



# **WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY**

**COMMENCEMENT IN LAS VEGAS**

**APRIL 26, 2025**



## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR PROMISE

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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

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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 380,000 WGU graduates, we encourage you to stay connected through the Alumni Association.

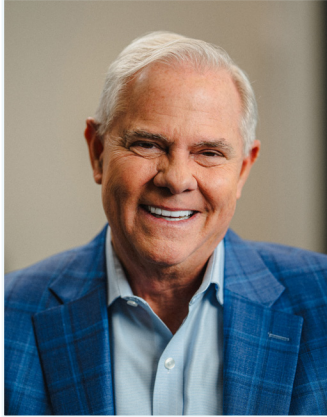
Thank you for letting us share this moment with you and your loved ones. We are proud of all you've achieved and excited for the opportunities ahead. Congratulations!

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

## LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



### **David Simmons**

*Owner, Simmons Capital*

With a distinguished 40-year career spanning media, communications, and travel management, David Simmons has built and led transformative organizations that have reshaped their industries. Currently, he oversees his private investment firm, leveraging his expertise to drive strategic growth and innovation.

David served for 18 years on the Western Governors University Board of Trustees (2006–2024), where he played a key role in advancing the institution’s mission of accessible, high-quality education. He is also the co-chairman of M-Plus Global Events, a premier travel management company.

Previously, as CEO of Simmons Media Group, he expanded the company’s influence in radio broadcasting and outdoor advertising, and as chairman and CEO of Keystone Communications, he led its evolution into a global satellite communications firm. David has been recognized for his entrepreneurial success in helping build these organizations into nationally prominent leaders in their respective industries.

David’s impact extends beyond business into economic development and education. He earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Utah and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He served for nearly two decades on the board of trustees of Westminster University and was chairman of the Utah State Board of Business and Economic Development, the Utah Sports Commission, Discovery Gateway Children’s Museum, the Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the Olene Walker Institute of Public Policy at Weber State University.

Residing in Salt Lake City with his wife, Melinda, and their five children, David has a love for American history and international perspectives.

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY & SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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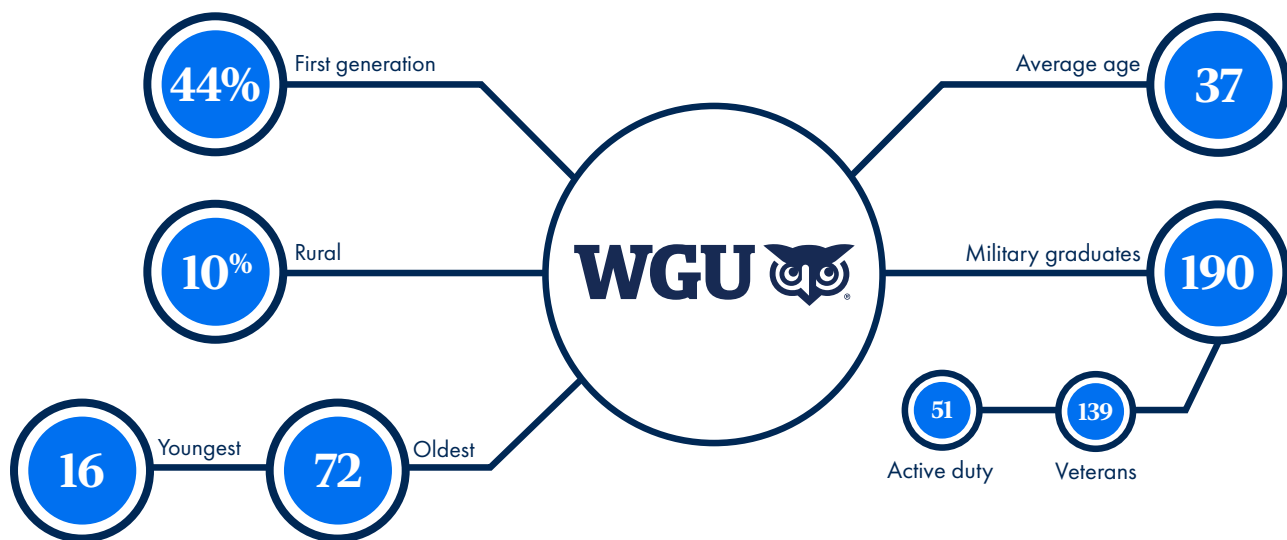
### **Antonio Romayor Jr.**

