# A Year in Review
## Fiscal Year 2017

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of my Presidency was a special occasion to reflect on the many accomplishments and milestones of our beloved university. By combining the best qualities of an American liberal arts education, and the rich culture and history of Rome and the surrounding region, John Cabot University continues to provide an outstanding international experience to its students.

This year, as we celebrate the 45th anniversary of John Cabot University, we take pride in our institution that fosters rigorous academic programs, an exceptional multicultural faculty of distinguished scholars, talented students and a dedicated staff.

Our outstanding academic programs, which now include an M.A. in Art History, and our centers of academic excellence, such as the Guarini Institute for Public Affairs, the Institute for Creative Writing, the Institute of Entrepreneurship, and the Center for Continuing Education, have all acquired a globally renowned reputation. International conferences, such as the International Media Education Summit, and the Third Conference on Post-Humanism, distinguish us as leaders in bringing together esteemed scholars for the benefit of academia and liberal arts education.

Our student body has grown to more than 1250 students from over 70 countries worldwide, and our graduates have become successful in the global communities of business, public service, and academe.

Our recently acquired building located on Piazza Giuseppe Giachino Belli, “Caroline Critelli Guarini Campus”, will provide a new home for JCU, expanding our resources to include a new physics laboratory, additional classrooms, and administrative offices to better serve our students and alumni. These developments would not have been possible without the generous philanthropic support of the JCU community.

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, and friends for their dedication and involvement in supporting the mission and the values that have made John Cabot University a world class institution that prepares future leaders to meet the many challenges of our global society.

Sincerely,

Franco Pavoncello
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.
10th Anniversary Concert: **Celebrating a Decade of Leadership by President Franco Pavoncello**
Thu. Oct. 6, 2016 - Aula Magna, Guarini Campus

President’s Gala 2016: during the evening, the Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Mia Ceran ’08 and Thabet Al Qaisieh ’06
Fri. Oct. 7, 2016 - Hotel Hassler Roma

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Investiture of Dr. Franco Pavoncello as President of John Cabot University

An Evening with Francesco Rutelli: former mayor of Rome and Minister of Culture gave a lecture titled “Cultural Diplomacy and World Heritage”
Sat. Oct. 8, 2016 - Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei

Alumni & Friends Luncheon: President Pavoncello was introduced by alumnus Leonardo Quattrucci ’13 and spoke about “Educating Tomorrow’s Global Leaders”
Sun. Oct. 9, 2016 - Circolo del Ministero degli Affari Esteri
ENROLLMENT

Profile Fall 2016

- 1153 Students total
- 702 Degree-seeking students
- 451 Visiting Students
- 70 different countries represented

Profile Spring 2017

- 1256 Students total
- 666 Degree-seeking students
- 590 Visiting Students
- 70 different countries represented

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES FISCAL YEAR 2017

- American College of Greece-Exchange
- Barry University
- Bentley University
- Bridgewater State University
- Butler University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Christopher Newport
- Creighton University
- Emory University
- Eugene Lang-New School-Exchange
- Ferris State University
- Flagler College
- Grand Valley State University
- King's College
- Lewis University
- Marquette University
- Marymount California University
- Marymount University
- Michigan State University
- Northeastern University
- Pace University
- Philadelphia University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Rutgers
- Sacred Heart University
- Sacred Heart University Freshmen Program

- Saint Joseph's University
- Saint Mary's College
- Southern Illinois
- State University of New York at Brockport
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech
- The American University in Cairo
- The American University of Paris - Exchange
- Tilburg University - Exchange
- Trine University
- University of Delaware
- University of Delaware - World Scholars
- University of Denver
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Portland
- University of St. Thomas
- University of the Pacific
- University of Wisconsin at Madison
- Villanova University
- Washington & Lee University
- Western Carolina University
- Western Illinois University
- Western Michigan University
- Willamette University
- Willamette University - Exchange

