



# **WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY**

**COMMENCEMENT IN SEATTLE**

**JULY 19, 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 390,000 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

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## **Barbara Humpton**

*President & CEO - Siemens USA*

Barbara Humpton is President and CEO of Siemens Corporation, where she guides the company's strategy and engagement in serving the company's largest market. Siemens USA employs approximately 45,000 employees in 50 states and Puerto Rico and generated \$21.1 billion in revenue in fiscal year 2024. She views the true purpose of technology as expanding what's humanly possible. She's also passionate about diversity, STEM education and what she calls a work life blend that honors her priorities both at Siemens and as a grandmother.

Most recently, Humpton served as president and CEO of Siemens Government Technologies, Inc. (SGT), a leading integrator of Siemens' products and services for federal government agencies and departments. In this role, Humpton also served as an officer/director member of the board of directors of SGT.

Prior to joining Siemens in 2011, Humpton served as a vice president at Booz Allen Hamilton where she was responsible for program performance and new business development for technology consulting in the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security. Earlier, Humpton was a vice president at Lockheed Martin Corporation with responsibility for Biometrics Programs, Border and Transportation Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection, including such critical programs as the FBI's Next Generation Identification and the TSA's Transportation Workers' Identification Credential.

Humpton is a graduate of Wake Forest University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Barbara is Chairman of the Siemens Corporation Board, the Siemens Foundation and of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA). She serves on the board of directors of the Triumph Group, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), Chief Executives for Corporate Purpose (CECP), Consumer Technology Association Board of Industry Leaders, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, and Economic Club of Washington, D.C. She resides in Reston, V.A., with her husband David.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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## **Nikki Malcom**

*CEO & Executive Director - Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance*

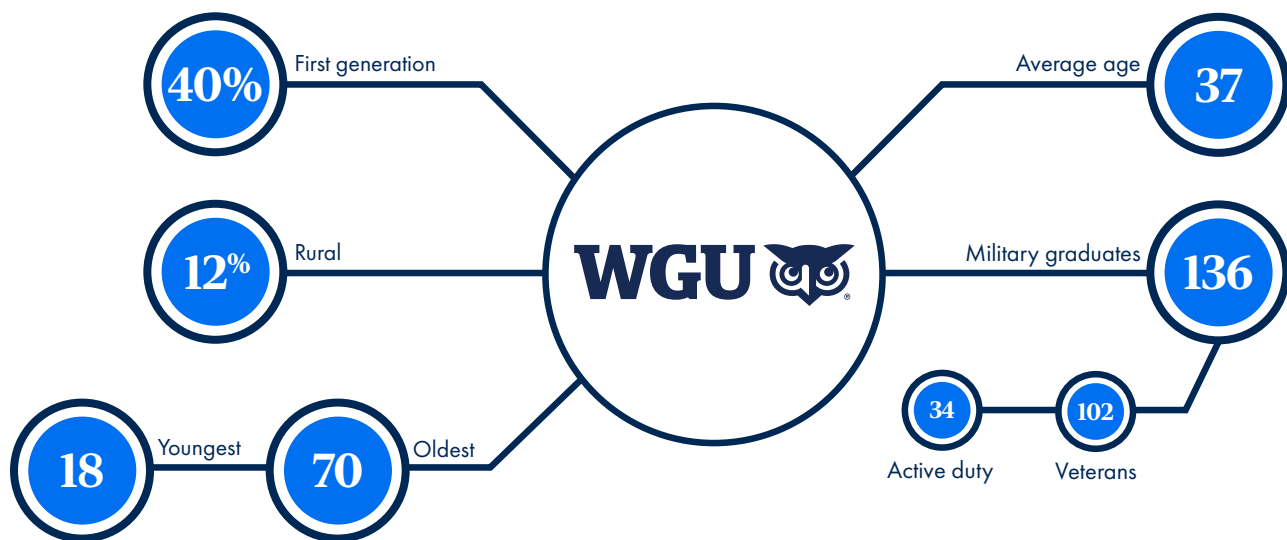
Nikki Malcom serves as the CEO & Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance, a non-profit trade association dedicated to supporting the growth and global competitiveness of the PNW aerospace cluster. With a 25-year career in aerospace in roles in supply chain, business development, and leadership, Nikki has made contributions towards advancing materials, manufacturing, and testing within the aerospace industry.

Nikki's unwavering passion lies in inspiring the next generation to pursue aerospace careers and in fostering the advancement of the aerospace manufacturing ecosystem. She draws her inspiration from the industry's remarkable ingenuity, sense of community, and constant innovation.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Nikki enjoys golf, aviation (where she is actively working toward becoming a pilot), snowboarding, and advocating for STEM education for kids. She resides in Auburn, WA with her husband of 22 years.

Guided by the African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together," Nikki is deeply committed to creating and nurturing a sense of community, both within the aerospace industry and beyond, to achieve shared goals and drive progress.

# GRADUATING CLASS PROFILE



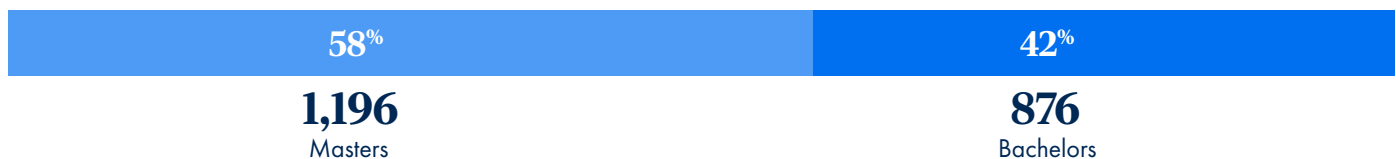
**2,072**

Total Number of Graduates

## Degree distribution by college:



## Degree type:



**54%**

Percentage of graduates  
from Washington

**5,658**

Furthest distance traveled  
from Guam

**42**

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

# LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Dr. Tonya Drake**

Regional Vice President, Northwest Region

Anthem Singer

**Clairese Jorgensen, Puyallup, WA**

M.S. Curriculum and Instruction

Graduate Speakers

**Callie Allen, Spokane Valley, WA**

B.S. Nursing

**Jared Hughes, Chubbuck, ID**

B.A. Elementary Education

Honorary Degree Recipient

**Barbara Humpton**

President & CEO - Siemens USA

Conferral of Degrees

**Dr. Courtney Hills McBeth**

Chief Academic Officer & Provost

*Leavitt School of Health*

*School of Education*

Closing Remarks

**Scott Pulsipher**

President

# SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY & SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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**Dr. Tonya Drake**

Regional Vice President, Northwest Region

Anthem Singer

**Samantha Hogue, Bellevue, WA**

B.S. Business Management

Graduate Speaker

**Natalie Worden-Cowe, Issaquah, WA**

M.S. Data Analytics

**Christen Solberg, Shoreline, WA**

B.S. Accounting

Keynote Speaker

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Washington State University



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about the many resources and benefits available to you:

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