24 PROFILES OF SUCCESS: Past and Present
Twenty notable graduates are enriching organizations and fields with their passion, drive and knowledge.

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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 more than 83,000 alumni of Johnson & Wales University from 140 countries and as a fellow alumnus, I also welcome you to a powerful network of alumni that spans the globe. 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 successes. We look forward to including your stories in the magazine and on our website in the coming years.

Recent economic conditions have severely impacted our students and their families. More than 91 percent demonstrate financial need, 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. In line with our strategic plan, FOCUS 2011, the university is budgeting $120 million in institutional aid to new and returning students for the 2010-2011 academic year. But even that is not enough. You need to continue to play a significant role in the development of your alma mater. Only by working together can we ensure future generations have access to affordable, quality education.

We recognize that alumni interests are varied and 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 JWU Previews 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. 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 83,000 alumni from 140 countries.

Connect
The Office of Alumni Relations keeps you connected to the university and to each other. 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. Participation in educational, admissions and internship programs specifically for alumni allows you to contribute to your alma mater and to current and future students.

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, 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 alumni.jwu.edu/jwufund

Keep in Touch
Register with our alumni network at alumni.jwu.edu

• 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 what’s available as a member of our growing alliance of successful alumni. We look forward to seeing you back on campus soon.
Class of 2010: ‘Welcome Home to the

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

Culinary and Hospitality
8:15 a.m. Kelly Woodard ’11, iced coffee in hand, is on her way to the Dunkin’ Donuts Center to watch her boyfriend, Adam Moses ’10, graduate at Johnson & Wales University’s 96th Providence Campus Commencement.

Inside the cavernous venue, Gerri Graves of East Providence, R.I., has a bird’s-eye view of the pristine blue carpet where her nephew, Andrew Puchalski ’10, will be part of the procession of 747 fellow graduates of The Hospitality College and the College of Culinary Arts.

8:40 a.m. On the lower level, dozens of students in black gowns and square Oxford caps crowd a table where faculty members Rhonda Robotham and Robert Zielinski distribute university medallions.

Back on the concourse of the second level, 88-year-old Bernard Mahon and his family, all from Annapolis, Md., gather to celebrate his granddaughter, Andrea Gruber ’10, graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Food Service Management.

8:57 a.m. Music up. Commencement begins. A quiet settles in, then a rolling cheer surges from the audience through the stands as the Class of 2010 marches into the arena. The International Parade of Flags follows.

9:25 a.m. Kim Frenze, University Office executive assistant, takes a deep breath and makes her way towards the stage to sing the “National Anthem.” When she hits the high reaches of “… the land of the free eee …” the audience explodes with spirit.

9:35 a.m. Student speaker Julianna Parker ’10, receiving her B.S. in management, tells her peers, “I am not afraid for the graduating class of 2010; I am excited to watch us change the world.”

9:45 a.m. Providence Campus President Irving Schneider, Ph.D., presents Sören Kühlwein Kristiansen, president of Copenhagen Hospitality College, with an honorary Doctorate of Business Administration in Hospitality Management.

University President John Bowen ’77, is the first to congratulate Danny Meyer, chief executive officer of Union Square Hospitality Group, upon receiving his honorary doctorate. A beaming Meyer takes the podium and greets fellow graduates, “Welcome home to the real world.”

10:08 a.m. Jeffrey Senese, Ph.D., Providence vice president of academic affairs, requests that bachelor of science degree candidates stand. One
Real World

by one, they are named, as they reach out to shake hands with the dean and accept their diploma.

10:40 a.m. Sherry Drouillard, mother of culinary arts graduate Joseph Drouillard '10, takes a breather in the lobby. Proudly, she notes that her son will relocate to Portsmouth, N.H., to begin his career with the Smuttynose Brewing Co.

10:59 a.m. Edward Kory, chair of the beverage and dining services department, reads the final name of the morning. “And lastly, Alexandra Leigh Rodrigues.”

11:00 a.m. Commencement ceremonies end; real life begins for this group.

Business and Technology

2:15 p.m. Vendors hawk their wares inside the Dunkin’ Donuts Center, getting ready for the second wave of JWU graduates and guests. Upstairs VIPs gather to be robed. Akhil Gupta, vice president of the Providence Campus, talks with R.I. Gov. Donald Carcieri while Providence Mayor David Cicilline sits on a couch with honoree, Malcolm Chace III ’10 Hon., chairman of Bancorp Rhode Island.

3:10 p.m. President Schneider welcomes everyone to the afternoon ceremony of the 96th Commencement of Johnson & Wales University. Kim Frenze sings the National Anthem for the second time today.

3:22 p.m. Student speaker Tara Coogan '10, a management major, reminds her fellow graduates, “In the working world one should be ready to grapple with challenges.”

3:32 p.m. Chace receives an honorary doctorate in financial services management. Laureen White '10 Hon., president of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, is hooded for an honorary doctorate. She tells students "in the last five years alone, $1.1 billion in economic activity was generated by JWU. Where would Providence be without Johnson & Wales University?" The crowd cheers.

4:04 p.m. The first students stand to take the walk to the stage where they will receive their diplomas.

4:35 p.m. The final degree is awarded 222 names later.

4:45 p.m. The Dunkin’ Donuts Center crew begins to clean the concourse area. The alumni office packs up its display. A lone balloon floats in the arena as the last guests leave their seats.
“... In the old days, people assumed that the dining room was for hospitality and the kitchen was for cooking. That is hogwash. Hospitality — the practice of being on someone else’s side — is what it’s all about. You can cook the exact same meal in two different restaurants — one which treats its staff members, guests, community, suppliers and investors with extraordinary hospitality, and the other which doesn’t. I can guarantee you that the exact same plate of food will taste entirely differently in each of those two restaurants, even though the exact same amount of effort went into cooking it at each establishment.

When you graduate, please make it your business to pursue being a host as well as being a cook. Show everyone you work with that acts of thoughtfulness are just as potent an ingredient in whether someone will enjoy your cooking as anything you could possibly add to the recipe. Hospitality is humble. It is putting your needs aside while taking care of others. Hospitality is as confident as a hug. You know that by giving one, you’ll get one back.

Among the choices you can make, choose to work in an establishment that is committed to treating its employees as well as it treats its guests. And become part of that uplifting, relationship-building energy.”

— DANNY MEYER ’10 HON.
... I have heard countless times in numerous places, 'This is a horrible time to be graduating college,' or 'The workplace is looking pretty dim.'

And for that I have one retort. College students have been tagged with labels for decades, and whether it be generation X or Y, there is no way to assume the potential of the graduates before us. We have the potential to make "x" amount of improvements in the workplace; we will make "y" amount of enhancements in various national institutions and continue to innovate industry traditions regardless of the national financial circumstances.

As the great Roman poet Horace said, 'Adversity has a way of eliciting talents which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant.' I am not afraid for the graduating class of 2010; I am excited to watch us change the world.

Now, you may be wondering, 'How exactly do these students plan to change the world during one of the country’s worst recessionary periods?' John D. Rockefeller may have had the answer when he said, 'The secret to success is to do common things, uncommonly well.' ...

In our past four or so years, we have learned exactly what it takes to differentiate ourselves from the competition. We know what it takes to succeed to become leaders that make a difference."

— JULIANA PARKER '10
Global Visions, Challenges to Dream Cells

BY LISA PELOSI

“We understood that a graduate degree was not optional to success as business or educational leaders, and by thinking big, we became graduate students,” Evan Lemoine ’09, ’10 M.B.A., told fellow graduates during the 24th Commencement of the Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School and School of Education, held at Providence’s Dunkin’ Donuts Center.

At six feet nine inches, Lemoine towered over most of the graduates and faculty as a member of their academic procession. Last year he was chosen to be the student speaker at JWU’s 2009 undergraduate commencement for the College of Business and School of Technology. Two degrees in two years. employed as a staff accountant at a Pawtucket, R.I., accounting firm, preparing to sit for the C.P.A. exam — he knows about thinking big.

“We should be willing to challenge the status quo, and do what we can to make an ordinary solution become extraordinary,” Lemoine exhorted as he looked out at the faces in front of him. “Leaders don’t follow certain paths; they are willing to risk everything by creating new paths to chase their dreams. Most importantly, they truly believe that these goals and dreams are possible with their determination.”

“Dream the undreamt,” Brother Thomas Puccio ’00 Ed.D., encouraged the 30 doctoral candidates at an intimate gathering earlier in the day at the Providence Hilton Hotel. After years of research, writing and rewriting, the graduates have not only earned the right to have time to dream, but also to celebrate the highest academic achievement — the degree of doctor.

“It was not all pain — some of it was enjoyable,” reminded Jeffrey Senese, Ph.D., Providence Campus vice president of academic affairs, drawing smiles from the graduates. “To start a doctoral program is daunting, but to finish is sublime.”

