Newberg 3 summa cum laude Michael Phi Nguyen 3 MyThao Nguyen 3 Shaunya Nhi'shell Noble 3 summa cum laude Nicholas Connor Nolan Frederick C. North IV Caitlin O'Hare summa cum laude Antonio Marquis Olive 3

Sarah E. OSullivan Amber-Lynn Daushanai Overton 3 Natalie Denise Owens² summa cum laude Sharon Lorraine Pallas 3 cum laude Shontae Shapre Palmer Ashley Olivia Palmisano Daniella Pardo Aaron Justin Parizo 3 Eric Andrew Parker Kathryn Jeanne Peacher Marcus Anthony Peacock 3 Christopher James Peeler Jeniffer Perez-Trejo Denise Leigh Perry summa cum laude Gregory Maurice Peterson 3 Nicole E. Pettineo magna cum laude Micaela Alana Phipps Tommy Sam Pistolis Jr. cum laude Heather Anne Pitt summa cum laude Brittany Elizabeth Plante Sandra Jayne Polanik 3 summa cum laude Peter Ward Ponticelli magna cum laude Hannah Elaine Poole cum laude Richard C. Popovic ³ Nya Rashay Powell Stephanie Louise Powell cum laude Desarae Michele Powers 3 Lane Elizabeth Preston ³ Taleya Charmaine Price 3 Michael Daniel Raimondo Sean Erick Rainey 3 Jacqueline Iris Ramos 3 cum laude Suzette Paige Ramsey cum laude Alesandra Louise Randazzo Cody Andrew Raymond 3 Nikki Mishelle Reeves John Silsby Reister Anna Marie Ressler summa cum laude Sydney Elizabeth Rhyne 3 cum laude

Alexandria M. Rice **Jasmine Renee Rice** Brooke Gwendolyn Richmond cum laude Julia Caroline Riddle summa cum laude Christina Rilli 3 Solimar Alexis Rivera Dorian Andre Robinson ³ Sara Brianne Rodriguez Angelica F. Rogers 3 Dionne Charisse Roland Morgan Elizabeth Romeo magna cum laude Keely Jordan Rosenthal 3 magna cum laude Caitlin M. Ross Katelyn Marie Rotondo Bobbi Lyannda Roy ³ Blair O'neil Rucker 3 Breanna Nicole Ryan 3 Kelli Ann Ryan cum laude Dax Gianni Sammut cum laude Stephanie Ann Sanchez cum laude Ryan James Satterfield 3 Ashley Schneider Nicklas Benjamin Schuster 3 Kathleen Elizabeth Jade Schwan Evelyn Claire Schwartz magna cum laude Johnathann Sidney Scott Jr. 3 cum laude Kristina Rose Seaver 3 summa cum laude Jack Ryan Semrau 3 cum laude Robert K. Senkbeil 3 cum laude Charday Leslie Sessoms Brianne Renee Shaefer cum laude Tatianna Jenee Sherman 3 Sara Catherine Siambanes Briana Margaret Small cum laude Brooke Ashton Smith

summa cum laude

Mark Anthony Smith Jr.

Ian James Smith 3

Rachel Barnes Smith Nicole Nancy Snell 3 magna cum laude Richard Shawn Snodgrass 3 magna cum laude Nathan Thomas Snow magna cum laude Andrew Jake Snyder 3 Adam Clarence Thomas Sparks 3 Donna Patricia Spina ³ Dimitri C. Spiropoulos Jillian Ashley Stackhouse 3 Rachel Ann Stanford cum laude Anita Lynn Staton magna cum laude Olivia Faye Stecky Kelly Anne Stine summa cum laude Sienne D. Stubbs Cadejah L. Stukes 3 Carlene Starr Stump Donnell Sturdivant Jr. Margaret Suero 3 Wesley Aaron Sutton Dallas Wayne Taft Trey Michael Thom Chantal Avalon Thomas Kendall Cherrelle Thomas Clark Victoria Lucille Marie Thomas magna cum laude Shawne Elysse Thomason summa cum laude Melanie Elise Thompson magna cum laude Shalisa Amanda Thompson 3 Meagan Alexandra Threadgill summa cum laude Mathew I. Tinsley 3 Rachael Tobias Juan E. Torres Lao Sylvia Jolene Troyer 3 magna cum laude Joshua Edward Turek³ summa cum laude Donesha Antoinette Turnipseed Karessa Mary Underwood magna cum laude Ariel Alexis Vaca 3

