



Dear Friends:

Johnson & Wales University cherishes its many connected communities. We've grown since 1914. Arguably, we've changed more in the last 30 years than in the preceding six decades. I joined JWU in 1974, and witnessed our phenomenal growth and expansion as a student, alumnus, faculty member and administrator. I treasure the many memories. But my recent visit to India, representing JWU on an official United States Department of State delegation visit, has left a lasting impression. Led by Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen P. Hughes, our purpose was to promote the quality, dynamism and diversity of American higher education, while underscoring our desire to expand educational partnerships in India.

I was selected because of JWU's global orientation and commitment to career-focused education. Students who are serious about success are seeking the kind of educational experience we offer. This has translated into an impressive strength — the diversity of our student body. We serve approximately 16,000 students from all 50 states and 89 countries.

The visit reinforced for me the transformational power of education. To excel in today's shrinking world we must deliberately broaden our horizons. JWU will continue to aggressively pursue all that positions us as a global institution, collaborating with world leaders in education, government and business to launch the next generation of globally competitive professionals. We will align with industry to ensure our graduates have the expertise to launch and advance in their careers; enrolling more international students, who add to the rich discussion and experience all our students enjoy and in fact, need to succeed. We will encourage our American students to learn languages and study and work abroad; and further support faculty and staff in foreign exchange programs and contract training opportunities.

My message to you is to study, teach or work abroad — even for a short period of time. It will broaden your perspective and change your life forever. Network with JWU's more than 70,000 alumni who reside and work in 140 countries; and expand your own global experience. Share your experiences with us. Engage with JWU through our strategic plan. Connect and join us as we celebrate our dear institution.

University President John J. Bowen '77