



WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

BOSTON

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CONGRATULATIONS, NIGHT OWL—TODAY YOU BECOME AN ALUMNI!

All of your hard work and sacrifices have paid off, graduate! You're joining more than **395,000** Night Owls who make up our alumni family. It's time to enjoy more benefits that come with your achievement.

COMMIT TO LIFELONG LEARNING

Professional and continuing education extend beyond your time at WGU as a graduate. We are here to support your ongoing professional development by offering access to premium services such as LinkedIn Learning, Pluralsight®, the Teaching Channel®, Nurses on Boards Coalition®, and more!

Keep learning at the forefront of your mind at wgu.edu/alumnilearn.

PROGRESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Taking time to engage in professional development opportunities not only keeps you cutting edge in your field, it also allows you to network with other professionals and develop your professional brand—all of which can advance your career. WGU's Career and Professional Development team is here to help you thrive.

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/nightownetwork.

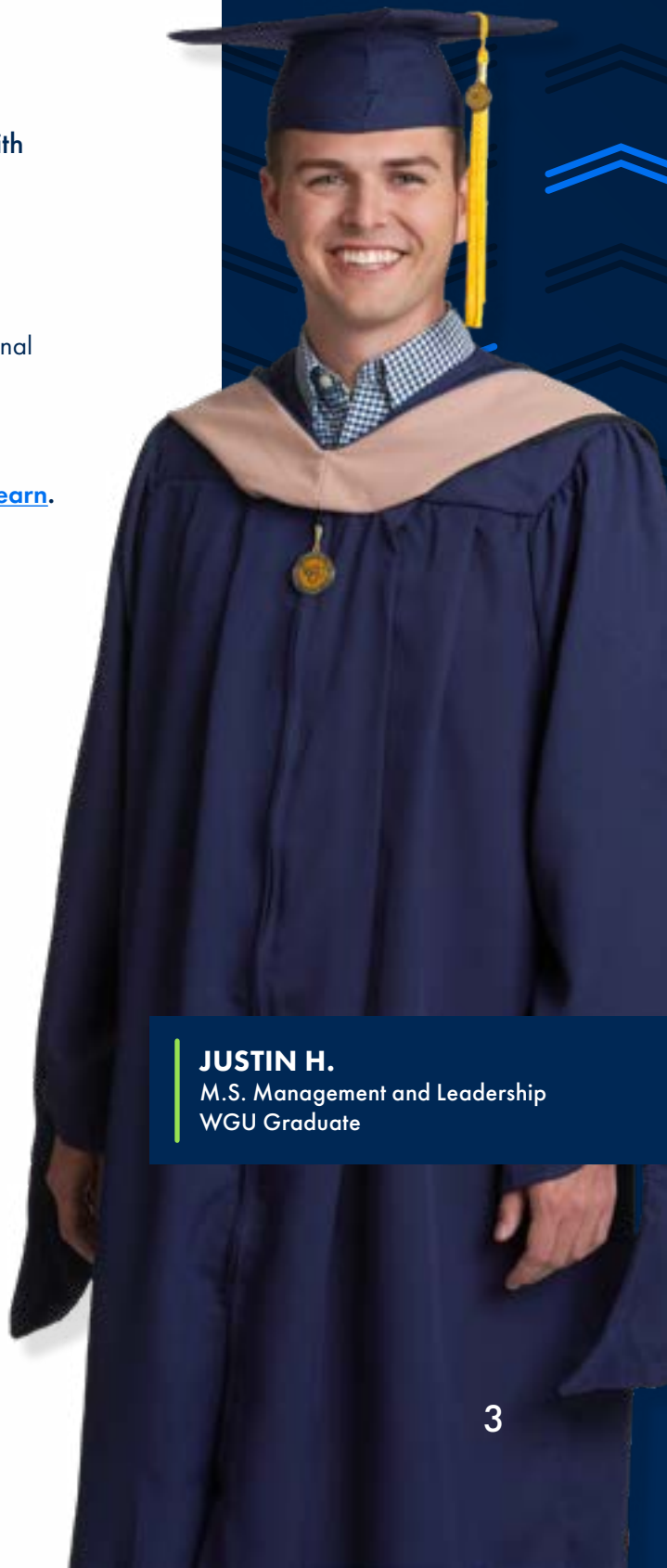
STAY CONNECTED

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

Join the community at wgu.edu/alumni.

Learn more.

wgu.edu/alumni 866.225.5948



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M.S. Management and Leadership
WGU Graduate

YOU'RE INVITED!

