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JWU graduates are leaders in their fields, as is evident in the profiles of notable alumni including Adrianne Calvo '04, right, named among Best Chefs in the World by "Chef Report."

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Clockwise: (l-r) University Provost Emeritus Richard Kosh, Ph.D., ’09 Hon., JWU Chairman John Yena ’06 Hon. and North Miami Campus President Emeritus Donald McGregor, J.D., ’09 Hon., share the stage at North Miami celebrations; Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School students pose before ceremonies in Providence; stacks of diplomas await distribution before ceremonial tassels are shifted at the Denver Campus and graduates proudly display their degrees in Charlotte.

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This special edition of JWU Magazine is dedicated to you — the new alumni of Johnson & Wales University. You have reached a milestone in your life as you successfully completed your course of study. The entire JWU community offers congratulations on this major personal accomplishment.

On behalf of the 80,000 alumni of Johnson & Wales University, and as a fellow alumnus, I also welcome you to a powerful network of alumni that reaches across 14 countries. Your relationship with JWU continues long beyond your graduation. It is a lifelong bond.

In this issue, you’ll meet some of your fellow alumni as we celebrate their success. We look forward to including your stories in the magazine and on our Web site in the coming years.

Recent economic conditions have severely affected our students and their families. More than 84 percent demonstrate financial need, yet the national credit crisis has limited the number and amount of loans available. 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 renowned worldwide. The university is budgeting $116 million in institutional grants to new and returning students for the 2009–2010 academic year — up 20 percent from last year. But even that is not enough.

We need you to continue playing a significant role in the development of your alma mater and helping us achieve the goals of our strategic plan, FOCUS 2011. Only by working together can we ensure future generations have access to affordable, quality education.

We recognize that alumni interests are varied and therefore offer many ways for you to connect, learn, inspire and give back. Be examples of the power of a JWU education:

• Attend local, regional and national alumni chapter and industry networking events.
• Return to campus to lecture in our classrooms and reminisce with faculty and fellow alumni.
• Meet prospective students and families at Admissions Information Meetings and Open Houses across the country.
• Participate in on-campus recruiting.
• Fund scholarship and student support.

Together we can strengthen our university, make it an even more vibrant educational institution and maintain its position as a national leader of career education. Please read your JWU Magazine when it arrives in your mailbox. It will keep you up-to-date on the latest university developments, campus happenings and achievements of your fellow alumni. Pass it along to others to make them more aware of our university community. Only you can carry the flag of JWU one street farther than it reaches today. You are ambassadors of the university.

We 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
Strengthen Our University by Staying Connected

FROM CLAY SNYDER '93
ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Congratulations and welcome to the Johnson & Wales University Alumni Association. Graduation is the start of a new chapter in your relationship with JWU, as you’re now part of a powerful network of more than 80,000 alumni from across 140 countries.

Connect
The Office of Alumni Relations keeps you connected to the university and to each other. Whether it’s through regional chapter events, alumni gatherings, career networks, on-campus talks to prospective students or Alumni Leaders Week, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

Inspire
As you follow your chosen path of achievement and personal growth, you can engage with alumni from all four campuses, and contribute to each other’s professional success. Your participation allows you to contribute to your alma mater and to current and future students through educational, admissions and co-op programs specifically for alumni.

Give
We’re grateful for the support that many alumni already provide to JWU. As we meet the challenge of improving our programs while increasing financial aid in response to the federal credit crisis, we invite you to join your fellow alumni as donors.

This year’s gifts to the JWU Fund will directly support scholarships and programs that enhance the student experience. You can assign your gift to the university, a specific campus or a particular area of need. Every contribution, regardless of amount, will change lives by bringing a JWU degree within reach of more students.

Gifts can be made online at http://alumni.jwu.edu/jwufund

Register
Fill out and return the attached “Stay Connected” information card, or register with our alumni network at http://alumni.jwu.edu/jwufund

• Stay informed and learn about local, regional and campus events.
• Gain access to “members only” areas of JWU’s online alumni community.
• Receive each issue of JWU Magazine.

Your relationship with the JWU community didn’t end at graduation. Explore where to find out what’s available to you as a member of our growing alliance of successful alumni. We look forward to seeing you back on campus soon.
The Changing Winds of the Class

BY MADELINE PARMENTER AND MIRIAM WEINSTEIN ’08 M.B.A.

In the 1967 film, “The Graduate,” an elder gentleman leans into the ear of Benjamin Braddock, played by Dustin Hoffman, and says, “I just want to say one word to you . . . plastics.” That was advice to the baby-boomer generation. At this year’s Providence Campus undergraduate ceremony, the advice to the NetGen was decidedly different.

“The community you move on to from here will provide all kinds of civic and political opportunities to become involved and be an influence. By participating, you also will experience personal growth while making a contribution,” guest speaker Robert H. Castellini ’09 Hon. told graduates at morning ceremonies for The Hospitality College and College of Culinary Arts. The chairman of Castellini Management Co., and CEO and owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Business Administration in Hospitality Management. “You have been given the tools to go forward. I have no doubt that with hard work, high standards and good values, you will succeed far beyond your expectations today,” Castellini said.

Justine Allison Sacks ’09, student speaker, noted that “the backbone to all of our majors is having the spirit to serve.” The hospitality management graduate exemplified a trait specific to her “Net Generation” when she shared her optimism for the future. “There are endless directions one can take in our line of work, but no matter what that path may be, change is the norm. As future leaders . . . we are able to face change and transform it into something fabulous.”

Dana Gaede, J.D., ’09 Hon., member of the JWU Board of Trustees and oldest son of Chancellor Emeritus Morris Gaede ’98 Hon., was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Business Administration, and commencement speaker for the afternoon ceremonies for the College of Business and School of Technology.

