



**WESTERN GOVERNORS  
UNIVERSITY  
100<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT**

**SALT LAKE CITY  
AUGUST 17, 2024**

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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 **340,000** 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/alumnilearn](http://wgu.edu/alumnilearn).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://wgu.edu/alumni).

**Learn more.**

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**JUSTIN H.**  
M.S. Management and Leadership  
WGU Graduate

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Salt Lake City, Saturday, August 17

## Commencement

Delta Center  
301 South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**Ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. MT**

**Doors open for guests at 8:00 a.m. MT**

Graduates, check in at the Salt Palace Hall 5, 25 South 300 West, at 8:00 a.m. After check-in, we will proceed as a group to the Delta Center.

Commencement is the main ceremony for all graduates and their families. It features remarks by university leadership and the keynote speaker. This is the ceremony where grads turn their tassels from one side of their caps to the other, signifying graduation.



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

## School Convocations

The Convocation ceremonies are when each graduate will walk across the stage to be recognized individually and receive their diploma. We encourage our graduates to attend both Commencement and Convocation ceremonies for the richest graduation experience. However, attendance at either is optional.

### **School of Technology & School of Business Convocation**

Delta Center  
301 South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**Graduate Check-In: 12:00 p.m. MT**

**Ceremony Time: 1:00 p.m. MT**

### **Leavitt School of Health & School of Education Convocation**

Salt Palace Hall 5  
25 South 300 West,  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**Graduate Check-In: 12:00 p.m. MT**

**Ceremony Time: 1:00 p.m. MT**

# YOU'RE INVITED!

## Alumni Celebration

**Friday, August 16**  
**6:00-9:00 p.m. MT**

Salt Palace Convention Center  
Hall 4  
90 South West Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**A great way to kick off your Commencement Weekend. All graduates attending the 2024 WGU Commencement in Salt Lake City are invited to join us. This family-friendly, come-and-go event is free. We encourage all grads and guests to dress in business attire.**

### At the celebration, you can:

- Get free professional portraits. Elevate your LinkedIn profile, courtesy of WGU
- Meet with local employers
- Reconnect with local alumni
- Visit our affiliated partner booths to receive career advice, purchase WGU swag, pick up your Philanthropy Cord, and more
- Take photos in our social photo booth and share using #WGUgrad
- Meet Sage the Night Owl
- Enjoy light bites and a cash bar
- Hit the dance floor or play games with a fun, WGU twist

### Parking

Park Place is located at 50 N 300 W, Salt Lake City, 84103. Parking for graduates and their guests is \$5.00 per vehicle. The entrance to the Alumni Celebration is across the street from Park Place, next to the Radisson Hotel. We recommend that you enter through the doors at 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, 84101.

### Rideshare

For Lyft/Uber, request to be dropped off at the Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City downtown at 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, 84101. Doors for Hall 4 are located right next to the hotel.

### Contact Information

Alumni Celebration: [alumnievents@wgu.edu](mailto:alumnievents@wgu.edu)  
Alumni Celebration ADA and accessibility: [alumnievents@wgu.edu](mailto:alumnievents@wgu.edu)  
Commencement questions: [commencement@wgu.edu](mailto:commencement@wgu.edu)

**Please note: Graduates are allowed to bring up to five total guests. Invited alumni may bring up to three total guests.**



# DELTA CENTER ARENA POLICIES

## SATURDAY MORNING COMMENCEMENT | SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY & SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CONVOCATION

### GUEST SERVICES

Guest Services are located at Door 4/Portal Y on the Main Level and Portal CC on the Terrace Level/Upper Bowl. In addition, each of our Guest Services locations will provide assistance to guests with disabilities.

### GUEST SEATING

Seating is first-come, first-served. 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.

### EMT/FIRST AID

The first-aid station is located at Portal L on the Main Level. In the event of an emergency, please contact any Guest Services or Event Security team member or text

**801-901-8111** for assistance.

### PARKING

Delta Center features more than 10,000 parking spaces within a two-block radius, including parking for guests with disabilities. Please note that most parking locations no longer accept cash. Prices and parking availability vary by event. Guests may use the passenger drop-off zone on 300 West. Due to post-event traffic, this area may not be accessible for pick-up and is designated for ride-share. Park Place is located at **50 N 300 W Salt Lake City, UT 84103**. Parking for graduates and their guests is \$5.00 per vehicle.

