



WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

**ANAHEIM, CA
NOVEMBER 6-7, 2026**

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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 **500,000** 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/alumni/learn.

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/nightowlnetwork.

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

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ANAHEIM ALUMNI CELEBRATION

YOU'RE INVITED!

Friday, November 6, 2026

ANGEL STADIUM

2000 E Gene Autry Way,
Anaheim, CA 92806

CELEBRATE YOUR WGU JOURNEY

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

All graduates attending the 2026 WGU Commencement in Anaheim are invited to join us for the Alumni Celebration at Angel Stadium.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Alumni Celebration:
alumnievents@wgu.edu

Alumni Celebration ADA and accessibility:
alumnievents@wgu.edu

Commencement questions:
commencement@wgu.edu

WHAT TO EXPECT

At your Celebration Session, you can:

- Free professional portraits (graduates only): Elevate your LinkedIn profile with 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
- Try out the Batting Cages
- Enjoy light appetizers, refreshments, and self-pay bars
- Hit the dance floor or play family-friendly games with a fun WGU twist
- Come for the networking, stay for the fun.

Please note: 2026 Anaheim graduates are allowed to bring up to four (4) total guests.



COMMENCEMENT IN ANAHEIM

GRADUATES MUST CHECK IN BEFORE THE CEREMONY.

Please have your Stage Pass pulled upon your phone screen to be scanned. We recommend all graduates leave any extra items behind with loved ones while the ceremony takes place. Having bags, keys, etc., during the graduation ceremony tends to get frustrating for graduates. Remember to attach the zipper pull that came with your regalia to your gown's zipper. This is particularly helpful for master's graduates, as it prevents your hood from pulling at your neck. To keep your hands free and personal items out of photos and videos, consider wearing bike shorts with pockets under dresses or skirts, using pockets in your attire, or bringing a venue-approved cross-body bag.

ANGEL STADIUM

2000 E. Gene Autry Way
Anaheim, CA 92806

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026 AFTERNOON

GRADUATE CHECK-IN: 1:30 p.m.

GRADUATE PRE-SEATING: 2:00 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: 3:00 p.m.

AFTER THE CEREMONY: Families will meet their graduates outside on the plaza.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026 MORNING

GRADUATE CHECK-IN: 8:30 a.m.

GRADUATE PRE-SEATING: 8:30 a.m.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: 9:30 a.m.

AFTER THE CEREMONY: Families will meet their graduates outside on the plaza.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026 AFTERNOON

GRADUATE CHECK-IN: 12:30 p.m.

GRADUATE PRE-SEATING: 12:30 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: 1:30 p.m.

AFTER THE CEREMONY: Families will meet their graduates outside the stadium.



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

ANGEL STADIUM POLICIES

GUEST RELATIONS

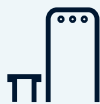
Guest Relations locations can be found near Section 101, 133, 135, 240, 420, and the Home Plate Gate entry. Fans may obtain information, offer suggestions, voice concerns and/or request assistance at any of these locations. Guest Relations representatives are available from the time the gates open until the ballpark is cleared.

GUEST SEATING

Seating is assigned and claimed with tickets, please go to the seat listed on your ticket. 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.

The commencement venue allows photos and videos at the ceremony; however, we ask you to take photos from your seat rather than from the aisles due to fire and safety regulations and as a courtesy to other guests. WGU has hired a professional photographer for this event. Images of each graduate and the ceremony will be available online for purchase.

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.

PARKING

There are three entrances into the Angel Stadium parking lot: Douglass Road, State College Boulevard, and Orangewood Avenue. The parking lot opens two and a half hours prior to the start of the scheduled gate opening.

Parking will be free for all Guests and Graduates attending commencement.

The oversized vehicle and bus (greater than 20 feet in length) entrance is located on Orangewood Avenue.

BAG POLICY

In an effort to enhance safety and security, Angel Stadium prohibits all bags, backpacks and other carriers from being brought into the stadium with the following exceptions (in each case, after proper inspection):

- Purses or bags that are 12" x 12" with a single zipper closure/flap or smaller
- Clear bags (plastic or vinyl) with no obscured interior pockets that do not exceed 12.75" x 6.5" x 12.75"
- Medically necessary items, including diaper bags that accompany an infant

Other than the above-noted exceptions, all other bags must be returned to the patron's vehicle.

