COMMENCEMENT 2008:
Johnson & Wales University marked the accomplishments of the Class of 2008 with pomp and celebration as proud families and friends gathered at four campuses for ceremonies.

JWU ALUMNI: RAISING THE BAR
JWU graduates are leaders in industries throughout the world as the careers of 22 notable standouts attest.
Donald “Mac” McGregor, J.D., marches into his fifteenth and final commencement as North Miami Campus president.
This special edition of JWU Magazine is dedicated to you — the new alumni of Johnson & Wales University. You have achieved a major milestone in your life as you successfully completed your course of study. Your commencement ceremony is a lasting memory of that success and we have included photographs and narratives inside to capture those moments.

Your relationship with JWU, however, continues long beyond your graduation. It is a lifelong bond. You are now part of a powerful network of more than 75,000 alumni from across 140 countries. As you read this issue, you’ll see how we celebrate your fellow alums. We look forward to including your success stories in the coming years.

As you well know, the cost of higher education is increasing as access to loan funding continues to be more difficult to secure. JWU is dedicated to making the dream of higher education a reality for students who are committed to achievement and the career-focused education for which JWU is known worldwide. In the 2008 – 2009 academic year alone, JWU is contributing $105 million dollars to student aid. But even that is not enough.

You are an important part of the university community. It is essential that you continue to play a significant role in the development of your alma mater and in meeting the goals of our strategic plan, FOCUS 2011. We need to work together to ensure future generations have access to affordable, quality education.

Alumni interests are varied, and we offer a number of avenues to connect, be informed, learn, feel pride, give back and pay forward. You are living examples of the power of higher education. Come back to campus often to lecture in our classrooms, network and reminisce with fellow alumni. Mentor a student. Fund scholarship support. Provide guidance to prospective students and their families. Read JWU Magazine when you find it in your mailbox. It will keep you up-to-date on fellow alumni and the latest university developments, initiatives and happenings. Pass it along to others.

We need to work together to make the dreams of all of our students a reality and make JWU a stronger and more vibrant educational institution and a national leader of career education. Stay connected, get involved, and make a difference. Keep us updated on your accomplishments so that together we may inspire the future generations of students. As a fellow alumus, I look forward to the next chapter of your relationship with JWU.

Write to us anytime at jwumagazine@jwu.edu. We’ll be waiting to hear from you.

University President John J. Bowen ’77
Congratulations and welcome to the Johnson & Wales University Alumni Association. You are now part of a network of more than 75,000 alumni from across 140 countries. As you make this transition from school to career, you are about to undertake one of life’s greatest adventures.

Even though you have left campus, a new relationship with JWU is just beginning. The Office of Alumni Relations is committed to keeping you connected to the university and to each other. Whether it is through regional chapter events, alumni reunions, on-campus talks to prospective students at Admissions Information Meetings (AIMS) or taking part in Alumni Emerging Leaders Week, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

As you look back on your experiences at JWU and you begin the next chapter of your life, we hope you’ll stay connected. We look forward to seeing you back on campus soon.

**Help Recruit**

JWU invites alums to help make the decision easier for students and parents alike.

- Speak at AIMS.
- Attend Open Houses.
- Provide post-graduation insight.

**Share Your Expertise**

You’ve been in the classroom once before. Why not return and share your knowledge and experience with others?

- Return as a Distinguished Visiting Chef (DVC).
- Return as a Distinguished Visiting Professor (DVP).
- Speak to entrepreneurship students.
- Bring the “real world” into the classroom.

**Hire Students and Graduates**

Whether you are looking for a job, or in the position to hire, why not turn to JWU?

- Participate in on-campus recruiting.
- Represent your company at career conferences.
- Attend alumni and industry networking events.

**Provide Support**

The contributions of each alumnus and alumna, parent and friend ensures that JWU’s standards improve with each generation. There are many ways you can help.

- Financially support the Alumni Council Scholarship Fund.
- Participate in university fund-raising events.
- Serve on an alumni Annual Fund committee.

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**Above, Left to Right:** Levi T. Tanksley ’07, right, talked with a student at a forum hosted by The Hospitality College and Dean Richard Brush, left, in Providence during Emerging Leaders Week, while Angela Armenise ’02 worked alongside culinary students. James Fisher ’96, Dion Gilbert ’98 and Marcus Brown ’96, ’98 M.B.A socialized at the All Class Reunion in May 2007 as did (l-r) Bethany Johnsen, John Johnsen ’90, Brian Worth ’93, ’94 M.S., Nina O’Neill ’94 and Clay Snyder ’93.
Graduates Mark New Beginnings with a Smile

BY MIRIAM WEINSTEIN '08 M.B.A.

At the 94th Commencement for 2,336 graduates of the College of Business and School of Technology, in all of 10 minutes, Nathan Tamba '08, student speaker, spun together his life story and the power of an education.

Just five years before this day, he, his parents and siblings left their war-torn homeland of Liberia to live in a refugee camp as they made their way to the United States.

"My hopes were shattered," he told the hushed audience. "...While I found myself behind the prison walls of tremendous impossibilities, I realized the need to fight for my freedom — the freedom to think without fear, the freedom to learn and the freedom to work freely."

"Today I stand before you as a symbol of one thing, the power and strength of a big dream," he continued. "The liberty to go to school was taken away from me, yet no one could take away from me the freedom to have a big dream."

Among those in the audience who hung onto his words were 32 of his family and friends, including his wife, Natasha Mobray, and their daughter, Anakhala Mobray. When asked about how they met, Nathan looked into his wife's eyes and noted that she and her family were his adoptive local family who helped him acclimate to his new life in Rhode Island. "They gave us clothes, and I noticed her, and ..." The couple laughs.

His was one story among the many graduates. Earlier in the day, a ceremony was held for the 1,238 graduates of the College of Culinary Arts and the 1,298 graduates of The Hospitality College in the renovated Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence.

At that commencement, Christopher Curran '08 addressed his fellow graduates. A native Rhode Islander, he told the audience that he was "not the typical college senior." He continued, "But in my opinion there is nothing typical about any member of the graduating class of 2008. I am 32 years old and have returned to school to get my degree to increase my chances of attaining a meaningful, satisfying career and to become a more confident, experienced and knowledgeable person ... I figured that if the Red Sox could win the World Series in my lifetime that pretty much anything is possible."
Lessons of Struggle and Hope

Though both of these men followed different paths, their journey led to the same destination – Johnson & Wales University’s Providence Campus. No doubt, they will pursue different paths from this point forward. Armed with his degree in business and a concentration in accounting, Tamba has been offered a position with State Street Bank in Boston as a mutual fund accountant. In addition, he plans to pursue an M.B.A. degree at JWU’s Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School in the fall, as well as an interest in theology through courses with Global University.