### CONCESSIONS

New mobile food and beverage ordering system at Delta Center. All orders will be placed via the Jazz App, [deltacenter.com/order](https://deltacenter.com/order), QR codes located near concession locations, or the self-service kiosks located around the arena.

### LOST CHILDREN

Lost children or guests should be directed to any of our two Guest Services locations at Door 4/Portal Y on the Main Level and Portal CC on the Terrace Level/Upper Bowl or by sending a text to 801-901-8111 or at [deltacenter.com/feedback](https://deltacenter.com/feedback). Parents or guardians looking

for lost children or members of their party should contact the nearest Guest Services or Event Security team member.

### STROLLERS

Baby strollers are NOT permitted in the Delta Center. We encourage leaving these in your vehicle.

### BAG POLICY

Bags (including purses) will not be allowed at Delta Center. *Diaper bags and medical bags will be allowed if they are no larger than 14"x14"x6"*. Clutches will be allowed but must be no larger than 4"x6"x2". Please note that all medical and diaper bags will be X-rayed upon entrance. Bag X-rays are located only at Door 5 (the main entrance on the northeast corner of the arena).

**We strongly encourage guests and graduates to leave their bags at home!**

### SMOKING

In compliance with the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act, Delta Center is a smoke-free arena with a designated smoking area. Guests may access this designated smoking area by stepping outside of Door 9 on the Main Level during an event. E-cigarettes are prohibited inside but are permitted in the designated smoking area. Guests must be 25 feet away from the building when smoking.

### LOST-AND-FOUND ITEMS

All lost-and-found items are taken to one of our two Guest Services locations. During an event, guests are invited to inquire about lost items at either of the Guest Services locations near Door 4/Portal Y on the Main Level and Portal CC on the Terrace Level/Upper Bowl. After an event, we welcome you to contact Building Security at **801 325-2033** to inquire if an item has been recovered. All items are held for 30 days, with unclaimed items being donated to charity after that period.

# DELTA CENTER ARENA POLICIES

## SATURDAY MORNING COMMENCEMENT | SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY & SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CONVOCATION

### ACCESSIBILITY

Guests may sit anywhere in the general admission area. Guests with accessibility needs may visit our Guest Relations tables on the day of the ceremony, conveniently located inside the Delta Center. Staff will provide information on seating and accommodations.

### ASL

American Sign Language interpreting is available on site for each commencement ceremony. Please proceed to the WGU Information table located on the main concourse, and you will be ushered to the reserved seating for ASL. The area is designated as reserved.

### ACCESSIBLE PARKING & ACCESS MAP

Accessible parking spaces are available in the Park Place parking lot located to the northeast of Delta Center on South Temple. These spots are on a first-come, first-served basis at event or daily pricing. Park Place is located at **50 N 300 W Salt Lake City, UT 84103**. Parking for graduates and their guests is \$5.00 per vehicle.

### RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located on all levels throughout the arena.

### SENSORY ROOM

The Vivint Give Back Sensory Room is located on the Upper Concourse (between Portals LL and MM) during any arena event.

### MOTHER'S ROOM

Six Cozy Earth Mother's Rooms are located on the main concourse near Door 1 and Door 7 and on Level 5 next to the Sensory Room. Each room is equipped with modern amenities, featuring newly upgraded seating areas, TVs, sinks, and full-length mirrors, as well as Cozy Earth products that elevate the space and provide mothers with a world-class experience.

### SERVICE ANIMALS

While animals and pets are not allowed to enter the arena, trained service animals or service animals in training for guests with disabilities are welcome in all areas of the arena to which the public is invited. Service animals must always be on a leash unless performing a necessary task for their disabled handlers. Guests with disabilities are responsible for cleaning up after their service animals and for any damage caused by the service animals.

## GRADUATES



There will be a metal detector—bring only your phone with you!



