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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Rooted. Growing. Faithful.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rooted. Growing. Faithful.

The story of Johnson University is one of faithfulness across generations, and this past year has been another meaningful chapter in that story. Together, as a campus community, we have built upon our strong foundation and taken thoughtful steps forward.

Guided by our mission and sustained by the commitment of faculty, staff, alumni, and friends, Johnson University equips students academically, develops them spiritually, and prepares them to serve.

For over 130 years, Johnson University has been grounded in a commitment to Christ-centered education. This foundation continues to shape how we teach, lead, and grow. This year, our work has included the launch of new academic programs, breaking ground on our new Center for the Sciences, and strengthening internal infrastructure to better support current students, prospective students, and their families.

We have also invested in systems, processes, and collaboration that enhance the student experience from first inquiry through graduation. These efforts reflect our commitment to thoughtful growth, ensuring that as Johnson University expands, we do so with care, clarity, and purpose.

Healthy growth requires wise stewardship. Balancing tradition with innovation is not always simple, but it is necessary. We strive to honor the legacy entrusted to us while ensuring the University remains strong, relevant, and faithful amid the changing landscape of higher education.

Our five-year strategic plan guides us as we move forward with clarity and alignment. Developed through broad campus collaboration, this plan provides a framework for advancing academic excellence, strengthening relationships, investing in people and resources, and supporting holistic student development. It is already shaping priorities, informing decisions, and helping us focus on long-term sustainability and mission-centered impact.

None of this work happens in isolation, but is possible because of dedicated faculty and staff who pour into students each day, alumni who remain connected and invested, and faithful partners who believe in the mission of Johnson University. Your support strengthens the roots that enable this institution to grow with integrity and to advance the worldwide mission of Christ.

We move into the next year confident in God's faithfulness, humble in our stewardship, and committed to preparing students to take root, grow strong, and bear fruit that extends far beyond our campus.

Thank you for being part of the Johnson University story.

With gratitude,

Daniel Overdorf
Daniel Overdorf
President, Johnson University



OUR

Mission

Johnson University educates and develops students who advance the worldwide mission of Christ through their lives, ministries, and careers.

Core Values

- The lordship of Christ and the authority of Scripture
- The centrality of service to Christian congregations, the local community, and the world
- The necessity of faith, the efficacy of prayer, and the value of work
- The importance of affordability and the worth of a nurturing community
- The imperative of a Christian lifestyle and the virtue of academic discipline
- The priority of communicating throughout the world the message of peace, wholeness, and restoration as described in the Christian Scriptures

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Christian Ministries Enrollment

Over the past year, Johnson University experienced strong enrollment momentum across undergraduate, graduate, online, and dual-enrollment programs. Strategic recruiting initiatives strengthened academic partnerships, and a renewed campus-wide commitment to mission-driven enrollment contributed to growth in several key areas. Notable increases included a 25% rise in new students in the School of Christian Ministries, a 44% increase in Dual Enrollment, and significant gains in graduate programs such as the M.A. in Counseling. These advancements reflect both expanding interest in Johnson’s academic offerings and the continued relevance of our mission in preparing students for lives of service and leadership.



LISA TARWATER
Chief Admissions Officer

In addition to our undergraduate enrollment, 212 students are currently enrolled in master's and doctoral programs, with 112 in programs offered through the School of Business and Leadership.

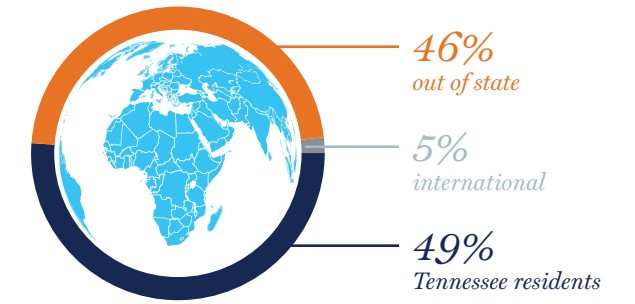
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Undergraduate Students (Total per academic school)	2024	2025	Change #	Change %
School of Christian Ministries	200	235	35	18%
School of Business & Leadership	162	164	2	1%
School of Science, Technology, & Mathematics	115	108	-7	-6%
School of Social & Behavioral Sciences	111	97	-14	-13%
School of Arts & Humanities	70	58	-12	-17%
Templar School of Education	61	54	-7	-11%
Other programs	39	47	8	21%
School of Bible and Theology *	16	15	-1	-6%
TOTAL	774	778	4	1%

All 4-year undergraduate students complete a major in Bible and Theology along with a professional major such as business, counseling, ministry, etc.