Curran, with a degree in hospitality and a concentration in sports, entertainment and event management, will be busy seeking “a great job that brings me both contentment and success.”

He told his audience that they could overcome the “colossal issues” of these times — war, economy, environment — because they shared the experience, confidence and knowledge that they attained through their time at JWU.

Through his personal story of courage and conviction, Tamba urged his classmates to “continue to create the highest, greatest visions possible for your lives because you become what you believe.”

Total Degrees Awarded 4,872
College of Business 2,007
The Hospitality College 1,298
School of Technology 329
College of Culinary Arts 1,238
B.S. Degrees 1,858
A.S. Degrees 3,014
Graduate School Ceremonies Reflect Practice

BY MADELINE PARMENTER AND LISA PELOS!

A beautiful spring evening set the stage for the 22nd Commencement of the Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School in Providence. Surrounded by crystal chandeliers, gold leaf-trimmed floor-to-ceiling mirrors and a magnificent domed ceiling, excited graduates made their way into the Providence Performing Arts Center to receive diplomas.

As music filled the auditorium, the procession began with the majesty of the International Parade of Flags eliciting cheers from friends and families of the 516 degree recipients. Thirty standard bearers represented such countries as Italy, Nepal and Uzbekistan, proudly carrying flags from five of the seven continents to the stage. The vibrant backdrop provided a symbol reminder that Johnson & Wales University is truly a global institution with an international reputation and impact that grows stronger each year.

"Be as steadfast as lighthouses when exercising leadership," student speaker Robert Farley ’08 M.B.A. urged fellow graduates. Anchoring JWU’s global reach to its main campus in the Ocean State, he infused remarks with a nautical theme. Farley, who received his master’s in global business leadership, warned against being weather vanes "which constantly change direction based upon whatever way the wind is blowing."

“There's an old Nordic saying which states that 'Everyone is a good sailor in calm seas.' Today's leaders do not have that luxury," said Farley. "Team members rely upon them to be lighthouses that will provide them with beacons of direction as they navigate the rough seas ahead."

His remarks were well received by his fellow graduates, who chose to pursue a graduate degree at JWU for many of the same reasons he did: endorsement of the program from alumni, classes that fit well within demanding schedules and the opportunity to learn in a diverse environment with a mix of international students.

Farley, currently employed by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, worked full time like a large percentage of his classmates, while managing the demands of his coursework.

An honorary Doctor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management was presented to James Claude Lehouiller, president of DiLeonardo International Inc., one of the world's largest and most respected interior architectural design firms.

As with many successful individuals, his childhood was not an accurate predictor of what lay ahead. Lehouiller spoke of growing up on a dairy farm in Vermont and quickly learning that meeting the daily demands of milk-
ing cows was not his future goal in life. Lehouiller now oversees DiLeonardo’s offices in the United States, headquartered in Warwick, R.I., as well as offices in Dubai, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Also honored was Sylvia Evans Robinson, a former executive director of Rhode Island Children’s Crusade for Higher Education. Robinson, a JWU trustee, moved to Washington, D.C. in 2006 to join the American Council on Education, where she now serves as the assistant vice president.

Although black gowns were a common sight, royal blue robes were sprinkled throughout the gathering, representing this year’s recipients of the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership. Earlier in the day, a doctoral hooding ceremony was held at Providence’s historic Beneficent Congregational Church. This celebration, replete with its own pomp and circumstance, marked the achievement of 23 doctoral candidates of the School of Education including a special posthumous honor for Paksyn Grace Song Yoon, a professor in the John Hazen White School of Arts & Sciences for more than 10 years.

As the graduates were poised to embark on their next journey, Farley sent them off with advice from Mark Twain: “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did,” he concluded. “So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. And most importantly, discover.”

Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School
22nd Graduate Commencement
Providence Performing Arts Center

Total Degrees Awarded 516
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership 23
Master of Arts in Teaching 49
Master of Business Administration 425
Master of Education 19

Honorary Degree Recipients
Doctor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management (Commencement Speaker)
James Claude Lehouiller, president, DiLeonardo International Inc., Warwick, R.I.

Doctor of Business Administration

ABOVE: James Lehouiller and Sylvia Robinson
LEFT: Dominic Vavala, Ph.D.
BY MARIE CIRELLI

The North Miami Campus celebrated a milestone — its 15th graduation. It was a memorable commencement as the campus honored two female executives with honorary degrees — fitting during a year in which a woman has made political firsts.

Fanny Hanono, secretary and treasurer of Perry Ellis International, a clothing retailer based in Miami, was awarded a Doctor of Business Administration in International Business. In her keynote address, she spoke about empowerment and making the most of opportunities.

“We are given opportunities in life. It is up to us to grab them,” Hanono said. “I can tell you that working eight hours a day and five days a week will not cut it. Every CEO, doctor, lawyer that has made it big has done so because he has worked at it.”

Hanono outlined the challenges she faces as a female executive. In addition to her job responsibilities, she is chairman of the board of the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center in North Miami Beach, a member of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and has been honored with the highest community award given for volunteerism in the Jewish community, for youth leadership.

At the end of the day, her most noted success can’t be found in the business world, she added.

“I am a mother of five. This to me is my greatest accomplishment,” Hanono said. “It far outweighs anything I have ever achieved. But it is also the most difficult job I hold. When I get home, my BlackBerry still receives e-mails, my cell phone still rings, and I still have to attend to business.”

She urged graduates to travel, see the world and strive to understand other cultures. “Don’t become a junkie to technology,” she warned. “… In the end, I feel people appreciate you more when they know you are physically there.”

“Have the courage to do what is right and stand up for those that need you,” she concluded. “There is a whole world waiting for your youth, your energy and your vitality.”

Miriam López, CEO of TransAtlantic Bank/Banco Sabadell Group, Spain’s fourth-largest bank, received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration in Financial Services Management. López has volunteered her efforts for many industry-related organizations, including serving as chair of the American Bankers Association Community Council, president of the Florida Bankers Association and director of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta’s Miami branch.

