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A Year in Review
Fiscal Year 2018

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Vanessa Somers
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Mosaic generously donated by the Honorable Frederick Vreeland
FROM THE PRESIDENT

This Annual Report presents an overview of our institution’s activities and achievements over the past year, highlighting the generous support that helps make this advancement possible. During this period, we have witnessed the striking on-going expansion of John Cabot University, an expansion that is branching off in multiple directions and on many levels.

After ten years, we welcomed back a visiting team from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Preparing the self-study report for the re-accreditation process drew our attention to the many accomplishments of the past decade at our University. The team found two additional campuses, new laboratories and research facilities, innovative administrative office spaces, new academic programs, and an ever-growing student body.

In light of the positive reaction of the Commission, we are grateful to the leaders who oversaw and sustained such developments. We enjoyed the support and enthusiasm of the new Chairman of the JCU Board of Trustees, Salvatore Salibello, combined with the ceaseless energy and charisma of Chairman Emeritus Frank J. Guarini. Their efforts, together with the precious commitment of the Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Staff have enabled JCU to celebrate a year of growth beyond measure.

Chairman Emeritus Guarini has shown once again the potency of his vision of the future of the University. With his generous support, he has positioned a milestone with the foundation of the JCU Business School, an institution designed to help talented students benefit from JCU academic possibilities for our University.

The restauration of the Caroline Critelli Guarini Campus was completed and the inauguration ceremony took place in May 2018 under the motto of Building for the Future. With the appointment of Francesco Ruspoldi ’94 as the President of the JCU Alumni Association, we can rest assured that our expansion is not limited to the impressive figures of enrollment and the new facilities; rather, it is touching the lives of all the members of the extended University community.

A home for American academic excellence in Rome, JCU’s international atmosphere and intellectual rigor foster dialogue among different cultures and communities. This year’s events and developments reaffirm the role that John Cabot University continues to play in the world arena.

Sincerely,

Franco Pavoncello, Ph.D.
President

John Cabot University

The Mission of John Cabot University is to provide an educational experience firmly rooted in the American tradition of the liberal arts and solidly international in orientation. The academic programs are designed to use to the fullest extent the special resources of a multicultural faculty, an international student body, and the extraordinarily rich culture and history of Rome and the surrounding region.
(L-R): President Franco Pavoncello, Chairman Emeritus Frank Guarini, Chairman Salvatore Salibello & President of the JCU Alumni Association, Francesco Ruspoli

Inauguration of the Caroline Critelli Guarini Campus

JCU Board of Trustees touring the newly inaugurated Caroline Critelli Guarini Campus
Vanessa Somers Art Project

Background
The Vanessa Somers Art Project was founded in 2018 by John Cabot University with a generous donation made by the Honorable Trustee Frederick Vreeland for the purpose of promoting the arts. The project is named in honor of Vreeland’s late wife, Vanessa Somers, an accomplished artist whose artistic engagement and academic curiosity—together with the vivacity and color that are inherent elements of her work—will continue to inspire the aims and activities of the Vanessa Somers Art Project.

Mission Statement
The core purpose of the Vanessa Somers Art Project is to promote projects that help increase visibility of and accessibility to the arts for students at John Cabot University as well as for the university academic community as a whole. Through its work, the Project aims to further relationships between John Cabot University and the international art world, as individuals, groups, or institutions. The Vanessa Somers Art Project will focus on contemporary art in particular, and on ventures that highlight the importance and relevance of the arts and the culture sector in the 21st century.

The long-term aim of the Vanessa Somers Art Project is to create a financially sustainable funding body linked to the arts at John Cabot University in order to continue supporting and funding a broad program of events and projects. Thanks to the Vanessa Somers Art Project, John Cabot University will become an emerging cultural center and institute for the arts, both nationally and internationally, to complement its academic and artistic standing.

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the John Cabot University community gathered for an evening dedicated to the Arts. Thanks to the generosity of the Honorable Frederick Vreeland, JCU has an exciting new art initiative. The new art project is the continuation of the 4m2 Gallery and aims to promote art across the three campuses. The project was dedicated in the name of the Honorable Vreeland’s late wife, Vanessa Somers, whose passion for art now lives on in the JCU community.

