Celebrating a Century of Innovation
1914–2014

In celebration of Johnson & Wales University’s Centennial in 2014, we commemorate its abiding stature as an innovative education leader. What began as a small secretarial school founded by Gertrude I. Johnson and Mary T. Wales is now a globally recognized university attracting students from 90 countries.

Johnson & Wales has pioneered a model of experiential learning increasingly emulated in higher education. By integrating an industry-focused curriculum and the rigor of liberal arts with real-world experience and community involvement, JWU’s approach inspires both professional success and lifelong personal growth.

As we move into our second century, we are making an unprecedented investment in Johnson & Wales’ future, strengthening the university’s status as a leader recognized for its highly effective 21st-century model of higher education.

Vilma G. Triangolo ’36, ’88 Hon.
May 10, 1917–January 6, 2014

The 2014 Commencement ceremonies at the four Johnson & Wales University campuses are dedicated to the memory of Vilma G. Triangolo ’36, ’88 Hon., wife of Johnson & Wales’ first president and co-director, Edward P. Triangolo Sr.

A link to the university’s past and its two pioneering founders, Mrs. Triangolo was one of the school’s most fervent supporters having been a student, staff member, teacher, co-owner and honorary trustee. Mrs. Triangolo enriched the lives of many in the university family through her generous spirit, love of education and devotion to our students. The quintessential champion of JWU, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Dear Graduates of the Class of 2014,

I am thrilled to join in tonight’s celebration of your graduation from Johnson & Wales University. That you will forever be known as our centennial graduating class is an honor that you will carry for a lifetime.

You came to Johnson & Wales University to advance your education, seeking a path to professional success and personal fulfillment. That path has taken you from the expertise and dedication of exceptional faculty members to a rich array of outside the classroom experiences. Along the way, you have developed a strong academic foundation, marketable work experience, and valuable leadership skills. You are ready to transition to the next, exciting phase of your life’s journey.

Part of that transition includes a new but continuing relationship with JWU. You join the company of 90,000 individuals who for a century have come to JWU motivated to enrich their personal lives and prepare themselves for professional success. It is my hope that you stay engaged with the university and with fellow alumni as we strive to give thousands more like you the opportunity to experience our unique brand of education.

I thank you for the contributions you have made to the Johnson & Wales University family. You truly have made a difference and as you go forward, I have every confidence that you are ready for success in your chosen pursuit. My personal pride in what you’ve done for JWU is shared by the entire university community.

You have our gratitude and our best wishes for what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Mim L. Runey, LPD.
Providence Campus President,
Chief Operating Officer
ABID M.H. BUTT ‘84

Doctor of Business Administration in International Hotel & Tourism Management

Since returning to Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts in April 2012, as chief executive officer, Abid Butt has led the luxury hospitality group as a visionary with a steady hand.

Instrumental in the launch of multiple brands including Sheraton’s Four Points and Banyan Tree’s Angsana Hotels & Resorts, Butt has also overseen multiple hotel openings, renovations and repositioning projects throughout his career.

Prior to his current role, he was the vice president for Asset Management of Host Hotels & Resorts in the United States, where he oversaw the preservation and asset enhancement of a collection of hotels. He has also been affiliated with Sheraton Corporation and Benchmark Hospitality International during his hospitality career.

Butt initially joined Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts as area general manager for the Group’s flagship resort, Banyan Tree Phuket, followed by his appointment as the first vice president of operations. In this capacity, he oversaw operations and branding for existing hotels and resorts and the launch of new properties.

An engaged professional dedicated to making a difference, Butt lends his expertise and management skills to a number of organizations including the Urban Land Institute where he is a development council steering committee member and an advisory board member of Streets International, an innovative social enterprise initiative with a mission to develop and operate sustainable programs for street kids and disadvantaged youth in Southeast Asia and throughout the world.

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Butt holds a Master of Science degree in Real Estate from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. His hospitality industry education was completed at Johnson & Wales University with double Bachelor of Science degrees in Food Service Management and Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management.

Butt and his wife, Jane, reside in Singapore and have a son, Rehan.
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Degree Recipients

**DOROTHY JEAN ALEXANDER**
Developmentally Appropriate Practice and Preschool Teachers’ Perceptions: Theory Versus Practice
B.A., Bridgewater State College; M.Ed., Bridgewater State College
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

**AMY APLICERNO**
Student Transition to Four-Year Institution: Faculty, Staff, and Administration Perceptions of Articulation Process
B.S., University of Massachusetts; M.S., University of Rhode Island
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

**JOHN ARMENDARIZ**
Senior Diversity Officers: A Frame of Analysis Leadership Orientation at Research Universities
B.S., University of Texas; M.Ed., University of Texas
Major Advisor: Robert K. Gable, Ed.D.

**LYNNE F. BURKE**
Teachers’ Perceived Self-Efficacy in Integrating Technology into Pedagogical Practice and Barriers to Technology Integration
B.A., Rhode Island College; M.L.I.S., University of Rhode Island; M.Ed., Cambridge College
Major Advisor: Ralph J. Japuno, Ph.D.

**ROSANNE DECONTO**
Faculty Perceptions of Adapting Traditional Pedagogy for Online Learning
B.S., Bridgewater State College; M.Ed., Bridgewater State College
Major Advisor: Ralph J. Japuno, Ph.D.