One by one, Senese recognized each graduate by degree path, dissertation title and name of major advisor. Among them was Christine Perakolis, a faculty member in The Hospitality College who was advised by Professor Stacey Kite, D.B.A., ’92, ’94 M.S., of the School of Education. Each graduate stood before the school’s Dean Denise DeMagistris ’03, Ed.D., who carefully placed the doctoral hood around the neck and over the shoulders of each.
Celebrate Heights of Academic Achievement

Three hours later, wearing their newly acquired hoods, the doctoral candidates lead 279 master’s degree candidates toward the Dunkin’ Donuts Center stage. DeMagistris, graduate school Dean Frank Pontarelli, Ph.D., and members of the faculty beamed with pride as “Congrats Grads” and Mickey Mouse balloons swayed in the audience of families, friends and exuberant guests.

Providing a colorful backdrop to the proceedings was the United States flag alongside 24 others representing the home countries of graduates. The university’s global orientation was evident in the roster of international students who came forward to receive their diplomas, and elegantly represented in honorary degree recipient Selim Gabriel El Zyr ’10 Hon., co-founder, president and CEO of Rotana, the Middle East’s first hotel management company, now with 67 properties in 12 countries.

“In 1965, when I first saw a luxurious hotel, the InterContinental Phoenicia in Beirut, I was simply bewitched: the colors, the car stopping at the front porch, the uniformed bell boys ... the sights I saw in the hotel that day triggered my lifelong passion for the industry,” El Zyr recalled. “As a child, I had a burning ambition and drive to be the best at whatever I did.”

“The first job you take usually falls far below your expectations. It happens in every field and with us all,” El Zyr told graduates. “Keep learning for the sake of learning, rather than learning to make good grades and academic honors. I am still learning. It is important for you to believe that you do not and will never know it all,” he added.

“The Dunkin’s” JumboTron screen magnified the happiness and relief on the faces of graduates during the ceremonial recessional. Classes over, final papers handed in, degrees in hand, what’s next for the Class of 2010? For many, catching up on their sleep.

Lemoine reminded fellow graduates, in the words of real estate magnate Donald Trump, “If you are going to be dreaming anything, you might as well dream big.”

Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School and School of Education
24th Graduate Commencement
Dunkin Donuts Center

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Honorary Degree Recipients

Selim Gabriel El Zyr, President and CEO Rotana Hotel Management Corp. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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Above, l-r: Frank Paone ’10 Hon., and Selim Gabriel El Zyr ’10 Hon.
“... Success in life is one of the biggest secrets that is yet to be discovered. Success is an amalgamation of know-how, personality, courage, audacity, leadership, opportunity, transparency, intelligence, hard work, determination, talent, drive, passion and the list goes on. The first job you take usually falls far below your expectations. It happens in every field and with us all. My passion for the hospitality industry was beyond belief. I cherished being of service to people, and believed that quality always paid off. Be passionate about what you are doing, and be committed to it. Passionate people are the ones that get things done. Passion is evident; it energizes others and builds enthusiasm, and enthusiasm is contagious.

I learned that you can achieve great results and solve any matter if your approach is right. Be a good communicator. Be a translator of dreams, and demonstrate the passion to pursue your dreams. My dreams have evolved with maturity and age. From being a hotel general manager to the co-founding of Rotana, the first Middle Eastern hotel management company ... I lived many dreams ... To be successful, you must have big dreams and you must be able to take risks, and those will be the times of your greatest opportunities.

Success is for those who know what they want and go after it — no matter how difficult the path. Go after goals that others think are too hard or too ambitious or farfetched. Put yourself a vision, which is a plan for your future prosperity and ultimate destiny. Vision can only come into focus if it involves others.”

— SELIM GABRIEL EL ZYR '10 HON.
“... We should not always follow the expected path. We should not be trapped to ‘thinking outside the box,’ but rather looking beyond the box. We should be willing to challenge the status quo, and do what we can to make an ordinary solution become extraordinary. The reason for all of this is that leaders don’t follow certain paths; they are willing to risk everything by creating new paths to chase their dreams, and most importantly, they truly believe that these goals and dreams are possible with their determination.

Who would have thought 10 years ago that sites such as MySpace, Facebook or LinkedIn would have been viable business ideas? Most wouldn’t; but unconventional ideas can be successful. And even if at first we aren’t successful, keep trying, because if we have 100 failures and only one success, it is that one success for which we will be known.

Now look in front of you ... behind you ... to your left ... and to your right. There are many familiar and some unfamiliar faces before each of us, but always be willing to meet new people to expand your network. You never know when these contacts may be able to help you when you chase your future dreams. I have always considered my network at Johnson & Wales to be a strong asset due to my involvement and my determination to know so many of you. I am also thankful that this university has such vibrant diversity. With students from across the world, there is no reason our dreams and goals cannot extend across continents and into new territories. We can each capitalize on our networks by working to maintain and expand our networks. And who knows? Perhaps it is this network that will lead us to a future business partner, or a new global business venture that few would have foreseen.”

— EVAN A. LEMOINE '09, '10 M.B.A.
Zagats Offer Survey of Wisdom to 2

BY LORENZA GALELLA

Eugene "Tim" and Nina Zagat, co-founders of the Zagart Survey*, have shared many things: the success of their careers, the better half of their lives in marriage and the lectern at the 2010 Commencement ceremony in Miami. Among their other shared experiences, the couple took the stage together as they received honorary Doctorates of Business Administration in Travel-Tourism and Hospitality Management.

Beginning their journey as a pair in law school, the Zagats later embarked on a future in surveys with the help of cosmopolitan friends and colleagues in New York City. The secret to their success? "Never what you're doing.

Advice to students was mutual. "Against all obstacles, do something you really enjoy. And along with that, work hard to innovate every day," said Tim. "Come up with new ideas and implement them," Nina urged.

With Zagat Survey reviews reaching more than 100 countries, the co-founders are familiar with the importance of technology and the convenience of its reach. Nina has harnessed the power of her iPhone and tweets on the go. "You're very lucky to be in a time when new tech things are happening," Tim said. "Embrace the power of these new tools."

In a world where user-generated content has taken hold, the Zagats were ahead of their time when they collaborated to provide collective reviews to the public in the 1970s.

Along with the Zagats, Jacques Pépin received an honorary Doctorate in Culinary Arts in recognition of his storied career as chef, writer and teacher. The author of 26 books, host of 11 television cooking shows, and a teacher in numerous capacities, Pépin represents the pinnacle of culinary success. His illustrious career includes service as personal chef to three French heads of state, director of research and new development at Howard Johnson, New York Times columnist, and dean of special programs at The French Culinary Institute.

Following the hooding of the three industry
leaders came the graduation of more than 300 students eager to put their education to work. Dana Beninati '10, earning degrees from both the College of Culinary Arts and The Hospitality College, gave voice to the excitement of the Class of 2010 as she addressed the audience. "Over the years, the city of North Miami has become our home ... [as] sporting the blue shine of a JWU name tag ... this small item has been replaced by a very well-deserved tassel and a world-class education to guide us on our way," said Beninati.

Touching on the singular span of these JWU graduates across more than 20 countries, Beninati highlighted the value of a global network: 83,000 alumni strong. She invoked the wisdom of American philosopher, Howard Thurman, when he said, "Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Inspired by Thurman, Beninati proposed a challenge to graduates. "Find something that moves you, shakes you or provokes a curiosity in you like none other before, and never forget the way it makes you feel. Then, discover a way to share it all with others."

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North Miami Campus
17th Undergraduate Commencement Miami Beach Convention Center

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Nina S. Zagat, Co-founder and Co-chair Zagat Survey, New York, N.Y.

Doctor of Business Administration in Travel-Tourism & Hospitality Management (Commencement Speaker)
Eugene H. Zagat Jr., Co-founder and CEO Zagat Survey, New York, N.Y.

Doctor of Culinary Arts
Jacques G. Pépin, Master Chef Madison, Conn.

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top, l-r Eugene Zagat Jr. '10 Hon., Nina Zagat '10 Hon., and Jacques Pépin '10 Hon.
“... When everyone turns you down, you can believe that you failed and walk away or have a passion for your beliefs, and do it against all obstacles, which is what we did.

I know it’s easy to say, ‘Do what you love,’ but when you do something you love, you are more likely to be successful; you wake up feeling good, and when you have to work late at night, work won’t seem like work. So if it’s possible for you to approach your work life in that way, work won’t seem like work so you will enjoy it.

And then just keep innovating in that way, and every day come up with new ideas. The whole technology world has changed. Information we provide in books is now available online and in your phone, so keep innovating in doing what you do.

It’s hard to believe that we’ve been married for 45 years, but Nina is so involved in the phone and apps that I call her my ‘Web mistress.’ I think what is really happening is we have an app for the iPhone and iPad, and iPad is a new generation and it’s changing everything. It’s so amazing what is possible today.

Nathan Myhrvold is coming out with a series of books about the technology side of cooking, and he has a Ph.D. in math and science and is writing a book that will change the world of culinary and what you do.

And technology is affecting all of your fields of study. Take advantage of every opportunity, and believe in your own beliefs no matter what people tell you.”

— EUGENE “TIM” ZAGAT JR. ’10 HON., AND NINA ZAGAT ’10 HON.
"... The memories we created together at Johnson & Wales University will illuminate our future journey. Whether we gained life experience through academic clubs, student organizations, Greek life or university events, we have all become stronger as individuals, and enriched one another as a graduating class. However we chose to sharpen our interests, we all played a monumental role in the multiple successes achieved during our time at Johnson & Wales University. Along the way, we encountered scads of challenges which at times may have seemed like defeatable obstacles. But we became triumphant as a class, reaching new pinnacles and forming lifelong friendships that will surely stand the test of time.