Recent graduates, parents, alumni and friends joined President Franco Pavoncello and the JCU Board of Trustees for a lovely reception and viewing of the exhibited works.
ENROLLMENT

Profile Fall 2017

- 1324 Students Total
- 713 Degree-Seeking
- 611 Visiting Students
- 70 different countries represented

Profile Spring 2018

- 1285 Students total
- 712 Degree-seeking students
- 573 Visiting Students
- 75 different countries represented

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PARTNER UNIVERSITIES FISCAL YEAR 2018

Adelphi University
American University in Armenia
American University of Beirut
American University of Nigeria
American University of Sharjah
American University of Washington
Barry University
Bentley University
Bridgewater State University
Brooklyn College
Butler University
California Polytechnic University
California State University
Monterey Bay
Case Western Reserve University
Christopher Newport
Colorado School of Mines
Creighton University
East Tennessee State University
Emory University
Eugene Lang-New School
Forman Christian College Lahore
Georgian Court University
Grand Valley State University
Hiram College
Hofstra University
LaGrange College
Loyola University Maryland
Marquette University
Marymount California University
Marymount University
Marywood University
Michigan State University
Morehouse College
Northeastern University
Pace University
Philadelphia University

Rhodes College
Rider University
Rikkyo University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saginaw Valley State University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis Madrid University
Saint Mary's College
San Diego State University
Sookmyung Women's University
State University of New York at Brockport
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The American University in Cairo
Trine University
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Miami
University of New Mexico
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame
University of Portland
University of San Diego
University of St. Thomas
University of Texas - El Paso
University of The Incarnate Word
Villanova University
Washington & Lee University
Western Carolina University
Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University
Willamette University
Aimed at third and fourth-year students enrolled in Italian high schools, Italy Starts was created by the JCU Institute for Entrepreneurship as part of the MIUR Alternanza Scuola Lavoro. Participating JCU/partner university students (Mentors) volunteer to be connected to Italian High School Students (Mentees) to solve real business problems or develop business models for their business or social venture idea. Mentees will be required to deliver a short PowerPoint presentation at the end of the program. The overall objective of the Italy Starts program is to encourage cross-cultural learning between undergraduate students who have had some training in entrepreneurship or business, and Italian high school students, within the broad spectrum of entrepreneurship-focused mentoring. Our vision is of a community where mentoring and befriending can empower young people to reach their full potential, as well as provide a wider benefit for the climate at JCU and participating schools, by helping to reduce conflict and promote self-esteem.
The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in cooperation with John Cabot University (JCU), organized the second edition of the *Spring School on Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism: is there a nexus?*, which took place at JCU in Rome, Italy, from May 7-11, 2018. UNICRI delivered a one-week intensive course on Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism to shed light on their potential nexus.

In addition, from July 9-13, 2018, UNICRI, in cooperation with John Cabot University, delivered the third edition of the Summer School on Migration and Human Rights, a one-week intensive course which examined current issues related to international migration. The Summer School offers professional, legal, social, scientific and academic perspectives through theoretical lectures, roundtable discussions, dynamic case studies, and practical exercises. The faculty of the Summer School is composed of leading scholars and academics from John Cabot and other universities, representatives of the United Nations system, international human rights bodies and the civil society.

John Cabot University's Master of Arts (MA) in Art History guides students toward professional mastery of the materials and methods of art history with emphasis on first-hand research in the museums, monuments, and archaeological sites of Rome. The degree can be completed in approximately fifteen months of full-time study.

Accredited by the *Middle States Commission on Higher Education*, the MA program welcomed its inaugural class in Fall semester 2017. It is the first US-accredited graduate degree program in art history based entirely in Rome.

The program has a dual focus: the visual cultures of Rome and the Mediterranean across time, from antiquity to the present; and the acquisition of technical skills for primary research. It also stimulates critical perspectives on the impact of Roman art worldwide.

The *Regina A. Lee Scholarship* was established through the generosity of a donation from JCU Trustee Regina A. Lee in support of the Masters in Art History program.
Thanks to our Going Global program, four year degree-seeking students have the opportunity to enhance their already multicultural experience by studying at one of our partner universities in the United States, South Korea, Sweden and other countries around the world. This program allows students to experience new languages, cultures, and academic settings while earning transferrable credits while paying JCU tuition and keeping their scholarships and financial aid. Each year our students visit universities in both the United States and abroad at one of our partner universities or at another accredited university that they find and petition independently. We are constantly developing new partnerships with universities and diversifying study abroad options for our students.
FACULTY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PROFESSORS AT JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY HOLD DEGREES FROM REKNOWNED UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE SUCH AS HARVARD UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, YALE UNIVERSITY, BROWN UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME “LA SAPIENZA”.