Student speaker Savannah Keeble reminisced about college memories and expressed thanks for
> student awards

For a complete list of student award recipients:

Online > http://alumni.jwu.edu/news/nmia_awards.htm

North Miami Campus students and newly named president, Loreen Chant ’89, (far right) celebrate years of hard work and sacrifice at the commencement ceremony at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

milestones with Memories

the valuable lessons learned from JWU faculty. “They are the ones who will help each of us to become millionaires or the next big thing.”

At the end of the ceremony, 1,034 new graduates of Johnson & Wales University headed off in pursuit of just such promising horizons.

SAD FAREWELL AND NEW BEGINNINGS

BY JORDAN FICKESS

Considered to be the most momentous day of the academic year, commencement is always a time to recognize the accomplishments of Johnson & Wales University.

The 5,000 in attendance at this year’s North Miami Campus ceremony were surprised with another opportunity for recognition when Campus President Donald McGregor, J.D. announced his retirement. After serving the university for 40 years, and presiding over each of the campus’ 15 commencement ceremonies, he turned the presidency over to longtime campus vice president, Loreen Chant ’89.

‘After some thought, it came to me that the most joyous day of the academic year, graduation, would be the most appropriate time and place’ McGregor told the crowd. Graduates in the audience expressed their sadness and surprise as McGregor made his announcement from the podium. Some chanted, ‘One more year.’ As he finished his speech, the crowd rose to its feet for a standing ovation.

Hospitality graduate Joanna Barrett ’08 was one of many students who interacted with McGregor regularly. ‘His speech brought tears to my eyes,’ Barrett said. ‘He has

North Miami Campus President Emeritus Donald McGregor J.D. hugs President Loreen Chant ’89 after announcing his retirement at the campus’ 15th commencement ceremony.

always taken the time to get to know students and help them succeed.’

McGregor will stay on board as president emeritus through April 2009, focusing his efforts on fund-raising for student scholarships.

‘The timing is right,’ McGregor said. ‘I look forward to continuing to work with the university in a new capacity, and to having the opportunity to spend more time with my wife, children and grandchildren.”

North Miami Campus

15th Undergraduate Commencement
Miami Beach Convention Center

Total Degrees Awarded 1,034
College of Culinary Arts 378
The Hospitality College 325
College of Business 331
A.S. Degrees 635
B.S. Degrees 399

Honorary Degree Recipients

Doctor of Business Administration in International Business
(Commencement Speaker)

Fanny Hanono, secretary and treasurer
Perry Ellis International, Miami

Doctor of Business Administration in Financial Services Management
Miriam López, chief executive officer
TransAtlantic Bank/Banco Sabadell Group, Miami

top: Fanny Hanono
above: Miriam López
Graduates Reminded of Roles of Fairness

BY LINDSAY MORGAN TRACY

Drenched in sparkling Colorado sunshine, 824 graduates and their families gathered in front of Treat Hall for the 8th Denver Campus Commencement. Cameras snapped as excited pending graduates huddled for photos while asking the pertinent question, “Which side does the tassel go on?”

Honorary doctorate recipients, Evan Makovsky, co-founder of Shames-Makovsky Realty Co., and Ilene Kamsler, president of the Colorado Hotel & Lodging Assoc., were humbled to sport the black gowns of fellow graduates.

Makovsky spoke with tenderness about his family and values bestowed upon him by his father, a Russian immigrant who arrived in Pueblo, Colo. at the age of 12.

“He didn’t speak a word of English. Within a few years of arriving in the U.S., the country entered the era of the Great Depression. A few years later his father suffered a heart attack and died. His parents had a child in America and suddenly he was responsible for his mother, sister, and baby brother — and did I forget, himself,” Makovsky said.

“He had every reason to be bitter about his lot in life; however, he was a gentle man, he talked to everyone, he treated everyone with respect, and he never said a cuss word. He cared about people — not if they had money or not and not if they had a high position or not,” Makovsky added, stressing the importance of treating people fairly.

“All of my personal and family goals were and are the same as the mission of Johnson & Wales — get a career-focused education with professional skills,” Makovsky said.

He concluded by recounting three key lessons he learned in life: Treat everyone with respect, use disagreements to find better answers and make a plan and continuously align plan with path.

Using wisdom from historical figures as a starting point, student speaker, Laura Barnes, imparted three life lessons as well.

“Don’t take life too seriously; you’ll never get out of it alive,” she said, quoting writer and philosopher, Elbert Hubbard as inspiration.

“It has taken a long time for me to realize that the beauty of this life is not in the struggles
optimism and Attitude in Success

we face, but in finding humor in those struggles and turning the situation into a pleasant memory instead of a horrific one,” Barnes continued.

“Take a moment and look back on your life. The tears you’ve shed over the people you’ve lost, the poor grades you’ve received at the merciless hand of a professor with a red-ink pen, and life’s little hiccups should bring a smile to your face because you are still here. You are still achieving your dreams, attempting what may have seemed impossible, and pushing yourself to do more,” she added. “Smile.”

Quoting Helen Keller on optimism, Barnes underscored the role of attitude and outlook in success. “Our task is to transform our passion, drive and positive outlook on the world into an energy that our subordinates, superiors, and constituents can absorb and utilize.

“We are the future movers and shakers of our industries, and with the titles we aspire to, will also come the unsaid roles of motivator, mentor, leader, and confidant. How can we be expected to fulfill all of these roles without first ensuring that we are looking to the future and placing a positive light on the trials and tribulations that we will face?” she asked, urging her graduating classmates to have faith in themselves and their abilities.

Janice Taraborelli, Denver Campus interim academic dean, extended best wishes for those leaving the beautiful 26-acre campus. “Remember, in many ways this campus is your home and our door is always open to you. For those of you who are beginning your careers, work hard and make us proud!”

Denver Campus
8th Undergraduate Commencement
Coors Family Commons

Total Degrees Awarded 824
College of Business 244
The Hospitality College 218
College of Culinary Arts 356
School of Education 6
B.S. Degrees 329
A.S. Degrees 495

Honorary Degree Recipients

Doctor of Business Administration (Commencement Speaker)
Evan Makovsky, principal and co-founder, Shames-Makovsky Realty Co., Denver

Doctor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management
Ilene D. Kamsler, president, Colorado Hotel & Lodging Assoc., Denver
An Inaugural Event: Charlotte Campus

BY MELINDA LAW

Under slightly cool Carolina blue skies, more than 900 students excitedly filed into the Time Warner Cable Arena, clutching their caps, gowns and cameras, preparing for a monumental day for themselves and the Johnson & Wales University Charlotte Campus. It was by far the largest commencement the campus has hosted and the first graduation of four-year students since opening its doors to 1,016 in 2004.