Alumni Celebration

Friday, August 22
6:30–9:30 p.m.

Museum of Science
1 Science Pk
Boston, MA 02114

Kick off your commencement weekend with this exclusive alumni celebration in honor of our graduates!

All graduates attending the 2025 WGU Commencement in Boston are invited to join us for the Alumni Celebration!

This family-friendly, come-and-go event is free to attend, and we encourage graduates and guests to dress in business attire.

Come for the networking, stay for the fun.

At the celebration, you can:

- Free professional portraits (graduates only): Elevate your LinkedIn profile with a free professional portraits- courtesy of WGU!
- Meet with local employers for career opportunities
- Reconnect with Alumni in your area
- Visit our affiliated partnership booths to receive career advice, purchase WGU swag, pick up your WGU Philanthropy Cord, and more
- Take photos in our social photo booth and share using #WGUgrad
- Meet Sage the Night Owl
- Watch 4-D shows - Shows TBA
- Enjoy the Theater of Electricity - Showtimes are at 7:00, 7:40, 8:10, and 8:45
- Partake of light appetizers, refreshments, and self-pay bars
- Hit the dance floor
- Photo op lines close 15 minutes before the event ends (subject to change); arrive early to make the most of your evening

Parking

Free limited parking on-site.

Contact Information

Alumni Celebration: alumnievents@wgu.edu

Alumni Celebration ADA and accessibility: alumnievents@wgu.edu

Commencement questions: commencement@wgu.edu

Please note: 2025 Boston graduates are allowed to bring up to six (6) total guests.



COMMENCEMENT IN BOSTON

Saturday, August 23, 2025

TD Garden

100 Legends Way
Boston, MA 02114

**Leavitt School of Health and
School of Education**

Graduate Check-In and Pre-seating: 8:30 a.m.

Commencement Ceremony: 9:30 a.m.

**School of Business and
School of Technology**

Graduate Check-In and Pre-seating: 12:30 p.m.

Commencement Ceremony: 1:30 p.m.



**All graduates must check in
before the ceremony!**

Graduates must check in before the ceremony.

Please have your Stage Pass pulled up on your phone screen to scan.

To ensure safety and a swifter entry process, TD Garden strongly discourages guests from bringing bags to events. Graduates are also encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

Please bring your cell phone with you to access your Stage Pass, and minimal personal belongings.

LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CEREMONY SCHEDULE

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

LOCATION: TD Garden, 100 Legends Way,
Boston, MA 02114

Leavitt School of Health and School of Education

Graduate Check-In: 8:30 a.m.

Ceremony Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

GRADUATE CHECK-IN: 8:30 A.M.

At graduate check-in, you will have the opportunity to pick up your philanthropy, military, and/or scholarship cord. We will also have limited regalia available for purchase, and you can visit with our name readers to clarify pronunciation. If you notice that there are errors on your Stage Pass, please visit the Help Desk.

Note: Only graduates are permitted in the Graduate Check-in Area

GRADUATE PRE-SEATING: 8:30 A.M.

After checking in, graduates will be guided directly to the arena floor where they will be seated with their schools. Please follow the direction of the college marshals.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: 9:30 A.M.

The ceremony will begin promptly. Please be in your seat and ready at this time. We look forward to celebrating you!

Conferral of Degree Order

- Leavitt School of Health
- School of Education

Note:

Graduates are called to the stage by schools and not in alphabetical order.

Graduates will receive their complimentary diploma cover after the conclusion of the ceremony.

BEFORE ARRIVING FOR COMMENCEMENT

All graduates participating in the Commencement ceremony must arrive wearing full academic attire: cap with tassel, hood, and gown. No changing rooms are available. Graduates are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes

AFTER THE CEREMONY

Families will meet their graduates outside in Portal Park. Graduates will receive a diploma cover at the end of the ceremony.

[Video: How to Wear Regalia](#)



**Remember to follow
signs at check-in!**

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CEREMONY SCHEDULE

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

LOCATION: TD Garden, 100 Legends Way,
Boston, MA 02114

School of Business and School of Technology

Graduate Check-In: 12:30 p.m.

Ceremony Start Time: 1:30 p.m.

BEFORE ARRIVING FOR COMMENCEMENT

All graduates participating in the Commencement ceremony must arrive wearing full academic attire: cap with tassel, hood, and gown. No changing rooms are available. Graduates are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: 1:30 P.M.