Demographics

Johnson welcomed students from 38 states and 39 countries, creating a vibrant learning community enriched by 89 international students—9% of total enrollment. Among undergraduates, 49% are from Tennessee, 46% from out of state, and 5% international, demonstrating the University’s growing national and global reach.



Scholarships

The generosity of our donors played a pivotal role in making a Christ-centered education accessible for our students. This year, **Johnson awarded \$5.1 million in scholarships to 835 students, ensuring that 89% of our student body received financial support.** Scholarships continue to be essential in both enrollment and student retention, including the \$10,000 annual scholarship awarded to all Preaching and Missions students and up to \$10,000 for students pursuing one of six Christian Ministry concentrations. These investments not only reduce financial barriers but also empower students to prepare for ministry, leadership, and service without undue financial burden.

As Johnson advances its strategic vision, partnerships with alumni, churches, community organizations, and academic institutions remain central to expanding our reach and impact. Enhanced recruitment pathways strengthened student support systems, and ongoing improvements to academic and co-curricular programs continue to position the University for sustained enrollment health. Together, these efforts reflect our shared commitment to equipping a new generation of Christ-centered leaders who will impact the world for Christ.

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Attending Johnson University has given me the opportunity to learn and practice my calling in ministry. My family wouldn’t have been able to afford college without taking out loans. However, thanks to the scholarships and the affordability of Johnson University, I can complete my education debt-free. I am truly thankful for how Johnson is enabling me to get an education now and preparing me for a future in youth ministry.

”

- Luke Joyce, youth ministry student

Giving Days

In 2025, Johnson University's two online giving days demonstrated the remarkable power of community, encouragement, and shared purpose. At our inaugural "Alumni Friday" on May 9th, Johnson alumni were invited not merely to give, but to reconnect, celebrate one another, and elevate the stories that shaped their Johnson experience.

Throughout the week of May 4th-9th, more than 2,300 social media engagements revealed a vibrant network of alumni encouraging peers, honoring mentors, and reigniting bonds that strengthen our mission. While 58 donors contributed nearly \$4,000 toward our ambitious goal, the true success was a renewed spirit of mutual support that will anchor this annual tradition for years to come.

GIVING TUESDAY

On December 2, our Giving Tuesday initiative rallied support for first-generation students. Inspired by a \$15,000 matching opportunity, 76 donors contributed \$15,638, unlocking the full match and generating \$30,638 in life-changing assistance.

Together, these efforts embody Johnson's enduring legacy of generosity and transformation.

Alumni Student Recruiters

Johnson has a team of nine dedicated alumni student recruiters who are faithfully serving the Kingdom while passionately supporting their alma mater. These committed volunteers actively recruit prospective students by speaking highly of Johnson's transformative education, praying with individuals, connecting them to our programs, encouraging campus tours and preview days, and distributing \$1,000 alumni seed scholarships as an extra incentive to apply.



AUSTIN GARRETT
Alumni Student Recruiter
Class of 2019, Student Minister
The Crossing, Milton, DE.

To date, \$59,000 in seed scholarships have been awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year and \$32,500 for the 2024-2025 year, contributing to the enrollment of new students. Driven by a deep passion for Johnson's mission, these alumni are invested in equipping the next generation of Christian leaders to live out God's calling on their lives. The number of alumni student recruiters continues to grow as Johnson University actively seeks to recruit passionate alumni to join this vital ministry of student recruitment and support.

Barb Woods-Miazza: A True-Blue Johnson University Regional Representative

Barb Woods-Miazza came out of the Catskills of New York state. She met Johnson students in her youth through camp and was impressed by their enthusiasm and passion for the Lord and the church. She plotted a course for her life that eventually found her a place in the class of 1974 at Johnson Bible College. Meeting her husband, Clay Miazza, and raising a son and daughter were a huge part of her life that included her career as a high school English teacher at the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf.

Barb & Clay continued to serve the Lord's church wherever life took them, whether it be as youth sponsors, on choir tours, or in weeks of camp; so many things brought Barb back to the rolling hills of east Tennessee and Johnson University. They retired in 2017 and settled in South Knoxville, becoming active with Seymour Heights Christian Church.

In 2020, Barb was recruited to serve as a Regional Representative for Johnson University.