Not only must we treasure the positive moments we share as a graduating class, we must continue to recognize that learning and giving really never ends. For example, during a tragic disaster earlier this year, the campus joined together to take action in raising awareness and donations in order to help the people of Haiti. With such efforts, we have begun to realize that when others are in need, the power to make a difference can be harnessed by our very own hands. As graduates, we now possess a newfound understanding of the strength which can be created by working together toward a common goal. Additionally, our time at Johnson & Wales has also allowed us to experience the beauty of diversity and culture interaction."

— Dana Beninati '10
Class of 2010 Challenged to Embrace

BY LINDSAY MORGAN TRACY

On the windy Saturday morning of Denver's 10th Commencement, student speaker Madison Tenaglia '10 enthusiastically encouraged her peers to "dissolve the word impossible from whatever language we go on to speak ... Challenge doesn't just help you to grow your skills and knowledge; it helps to grow your belief that you can," the College of Business entrepreneurship major continued. "With the strength of our spirit, we can choose to be powerful warriors for all that we believe in a world of endless possibilities."

Quoting the insight of Albert Einstein who observed, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them," Tenaglia challenged her classmates. "Be open to new ideas and to new philosophy. Let go of old paradigms to receive new information. Be disciplined to always ask questions, contemplate actions and analyze decisions."

Outdoor ceremonies on Coors Family Common for the campus' 237 graduates were the culmination of a weeklong string of commencement activities that included presentation of student awards, a reception for new graduates and their families and Baccalaureate Celebration in the Chapel.

Honorary doctorate recipient Bill Hanlik '10 Hon., chief executive officer of the Gold Crown Foundation and retired coach and National Basketball Association (NBA) star, told his audience that he was overjoyed to be attending his first formal commencement exercise. The retired Denver Nuggets forward recalled he'd missed all previous graduation ceremonies because of Olympic tryouts and pressing basketball events.

Hanlik assured graduates he learned more from his failures than his successes, speaking proudly about his life's detours. At one point fired from a high-profile job, Hanlik took inspiration from Martin Luther King's admonition. "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

"Change is challenging — good but challenging," he added.

Highlighting the effects of his personal philosophy and motivation that include shaping a foundation to educate young people through sports and enrichment programs, Hanlik
Change

advised classmates to use passion to guide their future paths.

"Find a way to give back and help others," he said. "Keep your path in mind ... Build your team with good committed people. They are winners. Make your community a better place. Give back through time, talent and treasure. Start today," he urged. "Carry that torch for JWU. Help others is my one message I want you to remember."

Handlik ended with a shout, "Go Wildcats!"

DEVELOPING A PROMISE

Despite daunting challenges from the start, Lida Moreno '10 graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting with concentrations in leadership and mathematics after only three years of study. Moreno made the decision to attend JWU without the blessing of her parents, who advised her to study at another institution. With no parent backing on a loan, she worked diligently to fill out forms and applications for all possible scholarships. Small scholarships of $500 and $1,000 added up to make it possible for her to be the first in her family to attend college. Short a few thousand dollars to begin her education, Moreno's perseverance was enough to convince her parents to stand behind her desire to attend JWU. Before leaving for college, she promised to keep her grades up, do as much as she could on campus and graduate in three years to keep costs as low as possible.

Moreno's promise kept, graduated on May 22 in front of her parents, peers and friends. While on campus, she got deeply involved in activities including a sorority and Leadership Academy. After ceremonies, she expressed gratitude to donors to the university. "It is because of you that I can talk about three years of great experiences and opportunities I've had at JWU. To think that someone who has never met me decided to support my decision and believe in my education is an unexplainable gift that humbles me," Moreno said. "I can only promise that I will give my scholarship donors the best return on their investment — I will be successful in my life."

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10th Undergraduate Commencement
Coors Family Commons

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William H. Handlik, CEO
Gold Crown Foundation
Greenwood Village, Colo.

Doctor of Business Administration in Financial Services Management
Linda S. Childers, President and CEO
Daniels Fund, Denver, Colo.

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top, l-r: William Handlik '10 Hon., and Linda Childers '10 Hon.

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“... May we define success not as a measure of wealth and status, but as a measurement of the joy which we have in our lives and bring to the lives around us. My perfect example of a successful man is Professor [Col. Sam] Williams, who passed away our sophomore year. His life became more successful each trimester, as he educated his students about the integrity, responsibility, kindness and honor which must be characteristics of the life we choose to live. The leadership role is ours to take that we might pioneer an industry environment where one can achieve success by creating a more perfect world to live in, measured by the lives that are improved upon.

May we develop a passion for life. In this evolved world, the careers that we choose and jobs we accept take up the better part of our time and energy. Essentially, they become who we are. As I’ve been told, the 40-hour work week is dead. However, creativity, strength, motivation and insight are alive when passion is driving us to achieve. Have the courage to follow the desires of your heart. Imagine the morning where we can wake up and actually rush to work to begin again. I know that within each of you there is something that causes your eyes to widen, displaying the life and fervent passion of your dream. Discovering something that you are passionate about is the key to success, as we now define it. If you go to work every day to build on something that you love, to provide a service that you want to give, to design a product that you want to share, to manage a team that you want to see thrive, you will triumph. The fire that burns brightly within can provide you with the energy you need to make your dreams come true ...
May we strengthen our wondrous minds through self-confidence. A quiet self-confidence, not cockiness and not arrogance, is the key to excelling no matter what you do in life. To find this you must develop a more intimate understanding of your own emotions, values, wisdom and personal philosophy. Failure will become an invaluable source of growth in developing self-confidence. Don’t fear failure as you strive to serve a real purpose in the world. Encouraging us to leave what is comfortable, Professor [John] Meredith has managed to tell a good 70 percent of us that, ‘If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you’ve always got.’ Einstein further explains that, ‘We can’t solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.’ Be open to new ideas and to new philosophy. Let go of old paradigms to receive new information. Be disciplined to always ask questions, contemplate actions and analyze decisions. It is a long and arduous process to be constantly developing your strength of mind through acceptance and awareness, but the fruit of your labor and disciplined efforts are infinite.

May we see that life is extraordinary. We must continuously develop our ability to love. Although intoxicating, I do not speak of the romantic love, which most of you have also learned a great deal of in these recent years; I speak of the love that fosters great friendships and that compels you to do great things. Forgive, because doing so allows us to completely free ourselves from the past and put our hearts entirely in the present moment where deep love exists. Resolve to grow so that when you generously give of yourself someone may experience the gift of your presence, of your sublime mind and of your most provocative thoughts.”

— MADISON TENAGLIA ’10
Prepared with a Solid Foundation for the Future

BY MELINDA LAW

Emily Malone ‘10 is a nutrition lover, vegetarian chef, marathon runner and one of 432 students who walked across the Time Warner Cable stage to receive a diploma at the 5th Charlotte Campus Commencement. Her blog, "The Front Burner," recapping classes at JWU, favorite reads, recipes and homework was voted Charlotte's Best Food Blog by Creative Loafing magazine for its Charlotte Web Awards 2010. Her degree marks another chapter in her journey.

It was a leap of faith that drove Malone to leave a full-time job in nonprofit fundraising and event planning, and move eight hours away from friends and family to Charlotte. She took up running in 2007 and has since run in five marathons. "I had become really interested in health and nutrition as I became a better runner. Running and getting healthy really changed a lot about me, and it made me want to try to take that passion and turn it into a career," she says.

"Today, we have come here to complete this part of our lives, but tomorrow starts the beginning of what we worked hard to accomplish," student speaker Heather Head ‘10, a marketing major from the College of Business, told Malone and fellow graduates of the Class of 2010.

"I remember bonding over group projects, club meetings, competitions, late nights and spring breaks," she continued. "It is our time to embrace our lives and the knowledge we’ve acquired, and jump headfirst into the areas of business, culinary arts, baking and pastry and hospitality."

Walter J. L. Royal '10 Hon., executive chef of Angus Barn and The Pavilions at the Angus Barn in Raleigh, N.C., and recipient of an honorary doctorate, assured graduates their time at JWU was of significant value. "In becoming an educated person, you build a foundation, and a foundation, a very solid foundation, is something that will prepare you for all the challenges ahead." And vast choices abound.

"There is no doubt that you are graduating at a time when the economy is challenging," said Patricia A. Rodgers '10 Hon., hooded for an honorary doctoral degree in business administration.

"You may wonder how that will impact your future and how your career will be shaped as a result of the current business climate," the CEO
of Rodgers Builders Inc. continued. “I encourage you to be optimistic. Remain resilient and do all that you can to position yourself for a career that will bring you fulfillment.”

Malone and her fellow graduates are already finding employment locally and changing the face of Charlotte as restaurants and hotels grab grads for key positions. Rose Hand ’10 begins work as a marketing manager for Chartwells and the Compass Group; Amanda Netch ’10 is joining Charlotte’s Hospitality House; Kaitlyn Greene ’10, Charlotte Arrangements and Kate Charles ’10 and Jessica Allen ’10 have positions with LIVE NATION, Verizon Wireless, Bank of America and Wachovia, headquartered in the second largest banking city in the world, are training College of Business grads and putting them on the management fast track. Todd Credidio ’09 works in equity trading operations for Wells Fargo.

