COMMENCEMENT IN SEATTLE

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023
OUR MISSION

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 through diverse, innovative programs, systems, and technologies.
Dear Graduates,

On behalf of all of us at WGU, I want to congratulate you and recognize all of the hard work that has led to today. Only you know the many sacrifices you made to complete your degree. This is your moment to pause and reflect on this significant accomplishment—and celebrate this life-changing milestone!

It has been our privilege to be on this journey alongside you, and we share in your excitement and pride. Your degree has the potential to change your life and make a real difference to your family and community. As you join the ranks of more than 325,000 WGU graduates, we hope you will stay in touch through the Alumni Association.

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

Scott D. Pulsipher, President
Western Governors University
Jen Mueller
Trainer, Speaker, Sports Broadcaster

A 22-year sports broadcasting veteran, Jen Mueller is in her 15th season as the Seattle Seahawks sideline radio reporter. She is also an Emmy award-winning producer and is part of the Seattle Mariners television broadcast team on ROOT SPORTS. Jen was the 2022 recipient of the Keith Jackson Media Excellence Award presented by the Seattle Sports Commission.

In addition to her work on the sidelines, Jen is established as a business communication expert. Through her company, Talk Sporty to Me, she provides a unique twist on business communication based on her time in locker rooms and expertise in one-on-one conversations. She is also the author of three books and the executive producer of her own cooking show.
OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT
Dr. Lucas Kavlie
Vice Provost

ANTHEM SINGER
Aleyna Herley, Kent, WA
M.A. Teaching–Elementary Education

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Tonya Drake
Regional Vice President, Northwest

GRADUATE SPEAKERS
Francesca Capozzi, Redmond, WA
M.S. Data Analytics
David Cinderella, Sammamish, WA
Master of Business Administration

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CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Dr. Sarah DeMark
Interim Provost

College of Business
Michael O. Leavitt School of Health
College of Information Technology
School of Education

CLOSING REMARKS
Scott D. Pulsipher
President
Bachelor's Ceremony Program

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Erin Darby, Lake Stevens, WA
B.S. Nursing

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GRADUATE SPEAKERS
Lacey Junell, Tacoma, WA
B.A. Elementary Education

Thomas Fairchild, Everett, WA
B.S. Mathematics Education

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2023 COMMENCEMENT IN SEATTLE GRADUATING CLASS PROFILE

1907
Total Number of Graduates

Degree distribution by college:

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55% Percentage of graduates from Washington

3,300 Furthest distance traveled (from Miami Springs, FL)

46 Number of states represented (including U.S. territories)
## MEMBER GOVERNORS

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt, Chairman Emeritus  
Governor, Utah 1993–2003

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