



COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2017

GRADUATE STUDIES

Providence, Rhode Island
May 19, 2017



Dear Graduates of the Class of 2017,

Congratulations on your graduation from Johnson & Wales University, a significant accomplishment for you and all who have supported your efforts.

We are grateful for your contributions here. You have honored us with high achievement, a sense of purpose and humor, a determined spirit and a commitment to the Wildcat Way. Thank you.

Your time at JWU has been remarkable. I share the immense pride of our faculty and staff at what you have accomplished. You took full advantage of all that Johnson & Wales has to offer, experiencing your futures through the intellectual challenges of the classroom and the opportunity for discovery in the laboratory and beyond. You immersed yourselves in our community, sharing your time and skills with all of us.

Time and again, you exhibited those intangible tenets of a Johnson & Wales University experience that will make you a valuable and productive citizen and a leader in your chosen fields of endeavor. Now, make the most of the advantages you have gained to leave an imprint on our world that is lasting and impactful.

Remember, too, that you always have a home at JWU. As you add your voice to more than 105,000 individuals across the globe who proudly call JWU their alma mater, know that Johnson & Wales University is a place where you can reconnect with friends, nourish your interests and share your stories with our next generation of leaders.

The entire university community shares my pride in what you have done for JWU. Your contributions honor those who came before you and have done much to strengthen our university. You have our gratitude and our best wishes for what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mim L. Runey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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 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 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 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 are 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 are 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.

Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

Commencement Marshal — George S. Bottomley, D.V.M., PA-C, dean of the College of Health & Wellness

Commencement Marshal — Louis A. D'Abrosca, Ed.D., dean of the School 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 Schools and Colleges

Platform Party led by Mace Bearer — Lily S. Hsu, Ed.D., vice 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 2017 STUDENT ADDRESS

Maria Helga Melgar '17 MBA

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Marie Bernardo-Sousa, LP.D., '92, senior vice president of administration

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE

Thomas L. Dwyer, vice chancellor and provost

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Neil D. Steinberg, president and CEO, Rhode Island Foundation

Conferred by John J. Bowen '77, chancellor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Neil D. Steinberg '17 Hon.

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Lily S. Hsu

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE DEGREES

Mim L. Runey

RECESSIONAL

Student Speaker

MARIA HELGA MELGAR '17 MBA

Maria Helga Melgar is an immigrant earning her first American degree. After graduating in 1989 with dual bachelor's degrees in marketing management and communications from St. Scholastica's College in Manila, Philippines, she began her career as a public relations manager at the Manila Diamond Hotel and the Holiday Inn Manila. She later became head of marketing communications at Eastern Telecommunications Philippines Inc. and eventually assistant vice president for marketing of the MDI Group in Manila.

In 2002 she moved to Los Angeles to build her career in marketing and public relations in the U.S. She was publisher and editor-in-chief for WOW Telecom and a reservation sales agent for L'Ermitage Beverly Hill and Luxe Hotels Rodeo Drive and Bel-Air. She diversified her career in business development, account management and marketing consulting before enrolling at Johnson & Wales University for her MBA.

Melgar's guiding motto is to raise the bar in everything she does and empower others to do the same. She describes her work style as mentoring and inclusive. In her spare time, she is an advocate for health and wellness programs as well as animal compassion. She is also starting Rhode Island's first state chapter of the National Association of Asian-American Professionals.



Alumni Speaker

MARIE BERNARDO-SOUSA, LP.D., '92

Senior Vice President of Administration

Johnson & Wales University

Marie Bernardo-Sousa has been invested in Johnson & Wales University since she arrived as a student in 1988 and joined the Registrar's Office. After five years she moved to Admissions and became director of special events. In 1999, she was promoted again to have oversight of admissions for the College of Business, The Hospitality College and the School of Technology. Prior to assuming her current position in 2014, she served as senior vice president of student services, vice president of student services, university registrar, and executive director of student academic & financial services.