“It’s not how high you start on the totem pole; it’s getting on the totem pole in the first place that counts,” he said recounting the wisdom of friend, Christopher Bodine ’09 Hon. Students shouldn’t be afraid to take a job where they might be underemployed as long as it is in their chosen career path, he advised. It would offer valuable
experience in the long run, and might be the first step towards a place on “the pole.”

While this group of graduates may be one of the most community-minded generations ever, they also have the dubious distinction of being the first to go out into a job market with double-digit unemployment rates. Student speaker Evan Lemoine ’09 told classmates that many see the economy as a disaster, but true business leaders see it as a challenge. Recalling university history, he reminded them of two such visionaries — Morris Gaebe and Edward Triangolo ’80 Hon. — who turned a unique opportunity into resounding success with the purchase from founders Gertrude Johnson and Mary Wales of a small business school in 1947. “They saw the possibilities and potential of Johnson & Wales and took a chance.”

He urged them to match the times and learn from their example. “We will make mistakes and there will be speed bumps that will affect our path to success. How we handle these challenges is critical and can make or break our careers.”

| Total Degrees Awarded | 2,953 |
| College of Business   | 1,066 |
| College of Culinary Arts | 726 |
| The Hospitality College | 9,66 |
| School of Technology  | 195 |
| B.S. Degrees          | 2,120 |
| A.S. Degrees          | 833 |
Local Flavor and Global Reach Reflected in

BY LISA PELOSI

A warm breeze stirred the robes of the doctoral Class of 2009 of Johnson & Wales University’s School of Education as it proceeded into Beneficent Congregational Church to the music of Giordani’s “Caro Mio Ben.” The serenity and brevity of the 23-minute hooding ceremony provided a welcome finale to the thousands of hours logged by the graduates over the years, in the classroom, the library, and hunched over a computer, in pursuit of their doctorate in educational leadership.

For the past 10 years, Domenic Vavala, Ph.D., ’03 Hon., president of Constantinian University, has presided over this special occasion, regaling all with the history of the hooding ceremony and the significance of the doctoral gown and soft caps. This year, his role was filled by recently retired vice president of academic affairs and founder of the JWU doctoral program, Clifton Boyle, Ed.D., commanding the pulpit in full academic regalia.

“With Open Arms and Grateful Hearts” embroidered on a banner over his shoulder, Boyle announced the graduates one by one, the title of each one’s dissertation, and name of their advisor, as School of Education Dean Denise DeMagistris ’03 Ed.D., carefully placed the doctoral hood on each graduate.

“You are now among the elite leaders in the field of education,” proclaimed Boyle, whose own distinguished career in education spanned more than 45 years.

Included in the class was JWU’s own dean of culinary academics, Paul McVety ’79, ’09 Ed.D. With a passion to prepare trained chefs to become better communicators in the classroom, McVety’s future goals include developing national standards for high school culinary arts programs.

The celebration of achievement continued into the evening as graduates, guests, families and friends arrived at the Providence Performing Arts Center for the 23rd Commencement of the Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School and School of Education. With “Jesus Christ Superstar” and other show tunes blaring from the outdoor PPAC speakers and “Johnson & Wales Graduate School Commencement 2009” in lights on the marquee, the excitement on the sidewalk was similar to that of theater patrons about to see a Tony award-winning play.

For the second time that day, McVety and his classmates marched in procession. This time, the 393 doctoral and graduate degree candidates were surrounded by the rousing, majestic orchestral piece, “Olympic Spirit,” as they filed into the seats of the theater. Recently inducted University Provost Veera Gaul, Ph.D., ’91 M.S. had the honor of bearing the JWU mace symbolizing the ideals
Family and friends celebrate alongside graduates at Providence Performing Arts Center. (Center) School of Education Dean Denise DeMagistris '03 Ed.D. places a doctoral hood on Paul McVety '79, '09 Ed.D.

Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School
23rd Graduate Commencement
Providence Performing Arts Center

Total Degrees Awarded 393
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership 24
Master of Arts in Teaching 47
Master of Business Administration 313
Master of Education 9

Honorary Degree Recipients
Doctor of Education (Commencement Speaker)
Peter McWalters, commissioner, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Providence, R.I.

Doctor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management
Roger J. Dow, president and chief executive officer, U.S. Travel Association, Washington, D.C.
Summoning images of a buzzard and a hummingbird, one looking for carcasses, the other nectar, he emphasized the outcome saying, “And you know, graduates, each gets exactly what it is looking for.”

Students listened intently as McGregor bestowed wisdom for pursuing greatness in all aspects of life. “Mac’s Recipe for Success” included an even mix of hard work and personal fulfillment from the importance of seizing opportunities and the power of persistence to the value of having a true friend to depend on in times of need.

“You must also find balance in your life … [balance] that works for you in measuring your time and commitment to both personal and professional endeavors,” McGregor said.

On behalf of the students, Jomo Morris ’09, College of Culinary Arts graduate, spoke of his appreciation for his experience as a JWU student and reflected on lasting memories and relationships made possible by the common campus thread.

“Bridges help us journey from where we are to where we want to be. They serve as a pathway, a means over obstacles, and a link to our futures. When we build bridges, we are visualizing goals,
For a complete list of student award recipients:

Online > www.jwu.edu/commencement

Jubilation was the overriding emotion at ceremonies for North Miami Campus graduates.

class of 2009

and through our thoughts and actions, creating a way to achieve them. Fellow graduates, your presence here is proof of your success,” Morris began.

Expressing his gratitude for the experiences that contributed to his development at JWU, Morris also recognized that the value of his education came not only from what he learned in the classroom, but also from the community he created with his friends and classmates.

“Personal touches are the elements that have helped to make our bridge special. I would like to thank you,” Morris said. “Today, construction is finished, our bridge is complete and we have walked to the other side.”

Walking “to the other side” along with McGregor was Richard J. Kosh, Ph.D., ’09 Hon., also recipient of a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership for his 35 years with the university, most recently as university provost.