Selected Publications

“The Effects of Digitalization on the Gender Equality in the G20 Economies” (2017), Women20 Study (with Christiane Krieger-Boden and Eckhardt Bode)

“Historical Shocks and Persistence of Economic Activity: Evidence on Self-Employment from a Unique Natural Experiment”.

Selected Publications


The first novel, A Known Evil, is in many ways the fruit of my nearly 20 years living in Italy and grew out of a desire to address pressing contemporary issues, both in Italy and the wider Mediterranean area, through the more popular medium of the crime novel.

English Literature professor Aidan Fadden recently published his first novel A Known Evil (Harper Collins), the first of a three novel series under the pseudonym Aidan Conway. A freelance editor, translator, and literary reviewer, his poetry has been published in Stand, The North, Magma, Lunar Poetry, and Cordite, and in translation in Italian literary magazines such as Pages and Saragana. He has also reviewed for PN Review Fortnight and The Contemporary Poetry Review. Professor Fadden is currently working on a collection of short stories and a series of crime novels set in contemporary Italy. His second novel, A Cold Flame, was published this summer by Harper Collins’ Killer Reads.

Awards for the Staff and Faculty Member of the year were given to Iva Dragolova and Professor Stefano Arnone by the Class of 2018.
The Guarini Institute for Public Affairs was established through the generosity of the Honorable Frank J. Guarini, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of John Cabot University. The Institute offers an annual series of lectures, seminars, and encounters aimed at enhancing knowledge and understanding of the key issues and challenges facing the world today, in particular those affecting the United States and Europe.

FY 2018 Guarini Institute Events

Apr. 7, 2018: 24th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
Mar. 15, 2018: Trump’s Foreign Policy towards Asia
Feb. 20, 2018: India’s Politics and Demonization
Feb. 9, 2018: Panel discussion on Italy’s 2018 Elections
Oct. 30, 2017: Russia and Europe in the Era of Trump
Oct. 23, 2017: The Ideas Industry
Oct. 11, 2017: L’Italia dei poteri occulti
Oct. 9, 2017: One year later: American Workers and the Trump Vote
Jun. 6, 2017: Will the EU Hold Together? The Challenge of Sovereignism

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Institute for Creative Writing and Literary Translation
Offering workshops in the major genres (fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and literary translation) each semester, the Institute is a place for creative writing students to improve their skills as they experience the Eternal City. During 2017 and 2018, the CW Institute held more than 20 literary events at JCU’s Guarini Campus. Every summer, the CW Institute hosts a Writer in Residence to provide inspiration and mentorship for JCU students.

Writers in Residence
2018 Dolen Perkins-Valdez
2017 Frederic Tuten
2016 Susan Minot
2015 Edmund White
2014 Tyler Dilts
2013 Jhumpa Lahiri
2012 Joyce Carol Oates
2011 Dorothy Allison and Marilyn Hacker
2010 Mark Strand and Simon Mawer

The Institute offered three courses in creative writing during the summer of 2018 open to JCU degree-seeking and visiting students from all over the world. These courses are the result of an exchange agreement signed by John Cabot University and the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing at American University in Washington, D.C.:

- CW 450/550 Advanced Creative Writing Workshop: Fiction, taught by Michael Carroll
- CW 454/554 Advanced Creative Writing Workshop: Poetry, taught by Susan Bradley Smith
- EN 485/585 Advanced Creative Writing and Literature: How to Read Like a Writer, taught by Elizabeth Geoghegan
JCU INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP (IFE)
REAL IDEAS REAL PEOPLE REAL COMMUNITY

*The JCU Friendly Sticker is a project conceived by the IFE team and implemented by JCU students for assessment via IFE’s Learn-Do-Share Program.
1. Graphic design students proposed their best designs. The winner was chosen and stickers were printed.
2. Business negotiation students obtained agreements with local businesses to display the sticker and offer discounts to the JCU community. The project received strong support from the JCU Student Life department and students from the JCU Business and Marketing Clubs.

IFE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

MINOR IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- Individually tailored
- Transversal skills
- For credit internships
- 26 minors in 2016
- 36 minors in 2017
- 43 minors in 2018

CERTIFICATE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- Promotes entrepreneurial mindset
- CV enhancement
- For Degree-Seeking & Visiting Students
- FALL 2017
- SPRING 2018
- SUMMER 2018
- EACH SEMESTER

LEARN-DO-SHARE
- Real companies
- Real consulting projects
- Execution opportunities: internships & paid consulting work
- 12 projects
- 8 courses
- 120 students

WORKSHOPS
- IMPACTSOIL: Andrea Ceremenis, CMO at Impactsoil, delivered a four-part workshop series that considers the combined effects of Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Biotechnologies, Genetics, 3D Print, Space Exploration and more.

