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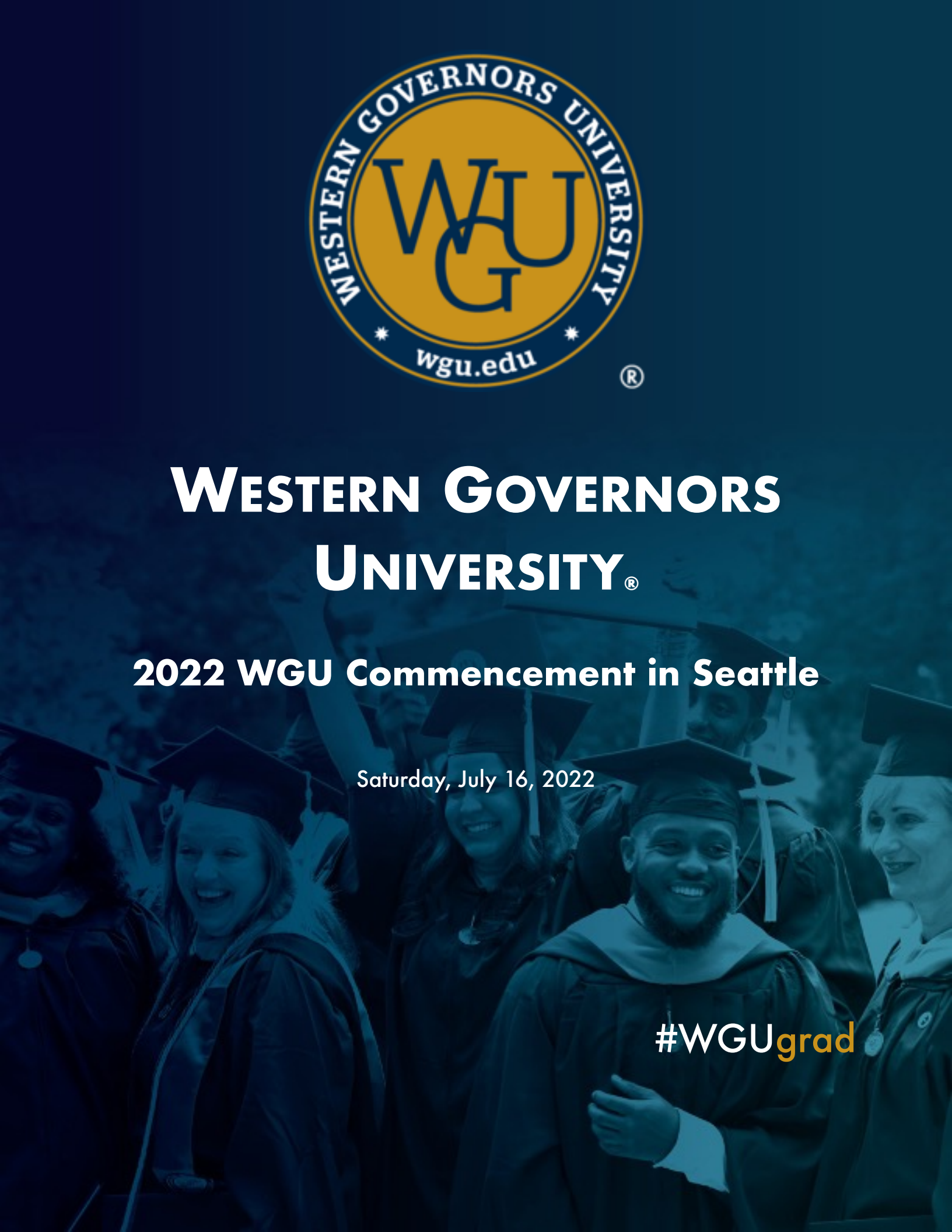
2022 WGU Commencement in Seattle

Saturday, July 16, 2022



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CONGRATULATIONS, NIGHT OWL— **YOU DID IT!**

Welcome to the WGU Alumni Community! You're part of a family of more than **275,000** Night Owls, with special benefits that last well beyond your graduation.