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Conferral of Degree Order

- School of Technology
- School of Business

Note:

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TD GARDEN POLICIES

GUEST SERVICES

TD Garden is committed to ensuring a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all guests. Visit our Guest Services team on Level 4, Loge 4 or Level 7, Section 307, email customerservice@tdgarden.com, or call 617-624-1331.

EMT/FIRST AID

First Aid is located on Level 4 across from Section 15/16.

GUEST SEATING

Seating is first-come, first-served. Guests should be seated with their cell phones on silent before the ceremony begins. Guests should remain in their seats during the entire ceremony as a courtesy to graduates and other guests.

PARKING

With the most convenient parking, the [North Station Garage](#), located directly underneath TD Garden, offers a flat event rate* of \$65 when you enter 2 and 1/2 hours prior to the scheduled event time. Elevators located in the parking garage will take you directly to the main concourse in North Station.

CONCESSIONS

On each level of TD Garden, there are various concession stands offering many food and beverage options. [Click here for a list of concessions stands and food offerings.](#) Please note that TD Garden is not a peanut-free facility, however, food items are not cooked in peanut oil and peanuts sold at TD Garden are prepackaged. Guests with food allergies should inform their server to review the ingredients and prepare the items.

LOST CHILDREN

Children should be directed to the nearest TD Garden staff member should they become lost. Lost children will be taken to the Guest Services Office (Level 4, Section 4). Parents looking for a lost child should go to this office as well. Please report lost persons to TD Garden Security.

BAG POLICY

To ensure safety and a swifter entry process, **TD Garden strongly discourages guests from bringing bags to events.** If a bag is necessary, the following restrictions and processes apply:

- Small bags, clutches, crossbodies and wristlets are permitted.
- Bags should not exceed 4in x 6in x 1.5in.
- Exceptions will be made for diaper bags, breast pump bags, bags needed for medical purposes, and bags provided at purchase from Boston Proshop powered by '47.
- All guests entering with diaper bags, breast pump bags, and bags needed for medical purposes are subject to visual search and x-ray screening upon entry.
- All permitted bags are subject to visual or x-ray screening upon entry.
- Guests with non-compliant bags are able to store their items at The Mobile Locker Company located on Legends Way.
- The Mobile Locker Company will be available for all events 2 hours prior to the event's start time and close 1.5 hours after the event concludes. Items must be retrieved from The Mobile Locker Company on the same day. We kindly ask that you reach out to TD Garden Customer Service

Graduates and guests are encouraged not to bring bags with them to the events.

TD GARDEN POLICIES

NO SMOKING

TD Garden is a smoke free facility and smoking is not allowed anywhere in the arena. Vape Pens or similar are not allowed inside the arena and may be confiscated.

MOTHER'S LOUNGE

Room 9NE.09 on Floor 9 has been designated as a dedicated Mother's Lounge for the duration of the event.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Guests can report lost items by filling out [this form](#). Please include as much information about the item as possible in the 'Notes' section, such as color and physical description. If an item is turned in that matches your item, you will be contacted to verify details of the item.

A form must be submitted online for all lost and found inquiries.

If your item is located, pickup will be arranged at our Executive Office entrance located in North Station during normal business hours. You will be asked to present a valid photo ID for the release of your item. Unclaimed items will be discarded/donated 30 days after the date the item is turned in.

ACCESSIBILITY

TD Garden is committed to providing accessibility and accommodation to all of our guests for comfort, safety and enjoyment. The arena offers a variety of wheelchair and companion seating locations throughout each level. Seating locations vary depending on particular events. Please indicate when buying tickets if you require accessible seating. For more information, please visit our [Accessibility page](#) or contact the ADA info line at 617-624-1750.

ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

TD Garden's accessible entrance is located at our main entrance at the Hub on Causeway. There are elevators located beside the Hub on Causeway escalators. Additionally, Elevator #1 is located on ground level inside North Station and is accessible to all guests attending events.

SENSORY INCLUSION

TD Garden is certified sensory inclusive. In addition to offering sensory bags and sensory rooms, TD Garden team members have undergone training to better cater to our guests with and without sensory needs. TD Garden has partnered with KultureCity – the nation's leading nonprofit on sensory accessibility and acceptance for those with invisible disabilities – to make all events hosted at the arena sensory inclusive.

Sensory bags can be checked out at Guest Services locations on the Loge concourse at section 4, and on the Balcony concourse at section 305. Sensory bags contain noise canceling headphones, fidget toys, cue cards, and a KultureCity VIP credential and lanyard.