Italy
31%

USA
58%

Central &
South America
2%

Europe
13%

Other
2%

Eastern Hemisphere
84%

West
16%

USA
55%

Central &
South America
2%

Europe
8%

Other
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Italy
28%

USA
58%

Central &
South America
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Other
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South America
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Other
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ACADEMICS & PROGRAMS

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<td>347</td>
<td>100%</td>
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“Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism”

John Cabot University and UNICRI have collaborated in the Spring School on Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism. Transnational organized crime and terrorism represent two of the most complex threats facing the international community today. When analyzing the nexus between terror and crime, the distinction between these concepts becomes blurred, and can at times converge. The one-week intensive course was held from April 3 to 7, 2017. In this unique learning environment, participants had the opportunity to interact with experts, and build lasting professional relationships with peers from around the world. This intensive experience fosters intercultural dialogue and promotes a deeper understanding of two of the most salient issues faced by the international community.
John Cabot University Launches Service Learning Project

JCU Service Learning - Combining Fieldwork and Education - promotes co-curricular activities for students and graduates interested in working in the humanitarian field. It has been conceived as a resource to prepare students for a life of civic engagement, and to enhance their career development by connecting educational goals with service to those in need. The Service Learning Project has been developed by the JCU Center for Professional & Continuing Education, in collaboration with the Dean’s Office and the JCU Community Service Program.

The Service Learning project encourages personal growth and development. Participants have the opportunity to reflect on values and beliefs, cultivate a sense of responsibility, and positively engage in the community. The experience will help develop civic engagement and integrate service learning into everyday life. Participants can also develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, by viewing issues from multiple perspectives. The knowledge and skill-building experience gained by participants from on-site internships will allow them to successfully transition into a work environment in the humanitarian field.

Through the participation of students and alumni in Service Learning, John Cabot University will also aid the development of vulnerable areas and populations in Rome.
Dr. Seth Jaffe
Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs
B.A., Bowdoin College, Maine, 2000
M.Sc., London School of Economics, 2003
Ph.D., University of Toronto, 2012

Dr. Donatella Della Ratta
Assistant Professor of Communications and Media Studies
Laurea, University of Rome, "La Sapienza," 1998
Master, ANICA/Scuola RAI, 1999
Ph.D., University of Copenhagen, 2013

Professor Jaffe has taught at both Bowdoin College and the University of Toronto, where he was the inaugural Bloom Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow in Classical Thought. Before coming to John Cabot, he was a postdoctoral research fellow of the project “Bewegung als Prinzip – Dynamik und Transformation als politische Impulse im 5. Jh. v. Chr” of the Freie Universität Berlin. His research focuses on Classical Political Thought, International Relations, and the History of International Political Thought. He has wide-ranging interests in Greek conceptions of human nature, which he defines as political psychologies, and more specialized interests in the phenomenon of political motion.

Professor Della Ratta has a background in Media Studies with a specialization in Arabic-speaking media. From 2007 until 2011, she lived in Damascus and carried out an extensive media ethnography of Syrian TV series, which became the topic of her Ph.D. research. She is a former Post-Doctoral Fellow at University of Copenhagen and at the Annenberg School for Communication, Pennsylvania University, and an Affiliate of the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. She has authored three monographs on Arab media, and curated chapters on Syrian media and politics in several collective books.

Selected Publications

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Selected Publications


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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, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME “LA SAPIENZA”.

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John Cabot University
Dr. Kwame Phillips
Assistant Professor of Communications
B.A., Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN, 2001
M.Sc., Queen Mary, University of London, 2003
Ph.D., Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2014

Professor Phillips is an anthropologist and filmmaker, specializing in visual and sensory media production, ethnographic documentary and soundscapes. Born in London and raised in Jamaica, he joined John Cabot University’s Department of Communications in the fall of 2016. Professor Phillips has taught digital storytelling in underserved communities all over the world. He works with Filmmakers Without Borders, an organization “committed to leveraging the filmmaking process as a vehicle for promoting student empowerment and cross-cultural exchange in the developing world.”