Catherine Julia Van Slyke 3 magna cum laude Branden Xavier VanBrackle Brandon Patrick Vanover Hiren Praful Veer magna cum laude Hunter Jay Veronelli Silvana Laura Verri summa cum laude Jordan Symone Vipond cum laude Laura Katherine Virgilio Kelly Kathryn Walker Kristin Tiffany Walker Michael D. Wallace Michael James Watson Tyrone Alexander Welch Ayanna Natalie White magna cum laude Hailey White 3 Kiara Patrice Whitehead summa cum laude Kayla Renee Whitmire Alex Christopher Wiesen cum laude Megan Rose Wilber 3 cum laude Dalton Cline Williams Kamirah Tonica Williams 3 Summer D. Williams summa cum laude Kai Shanae Willis 3 Shaniqua Aishia Williston Savanah L. Wilson 3 cum laude Caroline Danielle Withrow 3 Savannah Lee Witt 3 summa cum laude Linda Luise Wohlman summa cum laude Benjamin Corby Wood Charles Waddell Woodard III Jasmine Michelle Wright Stacey Wunder summa cum laude Robert Edmund Wygant 3 magna cum laude Larisa Elizabeth Yanicak 3 summa cum laude Hailie Mariah Yarnell 3 magna cum laude Morgan Amber Young Zandher Dane Yucor

Andrew Sangi Vallario

Jerry Lanuzza, dean of Culinary Education; Amy Felder, Ed.D., department chair of Baking & Pastry Arts; Jennifer Gallagher, department chair of Culinary Arts; and the faculty of the College of Culinary Arts present their Classes of 2017.

COLLEGE OF CULINARY ARTS

Associate in Applied Science Degree Recipients

Hannah Rebecca Abell Luke Aaron Abrigo 3 Anna Katarina Adams summa cum laude Grant Shanahan Adams Thomas R. Agaman Andrew Raymond Alexander³ Christopher Joseph Alexander summa cum laude Darah Lierra Alexander ³ Legrant Markee Allen Marina Kay Allison Myranda Renae Ambrose 3 Eleftheria Athena Anastasopoulos 3 Donovan Eugene Anderson Brittany Anderson-DeBroka Uriah Sinclair Anderson-Robertson 3 Jessica Apeldorn summa cum laude Sean Maxwell Appleby Ashley Samantha Armstead Braxton 3 Amonique Janae Armstrong TaKara Justine Ash Christopher Brandon Bailey magna cum laude Myranda LeChele Bailey 3 Kimberly N. Baker Reid Johnson Urling Baker summa cum laude Briana Alexandra Banks 3 Alyssa Marie Barefield summa cum laude Teresa Janiece Barnes 3 Christa Lynn Barnoski Anyssa La'Chell Barton 3 Zachariah Caleb Bates

summa cum laude

Sophia Courtland Baugher magna cum laude Kevin Beasley 3 Owen Brian Beatty summa cum laude Gamica Shantira Bell cum laude Serena Aleece Benson Dakota Jarrod Bentley magna cum laude Nicole Bernard magna cum laude Halle Neisa Berry Hailey Elizabeth Betts cum laude Julia Lauren Biery Christal Dysherria Billups Shannon Leigh Birdsell 3 Natalie Sydney Cecilia Bishop Justice Marie Blackmon magna cum laude Azia Simone Bland³ Mark Francis Bobalek cum laude Josephine Carmella Boccio Mazi Ehioze Bowen 3 Mitchell Bowles 3 Rasheakia Sharmel Boyd Christina Marie Bradshaw cum laude Natalyia AnaTakyia Brayboy Lea Alexis Breedlove 3 Zachary Tyler Brietzke Jennifer Rose Brooks 3 summa cum laude Markayla Tranise Brooks Daionte M. A'mar Brown 3 DeAisha Janay Brown cum laude

Jarrod Russell Brown 3

Le'Asia Antonette Brown 3 Stephanie M. Brown 3 summa cum laude Suzanne Lee Brown Tanesha Cora Brown-Bey 3 Auldriona Lenette Butts 3 magna cum laude Celeste Beatriz Cabrera Crystal Nicole Cadet Hunter Foxworth Campbell Katherine Lucil Campos magna cum laude Tiairra B. Cannady 3 David Oliver Canton Sydney Alexandra Carle summa cum laude Jordan K. Carlin 3 summa cum laude Cassidy-Jo Renee Carr Jose Leonardo Carranza 3 Myles Easton Carrick 3 Destinie L. Carter magna cum laude Chasity Marie Carty 3 cum laude Jamie Jonelle Chambers 3 Kyndal Lazette Champy 3 Taylana Alyce Chaney 3 Patricia Roseboro Chapple Jonathan Christopher Charles summa cum laude Carlitos Chavez 3 Thomas James Clement 3 Robert Thomas Coleman Reid Collier cum laude Annalisa Maria Colombo summa cum laude Adrian Luis Concepcion 3 Alana Nichelle Conner 3

