



COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2018

GRADUATE STUDIES

Providence, Rhode Island

May 18, 2018



Chancellor John J. Bowen '77

In January 2018, Chancellor John J. Bowen announced his retirement from Johnson & Wales University at the end of the 2018 calendar year, bringing to a close a tenure where he has been at the forefront of the transformation of JWU into the pioneering educational institution it is today.

Chancellor Bowen's impacts on the university are immeasurable. He helped guide the university's development of culinary arts education as a faculty member, director and dean. He reaffirmed the university's focus on career education by establishing what is today known as Experiential Education & Career Services. As vice president of administration, executive vice president, president of the

Providence Campus, university president, chief executive officer and chancellor, he has implemented a vision for the growth of JWU and its Downcity and Harborside communities. One of Chancellor Bowen's proudest accomplishments is the establishment of the Chancellor's Student Relief Fund, which provides support for students facing unexpected financial needs in emergency situations so they can continue pursuing their dream of a Johnson & Wales education.

On the occasion of his announcement, Chair of the JWU Board of Trustees James H. Hance Jr. '06 Hon., wrote to the JWU community:

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we acknowledge Chancellor John Bowen's announcement of his intent to retire at the end of 2018. We wish to express our gratitude for his 45 years of extraordinary dedication and service to Johnson & Wales University. His accomplishments during his time are numerous and impactful.

"Johnson & Wales has transformed under John's leadership in many vital ways. He has made complicated and bold decisions in the best interest of our university. **FOCUS 2011** was an ambitious plan that launched Johnson & Wales into uncharted areas. John and his team deftly recognized the need to address many issues such as affordability and retention efforts ahead of many of our peers. Through thoughtful and deliberate planning, he has moved this university in new directions, most recently health sciences, always with the intent to provide our students with better professional and personal lives. In September 2016, we recognized and celebrated his leadership with the dedication of the John J. Bowen Center for Science and Innovation – a fitting tribute to his more than four decades of service to the students, faculty and staff of Johnson & Wales."

The JWU community thanks Chancellor Bowen for his inspiring 45 years of dedication to Johnson & Wales University and extends its congratulations and best wishes to First Lady Kathleen Harney and Chancellor Bowen as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives.



Dear Class of 2018,

Today we are here to celebrate you — the members of the Johnson & Wales University graduating Class of 2018.

You have successfully completed the requirements to earn your chosen degree from Johnson & Wales. It is an extraordinary achievement. When you cross the stage today to receive your diploma, think of all the people who helped you get here — your family and friends, your professors, advisors and staff, coaches and mentors. We are so proud of what you have accomplished.

You are now prepared for the real world beyond Johnson & Wales. I know what is next may be daunting. I also know you are ready because your Johnson & Wales education and experience have prepared you for what lies ahead. You took full advantage of all that JWU has to offer, experiencing your future through the intellectual challenges of the classroom and the opportunity for discovery in the laboratory and beyond. Now, it is time to make your mark on the world. Like our alumni, you will find success in your chosen field of study.

The feelings of belonging you have to the Providence Campus will deepen in the years ahead as you benefit from your Johnson & Wales degree and alumni connections. You will always have a home at JWU. Be a proud Wildcat for life, stay connected, and watch the university grow in the coming years.

The entire university community shares my pride in what you have accomplished at JWU. You have our gratitude and our best wishes for what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mim L. Runey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mim L. Runey, LP.D.
Providence Campus President
Chief Operating Officer

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY: FUTURE LEADERS START HERE

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 14,000 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 124 countries pursuing careers worldwide. For more information, visit jwu.edu.



A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

At Johnson & Wales, we have 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 10,000 international alumni are a testament to our unique approach to experiential education, and to our welcoming and supportive culture.

Today, we are honored to host almost 1,200 international students representing 73 countries who are such an integral part of our university community.

We are equally committed to enriching and expanding opportunities for global learning and to enhancing opportunities for global citizenship. Our students completed internships in 28 countries last year and took advantage of our 77 study abroad and 25 exchange programs across six continents. Because of this, we rank as the 21st 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.

Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

Commencement Marshal — Louis A. D'Abrosca, Ed.D., dean of the College of Business

Commencement Marshal — Cynthia L. Parker, Ed.D., dean of the College of Online Education

Commencement Marshal — Angela Renaud, Ed.D., dean of the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences
and interim dean of the College of Health & Wellness

Candidates for Degrees

Faculty of the Colleges

Platform Party led by Mace Bearer — Lily S. Hsu, Ed.D., provost

WELCOME

Mim L. Runey, LP.D., Providence Campus president and chief operating officer

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kim M. Frenze

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mim L. Runey

CLASS OF 2018 STUDENT ADDRESS

Marissa Ann Mayo '18 MBA

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Diane D'Ambra, M.S., SPHR, SHRM-SCP, vice president of human resources

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATES

Lily S. Hsu

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Joseph R. Beretta, president and chief financial officer, The Robinson Green Beretta Corporation

Conferred by John J. Bowen '77, chancellor

Laura Freid, Ed.D., president, Maine College of Art

Conferred by Thomas L. Dwyer, executive vice president and former vice chancellor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Laura Freid '18 Hon.