Graduation, in and of itself a milestone, was made memorable by a select group of 360 JWU students — an inaugural class that enrolled on faith. In September 2004, just two days before classes started, chef-instructors were still stocking labs, classrooms getting finishing touches — this was a campus under construction that no one could tour, pop into and check out. Prospective students like Amber Williams ’08 were shown a computer-generated virtual tour of renderings and floor layouts of a university to be. What they finally walked into was a $110 million dollar state-of-the-art facility.

“We’re the very first. We’ve been here all four years. We’ve helped shape the university and even helped shape the city and their perception of us,” said Williams, who received her diploma from The Hospitality College.

Samuel McKelton ’08, a culinary Garnish Your Degree graduate, sang a stately Star Spangled Banner. An original cast member of Broadway’s “Lion King” and called a “model Mozart tenor” by The New York Times for his performance of Mozart’s “Cosi fan Tutte,” McKelton brought breathtaking power to the rousing anthem.

Student speaker Brittany Cobb ’08, graduating with her degree in food service management, looked into the future. “It is no longer a question of what should we do with our lives, but what should we do first. As fast as these last four years have gone for us all, there is no slowing now,” she told classmates. “It is time for us to pave our own paths; to achieve our own greatness.”

Midway through the program, a five-minute video montage set to music flashed Daktronics’ 16-by-28-foot images of Charlotte’s inaugural class, to the surprise and joy of the crowd. Students watched in awe as their four years on campus passed before their eyes — photos of
commencement 2008

Check-In and move-in, classrooms and job fairs, clubs and guests such as Emeril Lagasse '78.

The ceremonies filled an auditorium with seating for more than 20,000. Ashley Penn '08, graduating thanks to an anonymous scholarship donor from a church in Ohio, is the second-oldest grandchild and first in her family to graduate. Close to 40 relatives whooped and hollered as she crossed the stage. Theirs was a scene played over and over.

Two and a half hours later, former students spilled back out to blue skies and the arms of relieved parents, cheering relatives and friends. Wherever they are headed, it is with confidence and experience. College of Business graduate Maurice Hall '08 summed up their optimism. “It [JWU] really prepared me for everything that my instructor said I would come up against and face... ready to face the real world.”

JWU and its graduates are changing the face of Uptown Charlotte as well. Area chefs are gobbling up JWU’s newest alumni for their restaurants. Bank of America and Wachovia, headquartered in Charlotte, the second largest banking city in the world, are fast-tracking business grads toward management. Students from the College of Culinary Arts and The Hospitality College can be found working at NASCAR, local sporting arenas and Charlotte Convention Center.

Said career-changer Donna Ivey '08, a 34-year-old mother of two, “I transferred from the criminal justice field to The Hospitality College specializing in sports, entertainment and event management, and this has probably been the best experience of my life, being at Johnson & Wales.”

LEFT TO RIGHT: Time Warner Cable Arena was packed for the Charlotte Campus’ first presentation of four-year degrees and commencement of its inaugural class.

Charlotte Campus
3rd Undergraduate Commencement
Time Warner Cable Arena

Total Degrees Awarded 1,613
College of Business 311
The Hospitality College 526
College of Culinary Arts 776
B.S. Degrees 546
A.S. Degrees 186
A.A.S. Degrees 881

Honorary Degree Recipients
Doctor of Business Administration (Commencement Speaker)
Harvey B. Gantt, managing partner
Gantt Huberman Architects, Charlotte, N.C.

Doctor of Culinary Arts
John P. Doherty, executive chef
The Waldorf-Astoria, New York

Above: John Doherty and Harvey Gantt

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JWU ALUMNI: RAISING THE BAR

BY JEFF CARTEE ’97, ’00 M.B.A. AND DAN WILGA ’05

“We should teach a thing not for its own sake, but as preparation for what lies beyond.” This, according to university co-founder Mary Wales, was the principle on which Johnson & Wales was founded in 1914 with one student and one typewriter. Now, nearly 100 years later, with more than 16,000 students on four campuses around the country, JWU has held true to its mission of preparing students for meaningful, industry-relevant careers. We are proud to highlight just a few of the more than 75,000 JWU alumni residing in 109 countries — who have become influential leaders in their industries and communities.

Debra Hill ’77
Vice President of Publishing Technology
The Providence Journal Co.
Providence, R.I.

Challenges overcome
Thirty years ago there were few women in this field — that was more of a challenge for the men I worked with than me. We all overcame that pretty quickly.

Key to success
Being a business person before a technologist. Technology changes rapidly, but good business sense is always good business sense.

Career words to live by
Whatever you’re doing, make yourself valuable. Companies want people who can adapt and grow with them.

Industry forecast
Media is a challenging place right now. How to deliver the right mix of “sound-bite” news and in-depth reporting in multiple media is a daily event.

Defining moment
Without a doubt, the birth of my son, Patrick. He’s my best work.

Greatest personal accomplishment
Juggling very different roles, between work and family, without missing out on what’s really important. Keeping things in perspective is key.

John Benevides ’98, ’01 M.B.A.
Senior Institutional Relationship Manager
Capital Markets Group; Citizen’s Financial Group
Boston

Defining moment
Attaining many of my personal aspirations and career goals by the time I was 35.

Challenges overcome
Emigrating from Portugal to the U.S.A. at 7 years old. Breaking into financial services 20 years ago. The countless doors I knocked on to gain employment as a stockbroker were shut because I lacked a college degree.

Key to success
A three-letter word: PHD. I was poor, hungry, and driven and was motivated by my parents’ sacrifices.

Why this profession
From a young age, the world of finance fascinated me. My mission has been to help people to help themselves by educating and directing them to sound investment planning.

Highest priority in life
Attain financial independence early enough to educate my children, travel the world and do more philanthropic work within my community.

Future forecast
When I began in the financial services industry there were over 10,000 banks in the U.S. We could very well see fewer than 5,000 U.S. money center banks by the end of the decade.