In her current role, Bernardo-Sousa leads the areas of Student Academic & Financial Services, Student Affairs, Athletics, JWU Global, Auxiliary Services, Institutional Research and Enrollment Management. With a keen commitment to the student experience, she has a long history of fostering collaboration among departments and across campuses, including leading the student services teams through the conversion to a new student record management system and launch of the student communications portal, jwuLink. She is also responsible for managing staff through ongoing change initiatives to ensure students receive exceptional customer service.

Honorary Degree Recipient



NEIL D. STEINBERG

Doctor of Business Administration

Neil D. Steinberg is president and chief executive officer of the Rhode Island Foundation. The organization works to address the needs of Rhode Island's diverse communities through philanthropy, grant making and community leadership. In 2016, with assets of more than \$800 million, the organization raised nearly \$60 million and distributed over \$45 million in grants.

Steinberg came to the Rhode Island Foundation in 2008 from Brown University, his alma mater, after serving as vice president of development. For three decades prior to that, he worked for FleetBoston Financial, where he rose to the position of chairman and chief executive officer of Fleet Bank Rhode Island.

Steinberg co-chaired Rhode Island's Race to the Top Steering Committee, and has served as a director of the Providence Foundation, the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, the Providence Performing Arts Center and the Urban League. He currently serves as a trustee of the Rhode Island Commodores and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Healthy Rhode Island Steering Committee.

In 2017, he was named one of the 10 most influential leaders in the region's business community by *Providence Business News*. In 2016, *Providence Business News* named him one of the 30 Driving Forces of Rhode Island's business community. In 2015, he was bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters by Bryant University. In 2013, he received the Rhode Island School Superintendent Association's Paul Crowley Award for his commitment to improving the quality of education for the children of Rhode Island. He was also awarded Leadership Rhode Island's David E. Sweet Leadership Award for his leadership and commitment to the community. In 2010, he was named one of Rhode Island's Most Influential People and one of the 25 Driving Forces in the Rhode Island business community during the past 25 years by *Rhode Island Monthly*.

Steinberg holds an A.B. degree in Applied Mathematics from Brown University, and was inducted into the Brown Hall of Fame in 2007. His hobbies include sports, spending time with family and reading spy novels.

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Degree Recipients

Mark Andrade
Anthony Mark-Augustus Baird
Jessica Blanco-Busam
Michael L. Comella
Kenneth A. Duva

Dariel Henry
Nicole L'Etoile
Paula J. Minchello
Karoline N. Oliveira
Laura Diao Qin

Sara Quagliaroli
Erin Fleming Quinlan-Crandall
Christine Rowader Stevens
Margarida Baganha Vieira



Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Degree Recipients

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Matthew Ian Bartolotti
Jillian Christine Bensko
Rebecca Elizabeth Brierley
Ashley Marie Clinger
Alex Sousa Costa
Katie A. Dansereau
Phyllis Jamie Dolcy

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Nicholas Andrew Faucher
Morgan Putnam Foster
Rachel Lydia Goulart
Melissa Hazard
Elizabeth K. Heisler
Katelyn Mae Higgins
Benjamin James Javery

Matthew Ka Lok Kan
Ida Kruse
Anisha Mistry
Gregory Keith Morgan
Courtney Rachael Neves
Katelyn Pires
Amy Fenimore Snyder
Sarah Beth Staples



Master of Arts in Teaching

Degree Recipients

CULINARY ARTS EDUCATION

Judith Natalie Bik
Ryan Joseph Dzierzawski

Sophia Greenia
Marie-Claire Catherine McKillip

Monet Y. Smith



Master of Education

Degree Recipients

TEACHING & LEARNING

Marisa Lee Vincent Jackson
Michele Lee Kennett-Fick



Master of Business Administration

Degree Recipients

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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.

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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 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 dramatic 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:

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 special events staff member.*



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