



WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT IN ATLANTA

NOVEMBER 15, 2025



OUR MISSION

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

OUR PROMISE

We provide strong returns on students' educational investments through a deep connection to workforce needs, respected and relevant credentials, eliminating unnecessary costs, and generous financial assistance and transfer policies.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear graduates,

On behalf of all of us at WGU, I want to congratulate you on this incredible achievement. Your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have led you to this moment, and only you fully understand the sacrifices it took to reach this milestone.

It has been an honor to support you on this journey. Your degree represents not only a life-changing opportunity for you but also the potential to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others. As you join a proud network of more than 410,000 WGU graduates, we encourage you to stay connected through the Alumni Association.

Thank you for letting us share this moment with you and your loved ones. We are proud of all you've achieved and excited for the opportunities ahead. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink that reads "Scott D. Pulsipher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott D. Pulsipher, President
Western Governors University

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



John R. Ingram

Chairman of Ingram Industries;

Majority Owner of Nashville Soccer Club

John R. Ingram was named Chairman of the Ingram Industries Inc. Board of Directors in 2008, having served as Vice Chairman of the Board since 1999. He is also the lead owner of Nashville SC and the Chairman of Ingram Content Group LLC.

Mr. Ingram is a graduate of Princeton University, where he received a bachelor's degree in English in 1984. In 1986, he received his Master of Business Administration from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Ingram joined Ingram Industries Inc. in 1986, serving early in his career as the Assistant Treasurer and also as President of Tennessee Book Company (which became part of Ingram Content Group LLC in 2009). He later served as President of Ingram Book Company, Vice President of Purchasing for Ingram Micro Europe and Director of Purchasing for Ingram Micro Inc. He served as a member of the Ingram Micro Inc. Board of Directors from 1996 to 2016.

In 2017, as lead investor, Mr. Ingram spearheaded the effort to bring Major League Soccer to Nashville. In December of that year, the MLS Board of Governors awarded the city of Nashville an expansion team, a huge success for the city and Nashville soccer fans. Nashville Soccer Club opened their brand new, 30,000 person stadium—the largest soccer stadium in the United States—on May 1, 2022.

Also in 2022, Mr. Ingram was named Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Tennessean of the Year for his efforts to further the cause of athletics across the state. He continues to be active in a number of other civic, educational and charitable causes. He is a member of the Board of Trust for both the Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Montgomery Bell Academy. He actively supports Vanderbilt Athletics and Currey Ingram Academy. He is Chair of the Tennessee Advisory Board of Western Governors University and the Tennessee Business Leadership Council.

Mr. Ingram is married with four children.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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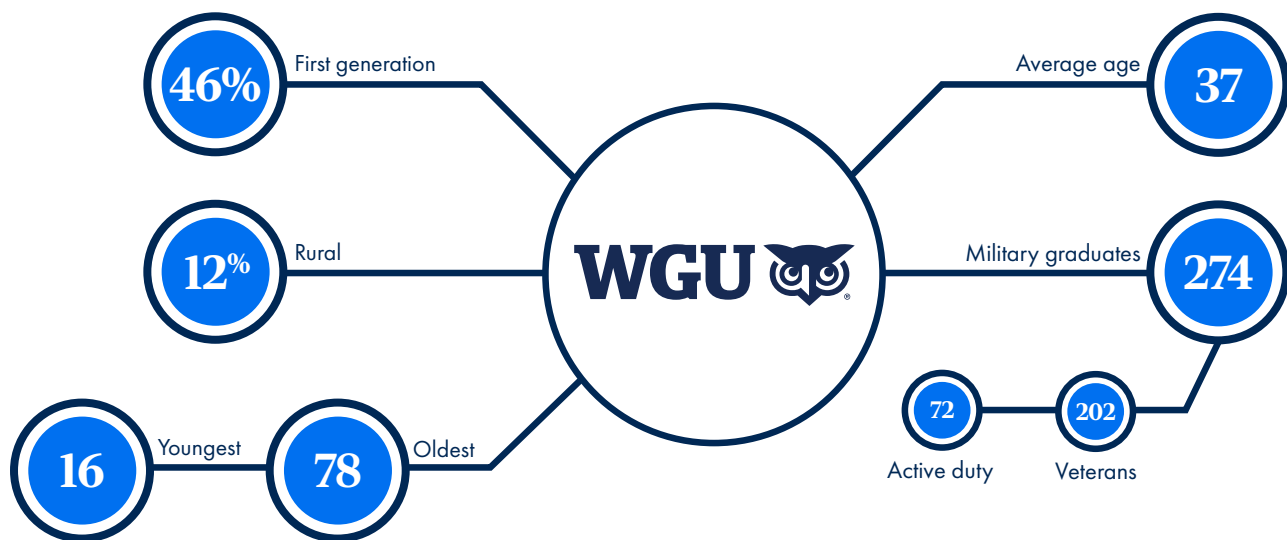


