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To Charlotte Campus Students

From Cheryl Richards, Ph.D.

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Re **Fall Opening Update**

As your new president of Johnson & Wales University's Charlotte Campus, I'm excited to join you as a member of the Wildcat family!

I know you are anxious to begin this fall. These past few months have required a lot of patience, learning to adapt, and tested our resiliency. As we set our sights on the start of a new academic year, we know it will look and feel unlike any other in the past. We will come together to learn, to grow, to protect the community from COVID-19 and do our part to build our comprehensive university status.

Our faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure your return to campus and classes is filled with meaningful and valuable experiences that will prepare you for your future careers. From the Center for Academic Support and live chats with our librarians, to academic and financial counseling and dialogues with the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, you can count on us to support you as you persist and prepare for what comes next.

While we may not have all the answers to your questions today, I am writing today to share helpful guidance on your arrival to campus along with several resources designed to help you in this journey. Please be sure to visit the [Wildcat Welcome](#) website to review our Return to Campus Guide, the COVID-19 Conduct Protocol, FAQs, and more. I encourage you to check this site often, as information will continue to evolve and change in accordance with state and federal mandates.

Academics

As previously communicated, the fall semester will begin on Monday, August 31. Over the spring and summer, faculty have been doing tremendous work to enhance and improve our options for learning. The university has, and will continue to invest in new technology, faculty development, and explore learning modalities to ensure you have exceptional in person and remote experiences as part of your educational journey. Please review [Tips for Online Learning Success](#) to prepare for your fall semester.

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To reduce density in the classrooms, students in undergraduate lab and academic classes will have both in-person and remote instruction. This will be clearly outlined on your course schedule and remote instruction may be offered as either synchronous (at the same time) or asynchronous (no defined meeting times). In synchronous classes, students and instructors will be online at the same time where a variety of activities including lectures, discussions, and presentations will take place. The class session will be recorded and made available for future reference. Asynchronous learning may also be part of your academic journey, allowing you to learn and explore free of scheduled class meeting times. These lessons will also be available for reference at any time. We may also use a hybrid format with fewer students in the classroom and are prepared to move classes to the fully remote model, if local, state, or federal guidelines deem necessary.

In anticipation of a potential second wave of COVID-19 in late fall, we have made adjustments to the academic calendar. Culinary and other laboratory classes will include Fridays during the fall semester and there will be adjustments to the fall holiday schedule. This will allow labs to conclude by November 20, which is prior to the Thanksgiving break. All academic classes will then transition to fully remote learning on this same date for the remainder of the semester. Fall internships will continue until the end of the semester which concludes on December 18. Please note that the spring semester begins on January 11, 2021 and details for the spring semester will be made available in December.

These changes in academic delivery may appear overwhelming, but please be assured that all course content will be fully covered. Furthermore, students are encouraged to seek out university help whenever needed – whether it's with advising, counseling, tutoring, library or other services. Please see below for additional information on Student Services to ensure your success.

Residential Life

We look forward to your arrival and are equally hard at work to design housing processes that promote the overall health of the community. Over the past few months, our staff have been busy evaluating our residence hall facilities, including room occupancies and furniture layout, to support appropriate physical distancing guidelines.

In Charlotte, all students will be assigned a single room to support physical distancing and reduced occupancy guidelines. Students will share a bathroom with one other person and the campus is implementing strong cleaning and sanitizing measures throughout the common areas. The rate for student housing is a semester rate, not a daily rate, and takes into account all the varied operational costs associated with maintaining the facility, including additional processes related to COVID-19. Students in Cedar Hall will receive a credit to reflect the cost of a double room rate for the fall semester. More information will be forthcoming in mid-July from our Residential Life team.

Fall early arrival athletes will move-in on August 8 and other students will be assigned a move-in appointment between Friday, August 21 and Sunday, August 30. Students needing to quarantine for two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester, due to exposure to someone with COVID-19 or travel from a high-risk area, will be offered the option to move-in on Monday, August 17 and will be expected to remain in their room for the full two weeks. You will receive more details on what to bring, how to prepare, visitor policy, housing fees, appointment times, and other instructions from our Residential Life

team in mid-July.