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Lily S. Hsu

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE DEGREES

Mim L. Runey

RECESSIONAL

Student Speaker

MARISSA ANN MAYO '18 MBA

A born and raised Rhode Islander, Marissa Ann Mayo has been a role model student making the most of her JWU education. She enrolled in September 2013 and graduated in November 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Sports/Entertainment/Event Management with a concentration in Sales and Marketing.

Six months after enrolling for a bachelor's degree, Mayo became a student assistant to Graduate Studies, a job she continued as she pursued her MBA. She joined the JWU Special Events Society and in 2015 began blogging for the College of Online Education. That same year, she co-founded Project HEAL (Help to Eat, Accept and Live), a nonprofit dedicated to eating disorder awareness and recovery.

While a student, Mayo worked as an event coordinator for URI's iCubed, a marketing event manager for the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, and an assistant event coordinator for Hillside Country Club. Since June 2015, she has been a per-diem sales and promotion liquor model for Next Level Marketing, imparting her brand knowledge to customers. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she became a special event assistant at Dave & Busters. Currently, she is an accounts payable coordinator at CVS Health.

A self-described coffee addict and nutrition fanatic, Mayo is a certified personal trainer who enjoys bodybuilding, yoga, kickboxing, Zumba or any form of a good workout. In her free time, she enjoys the beach in the summer, hiking, photography, reading and writing.

Alumni Speaker

DIANE D'AMBRA, M.S., SPHR, SHRM-SCP

Vice President of Human Resources, Johnson & Wales University

Diane D'Ambra is an accomplished human resources professional with extensive senior-level experience in all aspects of human resources including strategic planning, organizational development, employee relations, compensation, benefits, recruitment, performance management, development and training, and regulatory compliance. A Johnson & Wales alumna, she holds a master's degree in Human Resource Development from Villanova University and earned her senior professional in human resources (SPHR) certification from the HR Certification Institute as well as senior certified professional (SHRM-SCP) certification from the Society for Human Resource Management.

D'Ambra began her career at the university in 1983 when she worked as a payroll assistant. After seven years in that role, she transitioned to assistant director of payroll & personnel where she redesigned the employee health insurance benefits program, combining eight regional plans into one comprehensive national plan. She also restructured the student employment programs to give students more meaningful work opportunities.

D'Ambra was instrumental in establishing JWU's human resources structure and in 2000, was promoted to director of human resources. In this position, she helped build consistent standards of excellence universitywide by creating and implementing the JWU Employee Competency Model. During that time, she also redesigned the employee retirement benefit which has resulted in a successful program with 97 percent employee participation.

In her current role as vice president of human resources, D'Ambra is a member of the president's senior management team. She provides strategic human resources leadership for a multi-state, multi-campus system with more than 2,000 employees and 14,000 students while leading 30-plus staff members.

Honorary Degree Recipient



JOSEPH R. BERETTA

Doctor of Business Administration

Joseph R. Beretta is president and chief financial officer of The Robinson Green Beretta (RGB) Corporation, one of Rhode Island's most prestigious architectural, engineering and interior design firms. Beretta joined RGB as a controller in 1973 upon receiving a business bachelor's degree from Norwich University. Five years later, he attained an MBA from Bryant University, and was named president and chief financial officer in the late 1990s. His primary responsibilities include managing accounting, administration and human resources. He is also actively involved with business and client development and maintaining client relationships.

RGB has a long history of service to the major corporations and critical government agencies of southern New England. Past projects have included the Foundry Complex, the T.F. Green Airport Interlink and Skywalk, Citizens One Plaza, and Johnson & Wales' Wildcat Center and Harbor View properties. Under Beretta's leadership, RGB also worked on the 1980 Winter Olympic village in Lake Placid, New York.

Beretta's civic engagement includes service on the boards and committees of numerous nonprofit organizations and local businesses. He has been a member of the corporation of Johnson & Wales University since 2011, a trustee of the Providence Foundation since 2001, and a president's council member of La Salle Academy since 2009. He is also a board member of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and Navigant Credit Union, where he was a board chair from 2014 to 2017. He was president of Metacomet Country Club as well as Beneficent House, which provides housing to people who cannot afford rent.