Kosh served as a dean, senior vice president of academic affairs and vice president of the North Miami Campus. Working beside McGregor, the kind of true friend of whom the former president had spoken, Kosh contributed greatly to the early progress of the North Miami Campus.

Ceremonies took a musical turn as “Mac” had students dance and sing to a rousing chorus of Electric Light Orchestra’s “Hold on Tight to Your Dreams.”

North Miami Campus

16th Undergraduate Commencement
Miami Beach Convention Center

Total Degrees Awarded 672
College of Business 214
College of Culinary Arts 244
The Hospitality College 214
B.S. Degrees 384
A.S. Degrees 288

Honorary Degree Recipients

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Commencement Speaker)

Donald Grant McGregor, J.D., president emeritus, North Miami Campus, Johnson & Wales University, North Miami, Fla.

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Richard J. Kosh, Ph.D., university provost emeritus, Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI.
New Lives, Tempered Glee and Season

BY LINDSAY MORGAN TRACY

Student speaker Angela Pinnere '09 was full of anticipation, her infectious laugh reverberating across campus as she offered insight from the podium on Coors Family Commons for Commencement.

"There's nothing special about me; I'm just your typical college student that is now at the end of one journey, starting another. And like most college students ... I have been late to class, forgotten assignments, burned the baguettes, been documented in the residence halls and ... I've slept in late and stayed up through the early mornings working on projects that have a deadline in a few hours," the culinary nutrition major said, reflecting the common experiences of many before her.

In solemn tribute, she recalled one left behind — classmate Raul Cardenas, who passed away in November 2008. "He lived each day with enthusiasm and a smile on his face, and we owe it to his memory to relive his time with us and each moment we shared."

Laugh, do something that makes you happy, have fun and give back, she advised, using large emotive drawings to illustrate.

Commencement seemed woven with beginnings and endings. Tim Winchester '09, at the end of nine years of duty with the U.S. Navy, is setting sail into the culinary arts profession and fatherhood. A graduate of JWU's Garnish Your Degree program which allows college graduates to fast-track to an associate degree, Winchester served in the Persian Gulf and aboard the U.S.S. Cole just after its bombing in Yemen.

"This nation is so great because I have the opportunity to become what I want to become," Winchester said. "My first baby arrived in the middle of May right before graduation. What an enormous and momentous occasion — a new small life and a new degree to embark into the world to make a positive impact for my little boy."

Recalling his own youth skipping school to open cans of tomatoes at the local pizzeria, Steven Jilleba '09 Hon., corporate executive chef of Unilever Foodsolutions North America, told graduates his success began when he found his passion
Wisdom Mark Denver Celebrations

for cooking, through a vocational program. Recipient of an honorary Doctor of Culinary Arts, Jilleba detailed possibilities. “I moved on to culinary school and have had a rewarding career that has afforded me great opportunities to include good jobs, numerous accolades from competitions, certifications and my peers. I have traveled and cooked my way around most of the world … I am proof that success can be achieved.”

Have a vision, set goals, find a mentor, surround yourself with successful people and emulate their choices; be a lifelong learner and embrace adversity, he urged. “Believe in yourself or no one else will.”

Asking graduates to “Be stewards of the Earth and understand how your actions change the shape of the planet,” he underscored the power of its sustenance. “Food is a mystical thing that transcends all boundaries. It has the ability to nurture us, heal us, cross language barriers and cultural divides. It is there when we grieve and there when we celebrate.”

Celebrations on campus began a day before with breakfast for the Denver Family Association. Student Awards ceremonies showcased a commitment to university life and a dedication to enhancing the campus community. Alumni Award recipient, Robert Van Dyke ’09, had his name engraved in a bench in the Benefactors’ Garden in recognition of his academic excellence, community service and personal commitment as an ambassador both personally and professionally.

Under sparkling Colorado-blue skies, Van Dyke was among classmates grasping new diplomas as Jilleba encouraged, “Don’t do things half-heartedly or you will get half-hearted results.”

There was nothing half-hearted about Pinner’s glee as she strode from the podium and excitedly pronounced, “Congratulations Class of 2009. We’re done!”

Denver Campus

9th Undergraduate Commencement
Coors Family Commons

Total Degrees Awarded 542
College of Business 106
College of Culinary Arts 236
The Hospitality College 192
School of Education 8
B.S. Degrees 322
A.S. Degrees 220

Honorary Degree Recipients
Doctor of Culinary Arts
(Commencement Speaker)
Steven Jilleba, C.M.C., C.C.E., A.A.C., corporate executive chef of North America, Unilever Foodsolutions, Lisle, Ill.

Doctor of Business Administration
in Travel-Tourism & Hospitality Management
Richard W. Scharf Jr., president and chief executive officer, VISIT Denver, Denver, Colo.
Charlotte Graduates Challenged to Seize Their Future

BY MELINDA LAW

It was more than just a speech; it was a stunning performance by marketing major Donald Rouse ’09 who made it clear by the confidence in his booming voice, that this was their time. He defied anyone to warn that there are few opportunities for graduates of the Class of 2009.

One hospitality graduate had literally weathered a storm four years ago just to get to campus. Corey Milliet ’09 left Metairie, La., two days before Hurricane Katrina hit. Her family had the foresight to grab the freshman’s belongings for school before they ran from the tempest. She saw her home on the news, under about seven feet of water. The family had to decide if they were going to stay or drive Corey to college. It was a quick decision. Her education was too important.

“History has shown us that in tough times great leaders emerge,” Rouse reminded Milliet and his many fellow graduates, families and friends packed into Time Warner Cable Arena. Evoking triumphs of Mohandas Gandhi, Franklin Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Winston Churchill and Muhammad Ali, he set their vision.

