



**Honorary Degree Recipient: Chip Wade '83, '06 Hon.,  
chief executive officer of Union Square Hospitality Group  
and member of the JWU Board of Trustees**

“Let me take you back to the fall of 1981, when an 18-year-old version of me — shy, unsure, with no formal plan or dream — packed into my single mom’s AMC Pacer with my younger brother Bob. We drove five hours from Media, PA, to Providence, RI...and it felt like a whole new world to me. At the time, I had this vague idea that I was going to ‘cooking school.’ But JWU turned out to be so much more than that. It was where I began to understand what I now know to be the soul of hospitality.

“Over the years, I’ve interviewed and hired countless JWU students—and I know the legacy continues. This university doesn’t just prepare students to enter industries — it prepares them to lead them. You are ready. Whether you are entering the workforce, starting your own venture, or pursuing graduate studies, you are amply prepared to make your mark.

“But remember this: the world you’re stepping into is one that craves connection, authenticity and caring. As technology accelerates and change becomes the norm, those who lead with empathy, curiosity, and humanity — those who lead with hospitality — will shape the future.”



**JWU Online Graduates  
Begin Their Next Chapter  
as JWU Alumni**

Commencement formally celebrates the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next, as students graduate and begin, or advance in, their careers. The ceremonies held in Charlotte, NC and Providence, RI in May, honored graduates’ passion, perseverance, pride and resilience as they accepted their diplomas and became lifelong members of the JWU Alumni community.

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STEPS TO  
START AT  
JWU:**



**1**

*Connect with your  
dedicated  
Admissions  
Associate*

**2**

*Submit your  
JWU Application  
and work with  
your Admissions  
Associate to  
obtain supporting  
documents*

**3**

*Continue  
communication with  
your Admissions  
Associate to be  
fully prepared to  
start your first  
class*

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**AUG  
11**

**OCT  
6**

**DEC  
22**

**RECOMMENDED  
DEADLINE DATE**

**AUG  
25**

**OCT  
20**

**JAN  
5**

**CLASS START DATE**



**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**  
**Ben Huntzinger, '25**  
**B.S. – Digital Marketing & Social Media**

Ben Huntzinger, a recent Digital Marketing & Social Media graduate, opted to pursue an internship where he could develop his personal interests into real-world applications — and receive full academic credit. Learn more about Ben’s internship experience and how it transformed into a job offer!

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