

COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2019

GRADUATE STUDIES

Providence, Rhode Island May 3, 2019



Dear Class of 2019,

Today we are here to celebrate you — the members of the Johnson & Wales University graduating Class of 2019.

Earning your graduate degree 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 poised for what is next — I know that 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 your continued success.

Forever JWU,

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Marie Bernardo-Sousa, LP.D., '92 Providence Campus President

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY: FUTURE LEADERS START HERE

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with nearly 13,000 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 125 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 nearly 900 international students representing 71 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 21 countries last year and took advantage of our 79 study abroad and exchange programs across six continents. Because of this, we rank as the 33rd 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 Candidates for Degrees Faculty of the Colleges Platform Party led by Mace Bearer — Billye W. Auclair, Ph.D., provost

WELCOME

Marie Bernardo-Sousa, LP.D., '92, Providence Campus president

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CLASS OF 2019 STUDENT ADDRESS

Anusha Deshpande '19 MBA

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Joseph J. Greene Jr. '89, '98 M.S., CPA, treasurer and chief financial officer

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATES

Billye W. Auclair

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Cynthia R. Bigelow, president and chief executive officer, Bigelow Tea Conferred by Mim L. Runey, LP.D., chancellor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Cynthia R. Bigelow '19 Hon.

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Billye W. Auclair

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE DEGREES

Mim L. Runey

RECESSIONAL

Student Speaker

ANUSHA DESHPANDE '19 MBA

Master of Business Administration with an Information Technology concentration

Anusha Deshpande holds her Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electronics & Communications from Visvesvaraya Technology University in Bangalore, India. As an information technology professional for three years at Infosys in India, she took part in technology reforms and innovation culture and became a Certified Scrum Master.

During her MBA program, Deshpande served as a project management intern at Integrated Media Group in Cranston, Rhode Island, and as a technology student assistant at JWU. A recipient of the Leadership Award and the Academic Honor Award at the DECA Northeastern Regional Conference in 2018, Deshpande was vice president of the Graduate Student Association and an International Collegiate Ambassador for the 2018–19 academic year. She was a member of international organizations such as The Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers, Scrum Alliance, and Toastmasters International. She has also been a part of several nonprofit Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

After graduation, Deshpande plans to develop valuable solutions to business operations and impart her knowledge to new talents in business.



Alumni Speaker

JOSEPH J. GREENE JR. '89, '98 M.S., CPA

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Joseph Greene's modest beginnings have contributed to his genuine appreciation of the impact of higher education. After graduating from Providence's Central High School in 1980, Greene worked in two local factories before deciding to pursue a business school certificate. That led to him enrolling in a community college's business management/ accounting associate degree program.

To support himself while paying for college, Greene was hired by JWU for a part-time position. He soon became employed full time, first as an accounts-receivable clerk, then as a loan officer and staff accountant as he pursued his bachelor's degree in accounting. Once he received his degree in 1989, he worked for a CPA firm in Providence, performing audit and tax work for different clients, including JWU, and passed the CPA exam.

In 1993 Greene returned to JWU as an accounting manager. Since then, he has earned a JWU master's degree in accounting and risen through the ranks as university controller, vice president for accounting services, assistant treasurer and vice president for finance. Today, he is treasurer and chief financial officer, responsible for finance at all four JWU campuses, which employ more than 2,200 faculty and staff.

Honorary Degree Recipient



CYNTHIA R. BIGELOW

Doctor of Business Administration

Before becoming the third generation CEO of 100% family-owned Bigelow Tea in 2005, Cindi Bigelow spent 20 years working in all areas of the company founded by her grandmother. Since then, she has been instrumental in expanding the portfolio of tea products and bringing Bigelow into new channels by building awareness and brand engagement through social media and advertising.

Believing it all comes down to giving back, she continues to drive the company's community and sustainability programs. She was the catalyst behind the Annual Bigelow Tea Community Challenge that has given back nearly \$2 million to local charities and Bigelow's Tea for the Troops Program that has donated 6+ million tea bags to U.S. service men and women. She works with young people annually

on Appalachian Service Projects and regularly cooks meals for Operation Hope. Her sustainability initiatives that reduce water and natural gas usage throughout the organization and implementation of recycling and composting programs have made Bigelow a Zero Waste to Landfill Company.

Perhaps what she values most is time spent with young industry leaders and students, offering guidance, encouragement and sharing insights on leadership and career development.

Bigelow holds a bachelor's degree from Boston College, an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and honorary doctorates from Fairfield University and the University of New Haven. She enjoys spending time with her children, traveling, skiing, tennis, yoga and drinking lots of tea.

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership Degree Recipients

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Diplomas will be awarded upon completion of all university requirements.

The commencement program listing contains the names of students meeting eligibility criteria and submitted for publication as of April 12, 2019. Names that are printed in the commencement program should not be used as an indicator of degree completion. Students must satisfy all graduation requirements before officially graduating and receiving a diploma.



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. Ushers are stationed at the foot of each aisle should you need assistance.

After the ceremony, guests may join the graduates outside under the marquee of the Dunkin' Donuts Center. For your convenience, the commencement ceremony is being professionally photographed (and videotaped) by Grad Images[®]. For information on ordering photos (or a DVD of the ceremony), 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[®]. The ceremony is also being streamed live at http://portal.stretchinternet.com/jwuri.

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 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.

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