“We have the same window of opportunity as they had. We have the opportunity to impact the world we live in from a metaphorical ground zero. We have the chance to influence how business is conducted, how our government is operated and how we as a nation equally and fairly embrace cultural diversity. What better time to impact the world than now?” he asked and answered, “Our time is now! Right now we have everything we need to be change agents.”

Rouse challenged his cohorts to use their technological savvy, passion, creativity, ambition and fearless youth to harness energies “being stored for 22 years ... anxiously waiting to be converted into something great and used for a greater cause.”

“Attitude” was first on the list of Five Basic Life Ideals defined by David Dooley ’09 Hon., CEO of RT Dooley Construction Co., who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Business Administration.

“The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes,” he said, quoting late-19th-century
American psychologist, William James. “I know it to be true,” Dooley added from experience. “Your attitude and approach to life will make a difference, especially if you adopt the ‘underdog mentality,’” taking nothing for granted, bearing “a healthy dose of humility,” and being grateful and appreciative for everything.

Rounding out his “five basics,” Dooley urged his classmates to “plan for what you want, take advantage of the people in your life, identify and live your values and have faith. If you adopt any or all of these, I truly believe your life will be richer and more successful.”

Inspired by their own faith, students Kamiliah LeMay, Mathew Hines, Titus Dudley and Brittany Turner, a.k.a. Anointed Ministries, a campus club, had sung the National Anthem in perfect harmony earlier in ceremonies. Finding joy, hope and encouragement through gospel music, the group plans to better Charlotte and the world, through its music and community service. Their performance raised goose bumps.

Milliet proudly accepted her diploma, as her parents waved from their seats. “Some people think the glass is half full. Some people see the glass half empty. I’m just glad something’s in the glass,” her father, Glenn Mitchell told reporters.

Just under two hours later, the graduates ran out to clear blue skies and the arms of relieved parents, cheering relatives and celebrating friends. Wherever they are headed, it is with confidence and experience. As Rouse said with assurance, “None of us will leave here the same. None of us will question our capabilities, but instead we will look in the mirror and see the future waiting for us to seize the moment.”

“So, Class of 2009, are we ready?” he asked, sure of the answer.
BY NICHOLAS VERROCHI '09 AND DAN WILGA '05, '08 M.B.A.

For nearly 100 years Johnson & Wales University has held true to its mission — to empower its diverse student body to succeed in today's dynamic world. Nowhere is it more evident than in the achievements of its graduates. Once again, we are proud to highlight the stellar accomplishments of just a few of JWU's more than 80,000 alumni, residing in 109 countries. Innovative professionals committed to the global community, they are influential leaders in their industries and worlds.

Michael Laliberte '03 Ed.D.

Putting students and education first
As vice president of student affairs at Boise State University, Michael Laliberte '03 Ed.D. oversees eight departments centered in student programs and activities. His goal at Idaho's largest university is to create the preeminent student affairs program in the country for his campus' more than 19,500 students.

Lessons from JWU
Teamwork and collaboration. Everyone, regardless of title or position, must share in the responsibility for the outcome or output of a project.

Quality admired in others
The most outstanding quality that an individual can maintain is personal integrity. It is impossible to be truly successful without having a solid commitment to one's integrity.

Most important ingredient in life
Laughter. Whether it is at my own expense, or the result of an awkward experience, it should be treasured and used frequently.

Career advice for new alumni
Never give up your hopes, dreams and aspirations. Try to live each day thinking "How is what I have done today assisting me in accomplishing my ultimate goal?"

Favorite quote
"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us."
— Marianne Williamson

Debbie Basque '05

Pioneering government technology
Debbie Basque '05 is an electrical design engineer for Cobham Sensor Systems in Bolton, Mass. She meets the demands of high-profile organizations, developing antenna subsystems for such government agencies as the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Defense.

Lessons from JWU
There is no such thing as a stupid question. Do not be afraid to ask for help if you don't understand the details of a task or project.

Role JWU played in your career
From interviewing skills and résumé writing, to understanding my personal motivations, JWU made me more confident and prepared for the business world.

Best advice
Believe in yourself, because if you don't think you can do something or be someone special, no one else will.

Formula for work-life balance
I enjoy my job and what I do. When you can feel that good about your career, it makes for a healthier life and an easy balance between the two.

Career advice for new alumni
When moving into your first career, ask someone to be your mentor. Having someone you can turn to for professional advice is always helpful.
Matt Gordon '04
Managing multimillion dollar Web sites
Matt Gordon '04 is an e-commerce marketing analyst for Time Warner which owns CNN, TBS and TNT and several other high-profile companies. In a highly-competitive forum, Matt manages new initiatives to make the network’s Web site more exciting and interactive. He received the Outstanding Web Development Award from the Web Marketing Association.

Lessons from JWU
While I always had a knack for technology, I needed to learn the finer points of business, from résumé development, to interview skills, to understanding cultural differences.

Best advice
Never be afraid or embarrassed to admit when you make an error. It is better to admit your mistakes and learn from them, than to not say anything at all.

Career advice for new alumni
Do what others think can’t be done, do it well, and do it ahead of schedule.

Heroes in life
My parents. They taught me to never give up, never give in and if you believe in something, don’t back down. It has been the backbone of who and what I am.

Book on your nightstand
"Tough Choices" by Carly Fiorina.

Karin Edwards '05 Ed.D.
Making education affordable and accessible
Karin Edwards '05 Ed.D. is chief student affairs officer at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Conn. By providing opportunities for student engagement and learning in a diverse environment, she bolsters an educational experience that prepares students to serve a global community.

What brought you to JWU
The doctoral program in educational leadership. The executive-style program was ideal for my work and family schedule. I had outstanding instructors who were examples of leaders in higher education.

Outsider, rebel, entrepreneur or team player
Being part of a team affords me the opportunity to learn from the others and to garner their support and encouragement. I’ve recognized my own talents and strengths, and work to improve my weaknesses.