Frank Henry Conner IV

Elizabeth Marlene Connor³ Mark Constantine 3 Natavia Kenyanna Cook cum laude Robert Alexander Cook Jr. 3 Breanna Nicole Cooper Sarah Nicole Craig summa cum laude Antonio Alexander Criego 3 Jasmine Tamia Crosby cum laude Earl Thomas Cross II Ericka Nicole Crowder Sydney Marie Cubero Ashley Frances Cutrona magna cum laude Anita Danielle Dabney 3 DaeMesha Leshae Dade cum laude Tokecia Nequay Davidson Autummn Chantel Davis Kendra Darlene Davis summa cum laude Kolton Charles Davis magna cum laude Aijah Tolaya Ba'zh Dawson 3 Meghan Savella Del Rosario Lorenzo Giovanni Delgado Rejhana Demirovic 3 summa cum laude Ja'Von Malik Deputy Samantha Marie Deselms magna cum laude Rachel Dever summa cum laude Demitria Mariah Dial summa cum laude Jacqueline Diaz Joseph John DiGiuseppi 3 April Elise Dills Bethany Dixon 3

Norvin Ramel Arkei Dixon 3 Kenny Junior Do 3 Bronson David Dodge Kaitlyn Nicole Dodge 3 Hannah Michele Dorman 3 summa cum laude Christina Downing 3 magna cum laude Atyia Breana Duncan Tonya Maria Dwyer summa cum laude D'Ona Christina Edwards magna cum laude Janeice Renee Edwards 3 Desiree Laquita Evans Brittany Nicole Farr Alex Marie Farrell Nehemiah Faulk 3 Aaron George Feliciano Jake Edward Felico Derrick James Ferebee³ cum laude Symphony Leasia Ferguson Seidy Edith Fernandez Medina 3 Camden Griffen Ferris 3 Emily Alyssa Fisk cum laude Mary Kathleen Flaherty cum laude Max Patrick Flanigan Adriana Flores cum laude Gianpier Flores 3 magna cum laude Savannah Elizabeth Fordham Miranda Franceschini 3 De'Jhanaya Zakiyyah Francois Kierra Tanea Franklin Warren Michael Franklin 3 David Louis Fratantonio cum laude Demetra Makis Frazier Young magna cum laude Odalys Amanda Garcia magna cum laude Braxton Isaiah Gardner magna cum laude Megan Nicole Garey Cecily Danielle Gary 3 Hallie Lorraine Gaskill

summa cum laude

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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 founders and presidents, 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. Bachelor's degree recipients wear academic hoods representing their higher level of education. The hood worn at JWU is black with blue, white and golden-yellow trim to signify the school colors.

The faculty and platform party wear regalia representative of the degrees they possess. The honorary degree recipients will wear the academic costume and hood appropriate for the degree being conferred upon them.

TASSELS

Undergraduates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap. Upon reception of the bachelor's degree, it is moved to the left. Master's and doctoral degree recipients wear the tassel on the left, and the doctoral soft-cap often features a gold tassel.

HONORS GOLD STOLE

Students graduating from the university's Honors Program have completed an enhanced undergraduate curriculum and have maintained at least a 3.40 cumulative GPA. They wear an embroidered gold stole to recognize their academic achievement.

GOLD CORD

Students graduating cum laude or above, as of Winter Term 2017, 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.

HONORS

Eligible 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, 3.40–3.60; magna cum laude, 3.61–3.80; and summa cum laude, 3.81–4.00.

Throughout their studies outstanding students earn additional accolades at Commencement which are reflected by the numerical designations in this program including

1. University Honors Scholar

The University Honors Scholar designation is awarded to students who complete major-specific Honors course requirements at the bachelor's level as well as an Honors Thesis while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher. This is one of Johnson & Wales University's highest undergraduate awards.

2. Honors Scholar

The Honors Scholar designation is awarded to students who complete Honors program requirements at the bachelor's level while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher.

3. Post-May Graduate

Post-May graduates are students completing their academic requirements through the fall 2017 term.

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