



WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

FALL VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

OCTOBER 11, 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 400,000 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

GRADUATE SPEAKER



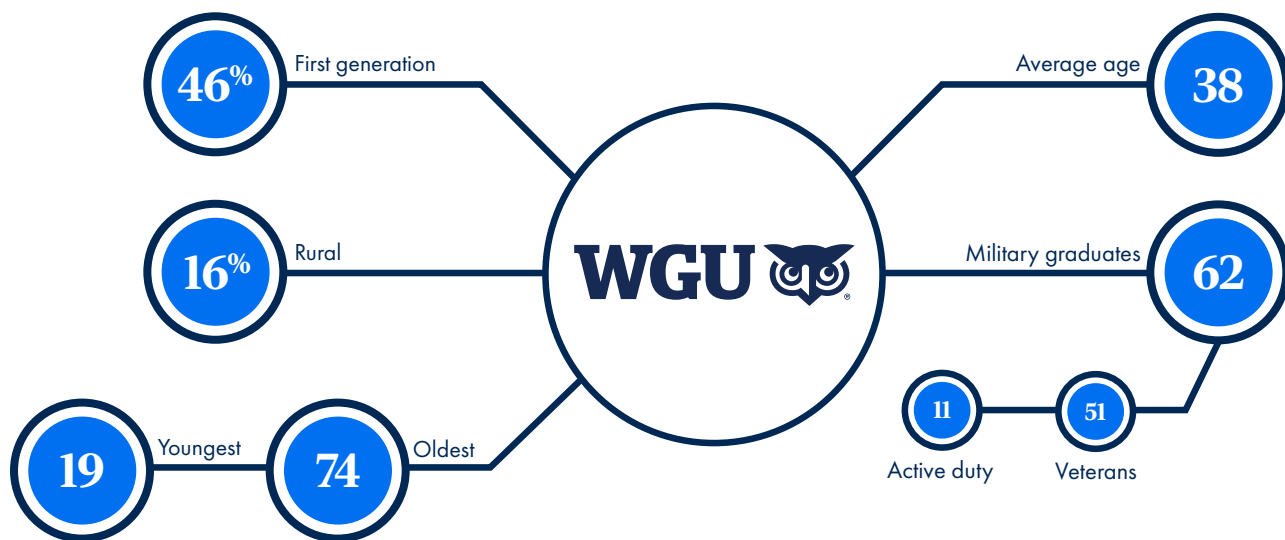
Tarynn Gifford

B.S. Psychology

Tarynn Gifford is a passionate and dedicated 30-year-old wife, mother, and aspiring school counselor. After graduating from WGU with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a heart for helping others, she is currently pursuing her graduate degree in education, counseling and development, driven by a deep desire to support and guide young people through their educational journeys.

Tarynn finds great joy in spending time with her husband, Ben, and their two young sons, Renan and Colter. Tarynn founded a youth soccer league, creating a space where children can grow in confidence, teamwork, and athletic skills. While she currently stays at home with her children, she continues to pour her time and talents into coaching and mentoring young children, making a lasting impact on her community. Whether it's exploring the outdoors, coaching youth sports, or simply enjoying a good book, she embraces every moment with energy and love.

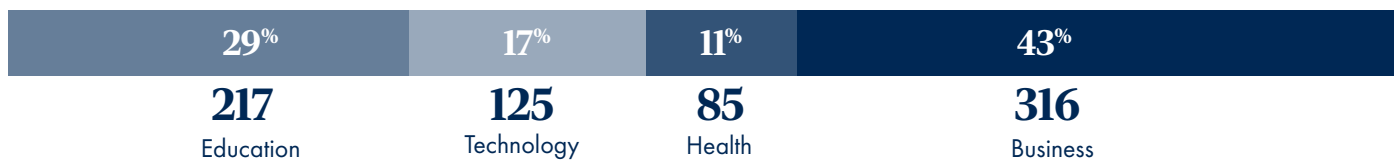
GRADUATING CLASS PROFILE



743

Total Number of Graduates

Degree distribution by college:



Degree type:



26

Average Months to
Graduation

23%

Scholarship Recipients

47

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

2025 FALL VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Terrance Hopson

Regional Vice President, Midwest Region

Graduate Speaker

Tarynn Gifford, Huntsville, AL

B.S. Psychology

Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Courtney Hills McBeth

Chief Academic Officer & Provost

Leavitt School of Health

School of Business

School of Education

School of Technology

Closing Remarks

Dr. Terrance Hopson

Regional Vice President, Midwest Region

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