“Say what you mean, mean what you say and don’t be mean when you say it.”
— JOHN BENEVIDES ’98, ’01 M.B.A.
Terrence B. Williams '89
Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Development
Tampa, Fla.

Greatest accomplishment
The ongoing, personal satisfaction that I receive when someone succeeds at an endeavor after seeking my counsel and guidance.

Challenges
Dealing with the physical and psychological demands that are required of executives. Today, everyone has to do more with less and be in more places more often.

Industry forecast
More digital media integration, and focus on individualized, consumer driven approaches — the media industry is all about providing consumers with information that will help them make better decisions.

Highest priority in life
To help myself and others collectively realize and achieve our greatest potential.

Recognition
A fellowship at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, through the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

“Good leaders get people to believe in them. Great leaders get people to believe in themselves.”
—Terrence Williams '89

Johnny Chen '81
CEO
Zurich Financial Services
Greater China/Southeast Asia Regions: Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indonesia and Malaysia
Beijing

Journey
Chen emigrated from Taiwan to New Haven, Conn. at 13. In 1987, as part of a teaching team for the Professional Accountancy Training Program organized by the World Bank, he was one of the first professional accountants from the U.S.A. in China.

Responsibilities
Helping our business continue to grow at a pace that Asia is experiencing right now — double digits in most markets. Making sure that we are focused in delivering our business plan.

Challenges
Public accounting is similar to hospitality management. It's more than dealing with numbers and financial figures, it's dealing with people — clients, customers, investment bankers, banks and creditors. It's a constant learning process.

Worth mentioning
Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in China since 1995.

Core values
I make sure I first believe in myself and have the highest integrity and business ethics before I walk out in the business world.

Sage advice
It is people skills that are important, not just the business savvy or lingo — it's the attitude.

> Share your own stories with us.
Johnson & Wales University is proud of all of its graduates. In this reprint from the Spring 2008 issue of JWU Magazine, we celebrate the successes of some of your fellow alumni. We hope to see your story on these pages in the future.

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SUMMER 2008
"Believe in yourself and never be afraid to follow your dreams."

— SHERRY BRICE ’74

Sherry Brice ’74
Owner
Cosmetic Cosmos
Newport, R.I.

Journey
Graduating with a degree in court reporting, Brice moved to Washington, D.C., freelancing on Capitol Hill for two years. In 1978, she started Sherry Roe & Associates Inc. At its peak, the firm had 30 court reporters and staff and a legal video branch. In 1998 she sold the company, moved back to Rhode Island and opened Cosmetic Cosmos.

Key to success
I have never been afraid to work very hard and try ideas that are outside the box.

Greatest challenge
It was difficult in 1978 for a woman to own and operate a court reporting company in Washington, D.C. — at the time I had to work a lot harder and be a lot more creative.

Defining moment
With my company becoming the largest, most successful firm in Washington, it led me to believe that if you put your mind to it, anything is possible.

Greatest personal accomplishment
Starting two diverse businesses from scratch and watching them both grow into successful entities is extremely rewarding.

Career words to live by
Pay your dues, do your homework, and do not build up debt.

Eric Weiner ’93
President and CEO
All Occasion Transportation
Providence, R.I.

After graduation
Left JWU owning three vehicles, and managing day-to-day operations from top down to ‘entry level’ — washing cars, taking reservations, selling and marketing. I was fortunate to start my business while a student. I used what I learned in ‘real time.’

Challenges
Starting a company at 19 taught me a lot about relationships and perceptions.

Defining moment
In October 2003 my mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. While she battled the disease I realized she would pass away before her 66th birthday and I was reminded to cherish each day.

Greatest accomplishment
My current position: CEO and founder. Using creativity and vision gained working my way up to grow the company. Understanding early where career and financial goals fit into life. Growing business in ways that offer employees the best work environment in the industry. Being able to recognize that for me personally the business is only one aspect of how I measure my success.

Worth mentioning
Small Business Administration 2008 Rhode Island Small Business Person of the Year; Limousine & Chauffeured Transportation 2002 Best Limousine Company in America

"Find your own path. Over time your priorities and goals change. Your career should be part of those goals, but not all-encompassing."

— ERIC WEINER’93
Andy Husbands ’92
Chef and Owner
Tremont 647, Sister Sorel
Boston

After graduation
I traveled on my motorcycle out West and apprenticed at several San Francisco Bay area restaurants and an organic farm in New Mexico. I learned as much as I could about food and the business end of restaurant management.

Greatest accomplishment
When I was 26, I partnered with a high school friend to accomplish a lifelong dream — opening my own restaurant. We used our own savings and spent time finding financial advisors, architects and potential investors. We turned a raw retail space into a beautiful high-end restaurant, Tremont 647.

Why this profession
It chose me; just a natural fit. I would do it all over again if I had to.

Challenges overcome
Raising the money to open my own restaurant, and opening and closing two other restaurants was a wonderful experience.

Walter Ellerbe ’04
Co-owner and Chef
The Lucky Star, STELLA Gourmet Fizzeria
Virginia Beach, Va.

Greatest accomplishment
Being chef and co-owner of two award-winning restaurants.

Challenges
Being accepted as an equal and forever proving that you have the goods, training and experience to do what you do.

Key to success
The true love for what I do and all it has to offer.

Defining moment
Seeing a student of mine graduate and start a successful career. Sharing my craft and knowledge with someone.

Career words to live by
Don’t live life by trying to fit in, because you will only be average. Set the standards and hold yourself accountable first, then lead by example.

Why this profession
This profession is a part of me. I am very passionate about what I do. I create from my soul. Even if I never received a dollar for what I have chosen for myself, I would still remain as I am.

Industry forecast
My industry is forever changing but there are a few things that remain the same: customer service first; starting with a quality product and consistency.

“If you can’t do it now what makes you think you can do it then? Meaning, be present and be active.”
— ANDY HUSBANDS ’92

“Don’t shy away from being great. Maybe you are ‘the one.’”
— WALTER ELLERBE ’04
Scott Davis ’80
President
FLIK International Corp.
Rye Brook, N.Y.

Greatest accomplishment
Helping grow a business and provide opportunities for advancement for nearly 5,000 associates.

Defining moment
The opportunity to lead the FLIK organization.

Key to success
The people I have surrounded myself with are best in class and they always make me proud of our achievements.

Industry forecasts
Popularity of ethnic and international cuisines, featuring wellness and vegetarian. Local ingredients will be in high demand. Competing demands for the consumer’s time will require the hospitality industry to create experiences that offer quality more efficiently.