Heroes in life
Martin Luther King Jr., Stevie Wonder and Maya Angelou.

Qualities admired in others
Honesty, humility and humor.

Most important ingredient in life
Happiness.
Chad Pawlak ’95
Bringing new meaning to organic dairy
As founder and president of Organic Farm Marketing, Wisconsin Organics and Grass Point Farms, Chad Pawlak ’95 is working to revitalize his state’s waning dairy business. Approaching national distribution of products free of pesticides, chemicals and growth hormones, Pawlak’s companies promote family farms, grass-fed cows, fair compensation for farmers and preservation of the country’s agricultural community.

Lessons from JWU
The world is full of talent and being exposed to so many students from all corners of the country and planet showed me how competitive life is.

Role JWU played in your career
It jump-started my career by preparing me for the reality of the business world. I was armed with an understanding of how business worked, rather than just graded papers.

Outsider, rebel, entrepreneur or team player
For me stepping off the curb and walking into the street of owning my own business required me to be all of the above at some point in my career.

Career advice for new alumni
Be an entrepreneur. Find something that needs fixing; look for an injustice. If you feel up to it, you might end up making money as a byproduct of your efforts.

Qualities admired in others
Faith, patience, loyalty and perseverance.

Laurel Miller ’96
Championing sustainable agriculture
Laurel Miller ’96, owner of The Sustainable Kitchen®, teaches cooking with local, seasonal ingredients, to children and adults alike. A California-based food and travel writer for regional and national publications, she’s visited Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Peru, Canada and Mexico in the last year researching regional food and farm cultures.

Lessons from JWU
The professional kitchen is no place for the weak, the whiny or the lazy, and you never know everything there is to know about food or cooking.

Role JWU played in your career
It gave me the fundamentals to the culinary arts, which helped me to become an effective recreational cooking instructor. It also gave me the confidence to teach.

Formula for work-life balance
My work is my life. I love educating people about topics that are so important to me, and I have been fortunate enough to travel all over the world.

Career advice for new alumni
Don’t assume that a culinary arts degree and or experience make you deserving of a high-ranking job. You have to be prepared to pay your dues, just like everyone else.

Favorite quote
“Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may be hit by a bus.” Value every moment.
John Turenne ’78
Developing dining programs for a healthy planet

John Turenne ’78 is founder and president of Sustainable Food Systems. Turenne draws on 25 years of culinary experience to create environmentally, socially and nutritionally responsible dining programs for universities, hospitals and public institutions. He educates diverse audiences on food policy and food service practices.

Lessons from JWU
Professionalism. The food industry can fluctuate between high drama and laid back fun. It takes a committed focus to not lose sight of one’s purpose while still managing to enjoy yourself.

Role JWU played in your career
Credibility in my educational background. People know and respect the name and the role it plays in the food industry. Coincidentally, it led my son [Evan Turenne ’03] to follow suit.

Defining moment
Being told that I wasn’t ready for a promotion added oil to my fire. When I succeeded, I realized I can do anything I set my mind to.

Career advice for new alumni
Keep yourself flexible and open to whatever comes your way. Don’t look too far into the future, and don’t sweat the things you can’t control. Let them go.

Favorite quote
“If we couldn’t laugh, we would all go insane.”
— Jimmy Buffett

Paul O’Connell ’83
Bringing the farm to the table

Paul O’Connell ’83, is owner of Chez Henri in Cambridge, Mass. Paul developed his signature cuisines by working with Boston culinary icons, Lydia Shire and Jasper White. His restaurant only uses fresh, organic ingredients from area farms. He’s appeared on “Good Morning America,” and “The CBS Early Show” and has written for an assortment of culinary publications.

Lessons from JWU
Personal appearance and the way you conduct yourself in the workplace. Also, paying attention to the details of preparing food are paramount.

Vision for your industry’s future
Every day a greater percentage of educated chefs will influence the way the majority of people eat in a positive way for their health.

Defining moment
When I opened my first restaurant, Providence, in Brookline, Mass., and received numerous accolades from press as well as chef peers.

Formula for work-life balance
I am still learning how to maintain a work-life balance. It is one of the hardest parts of being a passionate chef and having a family. It has gotten easier as I get older.

Books on your nightstand
Jeff Jordan '05
Empowering the youth of tomorrow
Jeff Jordan '05 is president of Rescue Social Change Group (RSCG) based in San Diego, Calif. A pioneer in social branding, the marketing company uses progressive marketing strategies to positively change youth culture. Jordan was named 2005 Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the Rhode Island division of the Small Business Administration for his accomplishments.

Lessons from JWU
The entrepreneurship courses were very helpful. Having a foundation in finance and management has helped me run my company and been a critical part of my entrepreneurial growth.

Role JWU played in your career
What I learned at JWU was practical and applicable to the real world. I have truly applied my business education in every aspect of my career thus far.

Best advice
"You are not good at everything." The more that I embrace this concept by understanding my strengths and weaknesses, the more successful my company will be.

Quality admired in others
I admire anyone that is accountable for their actions, taking both the good and the bad side of responsibility. There is always an opportunity to learn from your mistakes.

Most important ingredient in life
Passion. Without it, everything is mundane and we rarely challenge ourselves to grow.

Adrianne Calvo '04
Carving out a multidimensional career
Adrianne Calvo '04 is chef-owner of Chef Adrianne's Vineyard and Wine Bar, in Miami, Fla. She is author of two cookbooks, has been a guest on television programs throughout the country and is the youngest chef ever to cook at the United Nations, for ambassadors. She was named one of the 50 Best Chefs in the World by Chef Report.

Lessons from JWU
Mise en place — the French term for everything in its place. I have a very busy life, so if I am not organized, things would be chaotic.

Role JWU played in your career
JWU taught me the essential skills to become a good chef and to be competitive with the best that are out there.

