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I am thrilled to join in today's celebration of your graduation from Johnson & Wales University.

You came to Johnson & Wales to advance your education, seeking a path to professional success and personal fulfillment. That path has taken you from the expertise and dedication of exceptional faculty members to a rich array of outside the classroom experiences. Along the way, you have developed a strong academic foundation, marketable work experience, and valuable leadership skills. You are ready to transition to the next, exciting phase of your life's journey.

Part of that transition includes a new but continuing relationship with JWU. You now join the ranks of some 90,000 alumni across the globe. It is my hope that you stay engaged with the university and with fellow alumni as we strive to give thousands more like you the opportunity to experience our unique brand of education.

I thank you for the contributions you have made to the Johnson & Wales family. You have made a difference here. As you go forward, I have every confidence that you are ready for success in your chosen pursuit.

I wish you all the best, and I welcome the opportunity to stay connected in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mim L. Runey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mim" being particularly prominent.

Mim L. Runey, LPD.
Providence Campus President,
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Order of Exercises

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Commencement Marshal — Thomas DiPaolo, Ph.D., *director of the doctoral program, Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School*
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International Parade of Flags
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Honorary Degree Recipient

OJETTA ROGERIEE THOMPSON, J.D.

Doctor of Science in Criminal Justice Management

Circuit Judge Ojetta Rogeriee Thompson of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit was nominated by President Barack Obama in October 2009 and confirmed unanimously by the Senate in March 2010.

An inspiration to minorities and women, Thompson is the first African-American judge and second female judge to serve on the First Circuit. She is a graduate of Brown University with a bachelor’s degree in English, and received her Juris Doctorate from Boston University School of Law.

Thompson’s professional career includes such esteemed positions as associate justice, Rhode Island Superior Court; associate judge, Rhode Island District Court; assistant city solicitor, Providence, R.I.; staff attorney, Rhode Island Legal Services; and nine years in private practice.

A dedicated member of the U.S. legal system, Thompson’s professional affiliations include serving as a member of the National Bar Association, the Thurgood Marshall Law Society and the Rhode Island Women’s Bar Association.

Thompson bestows much of her time and expertise upon her community by serving as a member of several boards and committees. She is a trustee emerita of the Brown University Activities Corporation, and a member of Brown University’s Fund for the Education of the Children of Providence, Brown Leadership Council, and the Brown 250th Subcommittee on Community Engagement. She is also a member of the First Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Council, trustee emerita of Bryant College, a member of the board of trustees of the YMCA of Greater Providence, and a member of Save The Bay’s President’s Leadership Council.

For her strong devotion to the justice system, the community and to women universally, Thompson has been lauded with several accolades, including the 2013 Trailblazer Award by the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association and the 2011 Boston University School of Law BLSA Annual Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2010 she was inducted into The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame of Providence, and was the recipient of The Community Service Salute from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, among numerous other honors throughout her career.

Originally from Anderson, S.C., Thompson and her husband, The Honorable William C. Clifton Sr., live in Cranston, R.I. and have three children.



Directors Thomas DiPaola, Ph.D., Gary Gray, Ph.D., Karen M. Swoboda and the faculty of the Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School proudly present their Classes of 2013.

*Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Degree Recipients*

ALISON BATESON-TOUPIN

*Students Characterized as Proficient and Nonproficient on a State Reading Assessment:
Analysis of Their Oral Language and Reading Skills*
Major Advisor: Robert K. Gable, Ed.D.

LAUREN G. BENT

Young Alumni Giving: An Exploration of Institutional Strategies
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

RONELL BLIZZARD

*The Process of Screening Student-Athletes for Cardiovascular Diseases
at NCAA Division I Institutions in the Northeast*
Major Advisor: Martin Sivula, Ph.D.

SHAWN BURNS

*Leading Change Through Professional Development:
An Exploration of a New-Faculty Orientation Program*
Major Advisor: Stacey L. Kite, D.B.A.

ERICA EVANS

*Effects on Problem Behavior and Social Skills Associated with the Implementation of
School Wide Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Approach in an Alternative School Setting*
Major Advisor: Robert K. Gable, Ed.D.

SHAYNA FOX-NORWITZ

*Charter School Teacher Attitudes Toward the Implementation of the Rhode Island Model
of the Educator Evaluation System*
Major Advisor: Stacey L. Kite, D.B.A.

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Exploring Motivations of Early Career Faculty Commitment to Community Engagement
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

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The Relationship Between Self-Efficacy and Persistence In Adult Remedial Education
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

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*Faculty Perceptions of Instruction in Collaborative Virtual Immersive Learning Environments
in Higher Education*
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*Validation of the Secondary School Admission Test and Admission Counselors' Perceptions of the Importance of
Cognitive, Behavioral, and Affective Student Attributes for Success in an Independent High School*
Major Advisor: Robert K. Gable, Ed.D.

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Faculty Beliefs and Practices About Writing Initiatives as Classroom Strategies and Institutional Objectives
Major Advisor: Stacey L. Kite, D.B.A.

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*Exploring the Four Core Elements of Formative Assessment in College Classroom Instruction:
Faculty Member Perspectives*
Major Advisor: Felice D. Billups, Ed.D.

TONIANNE NAPOLITANO

Cyberbullying and Middle School Students' Internet Behavior and Perceptions of Internet Risk
Major Advisor: Stacey L. Kite, D.B.A.

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Examining the Relationship Between Identified Student Performance Goals and Achievement on Assessments
Major Advisor: Thomas DiPaola, Ph.D.

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A Historical Study of the Contributions of Dr. William Spady to Educational Reform
Major Advisor: Ralph J. Jasparro, Ph.D.

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For the safety of everyone in attendance and to comply with local fire department regulations, guests are requested to remain in their seats during the program. Ushers are stationed at the foot of each aisle should you need assistance.

After the ceremony, guests may join the graduates outside under the marque of the Providence Performing Arts Center. Once the academic recessional has ended, graduates and guests may return to the arena to use the stage as a backdrop for photographs.

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