Malone is spending the summer as a culinary intern at U.S. Department of Agriculture certified organic Poplar Ridge Farm, 20 minutes south of Charlotte. “A vegetarian myself, I’m hoping to eventually work in food media and education, helping others create healthy meals, and showing people how to create easy and nutritious food. Through my blog, which has over 2,500 daily readers, I’m hoping to inspire.”

After ceremonies, graduates poured out of the arena and into the arms of pleased parents, cheering relatives and friends. Wherever they are headed, it is with confidence and experience.

In her blog, Malone posted, “I thank my lucky stars that I was given the opportunity to start my professional life over. In just one short year at Johnson & Wales University, I learned more about food and cooking than I ever thought possible.”

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**Student Awards**

For a complete list of student award recipients:

[Online](www.jwu.edu/commencement)

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Top, l to r: Walter J. L. Royal ’10 Hon., and Charlotte President Art Gallagher
"... Remain resilient in the face of change. Resilience may have encouraged some of you to attend Johnson and Wales University to find a second career. When I attended college, I was a young working mother of two children and I understand how challenging it can be to juggle family and work while attending classes. But I assure you, the rewards of having a career that is fulfilling and is in alignment with your personal values is worth the effort. As Abraham Lincoln once said, 'Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.'

Now, there is no doubt that you are graduating at a time when the economy is challenging. You may wonder how that will impact your future and how your career will be shaped as a result of the current business climate. Unemployment rates are still high and the prospects for getting your dream job right now may seem low.

I encourage you to be optimistic. Remain resilient and do all that you can to position yourself for a career that will bring you fulfillment. One means of doing this could be through volunteer involvement with a nonprofit in our community.

Your education at Johnson & Wales has included one additional component of what I consider necessary for success in business, and that is service to the community. While attending Johnson & Wales, you took part in service learning courses and volunteer activities to help with community issues such as hunger, homelessness, and urban revitalization. You served as mentors and tutors to other students, and in doing so you helped them on their path to success, just as I was helped by so many. This is something I hope you will carry with you throughout your life: a desire to give something back."

— PATRICIA RODGERS ’10 HON.
"... Today, we have come here to complete this part of our lives, but tomorrow starts the beginning of what we worked hard to accomplish. New beginnings bring a mixture of emotions, ranging from joy to anticipation. We are joyful because there are no more papers, projects and tests. We are anticipating how our lives will unfold, what road our careers will take, if we will get married, have children, travel and embrace other cultures, how we will impact the lives of others, our industries and the world. These answers will come with time and what we do with that time is determined by us.

After today, some of us will go into the workforce, while others will take time off or pursue another degree. My father, an advocate for self-learning, often tells me ‘people perish for lack of knowledge.’ In order, to continue progressing both personally and professionally, we must be lifelong learners, and our university has done an excellent job of developing this ability within us. Therefore, wherever we go, know that we have been equipped with the necessary skills to succeed in any area of our choosing. Today, we walked into this arena as Johnson & Wales University students, but we leave as alumni.

— HEATHER HEAD ’10
Once again, we are proud to showcase Johnson & Wales University alumni who show passion, drive and knowledge are influencing their fields of business, hospitality, culinary arts, technology and education. The 2010 profiles of success feature alumni distinguished by their extracurricular involvement in activities beyond the classroom. Their accomplishments show paths hewed by lessons of life and leadership gained as members of the student clubs, National Student Organizations (NSO), athletic programs, Greek societies, and teaching fellowships offered on JWU campuses. Then and now, they remain leaders contributing to their professions and communities.

NATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

BY DAN WILGA ’05, ’08 M.B.A.
AND CATHY SENGEL

Bridget Lavery-Palmieri ’94
Bridget Lavery-Palmieri ’94 is director of marketing analytics for Macy’s Merchandising Group, using findings to guide market strategies. With more than 15 years of experience in store management, product development, buying and planning with Macy’s Bloomingdales and the Federated Merchandising Group, Bridget is also an inspiring leader: A founding member of Young Executives for Success (Y.E.S.), Bridget champions the mission of the Dress for Success Worldwide charity.

What brought you to JWU
The unique curriculum of classroom and hands-on experience. I also loved the city setting, yet always had a true feeling of “campus.”

Memorable JWU experience
The one-and-one-half years I worked at the downtown bookstore as the assistant buyer of clothing and accessories. My opinions were respected and trusted.

Impact of clubs and organizations
My involvement in NSO, Greek life and retail/marketing-related clubs helped me build the skill of networking. One of the keys to success is who and how many people you know.

Book on your nightstand
“Energy Leadership” by Bruce Schneider

Career advice for new alumni
Do not ever pass up an opportunity to try something new that interests you. Every step may not take you forward at that moment, but it will make you much more knowledgeable and marketable.

John M. Broda ’83
John Broda ’83 is the executive vice president of the Armed Forces Financial Network (AFFN), in Tampa, Fla. John is responsible for increasing the versatility of more than 352 financial institutions serving the United States Armed Services. He provides business development and sales leadership to enhance regional, national and international banking, credit union and retail merchant relationships. He also serves as the assistant secretary for the AFFN Board of Directors.

What brought you to JWU
The DECA organization. DECA was an important component of my high school education and JWU provided me the opportunity to continue with this program at a collegiate level.

Best advice
Build and protect your reputation. In your personal and professional lives, your reputation will follow you.

Qualities admired in others
Honesty, integrity, dedication, humor, sincerity, compassion, loyalty, motivation and determination.

Favorite quote
“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others.” — Mohandas Gandhi

Defining moment
I created the Armed Forces Financial Network Community Support Program designed to support members of the U.S. Armed Services and their families. Since 2004 the program has generated over $1 million in direct support ... for such items as care, comfort, entertainment, emergency assistance, financial education and literacy programs.
Kenneth DiSaia ’87, ’92 M.B.A.
Kenneth DiSaia ’87, ’92 M.B.A. has held a variety of leadership positions during his 23-year career with JWU. From 1999 to 2002, Ken was the university’s dean of admissions. Today, as vice president of enrollment management, he leads annual recruiting efforts for more than 5,000 new students at all four JWU campuses. He’s a member of DECA Inc. and serves on DECA’s National Advisory Board. As Rhode Island’s Delta Epsilon Chi chairperson, Ken leads collaborative efforts of six colleges and universities in the state.

Most important ingredient in life
Happiness. Specifically in regards to work ... If you enjoy and feel good about what you do, it helps you to meet your full potential, and it certainly contributes to a more fulfilling personal life.

Favorite quote
"Change happens. Anticipate change, monitor change, adapt to change, enjoy change, and be ready to change quickly and enjoy it again.”
— Dr. Spencer Johnson, author of "Who Moved My Cheese?"

Role JWU played in your career
The hands-on, career-focused education at JWU quickly guided me to my career path. I knew right away that I liked the field of marketing, and I certainly loved the university itself.

Impact of clubs and organizations
My involvement in NSO (DECA specifically) was the key link to my success. Not only did it lead to my first job with the university, it remains an important element of my career responsibilities today.

Source of career passion
I value the positive impact I can have on [students'] first steps into university life and their future as successful adults. The ultimate reward is watching students I welcomed to JWU cross the stage at graduation.

Robert Mellwig ’97
Robert Mellwig ’97 is senior vice president of human resources (a.k.a. “really cool people”) for multimillion-dollar real estate company, Lowe Enterprises, and its Destination Hotels & Resorts. He governs all aspects of the organization's human resources for both hospitality and non-hospitality related businesses and their more than 8,000 employees. Before joining Lowe, Robert was in charge of corporate staffing at the home office with Starwood Hotels & Resorts, and worked within the W Group and for Hilton Hotel Corp. He is an active member of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Most important lesson at JWU
Working within and across diverse teams. In a rapidly shrinking global environment, the ability to interact, strengthen relationships and leverage ideas across a broad range of backgrounds, languages and experiences, is key.

Impact of clubs and organizations
I was a member of an NSO, Career Ambassador Program and the men’s volleyball team. The ability to fully experience many facets of the college experience, make friendships and build leadership skills was important to my earlier career and professional development.

Best advice
God gave us two ears and one mouth. Listen twice as much as you talk.

Future vision
I envision an industry that continues to bifurcate into two major segments: brands and independents. The future will be dictated by the consumer, and what type of experience they seek and are willing to pay a premium for.

Personal response to challenge
Reflect on those who do not have it as good as you do. Humble yourself. Be appreciative for what you have.
John Russo '00

John Russo '00 is a vice president for Fidelity Advisor Funds through Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Co. Inc. (FIS), in Smithfield, R.I. He sells mutual fund products through financial institutions, planners, insurance and wire house firms throughout southern Ohio and northern Kentucky. Before working for Fidelity, he was a sales representative for MBNA America Bank of Wilmington, Del.

Role JWU played in your career

It was JWU that first set up an interview for me with a senior sales executive at Fidelity Investments. This eventually led to an internship and then to a full-time job. Had I not been introduced to Fidelity through JWU, I might be in a very different place today.