Selected Publications
“Collisions of Memory, Voice, Sound, and Physicality through a Multisensorial Radio Remix Installation,” Seismograf. upcoming

Awards for the Staff and Faculty Member of the year were given to Valentina Di Blasi and Professor Stefano Arnone by the Class of 2017.

** Graph based on Fall 2016 Faculty statistics
Guarini Institute for Public Affairs

The Guarini Institute for Public Affairs was established through the generosity of the Honorable Frank J. Guarini, Chairman 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 2017 Guarini Institute Events

Jun. 6, 2017: Will the EU hold together?
Apr. 11, 2017: What Happens to Ireland after Brexit?
Apr. 7, 2017: 23rd Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
Feb. 22, 2017: Trump and Asia: from Competition to Confrontation?
Jan. 13, 2017: Vilnius, Lithuania, 26 Years on
Nov. 14, 2016: The Failure of Images: The New Wave of Syrian Documentary Film
Oct. 4, 2016: Italy Update: Rome, the Five Star Movement and the Referendum
Sept. 14, 2016: The Evolving Impact of World Hunger - a WFP Perspective
Sept. 7, 2016: The Legacy of Marshall McLuhan

Institute for Creative Writing and Literary Translation

By 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 2016 and 2017, 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

2017 Frederic Tuten
2012 Joyce Carol Oates
2016 Susan Minot
2011 Dorothy Allison
2015 Edmund White
2011 Marilyn Hacker
2014 Tyler Dilt
2010 Mark Strand
2013 Jhumpa Lahiri
2010 Simon Mawer

The Institute offered three courses in creative writing during the summer of 2017 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 Advanced Creative Writing Workshop: Fiction
- CW 454 Advanced Creative Writing Workshop: Poetry
- EN 585 Advanced Creative Writing and Literature: How to Read Like a Writer
Kiriko Mechanicus, ‘18
History major
Communications minor
Amsterdam, Netherlands

In addition to being a student leader at John Cabot University, Kiriko works as a freelance journalist at the international news outlet Vice Media Benelux Magazine, publishing her own articles about new culinary innovations in Rome, but also corresponding for the rest of Italy. In summer 2017, she attended a documentary filmmaking course at the New York Film Academy in New York.

“JCU has given me the opportunity to be involved with Community Service throughout my educational career. This has helped me in many different ways to stay grounded. Being in touch with people from different backgrounds and cultures on a daily basis has given me a better understanding of what the real world looks like and how we, as students, are able to change it.”

Francesco Collacciani, ‘18
International Affairs major
Rome, Italy

Having a passion for coding from the age of 12, Francesco continued his studies in that field at John Cabot University, which led him to create two ventures: Luxury Manager and GPA Paper. At Luxury Manager, he handles the clients’ entire online presence, from web design to social media management and advertising. GPA Paper, on the other hand, is a plagiarism check-tool for students that Francesco developed only a few months ago.

“While taking Web Design at John Cabot University, Professor Marco Scaramastra introduced me to a company near the Spanish Steps in Rome and I ended up designing their website. After this experience, I decided to launch my own service: Luxury Manager.”
After graduating from John Cabot University, Marialaura Grandolfo will go on to study at Oxford University to pursue a Master's Degree in English Literature. She co-founded the JCU Literature Club and has been a board member of the JCU Queer Alliance. In her commencement speech, Marialaura highlighted the university's friendly environment, and emphasized that JCU will always feel like a second home to her.

The Most Generous Class Gift - a Scholarship to the Future!

