



# WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY®

*Summer Virtual Commencement*



SATURDAY JULY 16, 2022



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*To change lives for the better by creating pathways  
to opportunity.*

## *Our Promise*

*We endeavor to make opportunity work for everyone by  
improving quality, access, and outcomes of education  
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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 from the end of the name.

Scott D. Pulsipher, President  
Western Governors University

# *Commencement Speaker*



## **Andrew Joslyn**

*Recording Artist, Composer and Producer*

Andrew Joslyn, composer, orchestrator, and violinist, is an award-winning musical polymath whose passion for collaboration has led him to work with a remarkably diverse group of world-class artists, touring the world, performing, co-writing and arranging music on over 400 songs throughout his career.

Along the way he has amassed an extensive list of writing, orchestrating, recording and touring credits that

include Macklemore, Kesha, Judy Collins, Leslie Odom Jr., Lizzy McAlpine, Nancy Wilson of Heart, Blind Pilot, K Flay, Chase Rice, Tom Chaplin of Keane, Michael Bolton, Duff McKagan of Guns N Roses, The Seattle Symphony, and many others.

Andrew currently runs his own music production studio in Seattle, and has scored several feature-length films, and writes music for artists, labels, podcasts, music licensing houses, and commercials. He is an avid music advocate with the Recording Academy as co-chair of National advocacy, a board member of SMASH (Seattle Musicians Access to Sustainable Healthcare), and has a Mayoral appointment to the Seattle Music Commission.

# *Summer Virtual Ceremony Program*

## OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Dr. Tonya Drake**

*Regional Vice President and Chancellor, WGU Washington*

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Tralena Razor, Kettering, OH**

*Master of Business Administration*

## WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

**Scott D. Pulsipher**

*President*

## GRADUATE SPEAKERS

**Emily Bertholic, Mead, WA**

*M.A. Teaching - Mathematics Education*

**Constance Alves, Anchorage, AK**

*M.S. Management and Leadership*

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Andrew Joslyn**

*Recording Artist, Composer and Producer*

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

**Dr. Tonya Drake**

*Regional Vice President and Chancellor, WGU Washington*

*College of Business*

*College of Health Professions*

*College of Information Technology*

*School of Education*

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Dr. Tonya Drake**

*Regional Vice President and Chancellor, WGU Washington*

*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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Washington State University*

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*CEO & President, Dreambox Learning*

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