**DEBORAH J. DIIASIE**
Professional Development on Formative Assessment: Impact on Teacher Practice
B.A., Rhode Island College; M.A., Providence College
Major Advisor: Ralph J. Japuno, Ph.D.

**DOUGLAS R. DUCHARME**
Factors that Influence the Use of Qualitative Methods by Institutional Researchers
B.S., Worcester Polytechnic Institute; M.S., University of San Diego; M.A., United States Naval War College
Major Advisor: Cynthia V. L. Ward, Ed.D.

**PAUL C. DULCHINO**
Military and Veteran Student Perceptions of Military Friendliness on the College Campus
B.S., University of Massachusetts; M.B.A., Long Island University
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

**TIMOTHY S. GARROLD**
Military Leaders’ Self-Perceived Role as College and University Presidents
B.S., United States Naval Academy; M.A., United States Naval War College
Major Advisor: Cynthia V. L. Ward, Ed.D.

**JESSICA LYNN HEDGES**
The Relationship of Reading Motivation and Self-Efficacy to Reading Achievement
B.A., Roger Williams University; M.A., Roger Williams University
Major Advisor: Robert K. Gable, Ed.D.

**WAHIS R. JOHNSON**
A Student’s Perspective on Poverty and Student Behavior/Responsibility in the Classroom
Bachelor of Music Therapy, Misericordia University; M.S., University of Rhode Island
Major Advisor: Robert K. Gable, Ed.D.

**KIM LALIBERT**
Inquiry-based Instruction: Cultivating Analytical Habits of Mind with 21st Century Skills
B.S., Quinnipiac University; M.S., University of Rhode Island
Major Advisor: Robert K. Gable, Ed.D.

**MICHAEL S. MALONE**
Prevention and Success: Summer Bridge Program Effectiveness
B.A., Davis & Elkins College; M.A., University of Illinois
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

**KATHRYN C. SENIE, J.D.**
Implementing Transfer and Articulation: A Case Study of Community Colleges and State Universities
B.A., University of Connecticut; J.D., University of Bridgeport
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

**JENNIFER STANLEY GENDER**
Student’s Denial of Exclusion as the Vision of an Inclusive Curriculum
B.S., Bloomsburg University; M.B.A., La Salle University
Major Advisor: Stacey L. Kite, D.B.A.

**DAVID STENDER III**
Alcohol Consumption Among College Students: Chief Student Affairs Officers’ Perspectives
On Evidence-Based Alcohol Consumption Reduction Strategies
B.S., Northeastern University; M.P.A., Northeastern University; M.A.T., Union Graduate College
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

**KRISTINA TESTA-BUZZEE**
Academic Persistence: What Matters to the Single Mother?
B.A., Western Connecticut State University; M.A., New York University
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

**JOANNE VAN**
Supporting Elementary Inclusion Classrooms in an Urban Ring District: What Principals Need to Know
B.A., Rhode Island College; M.A., Rhode Island College
Major Advisor: Stacey L. Kite, D.B.A.
Master of Education in Teaching and Learning Degree Recipients

Mamuti Bilkeri
Derek Brayton D’Amato

Master of Arts in Teaching Degree Recipients

Rita Maria Lancellotta

Business Education and Secondary Special Education

Kathie DeLuca*
Benjamin Jacob Jensen

Elementary Education and Elementary/Secondary Special Education

Alyssa Nicole Boudoum Hernandez
Howard Anne Gervais
Nathan Paul Gobeille

Elementary Education and Elementary Special Education

Kimberly Marie Dekonski
Stephanie Michelle Long

Elementary Education and Secondary Special Education

Alexis Ann Floerchinger*

Food Service Education

Lucio Christopher Barnita
Christine Eileen Casel
Frank Michael Chavis Jr.
Amy Lynn Fish
Lauren E. Gagnon

* Post-May Graduate

Master of Business Administration Degree Recipients

Mounir Auki
Jostin Vincent Abraham
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Kenneth Takedi Agurop
Media Ahmed Taleb*
Hanor Ahmed
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HOSPITALITY

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Liz Chen*  
Ming Chi  
Mei-Ching King

Marketing

Xinmiao Liu  
Sean Patrick Mahoney*

Master of Science Degree Recipients

Criminal Justice

Staci E. Belomo  
Christopher Bouhounmieng  
Deanna M. Johnson  
Corey M. Jones  
Katlyn P. LeBeez  
Kimba L. Mansueti  
Carolin N. McCarthy  
Marvin Marcado  
Reese B. Middler  
Julio Moran III  
Liliam Musica  
Carlos Jose Ortega  
Caitlin W. Rippel  
Pradeepa Ceramotie Rodriguez Lobo  
Qing Wang  
Verna Winnari Elioopa  
Chunru Wang*
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 records posted on the university’s Student Academic Services website, with spellings verified by students and submitted for publication as of April 18, 2014.

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 Providence Performing Arts Center.

Once the academic recessional has ended, graduates and guests may return to the arena to use the stage as a backdrop for photographs.

For your convenience, tonight’s commencement ceremony is being professionally photographed (and videotaped) by Grad Images®.

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Tonight’s ceremony is also being streamed live at www.ezstream.com/play/index.cfm?ptype=sl&id=44265A7BEC&Org=EZ&CFID=2010366&CFTOKEN=43685845.