Impact of participation in sports

Men's soccer allowed me to build great relationships and work in a team. Teamwork and relationships are crucial to my current role and career in general at Fidelity Investments.

Best advice

Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live like it's heaven on Earth... originally from Mark Twain, but I first heard it during one of my classes with the late Prof. Frank Tomassi, D.B.A. I can still visualize him saying this today.

Formula for work-life balance

I make a conscious effort to work while I'm working and to be with family while I'm with family. Having the support of loved ones is very comforting both personally and professionally.

Favorite quote

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

— Thomas A. Edison

Jacqueline Kelly '93

Jacqueline Kelly '93 is executive chef at Jerry Remy's Sports Bar & Grill in Boston, Mass. Her culinary talents have been on display at Bravo restaurant in Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, The Roof Terrace Restaurant & Bar at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Jacqueline has appeared on NBC's "TODAY" show and catered the Ryder Cup, Wachovia Golf Championships and the U.S. Open.

Lessons learned at JWU

Everyone has the same degree in culinary. It's the hard work, dedication and commitment that will set you apart from others.

Memorable JWU experience

Being a member of the JWU culinary team taught me about teamwork, being able to take constructive criticism and learn from it. Dedication will pay off.

Career advice for new alumni

I can only speak for young chefs, but I would say stop wanting to be the next "Top Chef" or Food Network star. Be a cook first.

Favorite professional websites

www.grubstreet.com
www.bostonchefs.com
www.zagat.com

Career satisfaction

I am lucky that I was a cook for many years in some great restaurants. I also worked in Italy, which was a great experience for a young cook and gave me great insight on food.

Books on your nightstand

"The Yankee Years" by Joe Torre and "The Foie Gras Wars" by Mark Caro
“Playing soccer for JWU taught me a lot about hard work, determination, respect, communication, etc. I take all of those attributes from the field and apply them to my everyday responsibilities.” — Ryan Lester '05

Ryan Lester ’05
Ryan Lester '05 is advertising and promotions manager for the U.S. Soccer Federation. He oversees marketing for the men’s and women’s national teams, constructing media campaigns and directing creative design and ad placement — a “dream job.” An internship with the National Lacrosse League’s Philadelphia Wings led to full-time work with parent company Comcast-Spectacor. Promoted to marketing manager for its subsidiary, Global Spectrum, Ryan coordinated events for San José State University’s Spartan Stadium.

Outsider, rebel, entrepreneur or team player
A bit of a rebel-team player. I like to think outside of the box, love brainstorming activities and I’m a go-getter. I find that including other members within my department definitely makes it easier to accomplish the object or goal.

Favorite quote
“Pain is temporary. It may last for a minute, an hour, a day or a week. If I quit however, that lasts for a lifetime.” — Lance Armstrong

Career satisfaction
I am very happy with how I have progressed through the sports world. I’m 26 [and] have had the chance to live across the U.S., gain a ton of knowledge on running sports teams and managing stadiums and arenas. I couldn’t be happier.

Industry future
I see soccer in the U.S. continuing to grow. The team is primed for a great run in the 2010 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup in South Africa. We also are bidding on hosting the World Cup here in the states.

James B. Norton IV, M.B.A., '00
James Norton IV, M.B.A.,'00 is senior vice president of Branch Banking & Trust Co. (BB&T) Commercial Real Estate Lending in Atlanta, Ga. He manages a commercial loan portfolio with assets in excess of $1.3 billion, and banking relationships with large commercial developers of hotels, shopping centers, office buildings and industrial complexes across the nation. James is a member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) and was a guest panelist and moderator for the 2010 Databank Inc. Real Estate Symposium.

Role JWU played in your career
I have financed several hotel projects across the country and find that my hospitality management education brings added value to my client relationships within the hospitality sector.

Career satisfaction
Absolutely. If somebody would have told me 10 years ago that I would hold a senior-level position with one of the nation’s largest financial institutions before I turned 30 years old, I’m pretty sure I would have told them that they were crazy.

Formula for work-life balance
I personally struggle with it daily, but I have picked up several hobbies — golf, travel, fly-fishing — which help me maintain my sanity.

Future vision
Today’s forecast for the banking industry is partly cloudy. In my opinion, there is nothing but an up side in my business at this point.

Rebel, entrepreneur or dedicated team player
All of the above.

Qualities most admired in others
Honest, dependable and driven individuals. I am also intrigued by people who possess excellent public speaking abilities.

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# Profiles of Success: Past Meets Present

## Greek Life

### Lori Pleva '96

Lori Pleva '96 is a sourcing manager of broadband and distribution for NBC Universal Inc. She's responsible for strategic sourcing, supplier negotiations and contracting for digital media products and services. Lori has held similar positions with such Fortune 100 companies as GE Capital and JPMorgan Chase. She reduced NBC Universal's digital advertising cost by 50 percent, resulting in significant savings in capital and expenses.

**Impact of clubs and organizations**

My participation [in Sigma Delta Tau Sorority] was a starting point to a lifetime of learning and experiences in the disciplines of loyalty, leadership, teamwork, negotiation and conflict resolutions.

**Best advice**

My father advised me to be well rounded; to have a job, do an internship, volunteer, be involved, hold an office and remember that the best office is the president.

**Source of career passion**

My job directly impacts the company's bottom line and mitigates risk for the business. My customers are both internal and external which gives me a unique view of the business and how the operations tie directly to the work we do. I've played a significant role in the cutting-edge technology NBC Universal Inc. (NBCU) uses.

**Career advice for new alumni**

Recognize what you don't know and learn from those who do. Learn from those around you.

**Most important ingredient in life**

Integrity, passion, compassion and humor.

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### Clay Snyder '93

Clay Snyder '93 is senior director of brand performance for Hilton Worldwide. Based in Atlanta, Ga., he provides Doubletree hotels around the world with strategic and operational support to increase profits. Clay has helped open hotels in Tanzania, Russia and China. He is the president of the JWU Alumni Council and the primary link between alumni chapters and the university.

**Qualities admired in others**

Honesty, integrity and straightforwardness.

**Impact of Greek life**

Being part of establishing our local chapter of TKE at JWU, I was able to take that experience and utilize it in my career in building successful teams and organizations.

**Future vision**

Global growth will be critical to expanding the hospitality industry. Many countries have a need for quality organizations to fill a necessary void with the expanding middle class.

**Highest priority**

Leaving life better than I found it.

**Heroes**

The people I work with every day.

**Book on your nightstand**

"Tribes: We Need You to Lead Us" by Seth Godin

**Career role of JWU**

Alumni connections have opened each opportunity from my first job as a valet parking attendant to my current role with Hilton Worldwide.
“Whatever you do, do it with passion and always be true to yourself. The rest will fall into place.”
— IAN MCPhee ‘94

Katie Cavuto-Boyle ’02, M.S., R.D., L.D.N.
Katie Cavuto-Boyle ‘02, M.S., R.D., L.D.N. is president of Healthy Bites LLC, a nutrition and personal chef service. An expert in her field, she is a regular contributor on the Fox, NBC and CBS networks, has appeared on Rachel Ray and was one of 10 finalists on season five of “The Next Food Network Star.” Katie promotes farm-to-table fare using seasonal, local ingredients and “green cuisine” — eating healthy for body and planet.

What brought you to JWU
As a gymnast growing up, I was always interested in healthy eating but I knew that to be a good dietician I needed a good understanding of food.

Memorable JWU personality
Professor [Janet] Roulin was a huge support system and always believed that I could achieve my dreams.

Advice for new alumni
Work hard, never say “no” to an opportunity and always make a good first impression with every person you meet.

Source of career passion
I love what I teach and my mission is to help others see how easy living a healthy lifestyle can be if given the tools and information.

Defining moment
Being a finalist on the “The Next Food Network Star,” being hired as the Philadelphia Phillies’ dietician and opening my locally sourced market and café, Healthy Bites-To-Go.

Outsider, rebel, entrepreneur or team player
A driven entrepreneur.

Ian McPhee ’94
Ian McPhee ’94 is executive assistant manager of food and beverage for The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii. With the luxury hospitality giant since graduation, Ian advanced from director of banquets in Boston, Mass., to fine dining manager in Osaka, Japan, and then to director of food and beverage in Washington, D.C. His responsibilities have included managing staff and payroll, piloting programs and events and leading a team that is among the company’s top 10 for guest engagement.

Favorite quote
“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.”

Impact of clubs and organizations
My ability to work in teams, whether I was the leader or not, was strengthened knowing that my part was always equal and just as important. Great followers become great leaders.

Career satisfaction
I am very satisfied with my career progression. Someone from Career Development saw value in the work I was doing... and signed me up for an interview with The Ritz-Carlton. I have worked and lived in Boston, Japan, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and now Hawaii for The Ritz-Carlton.

Books on your nightstand
John C. Maxwell’s “Developing the Leader Within You,” “Developing the Leaders Around You” and “Winning with People”

Advice for new alumni
Set goals, follow your heart, whatever you do, do it with passion and always be true to yourself. The rest will fall into place.

