



JOHN F. KENNEDY UNIVERSITY

An Affiliate of the National University System

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 30, 2020

Dear JFKU Alumni:

Over the last several years, we have been attempting to realign our programs and services to best serve our students and our community.

Over the last year, the university has streamlined our program offerings to focus on our core disciplines of psychology and law and we have expanded our online offerings in an effort to better meet the demands of our adult learners who are seeking more flexible and affordable educational opportunities. We also have worked closely with the National University System to improve cross-institutional pathways, delivery options, and degree choices, to lower costs, and to integrate next-generation learning technologies.

While JFKU made changes in its operational structure, the financial viability and growth of its core programs continue to be limited by its high fixed cost and low enrollment.

The Board of John F. Kennedy University has determined that it will seek to continue most of JFKU's programs by transferring them to other affiliates within the National University System beginning in July 2020. The board also voted to close the university by December 31, 2020.

JFKU became an affiliate of National University System 10 years ago; and now its legacy will continue within the system and with our 45,000 alumni who continue to spread the ideals and values of JFKU.

The majority of JFKU's programs will be adopted by National University or Northcentral University. Specifically:

- JFKU's graduate psychology programs will be integrated as degree offerings at National University.
- The JFKU College of Law—including the JD, BA and Paralegal Certificate Programs—will move to Northcentral University and carry on its name as the JFK School of Law at NCU.
- JFKU's undergraduate programs in psychology and management, currently offered through FlexCourse, will be continued and adopted by NCU.

Most programs will now be offered online and will continue to be available to students in the East Bay area. We will be focusing all of our resources on helping current students complete their degrees over the coming months, many of whom will join the JFKU alumni community.

National University System will continue to manage your academic records. We invite all alumni to be part of the National University System community, which will continue the same programs, and we, of course, welcome all JFKU graduates to continue their education with us.

John F. Kennedy University thanks its entire community of faculty, staff, students and alumni for the privilege of being part of an institution that continues to live on through our programs, and through the impacts of our alumni in the communities they serve.

If you have further questions regarding this transition, please do not hesitate to reach out to Megan Gala at mgala@jfkku.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Dr. Thomas Stewart
Acting President
John F. Kennedy University