Sensory rooms contain appliances such as bubble walls, dino textured wall art, play panels, nanoleaf panels, a custom art piece, a nunoerin bench, and Yogibo bean bags.

RESTROOMS

All restrooms located within TD Garden are fully accessible. If you are having difficulty locating a restroom during your visit to TD Garden, please ask a team member for assistance.

TD GARDEN POLICIES

SERVICE ANIMALS

Service dogs that are trained to provide services and tasks for persons with disabilities are permitted. Support or companion animals are not permitted. Guests with service dogs may not take up additional seats unless a ticket has been purchased for the adjacent seat for the service dog.

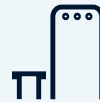
BALLOON DROP

There will be a balloon drop during the close of the commencement ceremony. If you have a latex allergy, please alert a member of the WGU staff or Guest Services before the ceremony begins. They will assist you out of the arena prior to the balloon drop.

AFTER THE CEREMONY

Graduates will receive a diploma cover at the end of the ceremony.

GRADUATES



There will be a metal detector—bring only your phone with you!



Please have your Stage Pass up on your phone screen.

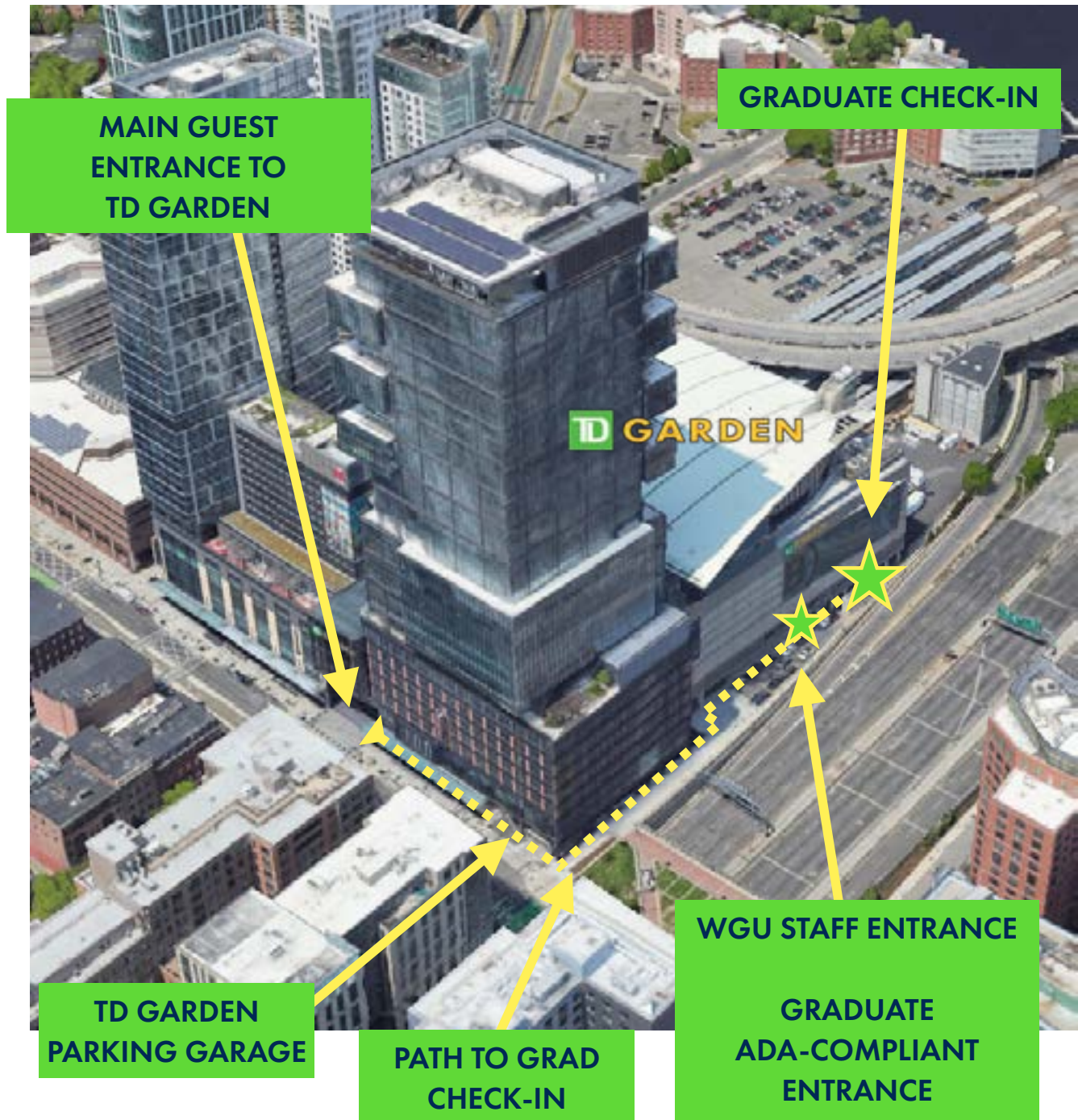


Please do not bring any bags or purses with you to the ceremonies.