BEING A GRADUATE HAS ITS BENEFITS

As a WGU graduate, you understand that learning is a lifelong pursuit. So do we. That's why we provide alumni like you with valuable benefits for continuing education. Enjoy free access to premium services like LinkedIn Learning, Pluralsight, edX, The Teaching Channel, Nurses on Boards Coalition, and more!

KEEP LEARNING at **wgu.edu/alumnilearn**

KEEP ADVANCING YOUR CAREER

As your focus shifts specifically to career advancement, so does the support from WGU. Our Career & Professional Development team is here to help you thrive throughout your career.

GET STARTED at **wgu.edu/career-services**

JOIN THE NIGHT OWL NETWORK

This exclusive network is a great way to connect with other alumni, find or become an industry mentor, join professional interest groups, discover innovative ideas from other experts in your field, or even find new jobs!

JOIN TODAY at **wgu.edu/nightowlnetwork**

AND THERE'S MORE

Visit our website to find other resources and ways to stay involved. Look for military alumni resources, explore discounts, see who's in the news, shop WGU merchandise, and keep an eye on other alumni events!

JOIN THE COMMUNITY at **wgu.edu/alumni**

WGU ALUMNI

Learn more.
wgu.edu/alumni 866.225.5948

T-MOBILE PARK

T-Mobile Park
1250 1st Ave S.
Seattle, WA 98134

Schedule
Saturday, July 16, 2022

Master's Ceremony 9:30 am PT

Bachelor's Ceremony 1:45 pm PT

Tickets are not required for commencement.

Venue Questions
Guests are welcome to call T-Mobile Park directly at (206) 346-4000 with questions.

Guest Services
Guest Service Booths are located along the Main Concourse at Section 128.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures
Should an emergency situation occur, guests should follow instructions from the ushers and depart through the doors marked "Exit." Information regarding an emergency situation and evacuation procedures will be provided over the public address system and on the televisions and scoreboards. Staff members have been trained in emergency procedures to assist with evacuation of all patrons, including those with disabilities.

EMT/First Aid
First Aid services are available during all events. Please see an usher for assistance

Lost Guests/Items
If Guests misplace an item or become separated from their party, please proceed to a Guest Service Center. Guests can call (206) 346-4000 for assistance on lost items. Items will be kept for 14 days before being donated to charity.

Mask Policy
In accordance with the updated guidance from the CDC and based on current COVID-19 transmission levels in the City of Seattle, face coverings will be optional at WGU events during Commencement Weekend. Individuals who would like to continue to wear a mask are encouraged to do so.

Bag Policy

All bags will be searched.

- Clear plastic or vinyl bags no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" are permitted. One gallon clear plastic zip-top bags are also allowed.
- Security must be able to see inside and identify items to the bottom of the bag. Items may not be used to obscure the view of bag contents, including but not limited to non-clear bags, pouches, etc. Bags with interior contents obscured from view are not allowed.
- Please limit your bags to small clutch-sized and/or plastic or clear bags to expedite entry.
- Backpacks and oversized bags are not permitted into the arena.
- For further details on the security policy of T-Mobile Park, please visit their website.

Important Reminders for Guests

No smoking or chewing tobacco is allowed within the venue.

The following items are PROHIBITED: Glow sticks, water guns, outside food and beverage, weapons or other threatening items, signs of any kind, illegal substances, backpacks/camelbacks, laser pointers, and selfie sticks. Facility security has the right to act in any manner necessary to ensure the safety of all attendees, as well as the dignity of the event.

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE AND DECORUM

Commencement Weekend is a memorable experience for graduates and their loved ones to celebrate their academic achievement. We want our graduates to experience a joyful ceremony that recognizes their hard work and the sacrifices they have made to reach this point. WGU believes mutually respectful participation by graduates and their guests is the best way to set the stage. In preparation for commencement, WGU has outlined the following protocols. You and your guests' adherence to the following protocol will ensure a positive experience for all.

