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COMMENCEMENT IN FORT WORTH

OCTOBER 19, 2024



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 350,000 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 line extending from the end.

Scott D. Pulsipher, President
Western Governors University

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Chaunte Lowe

4-Time Olympian, Author, TEDx Speaker, Breast Cancer Thriver

If there's an art to facing obstacles and coming out on top, Chaunte Lowe takes the Gold. The worldrenowned high jumper lives to conquer barriers, racking up 4 Olympic Games Appearances, 3 Global Championship medals, 3 American records, and several global accolades. Many are surprised to learn that she achieved most of these accomplishments while also holding the title of "mother of three."

Her performances on the field have earned her inductions into three separate halls of fame and four separate invitations to be honored at the White House by several US Presidents. Lowe, a worldrenowned resilience speaker, has been featured in numerous publications, including The New York Times, Huffington Post, Vogue, Glamour, Essence, and Sports Illustrated.

When speaking, she is true to how she performs. She is animated, entertaining, and humorous. She dances and plays to the crowd as she shares stories of beating impossible odds, time and time again. She possesses the ability to keep the group engaged and hanging on to her every word. Those who get a chance to encounter her leave inspired and motivated. Her infectious personality is electrifying. You can't help but leave an interaction with her with a winning, "I can do ANYTHING" attitude.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER CONT'D

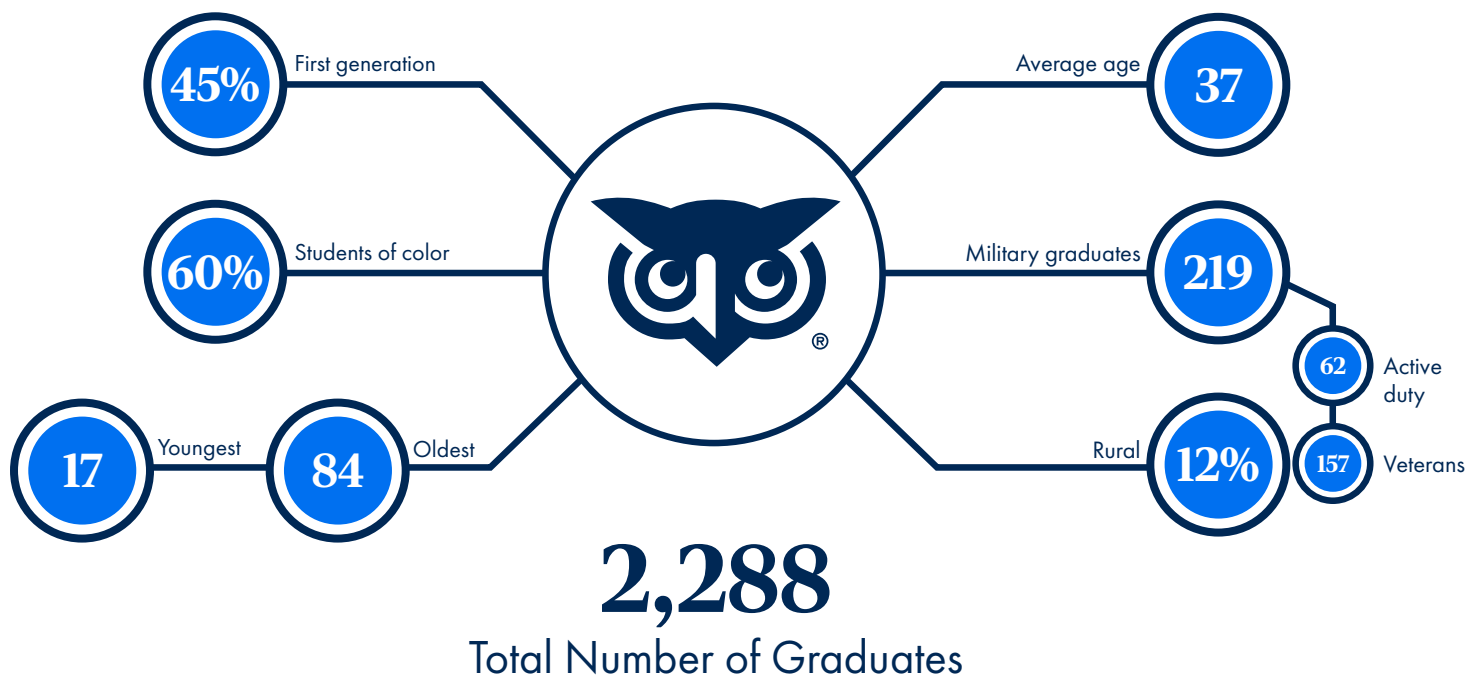


Chaunte Lowe

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Chaunte would have never guessed, with all that she accomplished, that her biggest obstacles would come off the track. In 2019, Lowe was rattled with the devastating diagnosis of triple-negative breast cancer, which is among the most aggressive forms. In a state of disbelief, Chaunté took the crushing blow head-on, being forced to bow out of the national championships for a double mastectomy and miss the world championships for chemotherapy. Still, in Chaunté fashion, she decided that she would fight against the odds and still train through chemo in hopes of making the delayed 2020 US Olympic team. Now known as the utmost expert on resilience, her advocacy work focuses on early detection and breast cancer awareness to save lives. Reaching hundreds of millions of people, her work was honored with the NCAA Inspiration Award, The 'Hero Among Us' award, and she was recently named to Georgia Tech's 40 under 40 2021 Class.

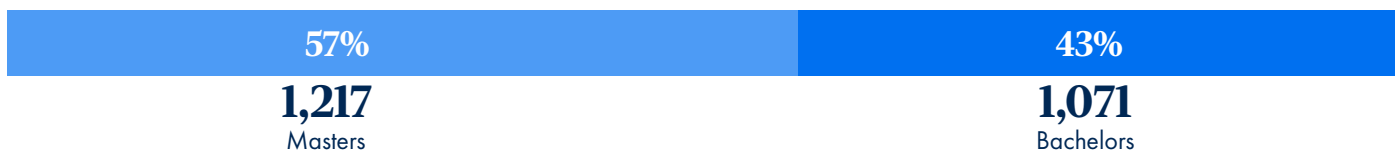
GRADUATING CLASS PROFILE



Degree distribution by college:



Degree type:



61%

Percentage of graduates
from Texas

7,401 Mi

Furthest distance traveled
from Okinawa, Japan

48

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

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Opening Announcement

Dr. Manny Gonzalez

Director of Government & Community Relations, South Region

Anthem Singer

Loretta Cantwell, Veneta, OR

M.S. Nursing - Leadership and Management

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Linda Battles

Regional Vice President, South Region

Graduate Speakers

Shanite Massey, Fort Worth, TX

B.S. Nursing Health and Human Services

Kassandra Fisher, San Antonio, TX

M.S. Curriculum and Instruction

Commencement Address

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Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Sarah DeMark

Vice Provost

Leavitt School of Health

School of Education

Closing Remarks

Scott D. Pulsipher

President

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Jesyka Ware, Wichita, KS

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