The gift of the Class of 2017 is a Scholarship, that will be awarded to a deserving incoming JCU degree-seeking student from an under-represented country in fall 2017. The gift will support a student so that he/she will be able to enjoy the unforgettable JCU experience of gaining a first class education, the possibility to explore Rome, and the opportunity to become a member of a diverse community. Graduates of 2017 chose to give this gift of opportunity to an aspiring student.
ANNUAL REPORT 2017: ATHLETICS

Coed Volleyball Team

The JCU Coed volleyball team played against Foro Italico in the match that determined the first and second place winners of the league. Gladiator's arrived in second, but the match was incredibly close as it ended 25-22 in the third set!

Men's Soccer Team

The John Cabot University's Men's Soccer Team, the Gladiators, is one of the 8 teams in the League of Roman Universities that compete every year from September to May, playing a standard 11 vs. 11 game.

Women's Soccer Team

The John Cabot Women's Soccer Team, the Lady Gladiators, won the championship for the second time in 3 years! JCU competes every year from September to May in the Roman Universities league. The Lady Gladiators play Futsal, which is a 5 vs. 5 game.

Athletic Seminars

Men's 5 vs. 5 Soccer

Athletics Blog

Fitness Center

Classes offered by JCU:
- Pilates
- Yoga
- BFEx
- Fitcross
- Functional Training
- Kick Boxing
- Abs and Legs
- Stretching + Upper Body
- Zumba
- Latin Dance
Basketball Team

In the past year (2016/2017), JCU, together with other 3 universities, organized a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament.

The tournament took place in 4 days and JCU made the final and won second place.

Final Standings Men’s Basketball 2016/2017
1. Università degli Studi di Roma Foro Italico
2. JCU
3. AUR

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Participation in Student Clubs and Organizations is a vital part of student life. John Cabot University supports 24 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.
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 extends beyond the typical classroom experience.

Students of John Cabot University are contributing to the local Roman community through several initiatives, including neighborhood clean ups with the Grassroots club, teaching English at Casa Internazionale delle Donne, distributing breakfast to the less fortunate with La Ronda della Solidarietà, and donating blood at Fatebenefratelli hospital.

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.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Casa Internazionale delle Donne

Italy Reads

Communità di Sant’Egidio

CeIS Centro Italiano di Solidarietà don Mario Picchi

Istituto Leonarda Vaccari

Grassroots

STAND A Student Anti-Gambling Coalition

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Growth from 2009 to 2016 teachers, schools and JCU student volunteers
Events organized at John Cabot University include special guest lectures, panel discussions, forums, in-class speakers, conferences, clubs and organizations’ events, receptions, exhibits, shows, and performances.

On March 22, 2017, the Guarini Institute for Public Affairs Distinguished Lecture Series presented internationally renowned political scientist Yves Mény for the talk “Sweeping Populisms: The Case of the French Presidential Election.”

On May 12, 2017, JCU students of “Management and Digitalization of Cultural Heritage” welcomed Vittoria Cimino, Director of the Vatican Museums Conservator’s Office.
EKATERINA SOUBEVA, ‘16

Ekaterina was born and raised in Bulgaria, but went to boarding school in the U.K.

While studying at JCU, she co-founded the International Relations Society. Upon graduation she was accepted to SAIS, Johns Hopkins University with a full fellowship to pursue an M.A. in Russian and Eurasian studies. In summer 2017, she conducted research as an intern in the Russian International Affairs Council in Moscow before starting her second year at SAIS in Washington DC.

“I decided to give to JCU because I found the inspiration and motivation to pursue my dreams at JCU with the great international atmosphere and the support of the wonderful professors. I hope more students have the chance to find their passion and inspiration at JCU.”

POONAM ARORA, ’89

Dr. Poonam Arora was born in India, grew up in Italy and speaks five languages. She is an Associate Professor in the Management Department at Manhattan College and an Associate Research Scientist at the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions at Columbia University, New York.