Please have your Grad Pass up on your phone screen.



Please do not bring any bags or purses with you to the ceremonies.



Wear comfortable shoes. There will be a lot of walking!

# SALT PALACE ARENA POLICIES

## GRADUATE CHECK-IN | LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### GUEST SERVICES

During our events, we have two portable, staffed information booths stationed in key locations to make your visit easy. Plus, all other Salt Palace personnel are eager to assist you should you have questions. Just ask us!

### GUEST SEATING

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### EMT/FIRST AID

Emergency medical personnel are on duty at each event. Medical personnel can be contacted during an event by notifying the nearest event staff member, usher, or security guard and informing them of the situation and location of the incident.

### PARKING

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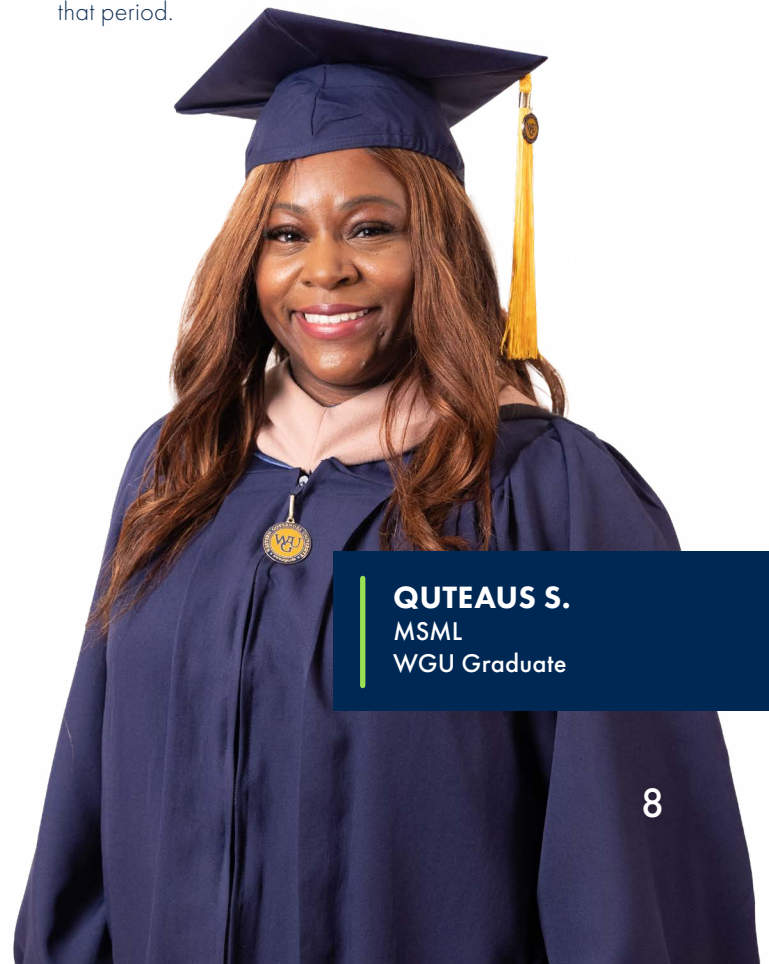
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### SMOKING

Utah law prohibits smoking in any public space in the facility. This includes vendor halls, exhibit halls, restrooms, lobbies, corridors, and meeting rooms. The use of e-cigarettes is also prohibited. This also includes vaping. Smokers must be at least 25 feet from any entryway to comply with the Utah Clean Air Act.