SEMINAR
- “Challenges and Opportunities of Digitalization for Entrepreneurship”: bringing together international researchers, JCU faculty and students, and entrepreneurs interested in the wider impacts of digitalization on entrepreneurship.

INCREASED FOCUS ON SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN 2017-18

ELEVATOR PITCH COMPETITION
100+ STUDENTS EACH SEMESTER
NEW CATEGORY IN 2018: SOCIAL INNOVATION

ENACTUS
- JCU CHAPTER FORMED IN NOV 2017
- JCU TEAM WON NATIONAL COMPETITION IN JUNE 2018 & WILL REPRESENT ITALY AT ENACTUS WORLD CUP IN CALIFORNIA IN OCTOBER

ITALY STARTS
- NEW PROGRAM JCU VISITING STUDENTS MENTOR ITALIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ITALY PITCHES
- 200 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE

GUEST SPEAKERS
- 20 ENTREPRENEURS EACH SEMESTER
- MANY OF WHOM ARE ALUMNI

CAREER FAIR
- 10 STARTUPS EACH SEMESTER

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- The Acton Institute of Grand Rapids donated many social entrepreneurship books on the occasion of Acton founder Rev. Robert A. Sirico speaking at JCU about ‘Entrepreneurship as a Moral Choice’ in October 2017, as well as for the finalists of the Spring 2018 Elevator Pitch Competition.

IFC TOOL SET
SUPPORTING JCU’S ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS (CURRENT & PAST DEGREE-SEEKING & VISITING STUDENTS)

CONNECTING PEOPLE & PROJECTS
GARAGE DAY
MENTORS FOR GROWTH
COWORKING SPACE
LEGAL ADVICE

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I have grown immensely since arriving at JCU in 2016. Getting involved in clubs has introduced me to people from around the globe that have changed my worldview enormously. I love being involved at school, for I am able to give back to the community that has given so much to me.”

Micayla is an active student leader in various clubs and activities, as well as a student assistant for the JCU Marketing Office. She is a self-taught photographer who has a passion for art. In Fall 2017, she was accepted into the Disney College Program as an intern for the Spring 2018 semester where she worked in Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida where she grew on a personal level, while learning valuable professional skills.

Gettin involved in our university’s student life is the fundamental factor that makes an American education a truly unique experience. Being president of Student Government has provided me with the privilege of representing our student body in order to address the issues affecting our inspiring international community.”

Giovanni is a senior, majoring in International Affairs and International Business. While at JCU, he worked at the Italian Admissions Office, the Foreign Language Resource Center and also interned at the Israeli Embassy to the Holy See and the Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Italian Prime Minister’s Office). He was also a member of the Speak Up! Club and the Student Government.
Flavio Garinei, ‘18  
Valedictorian  
ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MAJOR  
ROMA, LAZIO, ITALY

“John Cabot University was the perfect fit for me, as it combined the international environment I had gotten used to as a child with a strong Economics Department that was well suited to my interests,” says Flavio, who is currently exploring graduate programs in Finance in top institutions all over the world. He also received two Academic Excellence Awards: in Economics and Finance and in Mathematics.

Class Gift 2018

Carrying on the idea of ‘giving back, by giving forward’

The gift of the Class of 2018 is a Scholarship that will be awarded to a deserving incoming JCU degree-seeking student from an under-represented country in Fall 2018. The gift will support a student so that he/she will be able to enjoy the JCU experience of gaining a first class education, the possibility to explore Rome, and the opportunity to become a member of a diverse community.
Coed Volleyball Team

The team had the opportunity to play in two different tournaments this year, allowing the players to improve their game skills: the Oroverde Tournament and the usual Universities of Rome Championship where they earned the 2nd place against the University of Foro Italico.

Men’s Soccer Team

JCU Men’s Soccer 11vs11 displayed technique and tact at the Universities of Rome Championship. The Gladiators ended the Championship with an important 3rd place, which gives good hope for next Season.

Women’s Soccer Team

This year, Lady Gladiators qualified for the Finals, but they had to face a very tough opponent, the University of Foro Italico. The Final game was a real show, but in the end, the opposing team prevailed, leaving Lady Gladiators with a 2nd place, but with great willingness to retake the Title in the next Season.
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Participation in Student Clubs and Organizations is a vital part of student life. John Cabot University supports 25 clubs and organizations that stimulate teamwork and cooperation among students, faculty members, and professionals. The JCU club network includes the Multicultural Club, Interfaith Initiative, Grassroots Club, and Women’s Leadership Initiative.