All students are encouraged to minimize any weekend travel during the fall semester to reduce exposure risk to our campus community. Students should plan to leave campus after on-campus classes conclude on November 20, with a final departure date no later than November 24. Students may leave their belongings in their residence hall rooms; however, there will be no access to campus buildings from November 25 until the start of the spring semester move in. Students unable to depart by November 24 will have the option to complete an emergency housing request to stay on campus through December 18. Only City View Towers (CVT) residents will be eligible to stay on campus after December 18 as part of winter break housing, at an additional cost. An application for emergency housing will be available by November 1.

The student dining center will be open 7 days/week and will serve those with Meal Plans or Block Meals. The type of service will be guided by appropriate federal, state, and local guidelines. Meal plans will be available as early as August 21 and will conclude on November 24. To purchase Block Meals or learn more about campus dining, please visit dineoncampus.com/jwcharlotte.

Our Expectations

A healthy campus is the responsibility of our entire community and as such, we have adjusted campus expectations as outlined in our [COVID-19 Conduct policies](#). All faculty, staff and students will be asked to begin monitoring health conditions and journaling contacts 14 days prior to their arrival to campus. To simplify the process, all members of the JWU community are asked to download the [CRUSH COVID App](#), which will help keep track of your contacts.

Each day, all faculty, staff and students will screen their current health conditions by answering the [Daily COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire](#), accessible in the JWU Mobile app, jwuLink, and HR Pulse. If you receive a green check mark, you are cleared to return to the classroom and other parts of campus. If you receive a red check mark, you must contact Health Services before leaving your residence. Health Services will work with you to determine the best approach. If Health Services recommends you be tested for COVID-19, you will be required to test and self-isolate until your test results are returned. If you have a positive test, you will be in self-isolation for 14 days and will be asked to go home if possible. If leaving campus is not possible, you will be assigned a designated room on campus to self-isolate.

The university has developed a COVID-19 code of conduct that, like the JWU Student Code of Conduct, applies to all on and off campus students. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these new codes on [COVID-19 Conduct policies website](#).

Cleaning & Protective Equipment

Based on the most recent federal, state and local guidance, new cleaning and sanitizing measures were put in place for the summer session and will continue into the fall. Throughout campus, students, faculty and staff will see hand disinfectant and sanitation wipe stations at elevator lobbies on each floor, main entrance hallways, computer labs, libraries, and service desks. Classrooms and large common assembly areas will be cleaned on a regular schedule; special attention will be given to high-touch surfaces such as handrails and doorknobs. All common bathrooms will be cleaned frequently.

All faculty, staff, students, and guests are expected to wear facial masks or coverings at all times unless alone in a private office/bedroom or during meals. Students are also expected to practice frequent hand-hygiene and maintain six feet physical distancing at all times.

Student Services

We continue to monitor federal and state guidance to determine the best way to execute in-person events, including athletics. More information for athletes will be forthcoming from your coach and/or athletic director. We will continue to offer career fairs and other experiences virtually and explore outdoor programming that maintains appropriate physical distancing requirements.

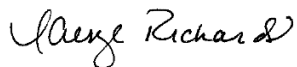
Student Academic & Financial Services, Experiential Education & Career Services, tutoring, counseling and other services will be accessible in person and virtually. The libraries and student employment will be available on campus as well. Additional details about the fall will be updated on the [Wildcat Welcome](#) pages so we encourage you to continue checking throughout the summer for information on your fall arrival.

We are all navigating through unprecedented new protocols and ways of living and learning. You have our commitment to keep your safety our top priority, while doing everything possible to create opportunities for meaningful interaction in and out of the classrooms.

There are four tenets that characterize what it means to be a Wildcat: Pride, Courage, Character, and Community. Today's environment has brought new meaning to these words, and we are all called upon to reflect upon how we will live up to these tenets.

I look forward to welcoming you to our campus and am excited for all of the great things you are sure to achieve this year. Go Wildcats!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Richards".

President Richards