

**Walden Foundations**  
**Program WW: Welcome to Walden Video**  
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**Cynthia G. Baum, PhD:** Congratulations and welcome to Walden University. In the coming months, you'll have many opportunities to celebrate important milestones as you progress as a student and a scholar. Today, however, we just want to celebrate the beginning of your journey here at Walden. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this exceptional learning community.

Walden attract students from so many professions and fields, and from all 50 states, and more than 140 countries. Walden students have unique perspectives and experiences, yet they share a common desire to make an impact on the world around them. And make no mistake, Walden students do make an impact. Consider Persephone Munnings, a 2010 graduate in the Bahamas, who led a Walden global day of service project to teach her community about simple ways to be healthy and live longer. Or Dr John Cherry, a 2009 graduate who served in Afghanistan while completing his doctorate.

Or Stephanie Doyle, who is one of more than 70 state teachers of the year who have chosen Walden. A 2011 graduate, Stephanie established a Teacher Leadership development program in her state. Or, Cynthia Hickman, a 2009 master's degree graduate who is now earning her doctorate at Walden. Cynthia is a career nurse who is using her degree to open clinics in her community.

They, and you, are the reason that we, as Walden staff and faculty, commit ourselves to the highest standards of student service. During your time at Walden, it is our goal to support you at every step along your journey. We created this Welcome Center with you in mind. We understand the challenges you face as a new student, trying to balance the demands of your personal and professional lives with your education. We hope this Welcome Center can help make engaging with us at Walden a little bit easier.

Whether you have a question about registration or billing, or just want to learn more about the Walden community, the Welcome Center can help you find your way. We hope you will return often to become better acquainted with all that the Welcome Center has to offer you. On behalf of everyone at Walden University, welcome to this exciting new chapter in your life. I look forward to congratulating you again, in person, at your graduation.