Cheerleading Team

This has been a positive year for our Cheerleading team. The girls showed great commitment and passion, and they made a lot of progress. They also performed at the JCU Student Life Celebration at the end of Spring-2018 semester and during the Volleyball and Basketball Finals in the Universities of Rome Championship.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

John Cabot University is involved in a series of social activities aimed at nurturing a sense of social responsibility and global citizenship. Community outreach cultivates an awareness of human circumstances and differences that extend beyond the typical classroom experience.

Service Learning - Combining Fieldwork and Education

Development of Service Learning Combining Fieldwork and Education promotes co-curricular opportunities for students and alumni to become active members of the community with prospects of integrating civic engagement into their education.

ITALY READS©

Italy Reads is a community-based English language reading and cultural exchange program that collaborates with:

♦ 200 Italian high school teachers
♦ 60 + high schools across Italy
♦ 1 classic work of American literature each year to read together

2009 , NEA Grant to JCU for “The Big Read Rome”
2010, Today, John Cabot University’s Italy Reads©

Thousands of students have benefitted from Italy Reads which enjoys continued support from the U. S. Embassy to Italy and the English Theatre of Rome.
The Guarini Institute for Public Affairs organized an event on India’s politics and the impact of demonetization on February 20, 2018. Professor Pratishtha Singh, the guest speaker, talked about Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his political strategies.

On March 15, 2018, the Guarini Institute for Public Affairs held an event entitled *Trump’s Foreign Policy Toward Asia*. Among the participants were students, professors, as well as guests from other institutions.
Shaza Saker, ‘96

Shaza Saker graduated from JCU in 1996 with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Marketing. Tired of watching from the sidelines the plight of innocent people forced to flee their war-torn homeland, she decided to take action. “Refugees need parity, not charity,” says JCU alumna Shaza Saker, who moved to Rome from Syria when she was three years old. This belief is what inspired Shaza to launch Hummustown, a catering organization that provides job opportunities to Syrian refugees in Rome. Launched in March of 2017, Hummustown provides Syrian refugees in Rome with a chance to achieve economic independence. In addition to running Hummustown, Shaza currently works as a Program Officer for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. “My experience at JCU, including an internship, shaped my presentation and marketing skills, which have been extremely beneficial to my career,” says Shaza.

Antonello Fanna

Born in Treviso, Venice, Antonello Fanna is an accomplished economist with over 30 years of experience in Macroeconomics, International Economics, Risk Management at the Bank of Italy, having held many senior positions such as the head of the Bank of Italy in Paris. Fanna spent his sophomore year (1975-1976) studying Economics at John Cabot. He then graduated cum laude in Economics and Commerce from the Sapienza University in Rome and earned his Master’s degree of Philosophy in Economics at the Columbia University in New York. Since 2017, Fanna has been working between France and Italy as a freelance advisor to investors on mergers and acquisitions between the two countries.

Fanna is a member of the Board of Directors of the “Association France-Italie”, an association based in Paris which promotes cultural exchanges between France and Italy since 1926. He is also a member of the “Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)”, a private, independent non-profit think tank founded in Rome in 1965.

“I will always support John Cabot. On one hand, because I am grateful for what it has given to me; on the other hand, to congratulate the university for the astonishing success it achieved over the years.”

Sara Gabai (right), ‘10

Born in Naples, Italy, Sara Gabai graduated from JCU in 2010 with a major in Communications and a minor in English Literature. She went on to earn a Master’s in Gender, Media, and Culture at the London School of Economics before moving to Bangkok to work as an intern at the Communication and Information Unit of UNESCO. She is currently Communications Officer, Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT) at The Nature Conservancy in Thailand. She is also working on a Ph.D. in Human Rights and Peace Studies. She currently manages communications for the Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT), a partnership of seven leading organizations building the capacity of countries, businesses, and communities in Asia Pacific to practice legal and sustainable forest management and trade.
The Center for Career Services is dedicated to preparing students and alumni to successfully enter the workforce. The Center collaborates with more than 600 partner organizations and in 2018, more than 360 students and alumni have obtained a position (internships/jobs).