Academic Attire for Graduates

All graduating students wear approved academic attire that includes a cap, gown, and tassel. The official regalia color is navy.

We encourage all graduates to wear comfortable, yet professional, dress attire under your gown rather than casual clothing. Master's degree graduates will need a hood specific to their degree. WGU graduates affiliated with an academic honor society may wear society pins or honor cords on their gowns. With the exception of WGU Scholarship pins, leis and corsages, graduates should not wear other items or decoration on their academic regalia.

Video: How to Wear Bachelor's Regalia
Video: How to Wear Master's Regalia

Graduates who indicate active duty military or veteran status on their ceremony RSVP form will receive military honor cords at graduate check-in.

Commencement Etiquette

To promote a respectful, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for graduates and their guests, all attendees are asked to observe the following guidelines.

- Place your cell phone on vibrate or silent during the ceremony.
- Do not leave until the entire ceremony has ended.
- Keep cheering respectful and avoid disruptive outbursts to allow the families and guests of other graduates to hear their graduate's names when read.

WGU Commencement Decorum Policy

Please be advised any graduate or guest acting in a disruptive or disrespectful manner at WGU events, as determined by WGU in its sole discretion, may either not be allowed in the venue or may be escorted from the venue.

Take into consideration the following if decorating your cap for commencement: WGU does not allow content on caps that is considered, in WGU's sole discretion, obscene, vulgar, defamatory, hateful, inappropriate, profane or that might disregard another's copyright or third-party rights. All decorations must lie flat on the cap.

ADA & ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchair Access & Escorts
The venue offers wheelchair and escort access. Upon arrival, guests requesting wheelchair access should check in with Guest Services along the Main Concourse at Section 128.

Passenger Drop-Off Points
Vehicles displaying state-issued disabled parking permits will be allowed to drop off and pick up passengers in designated areas around the ballpark. No waiting will be permitted. This location will vary due to anticipated road construction projects throughout the season. Please contact the Mariners at (206) 346-4001 for the most up-to-date information and drop off areas.

Disabled Parking
Parking spaces at the Mariners Garage for Guests with disabilities are available. Only vehicles with state-issued disabled parking plates or permits are allowed in these areas. For more information, visit **Mariners.com/Parking**. Please refer to the parking map located in the Guidebook and in the Official Seattle Commencement App.

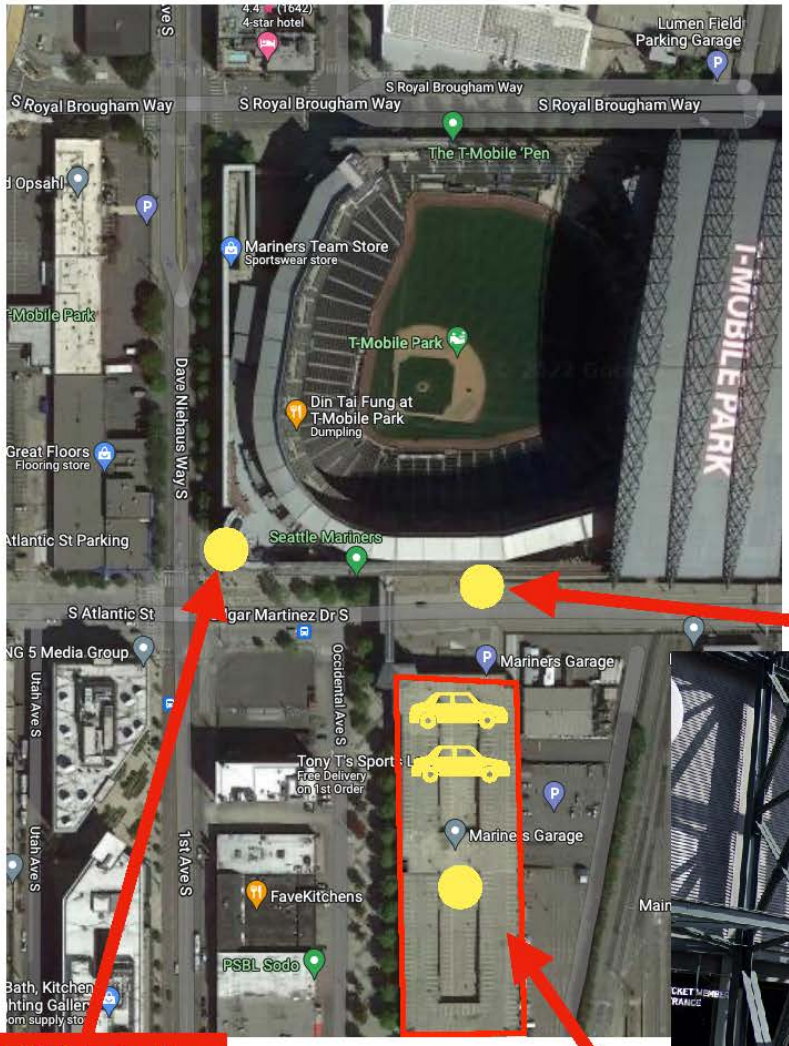
ASL
American Sign Language interpreting is available onsite for WGU Commencement. Please proceed to the WGU information table located on the concourse near the main entrance, and you will be ushered to the reserved seating for ASL. The area is designated as reserved.