Defining moment
JWU's Taste Down Under competition; as a finalist, I had the opportunity to meet magazine editors, television stars and celebrity chefs.

Career advice for new alumni
Work hard for your dreams. The sky is the limit. Focus and dedicate yourself to accomplishing them and you will be successful.

Personal opportunities amidst challenges
I see opportunities amidst challenges in my personal life the same way I see them in my career. Like Albert Einstein once said, "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."
Will Gilson ’04
Bringing inspiration to "farm fresh" food

Will Gilson ’04 is chef-owner of Garden at the Cellar, a gastropub in Cambridge, Mass. He is consulting chef at The Herb Lyceum in Groton, Mass., where he opened his first restaurant at 15. His menus celebrate the seasonal bounties of local farms and purveyors. He is a recent nominee for the James Beard Award.

Lesson from JWU
Using the resources that the school provided would be my ticket to advancing my career and personal education.

Outsider, rebel, entrepreneur or team player
All the above.

Defining moment
Traveling to the wine countries of California, Italy and France representing JWU as one of six U.S. students to receive an R.C. Kopf Student Achievement Scholarship.

Qualities admired in others
Honesty, hard work ethic and the ability to take risks.

Favorite quote
"There is a point at which the pleasure of what you put yourself through outweighs the pain you endure. When that point switches then it is time to change your life."
—George Carlin

Tiffany Sy, C.P.A., ’01
Blazing trail in banking

Tiffany Sy, C.P.A., ’01 is senior vice president and controller of BankRI, handling Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) reporting and accounting. As a former audit manager at Ernst & Young, her clients included Fortune 500 and mid-market companies.

Role JWU played in your career
The programs and courses offered at JWU focus on preparing students to be successful. That gave me an advantage stepping into my career.

Vision for your industry’s future
Moves in the right direction to restore confidence in the banking industry, including the additional reporting requirements of Sarbanes Oxley and the upcoming convergence with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Highest priority
Being happy with who I am. If I’m happy with who I am, then everything else falls into place.

Books on your nightstand
I started reading the "Twilight" series and I couldn’t get enough. Now I’m reading "The Host" by Stephenie Meyer.

Qualities admired in others
Patience and honesty. Patience is a quality that I don’t quite have yet, but hope to develop as I get older. Honesty, to me, is the most important trait that a person can have.
Charles Nault ’79
Helping those less fortunate

Charles Nault ’79, founder and chairman of Atron Networking Corp., led the company to $22 million in annual sales in the technology industry. In 2006, he stepped down to volunteer as executive director of The Arctic Mission, a nonprofit inner-city organization in West Warwick, R.I., mentoring life skills and helping the disadvantaged to find food, jobs, housing and educational opportunities.

Lessons from JWU
The importance of self-discipline. The instructors were demanding, and they wouldn’t “hold your hand.” I actually did much better in that environment than in high school.

Formula for work-life balance
Establishing clear boundaries that you will not allow your work to encroach upon. Without them you become a workaholic, which is never a good thing.

Career advice for new alumni
Be a dedicated team player. Work hard for the team, and be interested in other people’s success as much as your own.

Favorite quote
“And in the end it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”
—Abraham Lincoln

Most important ingredient in life
A good sense of humor. Laugh and you can not only get through, but enjoy the way.

Ben Salisbury ’82
Branding the world’s fine wines

Ben Salisbury ’82 is vice president of global account development for Ste. Michelle Wine Estates in Woodinville, Wash. Ben’s company is a collection of fine wine estates from Washington State, California and Oregon including the popular brands Chateau Ste. Michelle, Columbia Crest and Stag’s Leap Wine Cellars. The company also imports Antinori Wines from Italy as well as Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte from France.

Lessons from JWU
The importance of having strong business writing and oral communication skills. These skills have made a big difference for me as I progressed through the ranks in the business world.

Best advice
Work when you’re supposed to be working; play when you’re supposed to be playing; otherwise you’ll spend all of your play time thinking about the work you didn’t get done.

Career advice for new alumni
There are no shortcuts to true success. Hard work is the key. You have to pay your dues. Success in business and in life is a get-rich-slowly proposition.

Vision for your industry’s future
The wine business has a very bright future. Per capita consumption of wine continues to rise in the U.S. and consumers’ interest in food and wine is greater than ever.

Most important ingredient in life
Selflessness. So many people live only for themselves and their own satisfaction. True happiness comes from serving other people in whatever way that means for today.
Nanci Goldberg '94
Passion for the environment and
and advocate for change
Nanci Goldberg '94, a sustainability and
event consultant, educates the community
on conserving the earth’s natural resources.
She was part of Denver’s Green team for
the 2008 Democratic National Convention,
managing resource recovery and more than
100 volunteers. Recently, she worked on
the Host Committee and in registration for
Denver’s first annual Green Festival, which
drew close to 22,000 participants.

Role JWU played in your career
JWU reminded me what networking is
really all about, and what it takes to get
to where you want to be. I continue
to network both personally and
professionally.

Best advice
Always try your best, and don’t give up.
It’s okay to make mistakes; they’re only
learning experiences to get you closer to
your dreams.

Career advice for new alumni
Follow your passion to land your dream job.
If it doesn’t exist, then create it. It’s okay to
compromise, but never settle on what you
truly want in life.

Qualities admired in others
Respect for self, respect for others; and
responsibility for your actions.

Most important
ingredient in life
Be true to yourself and follow your
dreams both personally and profes-
sionally. Remember the good things and
people along the way that helped you
get to where you are now.

Darryl ‘Chip’ Wade ’83,
’06 Hon.
Celebrating service, dining and diversity
Darryl “Chip” Wade ’83, ’06 Hon. is senior
vice president of Darden Restaurants Inc.
Chip is responsible for Red Lobster’s
Liberty Division and its 93 restaurants in
seven states. A founding member of the
MultiCultural Foodservice & Hospitality
Alliance, Wade is a dedicated proponent
of diversity and seeing others achieve
their goals.