Most important ingredient in life
Love.
TAs/FELLOWS

Scott Ishmael '85
Scott Ishmael '85 is the owner and chef of Scotty's Steakhouse in Galway, Ireland. Scott was an executive chef for the Holiday Inn Corp. in Orlando. He went from there to DavGar Restaurant Group and assisted in opening exciting themed concept restaurants. Scott and his wife, Jennifer, moved to Galway in 1991 and opened a gourmet delicatessen. His small business matured into a full-service American steakhouse.

Biggest challenge
Establishing an American-style restaurant in Europe in 1991 when all things American were not very popular. But we stuck to our core beliefs: values, service and quality, and we soon found respect and increased sales. Now, 19 years on, we are still here.

Heroes
My wife for her support. My kids for their innocence. Tom Wright '82 as JWU for teaching me what honor is all about. Dave Thomas of Wendy's fame for his wholesome values and strong beliefs about quality.

Best advice
"When behind, try harder, fight tougher and make sure every lesson was learned."
— Chef Robert Nograd, C.M.C., '99 Hon.

Memorable JWU personalities
Chef Kevin Duffy '82, '04 M.A.T. for showing me that mistakes do happen. Rene Dionne for being a friend. Chef Fred Haddad '99 for a sense of humor.

Joseph Leonardi '97, '99 M.A.T., C.E.C. is executive chef at the Somerset Club in Boston, Mass., and a member of the American Culinary Federation (ACF) 2010 Team USA. He taught in the College of Culinary Arts until 2009. Joe was a member of the ACF Team U.S.A. that won World Title for regional cuisines at the 2008 Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung's (IKA) Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany. Under his coaching, the JWU Student Culinary Team took home seven gold medals from the 2004 Société Culinaire Philanthropique Salon of Culinary Arts at the New York Food Show, where Leonardi garnered the Grand Prize of Salon medal awarded by the French government.

What brought you to JWU
I liked that there were young chefs willing to teach you, and staff that was willing to support you... I also enjoyed being close to the city so that I could work on the weekends and take what I was learning in class and apply it to my job.

Most important lesson at JWU
Not all things go the way they are supposed to, but it's the way you react to change that will determine your new challenges. Dedication to your career or job.

Defining moment
In July 2009, I competed and won the title of American Culinary Federation (ACF) National Chef of the Year. It was a goal I set for myself. When the opportunity presented itself, I pushed and strived to win the competition.

Career satisfaction
I am the chef at one of the top social clubs in the world and work with great people and quality products everyday. Before I compete in the 2012 [IKA] Culinary Olympics, I would like to earn the title of Certified Master Chef.
“Learn as much as you can as early in your career as you can ... Stay in touch with the school and always network.”

Abid Butt, M.B.A., ’84
Abid Butt, M.B.A., ’84 is vice president of asset management for Host Hotels & Resorts, overseeing more than a dozen properties in the eastern United States. He has opened and managed operations in luxury hotels in Hawaii, Thailand, Canada, Malaysia and the U.S. for Benchmark Hospitality, and Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts, and helped launch two lodging brands: Angama Hotels & Resorts and Four Points by Sheraton.

Favorite quote
“Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.”
— George Patton

Role JWU played in your career
Education prepared me for the practical world. On-campus recruitment provided me with opportunities and I was able to secure a general management trainee position immediately after graduation.

Formula for work-life balance
It is difficult at times to maintain the work-life balance due to the 24 operating hours of this business. You have to schedule and block time to spend with your loved ones.

Career advice for new alumni
Learn as much as you can as early in your career as you can ... Find an industry leader to mentor your progression and help with career development. Stay in touch with the school and always network.

Most important ingredient in life
Friends and family, health and happiness.

Brian Foye ’85, ’88 M.S.
Brian Foye ’85, ’88 M.S. is senior vice president of operations with The Capital Grille, a division of Darden Restaurants. He is responsible for the overall operations of 40 restaurants in 23 states. A chef by trade, Brian has won gold and silver medals in international culinary competitions, and has worked as vice president of operations at RARE Hospitality International, and vice president and general manager at The Educated Palate.

Heroes
My grandfathers Byron D. Foye and Lionel W. Allaire. They both defined the limits set for them and overcame various life challenges to achieve success.

Lessons from JWU
Mise en place — a place for everything, everything in its place.

Best advice
From my grandfather: Love what you do and the day you don't, quit! It's hard work — you should enjoy it. At the end of the restaurant shift, go home. You don't want to end up doing something you shouldn't.

Impact of being a TA/Fellow
As Joseph Joubert said, “To teach is to learn twice.” The core competencies and the ability to teach what I have learned have allowed me to mentor others throughout my career.

Future vision
Restaurant experiences are now a part of daily life, so health and nutrition will play a major role in what is on the menu and the manner in which it is sold.

Book on your nightstand
“How the Mighty Fall: And Why Some Companies Never Give In” by Jim Collins

James Fisher, M.B.A., '96 is an assistant vice president of State Street Investors Services in Boston, Mass. As senior manager of risk oversight with 15 years of experience in financial services, he provides support for clients with $147 billion in assets under management. Before joining State Street, James monitored fund trade for MFS Investments, developing and enforcing trading rules on mutual funds held in 401K retirement portfolios. He built relationships with more than 60 mutual fund companies to ensure that the actions of a few individuals would not adversely affect investors.

Most important ingredient in life
The key ingredients are perseverance, focus, optimism, laughter and love.

Impact of campus involvement
Being a resident assistant (RA) helped me develop my people skills — more than any class, seminar or experience. The ability to understand all sides of an issue, identify the key players, recognize the emotion of an issue, and come up with a solution is invaluable.

Career satisfaction
I am satisfied with my current role, but my drive, will and ambition push me to exceed the career goals I set for myself after graduation from JWU.

What brought you to JWU
The curriculum allowed me to take classes in my major my first year and being a thousand miles away from home allowed me to grow as a person.

Career advice for young alumni
Be flexible. Whatever you do, do it well and give your all. You can learn something from even the worst job.

Dana E. Herbert '00

Dana Herbert '00 is the owner and pastry chef of Desserts by Dana in Bear, Del. Known for his creative wedding cakes, sugar sculptures and custom cakes, Dana has been featured on WETV's “Wedding Cake Wars” and TLC's “Ultimate Cake Off.” Desserts by Dana was selected for the 2008 and 2009 Best of Bear Awards in the Wedding Supplies category by the U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA). He is also the author of the “Sweet and Savory Union Cookbook.”

Lessons from JWU
Life is truly what you make of it. If you practice like a champion then you will play like a champion... It is up to us to choose to be great.

Best advice
You can achieve anything you want in life, it's a matter of how bad do you want it and are you willing to sacrifice to get it.

Source of career passion
My desire is totally unquenchable. I am always pushing, watching every TV show, looking through every magazine, taking classes, teaching classes... I'm like a computer. Even when it looks like it's in sleep mode, it's continually calculating and downloading something.

Defining moment
In 2006 when I was the pastry chef in charge of the National American Culinary Federation (ACF) Convention in Philadelphia... I had to clearly motivate my staff and exceed many expectations... I felt like I had arrived and was pressing forward.
Sanee Halprin ’91
Sanee Halprin ’91 is sommelier for BARMASA and Shaboo at Aria Resort & Casino in CityCenter in Las Vegas, Nev. She has served as sommelier at some of Las Vegas’ finest venues including Bellagio’s Sensi, Todd English’s Olives and Jasmine. Sanee is also a certified Kikisake-shi (sake sommelier), and hopes her industry expertise will eventually take her around the globe to learn about new cultures, food and wine.

Memorable JWU personality
Francis [Koon Fah] Wong ’89 a very energetic, kind, big-hearted guy from Singapore. We met in the International Club and we’re still friends after 21 years.

Defining moment
When I passed the Advanced Sommelier exam on the first attempt in October 2009.

Career advice for new alumni
Nothing is made easy. You can get a result only when you work hard on it.

Heroes
My parents who believed in me and sent me to the U.S. as an exchange student when I was only 15. Virginia Philip ’89, a female master sommelier at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Fla.

Favorite industry websites
www.guildsomm.com
www.mastersommeliers.org
www.winespectator.com

J. Hugh McEvoy ’78, C.E.C., C.R.C., C.d.R.
J. Hugh McEvoy ’78, C.E.C., C.R.C., C.d.R. is owner and president of Chicago Research Chefs LLC. J. has a long record of success in conceiving new culinary products and prototypes, and bringing them to a global market. He teaches at Kendall College as an adjunct culinary professor. He is a syndicated weekly columnist for StreetWise newspaper writing on trends, food, nutrition and fitness, and food editor for Prepared Foods magazine, a nationally published trade monthly on the food and beverage industry. Recently, J co-authored a children’s book, “What Color is a Pickle Pie?”

What brought you to JWU
My mother was a professional chef. Working with her in pro kitchens from a very early age gave me a love of the culinary business. By the 10th grade I knew where I was headed — to J&W.

Memorable JWU experience
One of my first-year “home room” classmates was Emeril [Lagasse] ’78. He and I wrecked quite a few recipes together that first year. His drive and determination were contagious.

 Outsider, rebel, entrepreneur or team player
I have always been an innovator. Then I became an entrepreneur. Because of that, I have sometimes been called a rebel.

Defining moment
I created a job as “research chef” long before there were any research chefs.

Hero
My mother. She worked full time as a professional chef until she was 72.