Barb is one of the 23 Regional Reps currently serving the University as volunteer representatives contacting alumni and supporting churches, sharing the latest news and collecting questions and prayer concerns to be passed along to our faculty and administration.

Since Barb is a Knoxville resident, she was assigned a portion of alumni still living in Knoxville and around the city. There are over 1,500 Johnson alumni living within 50 miles of Knoxville, Tennessee! Obviously, Barb cannot connect with that many alumni, but we are working to recruit more passionate Johnson University alumni to serve as Regional Representatives, especially in Knoxville.

Dallas Webb Preaching Major & Baseball Player

At Johnson University, our Athletic Department is committed to developing young Christian leaders who impact their teams, campuses, and communities for Christ. Dallas Webb perfectly embodies this mission through his unwavering faith and leadership on and off the field. Dallas is a student in the preaching program. He is a great encourager who consistently uplifts his teammates, offering Godly counsel and eagerly sharing how his relationship with Jesus Christ has completely transformed his life—an authentic example that inspires others to deepen their own faith. As a preaching major, he credits Johnson's program with equipping him to boldly proclaim God's Word, saying, "Through what I've learned,



the intentionality of the professors, and the community around me, Johnson has been unlike any experience in my life."

Though baseball has been central to Dallas since childhood, surrendering his life to Christ shifted his perspective entirely: "Being able to play the game I loved as a kid at the collegiate level is a gift—God has given me a daily mission field and brothers for life through it."

Dallas Webb's story reminds us that athletics at Johnson is about far more than wins and losses—it's about cultivating young men and women who lead with humility, encourage with grace, and live boldly for Jesus, and we are proud to call him a Royal.

Pursue/Icom



BRIAN LESLIE

Pursue is an event started and hosted by Johnson University designed for high school juniors and seniors who are exploring a call to vocational ministry. This year, 143 students attended, nearly doubling our previous high of 75 students from last year. While the growth in attendance is encouraging, **the deeper story was the spiritual impact of the weekend. Students engaged deeply in worship, teaching, and conversations around calling, surrounded by current Johnson students and professors modeling faithful leadership and authentic community.** Many participants expressed clarity around their sense of calling and a strong desire to return to Johnson as students.

Since Brian Leslie launched Pursue in 2018 with just 35 participants, the event has grown steadily, and in 2024 Johnson partnered with Christ in Youth to expand Pursue to multiple campuses. Today, Pursue is hosted at nine college campuses nationwide, extending Johnson’s reach and influence in shaping the next generation of ministry leaders. We remain deeply grateful for God’s evident work through this initiative. We look forward to hosting our first ever Pursue 2.0 in March for high school students wanting to take a deeper dive in activating their calling to ministry.



Student Story

“Pursue had a very strong impact toward my choice of college and helped me see in the future what I need to work toward not only in my choice of career but also as a Christian. The in-depth small group time and passionate worship sessions were amazing things to be part of!”

– Daniel Kiser will be a 2026 Fall Freshman at Johnson.

ICOM



BILL WOLF



BRENT BREWER

The International Conference on Missions (ICOM) took place this year in Atlanta, Georgia, and Johnson University had an exceptional presence. We transported nearly 100 students to the conference through a combination of chartered buses and university vans. This conference offers students meaningful exposure to global missions and cross-cultural ministry.

Throughout the conference, students leaned into learning what it means to live on mission wherever God

may lead, engaging meaningfully in sessions, conversations, and worship. A team of Johnson students, led by worship ministry professor **Bill Wolf**, also served by leading worship for the student sessions, representing Johnson with excellence.

Brent Brewer, professor of Intercultural Studies, played a key role in organizing and leading student participation. We are thrilled that so many of our students were able to be a part of ICOM 2025!



40TH ANNIVERSARY

Festival of Christmas Joy

Over 40 years of worship and music

Over 900 Festival of Christmas Joy alumni were invited to sing in an alumni choir for the 40th anniversary. 32 alumni from six states joined the choir this year.

Festival of Christmas Joy was held on Saturday, December 6th, 2025. It was a beautiful celebration of faculty, staff, and students working together to bless our community, area church members, and friends of the University.

More than 150 faculty and staff volunteers each year.



Faculty member **Nathan Shedd** along with 150 other faculty and staff members served 250 guests.



The cast of *More* performed two numbers from the original musical which debuted on October 30th in the PW Auditorium with a live orchestra. *More* tells the story of Emma Johnson – the first female president of an all-male university in the country – set against the backdrop of the Appalachian Mountains in a moving exploration of resilience, grief, faith, and love. Developed through Johnson's new Playwright and Instructor of Theatre, Ashley Wachter, and devised theatre course, this collaborative production brings together students, staff, and faculty.