JWU career influence
The strength of relationships and friendships I have made. The respect that JWU commands in the industry.

Highest priority
Health, happiness and love of my family, friends and people I work with.

“Value the differences in people. Honor your commitments. Never compromise on integrity and ethics. Lead by example. Keep balance and eat well and locally grown.”
— SCOTT DAVIS ’80

“Be comfortable in your own skin.”
— MICHELE BAILEY-DIMARTINO ’91

Michele Bailey-DiMartino ’91
Senior Vice President of Human Resources
Global Brand Management
Marriott International Inc.
Bethesda, Md.

Career passions
I continue to have a passion for the hospitality industry at large and I see my work — even though in human resources — to be a continuation of this lifelong interest.

Defining moment
Being told by my master’s thesis advisor and mentor that if I wanted to do consulting work in the service industry I needed to buck up, do my doctorate and earn the credentials that would gain the respect of people I would want to work for.

Challenges
Work-life balance; every day takes effort to find it. Some weeks balance out better than others.

Industry forecast
Outside the U.S., as companies continue to expand beyond gateway cities, the challenge will be to find a well-educated, available workforce. The private sector will get more involved in social welfare issues like fighting infectious diseases and public education in order to ensure available workforce.

Key to success
Persistence. Flexible, strong work ethic. Making the most of all my work and educational experiences, even the ones, that in the moment, I didn’t like so much.
Rob Palleschi ’86
Vice President of Brand Management
Hilton Hotels
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Greatest accomplishment
The individuals who have worked for me or I’ve somehow mentored that have gone on to senior leadership roles within various companies — general managers, directors and such.

Challenges
Learning other cultures. With over 520 hotels in 66 countries, it’s been fun to learn and understand the various regions and cultures. It’s an ongoing education.

Key to success
Being willing to work longer and harder than the next guy. Taking risks that others shy away from. Straight talk with ego and title checked at the door and clear, open, honest communications. People may not want to hear it, but in most cases they need it.

Industry trend
The world is shrinking; the global middle class is growing; access to travel is easier, and the fear of borders and cultural boundaries is rapidly deteriorating. Demand for hospitality services and products globally will continue to rise.

Words to live by
Everyone adds value. Respect everyone; honestly listen to everyone and show appreciation for their contributions. The best information and ideas don’t come out of the corporate boardrooms or the executive offices. They come from the doorman, the line cooks, and the room attendants. These are the individuals who are making us successful each and every day.

“I cannot imagine doing anything else.”
— VIRGINIA PHILIP ’89

Virginia Philip ’89
Master Sommelier
Wine Director, Beverage Buyer
The Breakers
2002–2006 Court of Master Sommeliers
Best Sommelier, United States
Palm Beach, Fla.

Greatest accomplishment
Turning down three job offers after graduation to move to Aspen, Colo. to start a different life and career was a very challenging choice. My parents were never thrilled at my chosen field. They were absolutely horrified that I was moving that far away. Today, we all agree that without that initial move, I would never be where I am today.

Challenges
Being a woman in what can be construed as a man’s world. Deciding to stop managing people and restaurants and to stick with what I really loved — wine. It is so easy to get caught up in the small stuff.

Sage advice
I live and work by what my parents taught me: If you say you are going to do something, do it; if you make a promise, you must keep it and never, ever lie or compromise yourself. Integrity goes a long way in this business. Trust what you believe in. The rest has a tendency to fall in place.

Defining moment
Passing the exam to become the tenth woman in the world to earn master sommelier title. Juggling family, a full-time job, helping run a restaurant and studying. I thought to myself, ‘If you can get through this, you can get through anything.’
COMMUNITY LEADERS: CHANGING WOR

Brook Ross '01 M.B.A.
Tsunami Relief Program
Partnership Coordinator Delegate
American Red Cross
Banda Aceh, Indonesia

Greatest accomplishment
Being able to lead disaster relief teams helping
tens of thousands of people in life-threatening
conditions recover from deadly disasters — twice.

Defining moment
Fifteen minutes after surviving a major earthquake
that killed 6,200 people, I assembled my staff. We
helped more than a thousand people that day, and
60,000 people over the next week. A month later
we had distributed emergency shelter and critical
relief to 200,000 survivors.

Life-changing experience
After working with tsunami victims for three
months, I returned to Rhode Island and work
at a bank. My life didn’t feel the same. The
realization that my management experience
could help save lives compelled me to go
further into relief work.

Key to success
Having an international background,
speaking multiple languages
and being open to work within
different cultures has allowed
me to go into a country and
quickly establish strong
working relationships.

Challenges
Convincing humanitarian organizations that a
bank manager could offer something of value.
Later, overcoming fear and sadness to focus on
the critical humanitarian needs in front of me.

“The realization that my
management experience
could help save lives
compelled me to go
further into relief work.”
—BROOK ROSS '01

Cassandra Clifford '98
Children's Rights Writer
Foreign Policy Association
Leadership Board, Stop Modern Slavery
Washington, D.C.

Definition of success
Not something based on title, income or status.
When you reach the point where you know
you’re on the right path and with each step you’re
making a difference.

Highest priority
To work with others to abolish
modern day slavery and human
trafficking, a feat I hope to see by
the end of my lifetime.

Career words to live by
Follow your heart and gut.
Don't listen to naysayers.
You know what makes you
happy and what you're
capable of. If you put your
mind to it you can do
anything; be willing to
work hard, climb hurdles
and be patient. Don't be
afraid to start over.

Why this profession
Two reasons: one, it was a cause
I felt strongly about and knew
too little was being done. Two,
it was a cause where I felt I
could truly make a difference as
an individual.

Future forecast
Increased awareness to the
plight of modern-day slaves across
the globe and in America. The
development of a more conscious
consumer, increased fair trade and
slavery-free products. An end to
slavery once and for all.
Lee Lewis ’99, ’04 M.B.A.
President and Chief Staff Officer
Junior Achievement of Rhode Island
Providence, R.I.

Defining moment
Working with one particular inner-city student who faced significant personal and societal challenges, yet was determined to succeed in life. Today, she is a sophomore majoring in English and political science at a top New England university. She is a reminder every day of why I do the work I do.

Greatest accomplishment
One of the youngest presidents of the Junior Achievement Worldwide organization running a successful statewide territory teaching young people to be successful.