Favorite quote
“A little butter never killed anyone!”
— Julia Child said it to me.
PROVIDENCE CAMPUS
Tiffany Sy '01
Business and Technology Ceremony

"Today marks your entry into a growing family of more than 83,000 fellow graduates from 140 countries who have met the challenge of earning a Johnson & Wales degree."

PROVIDENCE CAMPUS
Anthony Tarro '94
Culinary and Hospitality Ceremony

"As you make this transition from school to career, you are about to undertake one of life's greatest adventures."

MARKING TRADITION

It’s hard to believe it is close to 100 years since Gertrude Johnson and Mary Wales started Johnson & Wales Business School with one student and one typewriter. With 2010 Commencement, our global alumni network has grown to more than 83,000 members.

This year, six of our accomplished alumni returned to campus to induct new graduates into the alumni association, and offer advice on how to stay involved with the university and connected to fellow graduates.

In Providence, alumni were invited back to campus to participate in the ceremony. Wearing special blue robes with white tassels honoring the school colors, alumni walked in the academic procession and sat with graduates and faculty during the ceremony. For those who participated, it was a moving experience and the beginning of a new tradition that will be expanded to all campuses in 2011.
NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS
Staceyann Sinclair '01

"The tagline we use for the alumni association is 'Connect. Inspire. Give.' It is the framework of the work we do with the Office of Alumni Relations and it outlines the many ways you can stay connected to the university and to each other."

CHARLOTTE CAMPUS
Clay Snyder '93

"Whether it's through regional chapter events, alumni reunions, talking to prospective students, taking part in Alumni Leaders Week, or supporting the JWU Fund, there are many ways for you to get involved."

DENVER CAMPUS
Cathryn Olchowy '92

"Even though you are leaving campus, a new relationship with the university is just beginning."

PROVIDENCE CAMPUS
Thomas Mihalko '80, '96 M.B.A.
Graduate School Ceremony

"You are an important part of the Johnson & Wales family and I sincerely hope you will stay connected, return often and keep us updated on your successes."
The Next Chapter
Alumni Council Reorganizes

CLAY SNYDER ’93
ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT

For years, the JWU Alumni Council has worked with the Office of Alumni Relations to organize events and activities in support of the university’s strategic initiatives. The council has been crucial in shaping many efforts including creating a strong network of chapters across the country to connect JWU alumni and provide opportunities for socializing, networking and professional development.

In 2007, four chapters were officially launched to include close to 23,000 alumni in the Northeast. Today, we have 22 active chapters, covering 53,000 alumni from coast to coast, including one in the Caribbean. More are planned for development.

With chapter growth, the council realized another leadership structure was emerging — 22 chapter presidents. University representatives and council members discussed how to meld the important group to take alumni relations to the next level. In 2009, recommended changes to Alumni Council bylaws made chapter presidents members of the council. Student Alumni Association presidents from each campus were also added to the council to ensure the connection with students remains strong.

This new council met for the first time in October 2009 to solidify its mission and objectives: how to be better JWU ambassadors, how to stay connected with fellow alumni and our alma mater, and how to support such key university initiatives as the JWU Annual Fund.

These pages are a small insight into the commendable time and energy this new council dedicates to making their chapters the best that they can be. I appreciate the work that they, their teams and volunteers put in for Johnson & Wales, our fellow alumni and our students.

I encourage you to get involved with your local chapter. Contact your chapter president or the alumni manager in your area.

Online > alumni.jwu.edu

BOSTON
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 3,994
Suzanne Markham ’96, ’98 M.B.A.
President, Boston Chapter
Program Director of Hospitality & Tourism Dept.
Mount Ida College
Newton, Mass.
suzimj96@aol.com

“I’m excited about the new concepts which chapters are taking on; I’m confident the new direction will provide many opportunities for connection and networking. Boston has so many great features to offer to the alumni.”

PHILADELPHIA
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 2,852
Bryan McCombs ’87
President, Philadelphia Chapter
Senior Territory Manager
Hatfield Quality Meats
Hatfield, Pa.
bmccombs87@yahoo.com

NEW YORK
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 7,114
Drew Madden ’98
President,
New York City Chapter
Sales
Edward Don & Company
Mount Laurel, N.J.
deminvestors@gmail.com

“With more than 6,000 alumni residing around New York City, I envision the chapter as a way for many alumni new to the city to be a part of a ‘family’ that can help them settle in.”
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Culinary Purchasing Officer
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President, Tampa Bay Chapter
Director of Admissions and PR
Rasmussen College
Hollywood, Fla.

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“Miami Alumni In Chapter Territory: 3,565
Eric Singleton ’99
President, Miami Chapter
Director of Food Service
The Village South
Miami, Fla.

esingleton@villagesouth.com

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DENVER
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 1,476
Chelsey Whitfield-Crittendon '94
President, Mile High Chapter
Independent Regional
Vice President
Arbonne International
Thornton, Colo.
chelseyjwu@alumni@yahoo.com

"My goals for the Mile High alumni chapter are to create opportunities for my fellow alumni to get involved with current students, network with each other and to have fun building the relationship with their alma mater."

DALLAS
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 450
Tom Neal '91
President,
North Texas Chapter
Lewisville, Texas
dthyme_savor_chef@yahoo.com

LOS ANGELES
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 744
Anita Holsapple '96
President, Los Angeles Chapter
Documentary Film Producer
Grizzly Bear Productions
Studio City, Calif.
mushash@asol.com

"This past year has proven to be quite fruitful in finding new faces and old friends. Our biggest goal is to continue reaching out to our local alumni and expand our leadership team to help accomplish this objective."

PHOENIX
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 387
Paul Jonson '95
President, Phoenix Chapter
Managing Partner
Carrabba's Italian Grill
Surprise, Ariz.
pri1960@yahoo.com

ATLANTA
2009–10 Chapter of the Year
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 1,272
Lori Goldblatt '95
President, Atlanta Chapter
Director of Catering
Doubletree Hotels Corp.
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"Many alumni don’t update e-mail addresses with the university. We are trying to find them one alumnus at a time. The more alumni we find, the more diverse our networking and events can be."

CHARLESTON
2008–09 Chapter of the Year
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 1,077
Victor Donnelly '06
President,
Low Country Chapter
Director of Catering
ARAMARK
Charleston, S.C.
victordonnelly@gmail.com
2009–2010 Student Alumni Association

Charlotte
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 1,629
Adam Dietrich '04
President, Charlotte Chapter
Owner
Charlotte Premiere Butler Service
Charlotte, N.C.
winelowinfo@sbcglobal.net

Washington, D.C.
Alumni In Chapter Territory: 2,023
Shenise Foster '05
President,
Washington D.C. Chapter
Housing Facility Specialist
United States Army
Arlington, Va.
sheniseleigh@hotmail.com

"The 2010 plan for the D.C. chapter is to prepare an interactive event schedule that will range from networking events to themed socials that pertain to what you were involved in during your JWU days. The D.C. chapter is striving to collect $1,000 to go to a high school senior in the D.C. area to attend any of the four JWU campuses."

Providence
Students Enrolled: 10,709
Luisa Alvarez '10
President
Student Alumni Association
Marketing Communications
LAA786@students.jwu.edu

"SAA gives current students and alumni the ability to connect and network while building yearly traditions."

North Miami
Students Enrolled: 2,033
M. Sara Ayala '10
President
Student Alumni Association
Marketing
MSA254@students.jwu.edu

"Students should be involved with the SAA to take advantage of the great networking opportunities with alumni and participate in events that will transform them into leaders."

NORFOLK
Alumni in Chapter Territory: 1,305
Walter Ellerbe '04
President, Tidewater Chapter
Past President, JWU Alumni Council
President/CEO
We Can Burn
Virginia Beach, Va.
chef341@gmail.com

Denver
Students Enrolled: 1,461
Katie Herron '10
President
Student Alumni Association
International Business; Financial Services Management
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"SAA is a great way to network with alumni, get involved in your campus and to make connections with Johnson & Wales University. It is also a great way to make a lasting impression on your campus, to leave a legacy."

Charlotte
Students Enrolled: 2,452
Audrey Quettel '10
President
Student Alumni Association
Marketing
ALQ972@students.jwu.edu

"I am involved with the Student Alumni Association because it is important to make a connection with our school’s past so that we can form its future. There is no better way than to meet with our alumni."

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Alumni Return to Plant Seeds for Successful Futures

BY DAN WILGA '05, '08 M.B.A.

"Making the right career decision after graduation is a stressful situation, so feeding the students the right information benefits them immensely," explains William Strynkowski '83 about his reasons for returning to campus for Alumni Leaders Week. A graduate of the College of Culinary Arts and executive chef for Restaurant Associates and Cooking Light magazine, he understands the value of the exchange and the setting. "It's a great opportunity for the students to ask questions in a very unpretentious way."

Alumni Leaders Week began as a pilot program on the Providence Campus in 2006 and is now presented universitywide. The week of panels, forums and classroom discussions puts students face-to-face with graduates to talk about industry prospects and gain insights from professionals in the field. Alumni from each college discuss their own successes, hoping to inspire students and fellow alumni alike. Each year, the program has grown in scope as more alumni become involved with the effort at each campus.

