



WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY®

Commencement in Philadelphia



SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022



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*To change lives for the better by creating pathways
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Message from the President



Dear Graduates,

On behalf of all of us at WGU, I congratulate you and welcome you to our commencement. We recognize and respect the hard work and sacrifices you have made to complete your degree, and today is your day to celebrate this important milestone in your life.

We share your excitement and pride in this achievement—one that has the potential to make a real difference for you, your family, and even future generations. As you join the ranks of the more than 275,000 WGU graduates, we hope you will stay in touch through the Alumni Network.

Again, thank you for joining us today. We are so grateful for the opportunity to share this day with you and your loved ones. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Pulsipher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott D. Pulsipher, President
Western Governors University

Commencement Speaker



Shayne Moore

*Vice President of Information
Technology at Philadelphia Industrial
Development Corporation*

Shayne Moore is a multi-certified IT professional who has been a leader in the technology field for more than 20 years. Moore, who is vice president of information technology at Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, grew up in the Nicetown neighborhood of Philadelphia and knew few people who went to college.

His mother pushed him and his brother to earn a degree, and in 2014, he earned his bachelor's in information technology from WGU. After this, he discovered the wisdom behind his mother's encouragement: with a degree and certifications he no longer had to find jobs, because the jobs found him.

In addition to his successful professional career, Moore is committed to serving others and making a difference in his community, often helping those who come from underserved populations.

He has been ordained and served as an assistant pastor for Trumpet of Zion Tabernacle for 16 years, and for 12 years has volunteered at Philadelphia prisons. He is co-director for H.O.P.E. Ministries, a group that volunteers in the Philadelphia Prison System, and is vice president for Aim For The Net, a program that mentors children while also providing sports as an alternative to the streets.

Moore's hometown of Philadelphia is known as the "City of Murals," with close to 4,000 murals, sculptures and ceramic and stained-glass works of art, and in 2020, WGU honored Moore's professional and charitable contributions by commissioning a 35X30 foot mural on the corner of Wayne Avenue and Berkley Street in Philadelphia.

Master's Ceremony Program

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Rebecca Watts

Regional Vice President

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Karlene Faith Anderson-Wilson

M.Ed. Instructional Design

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Marni Baker Stein

Provost and Chief Academic Officer

GRADUATE SPEAKERS

Deirdre McCarthy-Dillon

M.S. Special Education

Christine Jackson

M.S. Management and Leadership

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Shayne Moore

Vice President of Information Technology at Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Lucas Kavlie

Vice Provost, Accreditation and Compliance

College of Business

College of Health Professions

College of Information Technology

Teachers College

ALUMNI WELCOME

Shayne Moore

B.S. Information Technology, Class of 2014

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Marni Baker Stein

Provost and Chief Academic Officer

The flower arrangements displayed on stage for today's commencement are placed in memory of those students and graduates who have passed away. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

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