JWU career influence
Beyond the in-classroom education, JWU taught me that community service is a cornerstone of an individual’s education. Being able to give back even in the smallest ways can make a tremendous difference in someone’s life.

Future forecast
Financial literacy and workforce readiness are hot topics right now in the areas of youth and education. By the year 2014 and beyond, there will be more jobs than qualified workers in certain sectors like finance, technology, hospitality and tourism as well as construction and transportation industries.

“This industry chose me. My high school foods teacher told me about Johnson & Wales and the rest is history. If not for her I don’t know if I would have found my way to the world of hospitality.”

— GERARD FERNANDEZ SR. ’86, ’98 HON.

Founder and President
Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance
Johnson & Wales University Trustee
Cranston, R.I.

Greatest accomplishment
It’s a tie between having a long-lasting marriage and being at the forefront of creating MFHA. Both took tremendous effort and conviction. Both provide tremendous rewards and satisfaction.

Challenges overcome
Self-doubt. When times are not going well it is easy to allow doubt to creep into your thinking. Whenever this happened I bore down and worked that much harder, always telling myself I will be successful.

Words to live by
Am I giving more than I take? How valuable am I to this organization or to this friendship? If the answers are unclear, think about how to add more value to other people’s lives.

Key to success
A strong family upbringing that taught me the value and importance of working hard and working smart.

Highest priority in life
Serving God by serving others is how I put service above self.

Recognition
Nation’s Restaurant News 2007 Innovator Award

“Love your job and share your experiences with a kid.”
— LEE LEWIS ’99, ’04 M.B.A.
Tyler Florence '94, '04 Hon.
CEO
The Florence Group
Host, "Tyler's Ultimate"
Mill Valley, Calif.

Greatest accomplishment
Being a father to my two sons, Miles, and Hayden. The boys inspire me each and every day.

Defining moment
I have defining moments every day. Each time I put a smile on somebody’s face with my food, I find a great deal of satisfaction. Food is my medium to communicate with the world and that communication is what defines me.

Challenges
Growing up, school was not my forte. I found it difficult to focus. What I realized later was that the tasks at hand just weren’t in line with my passions. When I got to Johnson & Wales, there was a curriculum that addressed my needs, and I was free to pursue my passions and develop a strong foundation by which I could succeed.

Key to success
Once I identified my passion, I dove in and never looked back. I work hard every day and I don’t take ‘no’ for an answer. With each project I undertake, I won’t settle for any less than the best.

Raven ‘Cake Man’ Dennis III ’87
Owner
Cake Man Raven Confectionary
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Greatest cake moment
When Patti Labelle licked her purple shoe-shaped 50th birthday cake.

Greatest accomplishment
Celebrating my 20th year anniversary at Florence Civic Center in October 2001 and thanking my customers one by one.

Signature confection
Southern Red Velvet Cake

Baked them a cake

Icing
Carved ice sculptures for 1986 to 1998 Grammy Awards, Espy Awards, Daytime Emmys, Apollo Theater and Rock ‘n’ Roll Halls of Fame.

Cake Man’s motto
If I can help somebody along the way then my life shall not be in vain.

Sage advice
Hold on to your senior elders in life. Their lessons will be your homework to answer life’s greatest question: ‘How shall I live?’
Rahman ‘Rock’ Harper ’96
President
Chef Rock Inc.
Head Chef
Terra Verde Restaurant at Green Valley Ranch Resort, Spa and Casino
Las Vegas

Greatest accomplishment
Winning [Fox TV] “Hell’s Kitchen.” Becoming an executive chef and holding the position for six years.

Defining moment
I’m still in the process of defining my moment. I’m on an exciting journey and soon enough my legacy will start to take shape.

Challenges
I was thrust into supervisor roles sometimes before I even thought I was ready. So imagine being 19 years old and instructing a 45-year-old guy how to do his job. It was tough, but challenges like that eventually define greatness.

Highest priority
My family. I have to work hard and create a future for them Without them, I don’t know where I would be.

Key to success
I have learned the hard way that you get out what you put in. I try to do my best. I am not afraid to call anyone and ask for help. Being great means you make the decision in the end, but it doesn’t hurt to get more information along the way.

Lorena Garcia ’00
President and CEO
LG Group
Chef and Owner
Elements Restaurant; Food Café
Chef, Host, Co-Producer “Cocine Telemundo”
Chef, Host “Vida Gourmet” Gemz Telemundo
Miami

Challenges
Learning English as a second language. Having third degree burns to my face.

Defining moment
Choosing to pursue a degree in culinary arts after finishing my law studies.

Key to success
Perseverance, not taking no for an answer and being yourself.

Highest priority in life
Love, family, food, friends and of course, success.

Greatest accomplishment
People wanting to eat my food and paying for it.

Career words to live by
Simplify, focus and execute.

Industry forecast
Simple, inexpensive, practical foods and environmental friendly products will be coming to the market within the near future.

Anna Olson ’95
Owner
Olson Foods & Bakery
Host, “Sugar,” and “Fresh with Anna Olson”
Food Network, Canada
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Defining moment
Personally, marrying Michael Olson (also a well-known chef). Professionally, starting “Fresh with Anna Olson.” “Sugar” was a studio TV show, but “Fresh” opens the front door to my home and my food life — it’s taped in my own home.

Worth mentioning
The Gourmand Cookbook Award for “Sugar”; fellowship for the Ontario Hostelry Institute in 2006 and St. Catharine’s Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur 2006 award.

Challenges
Opening a business on my own without investors — a weight, but also a point of freedom. If I make mistakes, I have to correct them on my own — challenging yet liberating at the same time.

Industry trends
With food inflation a topical discussion, I hope we collectively discuss helping suffering nations while taking care of our own families.
Building A Network of Chapters

As the Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Council align plans with the university's strategic plan, FOCUS 2011, major efforts have been made to revitalize existing alumni chapters around the country, and launch new ones in metro areas with a high concentration of JWU alumni. As new chapters develop, those already established have been hard at work. In the past year, alumni chapters have been reenergized in such successful, engaging, and informative events as Alumni Emerging Leaders Week, the Chicago Cubs Rooftop game, regional alumni receptions, monthly Wildcat Wednesdays, and Business-to-Business networking sessions. Each strengthens the connection between alumni and the university. While a number of chapters are now up and running, more are planned. If you are interested in starting a chapter, contact the alumni relations manager in your area.