She teaches Negotiations and Conflict Resolution, Leadership, and other management courses. Dr. Arora’s research combines laboratory and field experiments to study the role of social context and relationships in highly competitive situations. She models real world decisions within their social contexts to create interventions and best practice benchmarks that can enhance decision making and conflict resolution in social dilemmas. To this end, she conducts game-theoretic experiments in the laboratory, and works with agribusinesses in the Argentine Pampas. Dr. Arora’s research is funded by the National Science Foundation, and she has published in both psychology and economics journals. She draws on her private sector experience both in her research and teaching.

Prior to joining academia, Dr. Arora worked as a consultant at McKinsey and Co., and as an investment banker at Citi for a total of nine years. Dr. Arora earned a BA summa cum laude in Business Administration with a minor in Psychology from John Cabot University in Rome, Italy, an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Columbia University, where she was an NSF Graduate Fellow.

ANDREW NELSON, ’11

While attending JCU, Andrew wrote for the student newspaper, was active in student government, and participated in the Creative Writing Institute.

His passion for art led him to pursue a career in museums. He is currently working at The Wolfsonian-Florida International University, where he is the head of membership.

As regional JCU alumni ambassador in Miami, he organizes events to build a community of JCU supporters.

“As an alumnus, I feel it is important to give back to JCU because the university gave me the opportunity to live my dream. JCU provided me with a global education that prepared me for modern life.”
The Center for Career Services is dedicated to preparing students and alumni to successfully enter the workforce by offering a variety of services and events such as Job Opportunities, CV/Resume Building, Cover Letter Writing, Student Advising, Career Fairs, Seminars, Special Lectures, Graduate School Fairs.

### JCU Career Services Center: Student Placement Outcomes

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<td>955</td>
<td>370</td>
<td>295</td>
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Stats include graduates, visiting and non-degree students.

*2017: applications are still ongoing

Source: JCU Center for Career Services
JCU EXPENSES COMPOSITION– ACTUAL 30 JUNE 2016

- Personnel: 35.78%
- Housing & Meal Plan: 13.69%
- Total Discounts, Scholarships, Assistantships & other reductions: 21.94%
- Unrealized foreign exchange rate losses on endowment investments: 0.32%
- Realized foreign currency translation losses: 2.15%
- Marketing & Publications: 4.15%
- Office & Overhead: 1.41%
- Depreciation: 4.52%
- Financial: 1.11%
- Facilities: 9.37%
- Communications: 1.22%
- Educational: 1.29%
- Fundraising & Development: 0.63%
- Student Services: 2.41%
Caroline Critelli Guarini (March 25, 1900– September 9, 2001)

Caroline Critelli worked in her family's furniture business before marrying Frank J. Guarini, Sr. in 1923. Never forgetting her Italian background, she raised her two children Ms. Marie Mangin and Mr. Frank J. Guarini, Jr. to be proud of their heritage and grateful for all of life’s blessings.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Guarini remained devoted to the public by contributing to the community through service and by supporting the arts.

John Cabot University is proud to dedicate its new Campus in the name of Caroline Critelli Guarini, in memory of her love for the Italian-American Heritage, and in appreciation of the generous support of her son, the Honorable Frank J. Guarini.

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**Features of the campus**
- 1600 m²
- 3 original frescos
- 5 classrooms
- Physics laboratory
- Computer laboratory
- Executive Offices

**Historical Facts**
- Original Name: Casa Ceribelli
- Built in 1907 by Carlo Maria Busiri Vici
- Frescos by Giovanni Battista Conti (1878–1971)
- Purchased by provincia di Roma in 1971
- 1960-1996: Quintino Sale High School
The Albert Walker Fuller Prize in Communication was named in honor of the publisher and editor of The Enterprise, a newspaper that is published in Massachusetts and currently distributed throughout the Southeastern Massachusetts area. This newspaper has been in the Fuller Family for over a hundred years, including four generations of publishers and editors-in-chief.

