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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER**

2022 Commencement Locations

Commencement is back! Grads, RSVP now for the commencement that works for you! Visit [HERE](#) for details, including the full 2022 nationwide commencement schedule.

- January 29 - Winter Virtual
- February 18-19 - Dallas
- April 8-9 - Phoenix
- May 20-21 - Philadelphia
- July 15-16 - Seattle
- July 16 - Summer Virtual
- August 5-6 - Salt Lake City
- September 23-24 - Indianapolis
- October 21-22 - St. Louis
- November 18-19 - Orlando



We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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Graduate Highlights



250,000+ Graduates

WGU now has more than 250,000 graduates! Since 1997, we've been inspired by each of you. We are happy to introduce you to the 250,000th graduate, Marissa Price, from Washington state.

[Read Marissa's Story](#)



Commencement in Las Vegas

We had an amazing turnout in Las Vegas last month after nearly two years of not holding in-person commencements. We had more than 1,000 graduates in attendance. Congratulations again to all of our graduates!

[See More of the Fun Here](#)

A Note from College Leadership

Are you curious to learn more about trends in the education professions?

The WGU Teachers College [Learning Community](#) is being built to share knowledge and expert voices to grow our expanding community of practice and help us continuously learn together. The content being shared will catalyze conversations, practice, and policy on next generation learning and leading. The goal is to inform and inspire stronger and smarter educator-leaders throughout their diverse career paths. Pick up useful tips, discover trends in education, watch and read content

from thought leaders.

[Learn More](#)

Enroll in Character Education program while it's free

The Character Education for a Better Society (CEBS), from the Kern Family Foundation, is enrolling principals and teachers for January 2022. For a limited time, it's free for principals and a small fee for teachers. The CEBS project is a catalyst for both individual and societal flourishing and develops and delivers online competency-based professional learning programs in character education. These programs will prepare and support K-12 educational leaders and teachers in creating school cultures that cultivate, value, and celebrate teachers and students of character.

[Learn About CEBS](#)

Regional News



WGU Texas' 20,000th Graduate

Joanna An's educational journey is just one of the many stories of the 250,000+ WGU graduates and one of the 20,000th in the Lone Star state.

[Read Joanna's Story](#)

North Carolina Grad Awarded with Innovator Award

WGU Alum, Anthony Utt, was a winner of the 2021 Tech Innovator Award. Click below to learn more about Anthony and his journey to this award and listen to



Anthony's interview on the [WGU Alumni](#)

[Podcast.](#)

[Learn More](#)



WGU Grad Receives Teacher of the Year Award

South Carolina WGU Grad and middle school math teacher, Laura Merk, was awarded the 2021-22 District Teacher of the Year. “I believe teaching is about providing experiences for students to make connections with learning. Learning needs to be interesting, engaging and relevant so that students are inspired to be life-long learners.”

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Industry News



WGU’s Teachers College Earns Advanced-Level CAEP Accreditation

WGU’s Teachers College was recently granted Advanced-Level accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. This accreditation will be effective between Fall 2021 and Fall 2025.



The Importance of Mental Health Awareness in Schools

Educators are often the first line of defense for their students. That's why mental health awareness is an important issue to learn. Educators are recognizing the impact mental health has on their students' learning. Click on the button to learn more from M.A. Ed. Nancy Barile.

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Giveaways and Resources

Sage's 12 Days of Giveaways

December is the time of giving. That's why WGU's Sage wanted to join in on this giving month. Sage was inspired by the song 12 Days of Christmas and wanted to start something new, Sage's 12 Days of Giveaways! Each Monday through Friday, starting on December 6, Sage is giving away fun WGU swag. You could win sunglasses, beanies, picnic blankets, Visa[®] gift cards, and the grand prize of an iPad mini! There's still time to win - visit the [Night Owl Network](#) for more details and your chance to enter.

[Check It Out](#)

Free Access To Calm For One Year

These past 18 months have helped us understand not only how important our physical health is, but also how important our mental and emotional health is to our overall wellbeing.

Because of this, we've recently partnered with Calm, the #1 app for sleep and meditation, to provide 1,000 WGU alumni (first-come, first-serve) with access to their premium app until February 2022. [Sign up now](#) to access daily meditations, soundscapes, sleep health, and much more

Sign Up

Student Loan Payment Restart

Get ready for student loan payments to restart. Don't wait until the last minute to update your contact information and compare repayment options. Some of these repayment options can lower your monthly payment! Log in or register for an online account with your loan servicer to ensure you don't miss important updates.

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A Note From Career and Professional Development

Webinars from Career & Professional Development

WGU's Career and Professional Development Office offers weekly webinars to support you in various aspects of your career journey. These are live, one-hour webinars offered on a rotating basis. Current offerings include:

- Networking & LinkedIn
- Making the Most of an Interview
- Overcoming Job Search Obstacles

You can access the complete schedule and [register here](#). If you would like additional support, click the [Contact Us](#) link to schedule an appointment with a career advisor, and discuss career management and job search topics customized just for you!

WGU Reviews



Trustpilot

Last month, the university received 47 reviews from students and graduates, 74% of which were 5-star reviews. If you'd like to leave a review, visit the link below and provide feedback on your WGU experience.

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