Chapel Leadership Team led a meaningful set of worship under the direction of Bill Wolf. This team, along with other Johnson students, lead worship twice a week for our student body on campus.

32 alumni choir members traveled from six different states

to join the 26-voice University Choir for a grand finale performance of Handel's "Hallelujah," under the direction of Don Trentham.



40th Anniversary Festival Alumni Choir and University Choir under the direction of Dr. Josh Phelps. This was our first attempt at bringing alumni back to sing in a choir. Kim Shelton, 1992 graduate, along with others are anxious to have this opportunity again.



2025 Johnson University Choir under the direction of Dr. Josh Phelps. These students gave many hours outside of class to prepare for this annual event.

Revenue & Expenses - Actual

Revenue		
	2024 - 2025	
	Amount	Percentage
Tuition, Fees, Student Income	\$ 21,018,444	65%
Gifts	\$ 2,844,420	9%
Permanent School Fund Income	\$ 2,666,700	8%
Investment Income	\$ 1,894,956	6%
Other Revenue	\$ 1,725,811	5%
Transfer from other funds	\$ 2,207,242	7%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 33,215,882	
Expenses		
	2024 - 2025	
	Amount	Percentage
Academics and Administration	\$ 17,837,758	54%
Student Services	\$ 3,940,656	12%
Scholarships	\$ 4,695,023	14%
Physical Plant	\$ 3,077,651	9%
Auxilliary Enterprise	\$ 2,803,297	8%
Interest	\$ 861,497	3%
Other	\$ -	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 32,215,882	
Sources of Donations		
	2023-24	2024-25
Alumni	\$ 421,535	\$ 439,024
Friends	\$ 339,270	\$ 348,885
Honorary Alumni	\$ 1,157,196	\$ 1,167,921
Personnel/Trustees/Former Trustees	\$ 596,920	\$ 368,185
Churches	\$ 981,113	\$ 903,069
Foundations/Businesses/Organizations/Trusts	\$ 521,183	\$ 512,104
Estates	\$ 1,243,448	\$ 784,668
TOTAL	\$ 5,260,665	\$4,523,856
Uses of Donations		
	2023-24	2024-25
Current Operations	\$ 2,704,439	\$ 2,365,569
Annual Scholarships	\$ 58,258	\$ 123,049
Designated Projects	\$ 384,678	\$ 393,374
Restricted Funds	\$ 2,113,291	\$ 1,641,864
TOTAL	\$5,260,666	\$4,523,856

*Lilly Grant for 2023-24 was \$1,250,000

The President's Circle

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CAMPAIGN

Breaking New Ground



A Campaign Advancing the Mission of Johnson University

Campaign Timeline:

Start: March 1, 2024
End: February 28, 2027

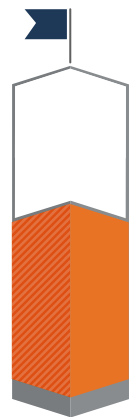
Since launching the **Breaking New Ground** capital campaign in March 2024, Johnson University has experienced strong momentum made possible by the generosity of alumni, churches, friends, and board members who believe deeply in the University's mission.

At the heart of the campaign is a commitment to strengthen Johnson's future through three key priorities:

- Center for the Sciences (\$6 million) - expanding academic excellence and preparing students for service in healthcare, education, computer science and ministry-related fields
- Scholarships (\$2.5 million) - increasing access and affordability for students pursuing God's calling
- Royal Fund (\$2.5 million) - providing flexible support to sustain strong operations and mission impact

Construction of the **Center for the Sciences** is progressing as planned, with completion anticipated this summer and the facility opening to students in the fall. At the same time, scholarship funds are already being awarded, and the University continues to operate with a balanced budget – reflecting careful stewardship and financial discipline.

As the campaign enters its final phase, every gift continues to play a meaningful role. Together, we are not only completing a campaign — we are equipping the next generation of Christ-centered leaders and investing confidently in the future of Johnson University.



Through the end of 2025, the campaign has received

\$6,515,076 toward an **\$11,000,000** goal

representing **59%** of the **total campaign goal** - from **12,176** gifts.

