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To change lives for the better by
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Graduates,

On behalf of all of us at WGU, I want to congratulate you and recognize all of the hard work that has led to today. Only you know the many sacrifices you made to complete your degree. This is your moment to pause and reflect on this significant accomplishment—and celebrate this life-changing milestone!

It has been our privilege to be on this journey alongside you, and we share in your excitement and pride. Your degree has the potential to change your life and make a real difference to your family and community. As you join the ranks of more than 300,000 WGU graduates, we hope you will stay in touch through the Alumni Association.

Again, thank you for joining us today. We are thrilled 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

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Kevin Carroll

Author and Change Agent

Raised by his grandparents in the greater Philadelphia area, Kevin spent endless hours at the neighborhood playground where he found his “calling” – a red rubber ball. His subsequent pursuit of sport and play (aka his “red rubber ball”) plus his love of learning has led Kevin to becoming an author, a speaker, and a social change agent.

Kevin is an author of four highly successful books and has helped turn creative ideas into reality for organizations such as Nike, Starbucks, Walt Disney, Target, Proctor & Gamble, Sportswear, the NBA, and many others.

Kevin has dedicated his life to advancing education, sports, and play as a vehicle for social change and success. He was honored to address the United Nations as part of the UN Year of Sports for Development and Peace in 2005 and is an ongoing advisor and active supporter for many global social innovation organizations. Kevin was named by SUCCESS magazine as one of 19 “SEERS – changing the world!”

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