What brought you to JWU
A mentor and friend who
advised me to “learn how to
cook.” My early aspirations
were to be a restaurant
manager; however, the above
advice from my manager proved invaluable
to me.

Inspiration
Gerry Fernandez ’86, ’98 Hon. was influential
to me and played a key role in my extern-
ship at Walt Disney World. His tenacity, drive
and personal commitment to lead has always
been a source of inspiration.

Hero in life
My mother, Jeanne S. Wade.

Book on your nightstand

Highest priority in life
My goals are to raise my two boys to
be intelligent, curious and value-driven
young men. I hope that they both make
meaningful contributions to all who come
in contact with them.
Zamzani Abdul Wahab ’97
Celebrity chef and educator
Zamzani Abdul Wahab ’97 is head of special projects for KDU College in Malaysia. Known to millions of Malaysians as “Chef Zam” a.k.a. “The Singing Chef,” he combined his passion for food with vocal talents and comic banter to gain national fame. Chef Zam has been featured on TV shows, and in newspapers and magazines promoting products and charities.

Biggest challenge
My shyness in public and little self-confidence was the biggest obstacle, and now its history.

What brought you to JWU
My own aspiration to be educated at a university that nurtures its graduates to be ready for the world.

Best advice
Once you have the knowledge, no one will ever be able to take that away from you and the more you share, the better person you will be.

Quality admired in others
Ability to speak different languages.

Favorite quote
“He who asks a question may be a fool for five minutes, but he who never asks a question remains a fool forever.”
—Tom Connelly

Bashar Wali ’92
Leader in hospitality and financial guru
Bashar Wali ’92 is executive vice president and chief development officer for Provenance Hotels in Portland, Ore. With more than 15 years of industry experience from acquisitions and finance to operations and technology, he is now leading the growth of Provenance Hotels to ensure strategic success for the company’s portfolio.

Lessons from JWU
Concepts and theories are great; hands-on experience is invaluable. The ability to perform every discipline within an operation and apply all the theories you learned in class, is extremely useful.

Role JWU played in your career
JWU’s reputation in the hospitality industry has helped open many doors. The name immediately gives you credibility backed by the quality education, experience and successful alumni.

Best advice
Tough times do not last; tough people do.

Career advice for new alumni
Neither the company you choose nor the title you start out with matter; the most important keys to success are hard work, determination and drive.

Favorite quote
“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”
—Winston Churchill
Yogesh Agrawal '91
Expanding the pharmaceutical industry

Yogesh Agrawal '91 is managing director of Ajanta Pharma Ltd., a global, Indian pharmaceutical company with presence in more than 35 countries across various continents. He is responsible for expanding company efforts in Asia, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. Yogesh won the Young Achievers Excellence Award for dynamic leadership shown in his field and at a very young age.

Role JWU played in your career
Overall atmosphere at the university was very healthy and supportive. It really helped shape my fundamental orientation towards work, and provided me with insight on various subject matters.

Defining moment
Becoming CEO of Ajanta Pharma (Mauritius) Ltd. (APML). It gave me enormous exposure to various functions of an organization and continues to be a great highlight of my career.

Biggest challenge
To restructure the parent company, Ajanta Pharma Ltd., from low-margin generic business to higher margin, sustainable brand marketing company in India and countries across the globe.

Vision for your industry's future
Despite the current global economic situation, I am optimistic about the pharmaceutical industry. I believe India holds enormous opportunity for contract research and manufacturing services.

Most important ingredient in life
Besides my family, drive to achieve and excel. Being able to successfully overcome the challenges that come your way.

Tarun Malik '90 M.S.
Advocate for students, community leader

Tarun Malik '90 M.S. is vice president and dean of academic affairs at Johnson & Wales University's Charlotte Campus. Tarun oversees academic, fiscal and physical environments for all academic programming and serves as an ambassador for the campus community.

Lessons from JWU
At JWU, I gained a new appreciation for "work ethic," and reaffirmed the importance of fairness and caring for peers and students.

Outsider, rebel, entrepreneur or team player
All of the above. Circumstances and situations demand that you play a different role. Whatever role you choose to play, your intentions should be honorable and loyalty to your employer should never be questionable.

Quality admired in others
The ability to remain focused in the face of adversity.

Most important ingredient in life
Humor. You have to learn to enjoy and appreciate the lighter part of life.

On your nightstand
"Noble Rot" by William Echikson and "Brain Rules" by John Medina.
Stay Connected Through Alumni Chapters

As the Office of Alumni Relations and your regional alumni chapters align with the university's strategic plan, FOCUS 2011, efforts are ongoing to energize existing alumni chapters nationwide, and launch new ones in metro areas with a high concentration of JWU alumni. As new chapters develop around the country (and the world), those already established are hard at work. In the past year, revitalized alumni chapters staged successful, engaging and informative events such as Alumni 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.

On this page you will find contact information for alumni hard at work and play with their local chapters. If you are interested in being involved, don't hesitate to contact them or your alumni manager.

For more information on an alumni chapter near you:

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SAA: Bridging the Gap Between Students and Alumni

During the 2008–2009 academic year, members of the Student Alumni Association (SAA) were hard at work at all JWU campuses. The focus of each SAA chapter is to make the students of today the proud and engaged alumni of tomorrow. Association activities help build institutional pride, spirit and tradition, and educate students about philanthropy. Chapters also connect students and alumni locally and nationally, 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.

As SAA chapters continue to grow and thrive, they are recognized for their efforts. The Student Government Association at the Denver Campus named its SAA chapter the 2008–2009 Most Improved Student Organization of the Year for new developments, positive impact on the student body and alumni and recruitment efforts.