Through his activities as an editorialist, Fuller’s aim was to encourage people to discuss all aspects of an issue. The Albert Walker Fuller Prize in Communication aims at continuing his commitment by awarding a prize of 500 euro to those editorial pieces that effectively do the same.

The Albert Walker Fuller Prize in Communication for Op/Ed Articles

2017—Federica Bocco
2016 – Enrica Barberis
2015 – Alessandro Ceschi
2014 – Michelle Karen Moylan
2013 – Francesco Pituso
2012 – Molly Elizabeth Skubak
2011 – Rola Absi Halabi and Roxana Imam
2010 – Charles Northrop II and Allison Norlian

The judges of the Albert Walker Fuller Prize are Shannon Russell, Dept. Chair, Department of the English Language and Literature and Thomas Govero, Lecturer in Classics, Department of History and Humanities.
President’s Gala 2016: Celebrating a Decade of Leadership  
October 7, 2016

Plaque Presented to  
Dr. Franco Pavoncello  
in Grateful Appreciation for 10 Years of Visionary Guidance and Outstanding Leadership as President of John Cabot University

Mia Ceran, ’08  
Distinguished Alumni Award in Communications and Journalism

As an accomplished journalist and anchor for RAI Television, Mia Ceran has reported from over ten different countries and has hosted Unomattina Estate for several seasons. Along with her collaboration with RAI, she contributes to Corriere della Sera’s “La Nuvola del Lavoro” by reporting on stories about new forms of occupations in Italy. John Cabot University is proud to bestow upon her the Distinguished Alumni Award in Communications and Journalism.

Thabet Al Qaissieh, ’06  
Distinguished Alumni Award in Entrepreneurship and Business

Mr. Al Qaissieh is a firm believer in John Cabot University’s mission and has generously continued to support its mission and growth. With the same passion, he devotes his time to various business projects in the industries of agriculture, real estate, and science. Due to unforeseen business commitments, he was unable to attend the President’s Gala.

The many accomplishments achieved under his leadership include enlarging the number of academic majors, building a strong academic environment, as well as improving the quality of academic offerings and the excellence of JCU’s Faculty.

During the decade of President Pavoncello’s presidency, the university has also enjoyed increased student enrollment, expansion of the premises, and the continuing success of the scholarly activities of the university.
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New York Gala
April 4, 2017

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Frank J. Guarini Medal for Leadership in Business

Commencement Ceremony
May 15, 2017

Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo
Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

Honorary Degree of Doctor of International Affairs in recognition of her outstanding contribution in leading the office’s strategies, policies and activities, and in ensuring that they are implemented in accordance with the mandates of the General Assembly, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), and the established policies of the United Nations.

Ms. Milena Gabanelli
Journalist and Television Host

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of her 20 years of dedicated work with the transformational TV program “Report.”
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The future is going in the direction of John Cabot University. A multicultural educational environment in a vibrant world capital, a dynamic curriculum aiming to empower students who are facing the challenges of an interconnected world, an international faculty dedicated to liberal arts education; this is where the future appears to be going, but JCU has been there for decades. However, for us, this is a point of departure and not of arrival. We must build on our tradition of innovation and intellectual daring to develop a world-class global liberal arts college at the forefront of educational excellence, providing life-long learners with the skills and competencies they can, and must possess. By establishing a beautiful urban campus in the heart of the Eternal City, with great academic, residential and communal facilities, we have the opportunity to construct a unique center of knowledge for the global leaders of tomorrow—leaders who engage in dialogue and collaboration to build a better, more promising, and wiser world for future generations. We do so by attracting a growing number of qualified, academically motivated students, offering them a first-rate undergraduate and graduate education. We can do so by emphasizing, as we do, that today’s universities should not only be seen as a forum to debate ideas, but also as integrated providers of educational, community and professional services, which help students to become learners, leaders, and professionals. These are the challenges and opportunities that await us in the future years.

Vision Statement: by Dr. Franco Pavoncello, President