Restrooms
There are accessible restroom facilities throughout the venue.

Service Animals
Trained guide dogs and service animals assisting guests are welcome at the venue. All service animals must remain on a leash or in a harness at all times.

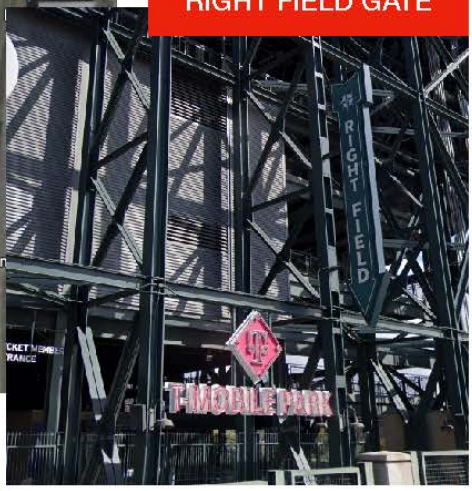
T-MOBILE PARK ENTRANCE MAP

Commencement Entrance Map
T-Mobile Park

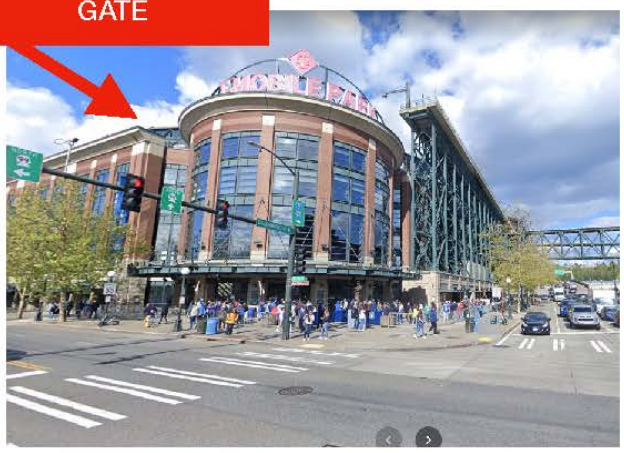


There is $15 Parking Fee to park in the Mariners Garage

All GRADS in Regalia Enter Here for Check-in RIGHT FIELD GATE



All GUESTS Enter Here MAIN HOME PLATE GATE



Mariner's Garage Parking

MASTER'S CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 16, 2022
8 am PT Graduate Check-in
Follow signs to Graduate Check-in

BEFORE ARRIVING FOR COMMENCEMENT

All graduates participating in the commencement ceremony must arrive wearing full academic attire: cap with tassel, hood, and gown. Master's graduates please wear your hoods. No changing rooms on site.
Video: How to Wear Master's Regalia

8 am PT Graduate Check-in

Note: Only graduates are permitted in the Graduate Check-in Area.
Please pick up your name reader card, listing your name and degree. Also located in the graduate check-in room: philanthropy cords, military cords, scholarship pins, WGU employee pins, limited regalia, and name readers.