On this page you will find contact information for those alumni who have been hard at work with their local chapters. If you are interested in being involved, contact your nearest representative.

For more information on an alumni chapter near you:

**Online >** http://alumni.jwu.edu

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SAA: A Bridge Between Campus and Graduates

During the 2007–2008 academic year, chapters of the Student Alumni Association (SAA) were launched at each of the JWU campuses. SAA is key to making today's students tomorrow's alumni. Association activities help build institutional pride, spirit and tradition, and educate students about philanthropy. SAA chapters also connect students and alumni on the local and national levels, welcome alumni back to JWU and encourage them to stay invested and involved at the campus level. Current students work directly with campus administration and network with alumni through campus and community events.

For more information on the Student Alumni Association (SAA) Online > http://alumni.jwu.edu/saa

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Members of the Student Alumni Association gathered on Gaebe Commons at the Providence Campus for Illuminating Alumni Emerging Leaders to give the student body an inside view of the many benefits of being in the Student Alumni Association as well as to recruit new members. Candles were lit on Gaebe Commons in conjunction with the Alumni Emerging Leaders week on the Providence Campus in February as an opportunity for current and future alumni to network.

Back (l-r) students Mathieu E. Bernier, Morris Kurland, Joshua J. Ogrodowski, John A. Kelley and Marcie E. Tasker; front (l-r) Nancy L. Picard and Melanie A. Beaudoin

Student Alumni Association efforts at the North Miami Campus were boosted in September by members, back (l-r) Karen McGibbon '00, manager of alumni relations, southern region; Shirian Larcher, Jacquelyn Taylor, Francheska Suero, Jerry Chery, and Deshawndra McNeil; front (l-r) Seema Ganesh, Freddie D. Howard, Charles Pereira

Student Alumni Association members welcomed guests and helped out at an Epicurean Society scholarship fund-raiser at the Charlotte Campus in March. SAA members included (l-r) Nicki Durr '08, Audrey Quetel, Vanessa Garcia, manager of alumni relations, southern region and Isabella Fitzgerald '08.
2007–2008
Gathering Across
the Nation

Beginning with a Chicago Cubs Rooftop game in September 2007 and ending with an alumni reception in the beautiful rotunda of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. in June, it has been an exciting year for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater. On these pages are highlights of gatherings of the more than 15 chapters and 750 alumni who were able to connect with old friends, meet new ones, and hear about all the exciting things happening at JWU.

If you would like to be part of a chapter development team, or if you have a great idea for an event, please let us know. We hope to see you at a future gathering.

Online > http://alumni.jwu.edu
Managers: Your On-Campus Link

Each Johnson & Wales University campus has an alumni relations manager who is responsible for efforts in their regions. These managers serve as advisors to campus Student Alumni Association (SAA) chapters, work with regional alumni chapter leaders and are the voices and champions for alumni relations within their campus communities and the university as a whole. If you have questions about your connection to JWU, please contact any of the managers listed below.

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Online > http://alumni.jwu.edu

(L-r) Jeffrey Snook ’95 M.S., and Jenny Hightower ’06, manager of alumni relations for the western region, at the Las Vegas Reception in April.

(L-r) Karen McGibbon ’00, manager of alumni relations for the southern region; Mariana Miranda ’06, Cassandra Hale, and Rebecca Cross at Spring Expo at the North Miami Campus in March.

Meredith Brassil, manager of alumni relations for the northeast region speaks with alumni during Spring Career Expo at the Providence Campus in March.

(L-r) Cristina Casole ’97, Jeffrey M. Cartee ’97, ’00 M.B.A., director of alumni relations and Donna Lanning ’98 at the Philadelphia Alumni Reception in May.

(L-r) Vanessa Garcia, manager of alumni relations for the southeast region; Christopher Plano ’93, ’95 M.S., Lori Goldblatt ’95, and Clay Snyder ’93, Alumni Council vice president at the Charlotte Alumni Reception in October.
September

3 Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
6 Central Florida Networking Reception, in conjunction with Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Show, Orlando, Fla.
8 Convocation, all campuses
8 Student Alumni Association (SAA) Club Night, Gaebel Commons, Providence Campus
9 Start of Classes, all campuses
10 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Larry Friedman Entrepreneurship Center, Providence Campus (AM Session)
11 Blues, Brews & BBQ, in conjunction with Charlotte Shoutl, Charlotte, N.C.
17 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Culinary Arts Museum, Providence Campus (PM Session)
17 Part-Time Job Fair, Denver Campus
18 Annual Part-Time Job Fair, Charlotte Campus
21 Chicago Cubs Rooftop Game, 3639 Wrigley Field Rooftop, Chicago
26-28 Charlotte Shoutl, Charlotte, N.C.

October

1 Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
2 Business Career Fair, Charlotte Campus
3-4 Alumni Chapter Leadership Conference, Providence Campus
3-5 Fall Family Weekend, Providence Campus
4 All-Class Reunion, Gaebel Commons, Providence Campus
4 Student Alumni Association & Alumni Re-Connection Brunch, Providence Campus
8 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Larry Friedman Entrepreneurship Center, Providence Campus (AM Session)
15 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Culinary Arts Museum, Providence Campus (PM Session)
17 Student Alumni Association and Alumni Connection Lunch, Charlotte Campus
17-19 JWU Alumni & Family Weekend, Charlotte Campus
23-24 Career Conference, Bayside Recreation Center, Providence Campus

November

3-21 Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive, North Miami Campus
5 Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
6 Career Conference, Denver Campus
7-9 Wildcat Weekend, Providence Campus
8-11 International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show, Jacob Javits Center, New York City
12 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Larry Friedman Entrepreneurship Center, Providence Campus (AM Session)
14-16 Wildcat Weekend, Denver Campus
19 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Culinary Arts Museum, Providence Campus (PM Session)

December

2 Winter Term Begins, all campuses
3 Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
3 Denver Alumni Reception, TBA
3 Alumni Relations & Student Alumni Association Annual Toy Drive, Recreation Center, North Miami and Charlotte Campuses
4 Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Alumni Sorting Night, Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Providence, R.I.
5-7 Wildcat Weekend, North Miami and Charlotte Campuses
10 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Larry Friedman Entrepreneurship Center, Providence Campus (AM Session)
17 Business-to-Business Networking Session, Culinary Arts Museum, Providence Campus (PM Session)

STAY IN TOUCH!

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