Jessica Shelley

Co-founder, LaunchFamily | President, Dailies Foundation

Jessica Shelley is the Co-founder of LaunchFamily, a family-focused technology ecosystem complete with AI family assistant, personalized marketplace, and provider hub to give families access to the support they need, when they need it. She is also President of the Dailies Foundation, a nonprofit supporting families with personalized learning resources. A former teacher and entrepreneur, Jessica combines her classroom experience, leadership in family-focused technology, and life as a mom of 6, to empower families to better connect and live fully.

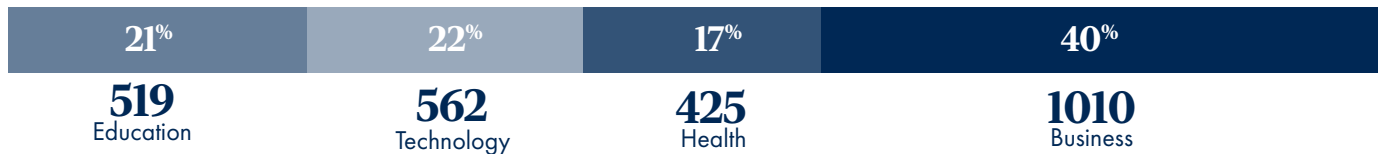
GRADUATING CLASS PROFILE



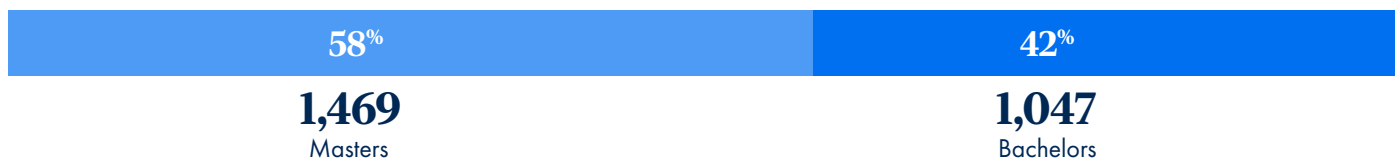
2,516

Total Number of Graduates

Degree distribution by college:



Degree type:



28%

Percentage of graduates
from Georgia

7,800

Furthest distance traveled
from Guam

35

Number of states
represented
(including U.S. territories)

LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Kim Estep

Regional Vice President, Southeast Region

Anthem Singer

Kena Crawford, Atlanta, GA

M.S. Mathematics Education

Graduate Speakers

Dwaynna Ramsay, Henderson, NC

M.Ed Education Technology & Instructional Design

Hailey Peterson, Morganton, NC

M.S. Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

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Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Courtney Hills McBeth

Chief Academic Officer & Provost

Leavitt School of Health

School of Education

Closing Remarks

Scott D. Pulsipher

President

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Benjamin Whang, Enterprise, AL

M.S. Information Technology Management & B.S. Information Technology

Graduate Speakers

Talil Simms, San Diego, CA

B.S. Supply Chain & Operations Management

Tyesha Lyons, Greensboro, NC

M.S. Information Technology Management

Keynote Speaker

Jessica Shelley

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