*Chief Operations Officer at the Imperial County Office of Education*

Antonio Romayor, Jr. is the Chief Operations Officer at the Imperial County Office of Education, where he oversees Technology, Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations. A proud first-generation high school and college graduate, Antonio has earned two degrees from WGU — a B.S. in Information Technology Management in 2019 and an M.Ed. in Learning and Technology in 2020. In 2022, he was honored as a Distinguished Graduate by WGU. None of which would be possible without the loving support of his wife Yolanda and two energetic and intelligent boys, Samuel and Emmanuel. Antonio enjoys working on cars, woodworking, cooking, and spending time outdoors with friends and family. Antonio loves finding new challenges – which include learning to play guitar and golf.

With over 25 years of experience in public education, Antonio has led major regional and state initiatives to expand digital access, design and implement digital systems, including Artificial Intelligence and Distance Learning. He is a California IT in Education Certified Chief Technology Officer, an EIA Certified Chief Innovation Officer and was named the Association of California School Administrators Administrator of the Year for Imperial and San Diego Counties. He currently serves on several boards, including as Past-President for California IT in Education and President of the Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation.

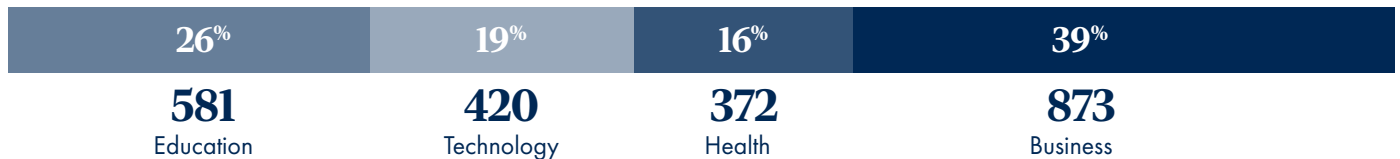
# GRADUATING CLASS PROFILE



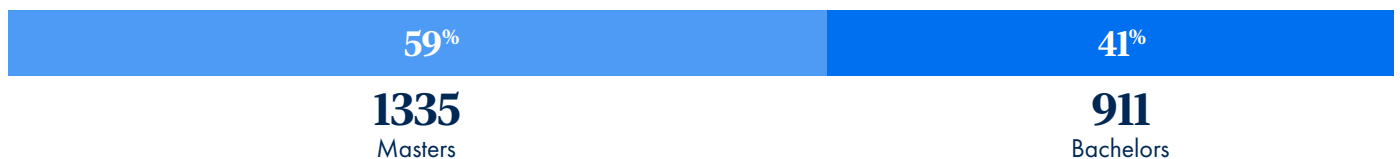
**2,246**

Total Number of Graduates

Degree distribution by college:



Degree type:



**27%**

Percentage of graduates  
from California

**6,213**

Furthest distance traveled  
from Guam

**50**

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

# LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Rick Benbow**

Regional Vice President, West Region

Anthem Singer

**Judy May Ulloa, Tujunga, CA**

M.S. Nursing - Education (BSN to MSN)

Graduate Speakers

**Karl Ngoye, Las Cruces, NM**

M.S. Healthcare Administration

**Treavor Maddux, Yucaipa, CA**

B.A. Educational Studies in Secondary Earth Science Education

Honorary Degree Recipient

**David Simmons**

Owner, Simmons Capital

Conferral of Degrees

**Dr. Courtney Hills McBeth**

Chief Academic Officer and Provost

*Leavitt School of Health*

*School of Education*

Closing Remarks

**Scott D. Pulsipher**

President

# SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY & SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Rick Benbow**

Regional Vice President, West Region

Anthem Singer

**Chalina Sibley, Stockton, CA**

B.S. Business Administration, Human Resource Management

Graduate Speaker

**Carrie Gilbert, Georgetown, TX**

B.S. Cybersecurity and Information Assurance

**Jade Mathis, Tucson, AZ**

B.S. Business Administration, Management

Commencement Address

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Governor, Utah 1993–2003

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Mark Gordon

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The Honorable  
Brad Little

### **Oklahoma**

The Honorable  
Kevin Stitt

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Former Governor, State of Wyoming  
(1995–2003)

## **David Simmons**

Chairman & CEO  
Simmons Media Group

## **Dr. Samuel H. Smith**

President Emeritus,  
Washington State University



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now more than 380,000 strong!

Stay connected, network with colleagues, and learn  
about the many resources and benefits available to you:

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