This year, Denver leaders returned in January, Providence in February, Charlotte in March and North Miami in April, just as juniors and seniors were making decisions about their career direction. The extended exposure gave students a view of what to expect upon graduation and the challenges or obstacles within a particular industry, from those already there.

"The benefit to students comes from the fact that someone in the audience shares the same dream of achievement [we] alumni did when we were students," says Bobby Fitzgerald '93, Charleston Campus graduate and director of operations at White Chocolate Grill Inc., who spoke in Denver. For Fitzgerald, being asked to come back to share those experiences had an added bonus. "Alumni week was great for me. Being able to share my life and business experience since graduation with tomorrow's leaders, and seeing their response is re-energizing. I get as much out of it as the students," he says.

Plans are underway to expand Alumni Leaders Week programming at each campus next year and to involve more alumni in the weeklong event. Strynkowski was impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of students and alumni on campus. "It [Alumni Leaders Week] focuses on what JWU is all about — the past, the present and the future ... Giving back to the students is key to their success."

Online > alumni.jwu.edu
Building Relationships and Connections Nationwide

In the past year, the Office of Alumni Relations celebrated alumni in cities from coast to coast and in the Bahamas. From the Chicago Cubs Rooftop game in September 2009 and the Hilton Head gathering in March to the New York City Alumni Reception at The Metropolitan Pavilion in June, it’s been an exciting year for alumni to reconnect with each other and their alma mater.

On these pages are highlights of gatherings of 22 alumni chapters and 800 alumni who were able to see old friends, meet new ones, and hear about the latest developments at JWU.

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

Online > alumni.jwu.edu
Hartford-Springfield

- Michelle Tovar Olortegui '98, '01 M.B.A.
- Marion Spaulding '78
- Sekienna Ellis '05
- William Couchesne '85
- Joshua Bachman '06

Chicago

- Almira Brown
- Marc Bickham, Ed.D., '88
- Kevin Halimiak '91
- Front, L-R:
  - Elizabeth Verzio '06
  - Jennifer Charles '06

Tampa Bay

- Mark Brickman '92
- Kathleen Milliotis '10
- Andrea Nicholson '00

Atlanta

- Cassandra Gordon '02
- Lester McCoy '94
- Staceyann Sinclair '01
- Karen McGibbon '01

Denver

- Karl Rude '06
- Dre Montex
- Angel Montez '06

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alumni chapters in review

 Bahamas

 Los Angeles

 Dallas

 Boston

 Phoenix

 Norfolk

 Tom Neal '91
 Abe Goldfarb '98 Han.
 Andy Coolidge '89
 Elena Doenle '96
 Jenny Hightower '06

 Gregory Retz '96
 Andrew Batten '01
 Walter Ellerbe '04
 MU Walbrook
 Roger Ballou '95
More than 50 alumni turned out at The Standard Hotel in Los Angeles in November.

Back Row, L-to-R:
Joe Hanen '93, Brendan McLaughlin '92, Tom Shaheen '90
Ann Marie McCormack '90
Todd Volpe '92, Ted Stoner '92

Front Row, L-to-R:
Eric Jacobson, Quinn Corbett '90, Amy Sakofsky, Wendy Arnold
Sparks '93, '95 M.S., Bryan Sparks '93, '96 M.S., Joel Sakofsky '93

Philadelphia

New York

Washington, D.C.

L-R:
Jacqueline DeRosa '08
Kristine Williams '93
Anthony Contreras '91

L-R:
Terri Carroll
Sharon Macko
Dave Davis
Prof. Mark Neckes
Shadee Holden '05
Amy Neckes '89

L-R:
Erica Stroud '94
Cynthia Wise '92
Eric Lyles '99
Aaron Tucker '94

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Linda Lopisco, Marni McMeen, Willie J. Rice, Paul Westlake, Phil D'Alessandro
Linda Lopisco
Managers: Your On-Campus Link

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

**NORTHEASTERN REGION**

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**SOUTHERN REGION**

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Manager of Alumni Relations, Southern Region
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Orlando, Tampa Bay and Miami, Fla., the Bahamas and Puerto Rico

**WESTERN REGION**

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**SOUTHEAST REGION**

Sara Guerry
Manager of Alumni Relations, Southeast Region
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**Online > Access chapter contacts at alumni.jwu.edu**
2010: Events

September
1. Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
6. Convocation, All Campuses
7. Fall Term Begins, All Campuses
13. Colorado Rockies Game, Coors Field, Denver, Colo.
20. Emeril Lagasse Scholarship Presentation, Bella Mare, Newport, R.I.
21. 8th Annual Emeril Lagasse Classic, Newport Country Club, Newport, R.I.
30. Charlotte Alumni Reception, Charlotte Campus

October
6. Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
8-10. Alumni & Family Weekend, Denver Campus
9. Athletes Reception, Providence, R.I.
3. Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
10. Hartford-Springfield Alumni Reception, 7B4
18. Atlanta Alumni Reception, 7B4

November

December
1. Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapters
6. Wildcat Wednesday, in conjunction with local alumni chapter

For upcoming events or information, visit: alumni.jwu.edu/events

Stay in Touch
Keep abreast of your personal and professional accomplishments by updating your contact information on the alumni website: alumni.jwu.edu or fax completed form to 401-598-2604 or mail it to Office of Alumni Relations, Johnson & Wales University, 8 Abbott Park Place, Providence, RI 02903

Name: ___________________________ Class Year: _________________
Home Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______
Phone: (______) _______ E-Mail: ____________________________
Why Alumni Give…

"Supporting the annual fund is my way of giving back to the university. I chose the Low Country Scholarship Fund since it gives back to the community that I work and live in, and because it supports those young individuals who look to make a career in the hospitality industry. It's important to support JWU so it can continue the tradition of educating our future leaders."

— DENISE ELLIOT '93
CHARLESTON CAMPUS

Alumni from every campus are sharing their success by making gifts to the JWU Fund. These gifts allow the university to continually improve the quality of the student experience inside and outside the classroom. These experiences make our students' educational dreams a reality, and enhance JWU’s reputation as a leader in career education.

Although there is an increasing need for scholarship support, you may also designate your gift to a specific campus, activity or program. With a network of more than 83,000 JWU alumni, gifts of all sizes make a difference. Share your success and support today's students so they can become the next generation of JWU alumni.

Give a gift online:
alumni.jwu.edu/jwufund
888-JWU-ALUM

"My relationship with JWU didn't end upon graduation, it just moved to a more mature phase. I've come to realize just how much of an impact philanthropic acts have on one's life and the lives of others. From my role as a foster mother and as an active citizen in my community, I know great things are achieved through relationships and I plan to maintain this one."

— TRACY KELLER '91
NORFOLK CAMPUS

"I chose the Faculty Development Fund because faculty are in the best position to improve the student experience. There's a correlation between the amount alumni give and the strength of a university. I'd like to see JWU improve the quality of the experience it offers, and that takes money. I encourage all alumni to give something; it's a worthy investment in our JWU community."

— ALLEN TACKETT '99
PROVIDENCE CAMPUS
“I support the JWU Fund because JWU supported me when I needed it, financially and otherwise. My involvement in a variety of clubs and organizations at the North Miami Campus really enriched my life, and I still feel a part of them now. Alumni should be the ones to help keep our campuses going. The love JWU showed us should be returned in one way or another.”

— LATASHIA GORDON ’03
NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS

“I wouldn’t be where I am today without the support and education I received at JWU. An integral piece of the JWU experience is learning the importance of philanthropy. There are plenty of organizations that could have used my money, but I wanted to give back where I’ve been given so much. No one should be dismissed from the college experience because of monetary concerns.”

— JENNA THOMPSON ’09
CHARLOTTE CAMPUS

“I designated my gift to the Denver Green Initiatives Fund because sustainable living is very important to me. JWU Denver was a great experience for me — professionally, educationally and socially. It was a time of my life I’ll never forget, so supporting the school just makes sense.”

— RACHEL KLOSTERMAN ’02
DENVER CAMPUS

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS
Your gift helps students develop essential skills and values, while enriching their educational experience — both inside the classroom and beyond.

Inside the classroom
Scholarships: Financial aid and scholarships are crucial at JWU, where 91 percent of our students demonstrate financial need and many work part-time.

Faculty Development: Our goal is to recruit and develop industry-experienced faculty members who are passionate and dedicated.

Term and Study Abroad: We support 31 programs that expand our students’ horizons, including terms abroad, internships and competitions in other countries.

Emergency Fund: This fund helps students who encounter short-term financial hardships and face the real possibility of having to leave JWU.

Beyond the classroom
Student Clubs and Organizations: Through such organizations as Greek Life and NSOs, our students explore personal interests, join national associations, practice leadership and build connections.

Service to the Community: Our integrated service-learning programs help students develop solid values and provide leadership opportunities necessary for their success.

Athletics: Student-athletes learn invaluable lessons about self-discipline and leadership as well as competition and teamwork.

Health Services, Counseling and Wellness: Because physical and emotional health are essential to academic success, we provide our students with key professional health and wellness services in a confidential and compassionate environment.

Green Initiatives: Each year, we move in more sustainable ways to live and teach in a manner that respects and preserves the environment.

JWU Alumni
Congratulations new JWU graduates:

You are joining more than 83,000 alumni worldwide