



FALL VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



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 congratulate you and welcome you to our commencement. We recognize and respect the hard work and sacrifices you have made to complete your degree, and today is your day to celebrate this important milestone in your life.

We share your excitement and pride in this achievement—one that has the potential to make a real difference for you, your family, and even future generations. As you join the ranks of the more than 515,000 graduates and counting, we hope you will stay in touch through the Alumni Association.

Again, thank you for joining us today. We are so grateful for the opportunity to share this day with you and your loved ones. 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*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Zain Malik

B.S. Information Technology

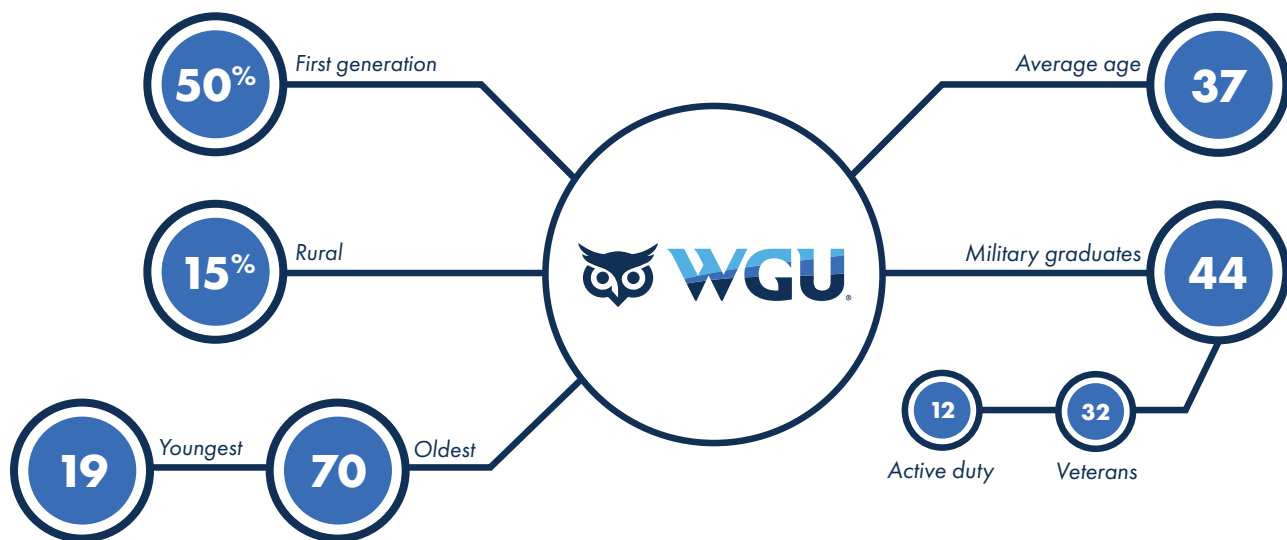
Graduate Speaker Zain Malik, from Chicago, Illinois, is a lifelong learner, entrepreneur, and technology enthusiast with a passion for solving problems and creating meaningful impact. His interests span business, innovation, and emerging technologies, and he enjoys exploring new ideas and finding practical ways to bring them to life.

Throughout his academic and professional journey, Zain has embraced challenges as opportunities to grow. His experiences have shaped his belief in the importance of perseverance, adaptability, and continuous learning, as well as his desire to encourage others to pursue meaningful goals with confidence and purpose.

Known for his curiosity, determination, and analytical mindset, Zain approaches his work and personal pursuits with a commitment to making a positive impact. He believes success is built through consistency, a willingness to adapt, and the courage to keep moving forward when challenges arise.

Outside of work and school, Zain enjoys traveling the world and spending time with family and friends.

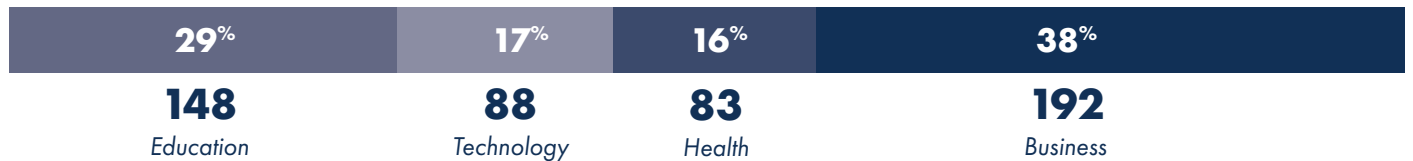
GRADUATING CLASS PROFILE



511

Total Number of Graduates

Degree distribution by college:



Degree type:



26

Average months to graduate

98

Scholarship Recipients

42

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

SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Terrance Hopson

Regional Vice President, Midwest Region

ANTHEM SINGER

Egnolia Dias Candido, Bethel, CT

B.S. Psychology

GRADUATE SPEAKER

Zain Malik, Chicago, IL

B.S. Information Technology

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Courtney Hills McBeth

Chief Academic Officer & Provost

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School of Education

School of Technology

School of Business

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Dr. Courtney Hills McBeth

Chief Academic Officer & Provost

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