Johnson's Center for the Sciences Building

Preparing Christians for Nursing and Other Sciences



Johnson University's **two-year pre-nursing program** has experienced significant growth since its inception in 2024. An important reason for constructing the new **Life Sciences Building** was to provide the space needed to support this expanding program. After completing their first two

years at Johnson, students transition to **Tennessee Wesleyan University (TWU)** to finish their nursing degree. This partnership has already produced a strong pipeline of young Christian nurses serving throughout our region.



“ The pre-nursing program at Johnson became more than a career-path for me, it helped turn my dreams into reality. **Not only did it prepare me for nursing school — it prepared my heart, my character, and my calling to serve others with compassion.** The faculty is very supportive and they go above and beyond to help guide each and every student to success. **Johnson showed me that nursing isn't just a career, but a ministry.** I couldn't be more grateful for my experience in this program and wouldn't be the nurse that I am today without it.

~Hannah Ridge, nursing student

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Churches and Organizations

Businesses/Organizations Giving Over \$5,000 in 2025



Churches and organizations that intentionally build a relationship with Johnson University quickly discover that the partnership extends far beyond financial support. At its core, this relationship is about people—students who are being shaped for lives of service, faculty and staff who pour into them daily, and administrators who steward the mission with faith and vision. Together, we are united in the shared calling to build up and expand the Kingdom of God.

We are profoundly grateful for all that these churches and organizations have contributed over the past year, and we want to encourage them as they continue pursuing their own God-given missions. Their ministries push beyond human limitations, boldly demonstrating faith, perseverance, and resilience in the face of challenges. As they serve their communities and extend their reach beyond local boundaries, they exemplify what it means to move the Kingdom forward with courage and conviction. May God richly bless these congregations and organizations for their faithfulness and partnership in His work.

- ACS Homebuilders, Greenbrier, TN
- Case Antiques, Knoxville, TN
- Caterpillar Matching Gifts Program, Peoria, IL
- Clarity by Grace Foundation, Fairfield, CT
- Community Foundation of Collier County, Naples, FL
- Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Nashville, TN
- Forum for Theological Exploration, Decatur, GA
- Home Federal Bank, Knoxville, TN
- Lilly Endowment, Inc., Indianapolis, IN
- Lucy Hertzog Casteel Foundation, Cleveland, OH
- Pinnacle Financial Partners, Knoxville, TN
- Pioneer College Caterers, Olathe, KS
- The Donald M & Mary H Gally Charitable Trust, Knoxville, TN
- Tipton County Foundation, Tipton, IN
- Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Churches Giving Over \$5,000 in 2025

Since 2018, **Vanguard Church Partners** has continued to build momentum as a vital ministry. These partner churches provide meaningful blessings and growing impact to both the University and the students who come from their congregations. Vanguard churches provide proportional scholarships for students from their congregations who attend Johnson University, while also receiving discounts and benefits for staff and members who participate in campus events and programs.

In 2025 alone, Vanguard Churches provided more than \$76,000 in support to 67 students pursuing a variety of academic programs. Together, their combined presence represents a significant force for good at Johnson. If your congregation is interested in becoming a **Vanguard Church Partner**, please contact Brian Lakin, Director of Church Relations, at 865.867.4141.

- Antioch Christian Church, Canton, GA
- Antioch Christian Church, Oconee, GA
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- Lebanon Christian Church, Lebanon, IN
- Lower Shell Creek Christian Church, Roan Mountain, TN
- Madison Christian Church, Groveport, OH
- Nashville Church of Christ, Big Prairie, OH
- New Beginnings Christian Church, Tampa, FL
- New Hope Christian Church, Whitestown, IN
- New Hope Christian Church, Bartlett, TN
- New Life Christian Church, Winchester, VA
- North Madison Christian Church, Madison, IN
- One Way Christian Church, Mebane, NC
- Orrville Christian Church, Orrville, OH
- Pinedale Christian Church, Winston Salem, NC
- Plainfield Christian Church, Plainfield, IN
- Poplar Springs Christian Church, King, NC
- Range Community Christian Church, Elizabethton, TN
- Second Church of Christ, Danville, IL
- Seymour Heights Christian Church, Seymour, TN
- South Milford Church of Christ, Wolcottville, IN
- Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY
- Southland Christian Church, Lexington, KY
- Tasso Christian Church, Cleveland, TN
- Wellspring Christian Church, Spring Hill, TN
- West Walnut Street Church of Christ, Portland, IN
- Wilkinson Church of Christ, Wilkinson, IN
- Woodlawn Christian Church, Knoxville, TN

Churches highlighted in Orange are current Vanguard Church Partners



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