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

To keep your hands free and personal items out of photos and videos, consider wearing bike shorts with pockets under dresses or skirts, using pockets in your attire, or bringing a venue-approved cross-body bag.

CONCESSIONS

Angel Stadium has a wide variety of food and beverage options. For a list of locations, visit [Angel Stadium Dining](#). Menus and additional information can also be found in the MLB Ballpark app. Download the MLB Ballpark app via the [iOS App Store](#) the [Android Google Play Store](#).

ANGEL STADIUM POLICIES

RESTROOMS

There are restrooms located on all concourses throughout the ballpark. All restrooms are accessible to guests who require private accommodations or additional assistance.

Field Level:

Men - 104, 110, 128, 132

Women - 105, 111, 125, 131

Family Restrooms - 107, 132

Terrace Level:

Men - 201, 205, 213, 221, 229, 233, 236, 240, 257

Women - 202, 207, 212, 222, 228, 232, 236, 239

Club Level:

Men - 301, 306, 322, 330, 346

Women - 302, 307, 322, 330, 344

Family Restrooms - 312, 340

View Level:

Men - 401, 406, 410, 414, 418, 423, 427, 431, 436

Women - 402, 407, 411, 415, 416, 420, 422, 426, 430, 435

EMT/FIRST AID

The First Aid room is located on the Field Level by Section 130. It will be staffed from the time gates open until 30 minutes after the end of the event. Certified Medical Personnel are available to treat all guest and team member injuries.

All medical exceptions must be cleared through First Aid.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Any item that has been lost or found during a game should be reported to Guest Relations near Section 135. Acquired items will be kept for 30 days. Guests who have lost an item can submit a claim form online by clicking [here](#).

NO SMOKING

Angel Stadium is a smoke-free ballpark. However, for your convenience, dedicated smoking areas are located in the Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, and Gate 4 courtyards. As a courtesy, please be aware of other guests when smoking.

MOTHER'S LOUNGE

Mothers looking for a private, clean, and comfortable place to nurse or pump during events can visit the Nursing Suites at Section 101 or in the Guest Relations office near Section 133.

SERVICE ANIMALS

In keeping with U.S. ADA regulations, people with disabilities may use a dog that is trained to do work or perform tasks for the guest. The work or tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the guest's disability. As such, animals that solely provide emotional support or companionship to a guest will not be permitted inside the ballpark.

SENSORY INCLUSION

We are happy to have a space dedicated to those that may need to take a moment away from the crowds and noise. The Sensory/Quiet Rooms are available to all guests and located at Section 101 and in the Guest Relations office at Section 133. The private rooms offer calming lights, low noises, and tactile toys and are continuously monitored in the case that an individual needs further assistance.

For more information on accommodations and accessibility services at Angel Stadium, visit our [Accessibility Guide](#) page.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Los Angeles Angels remain committed to ensuring that the Angel Stadium experience is an enjoyable and accessible one for guests! Review our Accessibility Guide before your next trip to The Big A by [clicking here](#).

ACCESSIBLE PARKING & ACCESS MAP

Accessible parking is available outside Gates 1-6 and Home Plate Gate. Parking cashiers and attendants will direct fans with a valid state-issued parking permit for disabilities and/or a license plate for disabilities to these areas.

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

 **WGU** 

STAGE PASS:
Sage the Owl

Your College Here
Degree: Nocturnal Studies

WGU Commencement
Location
Date
Address

Note: This pass is to be used by the graduate listed above when crossing the stage. This is not a guest ticket. Please take a screenshot of this pass for easy access.


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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 [online link](#) on Friday, November 6, 2026.

[Live Commencement](#)

DATE: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2026

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Ceremony Start Time: 3 p.m. PST

DATE: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2026

SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

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

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

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

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.

You can also visit the Help Desk at graduate check-in.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

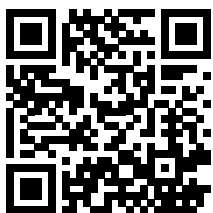
**Receive a WGU
philanthropy cord!**



Make a gift of \$25 or become a Sustaining Supporter with \$3/month to receive a commemorative Philanthropy Cord to wear at commencement.

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 fundraise.givesmart.com.

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.

REFER YOUR FRIENDS TO WGU!

Share WGU with your friends and family by using your Refer-a-Friend link.

You'll earn **500 points** in the Owl's Nest once they've completed their application!



Scan the QR Code or visit wgu.onl/wgufriends to share WGU with your friends and family.