For more information on the Student Alumni Association (SAA)
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Building Connections Nationwide and Beyond

In the 2008–2009 school year, the Office of Alumni Relations celebrated with alumni in 18 locations from coast to coast and in the Bahamas. From the Chicago Cubs Rooftop game in September 2008 to the New York City Alumni Reception at TheEventSpace in June, it has been an exciting year. Some chapters are giving back by creating scholarship funds, others are joining in community projects. Networking events, family outings and sports matches were among the many outlets for the more than 800 alumni who’ve connected with old friends, met new ones, and heard about happenings at JWU in the past year.

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

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Charlotte

North Miami

A Michelle Edwards '05,
Christopher Dorsey '05,
Irish Rables '06

Anthony Laudato '96,
Lori Goldblatt '95,
Daniel Kuperschmid '95,
James Timmons, Jr. '95

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Kenneth Nason '92, Lynn Hicks '87

Camille Baskerville '97, Marion Doar '87, Deborah Langenstein '88, '90 M.S.

Courtney Day '07, Katie Procopio '07, Alyssa Werbela '07, Alex Parker

Nikki Haddad '05, Chris Vetrano '07, Chelsey Whitfield-Crittendon '04

Unidentified guest, Tristan Hays '97, Jennifer Little '99, Maria Keaveney '03

Karen Musa '87, Jeremy Hernandez '97

Brendan Griffin '05, Lauren Schiller '05, Janessa Johannes, John Lecakes '90

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Alumni Champion Reasons to Give Back

The Office of Alumni Relations has taken steps in the past year to redevelop relationships with our alumni. By contributing to the strength and reputation of JWU, involved alumni show a powerful commitment to the mission:

"What I admire most about being a JWU alumna is that regardless of time or distance or even campus, I still share a commonality of ‘home’ with other alumni. It provides a unique touchstone to our past, but also allows us to share with future generations of alumni. Through our academic connection, our personal and professional lives also expand, allowing us to continually grow and strengthen in all our endeavors."

— ANITA HOLSAPPLE ’96, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES ALUMNI CHAPTER

"As an alumnus, I believe giving back to the university is the greatest form of gratitude. I credit Johnson & Wales for much of my achievement and consider my gift to Stay Connected as a thank you."

— PRINCE WILLIAMS ’04, NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS

"JWU guided me on the path to becoming an effective leader. I believe that investing in JWU monetarily or through volunteerism at school-sponsored events makes me not only feel connected to the school, but also allows me to be a part of the evolution of JWU."

— SHENISE FOSTER ’05, PRESIDENT, METRO D.C. CHAPTER

"[In giving back] I want to show potential students what they have to look forward to. I also want young alumni like myself to know that they are not too young to give back. I am currently managing culinary development for 144 restaurants and I would not be able to do that without my education at JWU."

— SHANE SCHAIBLY ’05, NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS

"It is a privilege to stay connected to JWU. As a member of the doctoral program’s advisory council, I have been able to assist in recruiting and provide feedback on proposed program changes. I enjoy speaking to current students on the many professional benefits I have accrued as a result of my degree from JWU."

— BRENDA DANN-MESSIER ’04 ED.D., NOMINEE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
"I have moved on several occasions but ended up right back in Miami and being a part of the alumni association and chapter here keeps me in touch with my local community, school and students. I am proud to say I graduated from JWU."
— NATALIA VASQUEZ ’03, NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS

"With the ever-changing economy, it's great to have universities like Johnson & Wales that educate and promote careers. It is with the great education that I received from Johnson & Wales that I am able to put my business and marketing skills to play as director of admissions at Rasmussen College. JWU gave me an edge to compete in today's market."
— STACEYANN SINCLAIR ’01 M.A., PRESIDENT, TAMPA BAY CHAPTER

"Staying connected with JWU is crucial. As an alumnus, you are responsible for helping to educate future industry professionals of tomorrow. What you have learned and can share is invaluable to their success."
— WILL GILSON ’05, PARTICIPANT, 2009 ALUMNI LEADERS WEEK

"Staying connected has provided the environment to create work partners, long-lasting friendships and also allowed me to render support for the students' future successes."
— CATRINA MULLINS ’00, MARKETING CHAIR, MILE HIGH ALUMNI CHAPTER

"If your actions as an alumnus inspire others to learn more, do more, and become a better person, you stand atop the world."
— STEVEN BAILEY ’07, PARTICIPANT, 2009 ALUMNI LEADERS WEEK

"It is important to stay connected to the university, fellow alumni and current students. The benefits and opportunities that come from networking and making connections are crucial in the advancement of not only one's career, but personal life as well."
— SCOTT BEEKHUizen ’05, 2009 DENVER CAMPUS SUCCESS BOARD RECIPIENT
Graduation is the moment when your relationship with JWU reaches a new level. Join the powerful network of more than 80,000 alumni.
Small gifts can add up to make a big difference.

Think about it. By giving $20.09 to the 2009 Class Gift, you can honor your class legacy — and help other students attain the JWU degree that will launch their careers. Your Class Gift helps ensure that a JWU career education is affordable and accessible.

Class gifts are strategically targeted contributions. Student Alumni Association teams on each campus met with student leaders to decide where their senior gift could make the most difference. On the Providence Campus, the 2009 Class Gift will benefit student-run clubs and organizations ensuring a full university experience for all. Classes of 2009 at the North Miami, Denver and Charlotte campuses will support an Emergency Fund providing assistance for students facing extreme and unexpected financial challenges during the academic year.

Graduation is the moment when your relationship with JWU reaches a new level. You close the chapter of your life of study at the university and join the powerful network of more than 80,000 alumni charged with nurturing a new generation of JWU students.

We accept gifts online at http://alumni.jwu.edu/jwufund. You are — and always will be — the Class of 2009. Mark the legacy of your class by giving a gift of $20.09. Make a difference in a young student’s life.
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You are joining 80,000 alumni worldwide

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