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KEVIN WEAVER
DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS
SAFETY & SECURITY

Kevin Weaver is excited to expand Campus Safety & Security. Since joining the Charlotte Campus as director, his department has grown from two proprietary officers to 14 full-time JWU employees. This means that the bulk of the staff is no longer provided through contract services.

"I work with my staff daily to provide a safe and secure environment that fosters an inclusive, vibrant community," says Weaver.

Weaver is a 23-year veteran of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department where he worked in homicide and eventually rose to the rank of sergeant. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Pfeiffer University's Charlotte Campus, as well as a bachelor's degree in communications from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C.

OWNING A RESTAURANT AT AGE 19

Michaila Cowles-Cosmus sits in the renovated farmhouse in the picturesque community of Lake Lure, N.C., and laughs as she thinks back on some of her classes.

"Sitting through those tedious accounting classes ... Now I'm doing the books, filling out payroll. I guess all that stuff was there for a reason!" she muses.

When Cowles-Cosmus turned 16, her parents handed her keys to an empty building. She saw potential, but had to figure it out from there. Three years later, the culinary arts student is the owner of Huckleberry's Restaurant and Bakery. Her days can be 11 hours long, but she has other JWU help: her mother, Christine, and executive chef Jim Camillo, both Providence Campus graduates.

"No matter what it is, one of [JWU's] chefs always pops into my head," she notes.

Cowles-Cosmus knew when she was in fourth grade that she wanted to attend JWU, like her mother. She reached that goal at age 16. Despite owning the restaurant and all of the time spent in the kitchen, she is back in school finishing her bachelor's degree because she recognizes the value of a JWU education.

