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**DOCUMENTARY SEQUEL CHRONICLES HISTORY  
OF JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY**

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND (August 26, 2008) – Listed among Rhode Island's most notable stories of business growth and success has to be the story behind Johnson & Wales University. Interesting parallels in strong friendships, savvy partnerships, and entrepreneurial spirit mark the first sixty-plus years of the school. Rhode Island PBS is pleased to present the newest documentary and second installment of the institution's unique history, entitled, ***Johnson & Wales University's Men of Vision***. Rhode Island PBS will also reprise the first documentary, ***HERstory: The Founding Mothers of Johnson & Wales***.

***HERstory: The Founding Mothers of Johnson & Wales*** profiles the extraordinary lives of Gertrude I. Johnson and Mary T. Wales, founders of what is now known as Johnson & Wales University. These two enterprising women stepped out of the traditional female roles of their time period, roles associated essentially with marriage and child-rearing, during a time when women in this country hadn't even gained the right to vote. In their Providence home, with just one typewriter and just one student, Johnson and Wales embarked on their mission to provide women, (and later, to provide men), with the skills needed to succeed in business careers. Under their direction, enrollment increased, qualified graduates entered the work force, and the school's reputation for providing a quality career education was established.

***Johnson & Wales University's Men of Vision*** comes two years after the making of ***HERstory***. ***Men of Vision*** explores the years from 1947 (when Gertrude Johnson & Mary Wales retired) to the late 1980s, and focuses on the contributions made by Morris Gaebe and Edward Triangolo.

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Similar to the two women, the enduring friendship and professional partnership between Mo Gaebe and Ed Triangolo were so strong and well balanced that, as a team, they were unstoppable. They grew the small business school from 100 students to what it is today – an internationally recognized university with more than 12,000 students from every state in the nation and in excess of 70 foreign countries.

Both documentaries profile the lives of these individuals while chronicling the history of the school.

The films will be shown on WSBE Rhode Island PBS (channel 36, digital 36.1, RI cable 8, Dish 7776, DirecTV 36) on the following dates:

*HERstory: The Founding Mothers  
of Johnson & Wales*

August 20 at 9:30 PM

August 24 at 11:30 AM

August 25 at 7 PM

*Johnson & Wales University's  
Men of Vision*

August 27 at 9:30 PM

August 31 at 11:30 AM

September 1 at 7 PM

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