9 am PT Lineup by College, Arena Tunnel

Ceremony graduates must be checked in and in their lineup area by college by 9 am. Graduates will receive a brief orientation and then be ushered to the processional march entrance. Please follow the direction of the college marshals.

9:30 am PT Commencement Processional March

The stage participants and WGU faculty will enter first. College marshals will lead graduates into the arena.

Conferral of Degree Order

Graduates are called to stage by college and not in alphabetical order.
College of Business
College of Health Professions
College of Information Technology
Teachers College

After the Ceremony

Families and guests: please plan to meet graduates outside at the main entrance. Graduates will exit through the right field gate to the right of the main entrance.

BACHELOR'S CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 16, 2022
12:30 pm PT Graduate Check-in
Follow signs to Graduate Check-in

BEFORE ARRIVING FOR COMMENCEMENT

All graduates participating in the commencement ceremony must arrive wearing full academic attire: cap with tassel, and gown. No changing rooms on site.
Video: How to Wear Bachelor's Regalia

12:30 pm PT Graduate Check-in

Note: Only graduates are permitted in the Graduate Check-in Area.
Please pick up your name reader card, listing your name and degree. Also located in the graduate check-in room: philanthropy cords, military cords, scholarship pins, WGU employee pins, limited regalia, and name readers.

1:15 pm PT Lineup by College, Arena Tunnel

Ceremony graduates must be checked in and in their lineup area by college by 9 am. Graduates will receive a brief orientation and then be ushered to the processional march entrance. Please follow the direction of the college marshals.

1:45 pm PT Commencement Processional March

The stage participants and WGU faculty will enter first. College marshals will lead graduates into the arena.

Conferral of Degree Order

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College of Health Professions
College of Information Technology
Teachers College