Graduates are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

TD GARDEN ENTRANCE & PARKING MAP



COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE AND DECORUM



ABOUT

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, rewarding, and distraction-free ceremony that recognizes their hard work and the sacrifices they have made to reach this point. WGU believes that mutually respectful participation by graduates and their guests is the best way to accomplish this shared intention. In preparation for Commencement, WGU has outlined a protocol. Your and your guests' adherence 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 their gowns rather than casual clothing. Master's degree graduates will need a hood specific to their degree. 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.

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 lay flat on the cap.

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.




MILITARY

Graduates who indicate active-duty military or veteran status on their ceremony RSVP form will receive military honor cords at the Graduate Check-in Area.

[Video: How to Wear Regalia](#)

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

To promote a respectful, comfortable, and disturbance-free experience for our 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.
-  • Cheer respectfully and avoid disruptive outbursts to allow the families and guests of other graduates to hear their graduate's name when read.

WGU ACADEMIC CORDS AND HOODS

GRADUATE CORDS:

Graduates who have earned honor cords may pick them up from the affiliated partner tables during the Alumni Celebration on Friday night or during grad check-in on Saturday. Please reach out to the appropriate departments for more information about your cord eligibility.



MILITARY

Red, white, and blue



SCHOLARSHIPS

Gold and white



PHILANTHROPY

Navy, gold, and light blue



WOMEN IN TECH

Purple and white



NSLS

Black and silver

MASTER HOODS:



SALMON

Master of Science in Integrated
Healthcare Management



DRAB

School of Business



APRICOT

Nursing



SAGE

Master of Health Leadership



BRIGHT GOLD

School of Technology



LIGHT BLUE

School of Education

GRADUATE CHECK-IN PROCEDURE STAGE PASS



The week of Commencement, you will be sent an email with a Stage Pass with your own personal QR code. This code must be available on your device and visible for check-in.

1. Once you receive this email, please take a screenshot so you can easily find and access this QR code.
2. Please make sure your device is with you, your device is charged, and the display is set on the brightest position.
3. When you arrive for check-in, please have your device out with the screen visible for the commencement ambassadors to see.
4. Your Stage Pass will be scanned before you cross the stage during the ceremony. Please have your Stage Pass ready to be scanned as you line up to cross the stage.

SAMPLE STAGE PASS



EMILY B.

M.S. Secondary Ed. Mathematics
WGU Graduate

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

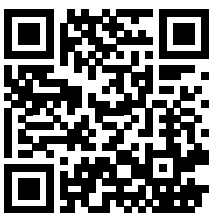
**Receive
a WGU
philanthropy
cord!**



Donate \$25 or more to the WGU Fellow Night Owl Scholarship Fund and receive a philanthropy cord.

You can help current WGU students cross the finish line to graduation, too, by purchasing a philanthropy cord to wear with your cap and gown. All proceeds support the WGU Fellow Night Owl Scholarship Fund.

Make your gift today!



Scan the QR Code or visit wgu.edu/philanthropycords

Visit the WGU Advancement table at the Alumni Celebration or Commencement Check-in to pick up your philanthropy cord.

Have a question? Email advancement@wgu.edu.

ONLINE VIEWING

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, August 23, 2025.

[Live Commencement](#)

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

Leavitt School of Health and School of Education

Ceremony Start Time: 9:30 a.m. EDT

School of Technology and School of Business

Ceremony Start Time: 1:30 p.m. EDT

PHOTOGRAPHY

During the WGU Commencement, the Grad Team 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, the Grad Team will post commencement photos online.

Visit thegradteam.com/events/wgu to view Commencement photos.

SPECIAL NOTE:

A graduate's appearance and participation are recorded at Commencement. This may include but is not 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 visit the [Commencement website](#).

Please [download](#) our Commencement app.



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Refer-a-Friend link.

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in the Owl's Nest once
they've completed
their application!



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