



## JWU Online Commencement 2026: Graduates Walk Confidently Into The Future

Johnson & Wales University Online students walked with JWU on-ground students in commencement ceremonies in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 30 and in Providence, Rhode, Island on May 2.

Seventeen graduating students — now JWU alumni — share what commencement means, why they came to JWU Online, what challenges they overcame and what they derived personally and professionally to take with them as they forge their futures.

[→ Read the full story](#)

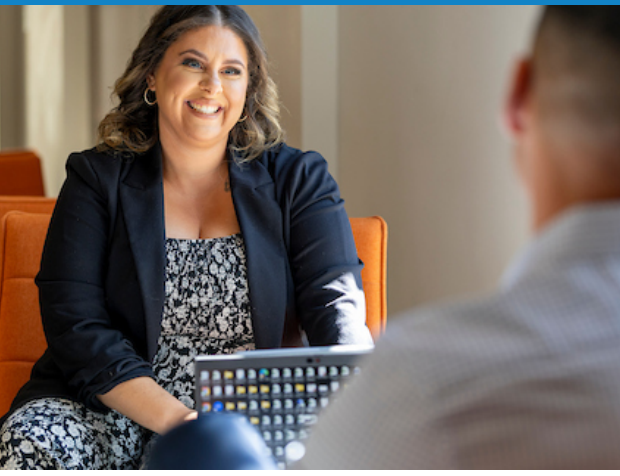


## Beginning Fall 2026: Master of Business Administration – Cybersecurity

JWU Online's new MBA in Cybersecurity program blends hands-on learning in areas like network security, cryptography and digital forensics with core business concepts including analytics, ethics and strategic decision-making. Students gain the skills to evaluate risk and navigate complex security challenges in this dynamic industry.

[→ Learn more about the program](#)

### 3 EASY 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!



RECOMMENDED  
DEADLINE DATE

CLASS START DATE



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Direka Gordon '26 B.S. – Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship

A recent alum with a passion for food, Direka earned her B.S. in Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship to support her career goals. From the support of JWU's organization for aspiring entrepreneurs, The Launch Pad, to the industry-relevant curriculum, discover how pursuing her degree at JWU Online renewed a belief to achieve Direka's dreams.

[→ Read Direka's Story](#)



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Stephen Taylor '27 A.S. – Hospitality Management

After more than 20 years as a chef, Steve Taylor enrolled at JWU Online to build the leadership and business skills needed to move beyond the kitchen and into management. The flexible online format allows him to balance a demanding career while gaining new perspective, confidence and opportunities to grow into hospitality leadership roles.

[→ Read Stephen's Story](#)