After the Ceremony

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PARKING

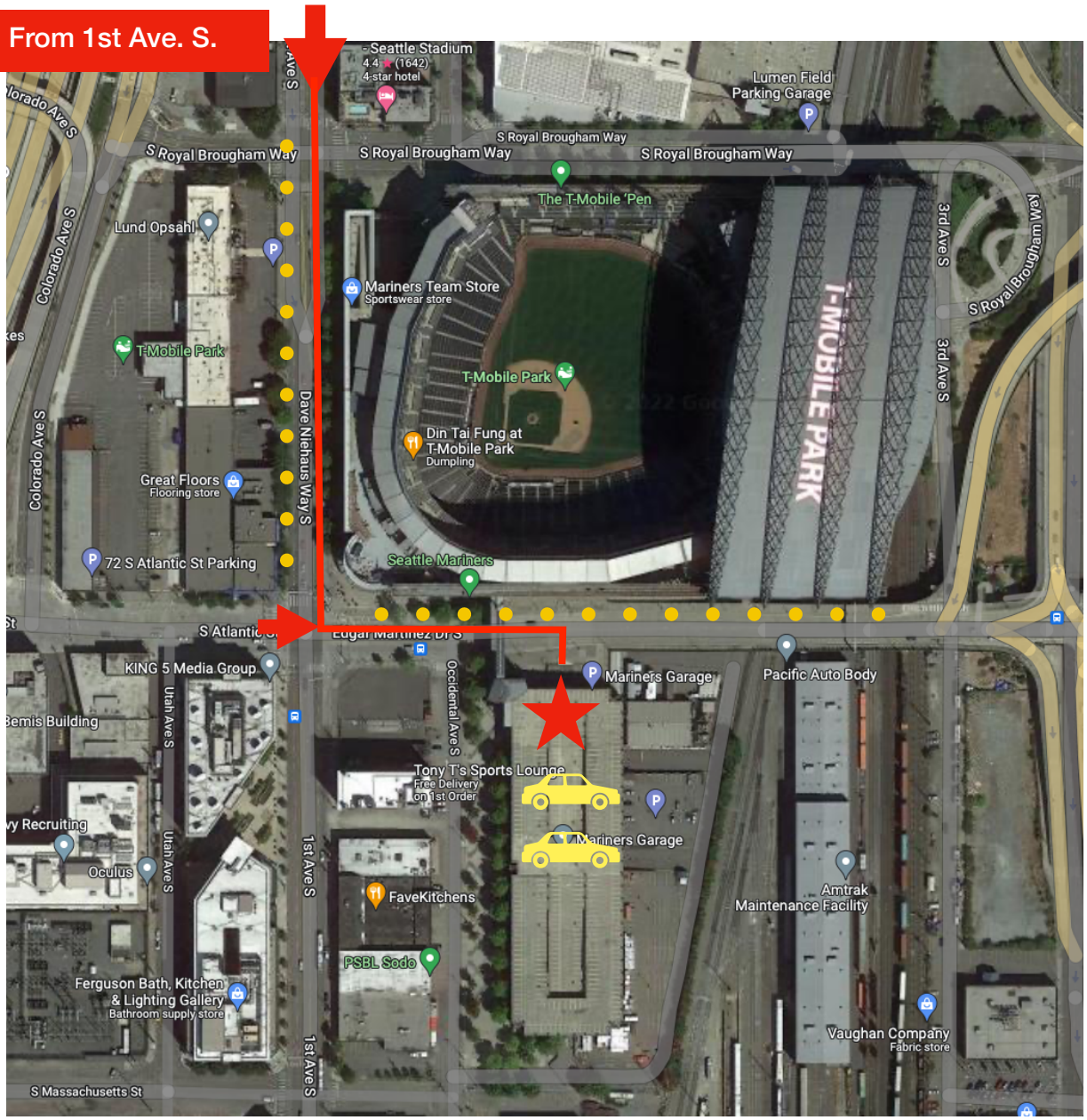
Parking Map
T-Mobile Park - Mariners Garage (Recommended)

There is $15 fee to park in the Mariners Garage

CAUTION

NO STOPPING/ UNLOADING on 1st Ave. S. (Dave Nehaus Way) OR Edgar Martinez Dr.

From 1st Ave. S.



PHILANTHROPY CORD

You can receive a blue and gold philanthropy cord to proudly wear with your cap and gown by making a gift to the WGU Fellow Night Owl Scholarship, a fund established to help current WGU students cross the finish line to graduation.

It's not too late to make a gift and receive your cord!

Donate today and visit the WGU Advancement table to pick up your cord when you arrive at commencement.

Scan the QR Code or visit **wgu.edu/philanthropycords** to give now.

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Learn more about WGU Advancement and how donors can make a difference at WGU by visiting ***wgu.edu/give.***

COMMENCEMENT FLOWERS

WEBCAST AND CONTACT

Webcast

Family and guests who are unable to attend in person may view the **ceremony online**. To watch the ceremony live, please visit the following link on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

9:30 am PT Master's Ceremony
1:45 pm PT Bachelor's Ceremony
Click here to watch the ceremony online on commencement day.

Photography

During the WGU Commencement, The Grad Team Photography will be taking candid photos, speaker photos, and graduate portrait shots. There is no obligation to purchase.

How to access your commencement photos:
A week after commencement, Grad Team will post commencement photos online.
Visit **thegradteam.com/events/wgu** to view commencement photos.

Special Note:
A graduate's appearance and participation is recorded at commencement. This may include but not be limited to broadcast video, online web video, and photos in print materials. WGU may use some of these images for educational and informational purposes.

Contact

During commencement week, the most efficient way to reach the WGU Commencement Office is by sending an email to **commencement@wgu.edu**. You may also call 385-428-2085. Visit the Commencement website for more information.