Beretta regularly donates to hospitals, organizations that fight pancreatic cancer, nonprofits that help those with developmental disabilities, and the Johnson & Wales University Chancellor's Relief Fund. His generosity has helped 1,100 Cub and Boy Scouts attend summer camp for free. Beretta's hard work and community service serve as an inspiration for RGB employees; his intern architects mentor middle and high school students who are considering a career in construction, engineering or architecture.

Beretta's hobbies include travel, including regular trips to Aruba and Florida, among other destinations, and golf, including playing in charity golf tournaments. He lives in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

Honorary Degree Recipient



LAURA FREID, ED.D.

Doctor of Business Administration

Laura Freid, president of Maine College of Art (MECA), has pursued a career in higher education and the arts, topics that were featured in her previous positions in journalism and film.

Prior to becoming the leader of MECA in 2017, Freid spent 12 years as CEO and executive director of Silkroad, a cross-cultural arts organization founded by world-famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma. She initiated the organization's ongoing multi-year affiliation with Harvard University, a five-year partnership with the Rhode Island School of Design, and created the first joint venture with the Harvard Business School.

During her tenure, Silkroad spearheaded a yearlong, citywide celebration of the arts in Chicago; focused on the arts and passion-driven learning in work with middle schools, educators and teaching artists; and brought together artists and business leaders to influence the emerging field of cultural entrepreneurship, in which artists learn how to package and present their art to achieve a successful living.

Strengthening her skill for storytelling through media, Freid served as executive producer of the 2016 internationally acclaimed feature documentary "The Music of Strangers: Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble."

Prior to joining Silkroad, Freid was executive vice president for public affairs and university relations at Brown University. A magazine journalist and editor, she served as publisher of *Harvard Magazine* and publisher and editor of *Bostonia* magazine.

Freid received an undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis, an MBA from Boston University, and an Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. She has served as a trustee of Johnson & Wales University since 2009.

Freid and her husband live in Portland, Maine, with their standard poodle, Alto.

*Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Degree Recipients*

Allison Marie Amodie
Thomas A. Barron Jr.
Matthew J. Benson
Ryan R. Borden
Margaret Ferguson Boyd
Daryl Cioffi

Michelle Cox
Heather I.H. Washington Dos Santos
Kelly Marie Dunn
Julie Lillian Garell
Meghan Lynn Kenney
Alison J. Mello

Ronilee Mooney
Sarah B. Mosier
Elizabeth O'Hara
Janet V. Ray
Patrick E. Sullivan



*Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
Degree Recipients*

Samantha Marie Abraham
Abigail Kristin Arinder
Anne E. Carlson
Jessica Laura Chabot
Elizabeth Frances Chapdelaine
Monique Coley
Nicholas Ivar Cookson
Matthew Jacob DaCosta
Rebecca Mary Daggett
Michael Joseph Davis
Kayla Marie Denis
Rebecca Elizabeth Gish*

Mercedes Marie Godin
Rebecca Lauren Goula
Zachary Mitchell Hudson
Amanda Paige Joubert
Briana Maureen Lackman
Alison E. Lovkay
Matthew D. Macedo
Andrew Mayer
Joseph Mayer
Sara Elizabeth McBride
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Brittany Lynn Moncure

Melissa Ann Morgan
Brett Meredith Pedley
Kendra R. Pimenta
Nancy Elaine Rizza
Melanie Anne Santos*
Jerrah Maria Swanson
Ethan Robert Walsh
Brianna Marie Weber
Chantel White
Danielle Corine Young



*Master of Arts in Teaching
Degree Recipients*

CULINARY ARTS EDUCATION

Kendall J. Arena *
Aaron M. Barton
Alex John Caccese *
Laura E. Campagna *
Jamirse De La Rosa *

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Meghan Fallon Houghton
Natalie Bailey Kehlbeck *
Kelsey Elizabeth Leonard *
Delaney Rose Quinn *

Alexis Marie Ritter *
Celine Alexis Serret
Vincent Louis Sperling *
Meagan Elizabeth Stearns



TEACHER EDUCATION

Business/Secondary Special Education

Sean Peter Rogan *
Jeymys R. Rosario

Elementary/Elementary Special Education

Kerri Barber
Marjorie Licelotte Cortico Ramirez
Lauren Ann Garrity
Megan Anne Gresens

Denyelle Lea Lobo
Krystiana Elizabeth Medeiros *
Nicholas R. Siudela

*Master of Education
Degree Recipients*

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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.

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

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	COLOR
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business, Commerce	Nugget
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Law	Purple
Physician Assistant Studies	Green
Social Work	Citron

CAPS

There is more variety in the shape and color of academic hats than in any other area. 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.

To attendees of this event:

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