### JCU Career Services Center: Student Placement Outcomes

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Stats include graduates, visiting and non-degree students.
Source: JCU Center for Career Services
JCU Expense Composition—Actual 30 June 2018

- Depreciation: 3.83%
- Unrealized foreign exchange rate losses on endowment investments: 0.85%
- Total Discounts, Scholarships, Assistships & other reductions: 8.56%
- Housing & Meal Plan: 1.02%
- Fundraising & Development: 4.81%
- Educational: 20.67%
- Personnel: 14.59%
- Marketing & Publications: 1.53%
- Facilities: 38.06%
- Communications: 0.79%
- Office & Overhead: 0.24%
- Financial: 2%
Francesco Ruspoli, ’94, initiates his mandate in a very eventful moment for the JCU Alumni Association. With the highest number of alumni ambassadors, the association is engaging generations of former students who never saw JCU as we know it. Sponsoring successful events all over the world, the JCU Development team attended the Alumni Gatherings in London and New York, and had the opportunity to witness the enthusiasm of those communities. With the determination of JCU Regional Ambassadors and the participation of loyal alumni, local communities are constantly apprised of the developments of their alma mater.

On the occasion of the inauguration of the Caroline Critelli Guarini Campus, Ruspoli was appointed President of the JCU Alumni Association. “When I graduated in 1983, JCU was a very different place, with only 300 students,” said Ruspoli. “But even then, it was a very international place with a strong sense of community. I am impressed at how much JCU has grown while maintaining its international character. As President of the Alumni Association, I hope to contribute to strengthening the sense of community and pride among the over 12,000 JCU alumni throughout the world,” added Ruspoli.
The Frohring Library saw a remarkable growth in services, collections, and spaces this year. Collection growth rates ranged from 6% to 9% for the various material formats.

The Learning Hall, a new multipurpose room, was opened at the beginning of Fall ‘17. Equipped with 5 desktop computers, the Leaning Hall is used as a lab, a group study room, or a seminar room for presentations. It hosted a good fraction of the 302 instruction sessions offered by the Reference and Instruction Librarians this year (+59%). One semester later, a new reading room was made available to the students.

Collaboration with students continues to grow, not only within the framework of the 4m2 Gallery activities (exhibits by William Petitt, Geraldine Ghelli and Catherine Parsonage). Other events included the Vanessa Somers Art Project, a shooting project with Prof. Serafino Amato’s class, Guardami, a curatorial project for Prof. Ilaria Gianni’s class and an installation for Prof. Marco G. Ferrari’s course on expanded cinema.
The theme of the 2017 President’s Gala, which coincided with JCU’s 45th anniversary, was “Building for the Future,” highlighting the acquisition of a new building. The official name of the building, the Caroline Critelli Guarini Campus, was announced during the ceremony. In addition to a science lab and administrative offices, the building hosts JCU’s Master of Arts in Art History, the first-US accredited MA in the history of art based entirely in Rome. The Critelli building represents the permanence of John Cabot University in the Trastevere neighborhood.

President Pavoncello announced Ryan Anderson as the recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award for his contributions to the fields of Humanitarian Service and International Affairs. In 2001, Mr. Anderson began working for the World Food Programme, while pursuing his BA at John Cabot University. During his career at the WFP he took part in many field operations in Sri Lanka, Rwanda, Sudan, and Sierra Leone. He is currently serving the WFP as Head of Programme in Kumpala, Uganda.
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New York Gala
April 10, 2018

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*Frank J. Guarini Medal for Leadership in Business and Cultural Affairs*

Adriana Trigiani is The New York Times best-selling author of 17 books of fiction and non-fiction. She is also a playwright, television writer/producer and filmmaker and the mind behind an in-school writing program which serves over a thousand students in the Appalachian mountains.

Mr. Raymond W. Kelly

*Frank J. Guarini Medal for Leadership in Public Service*

Raymond W. Kelly is one of the world’s most well-known and highly esteemed leaders in law enforcement. He holds several honorary degrees from various prestigious universities and was recently awarded France’s highest decoration, the *Legion d’honneur*.

Commencement Ceremony
May 14, 2018

Frà John T. Dunlap

*Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service in recognition of his work for the improvement of the living conditions and health of the poor and the underprivileged.*

Frà John T. Dunlap is a senior member of the JCU Board of Trustees. Originally from Canada, Frà Dunlap has lived in New York City since 1986 and is a Partner in the law firm of Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller LLP. Deeply dedicated to charity and helping the needy, in 1996 Frà Dunlap joined the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, which oversees hundreds of hospitals in some of the poorest countries of the world. In 2009, Frà Dunlap was elected to the Order’s Sovereign Council.
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Vision Statement: by Dr. Franco Pavoncello, President