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MSML  
WGU Graduate



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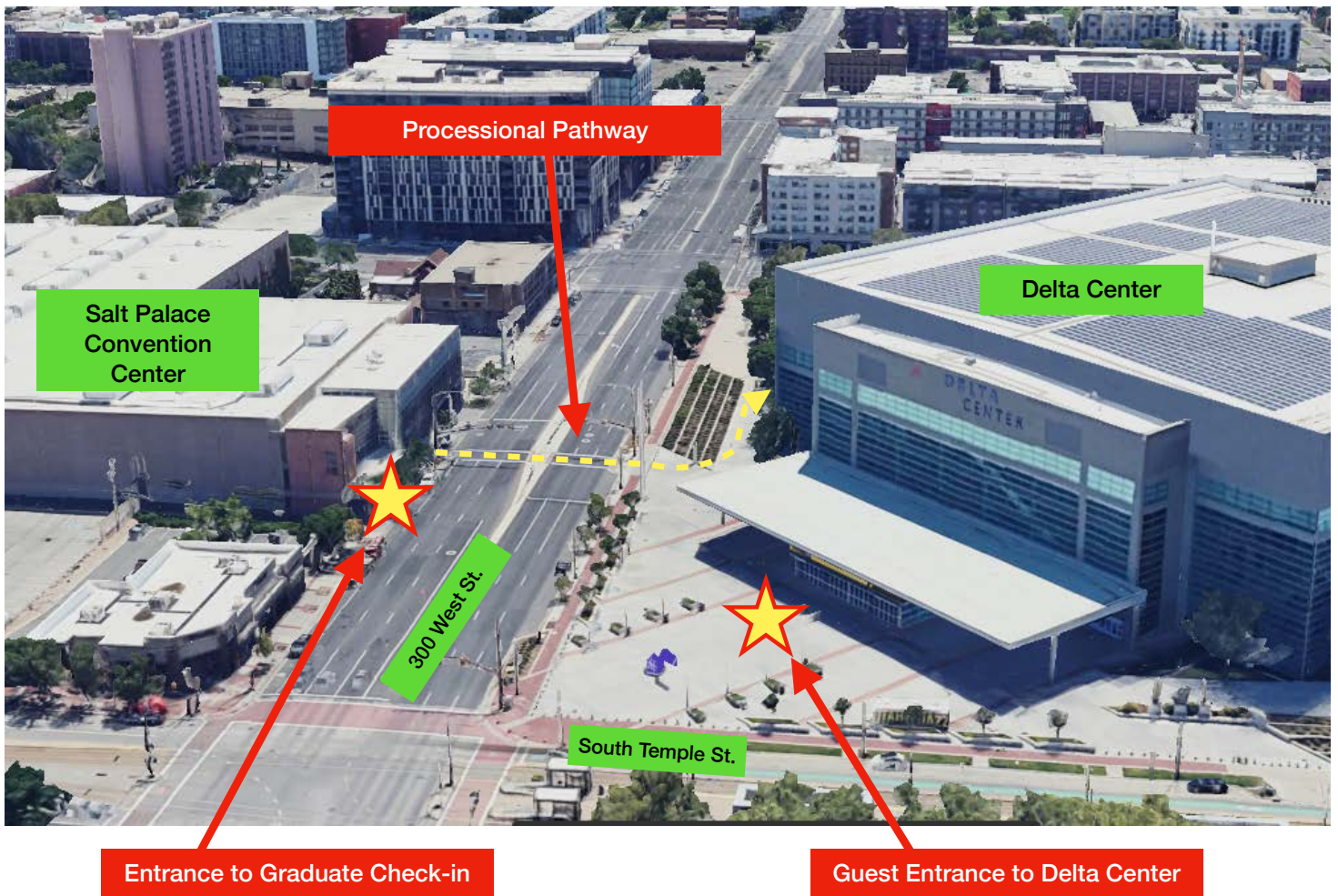
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# PARKING AND ENTRANCE MAP

## Saturday Morning Commencement Entrances



# 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.

## 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.

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.

## 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 Bachelor's Regalia](#)

[Video: How to Wear Master's 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:



**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

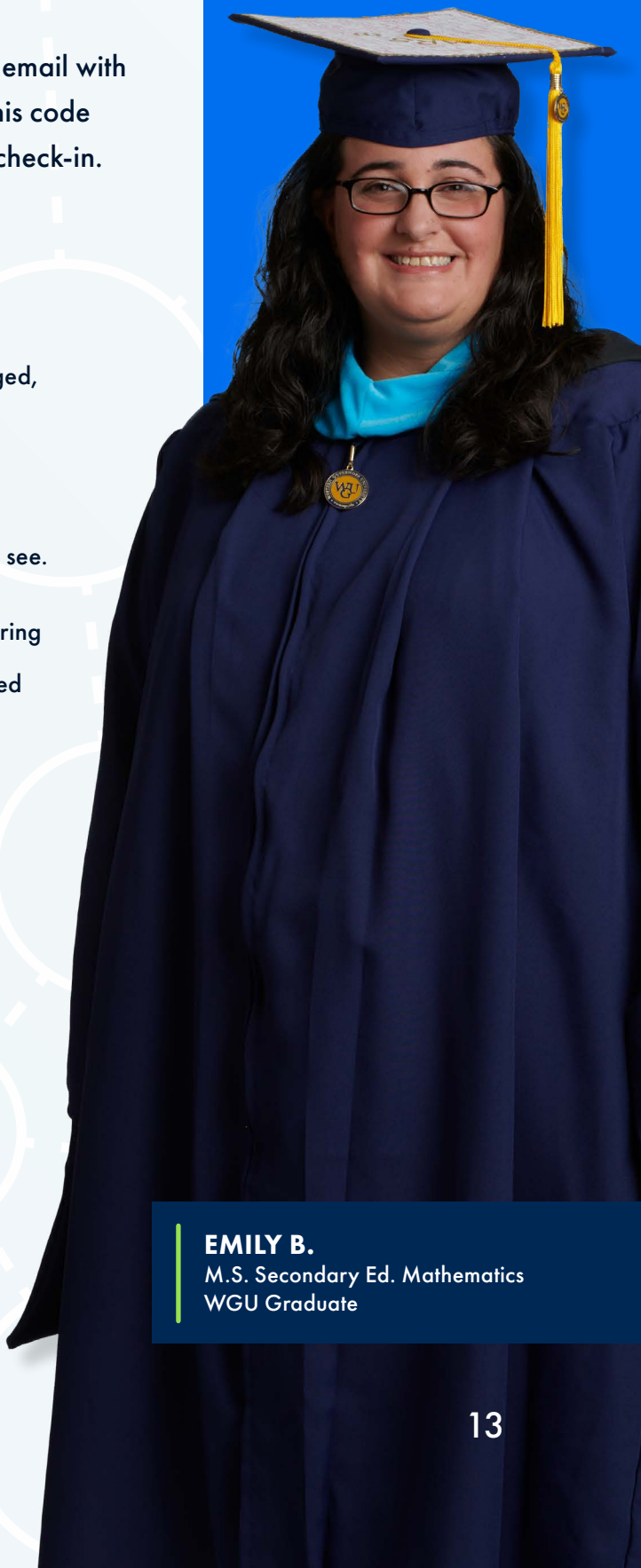
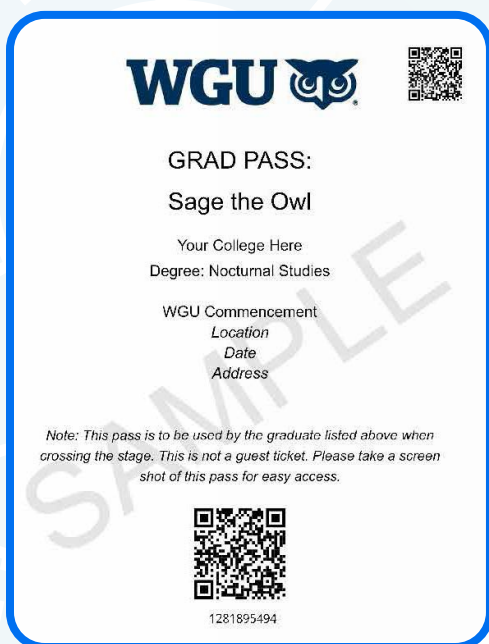
# GRADUATE CHECK-IN PROCEDURE GRAD PASS



The week of Commencement, you will be sent an email with a Grad 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 Grad Pass will be scanned before you cross the stage during the ceremony. Please have your Grad Pass ready to be scanned as you line up to cross the stage.

## SAMPLE GRAD PASS



**EMILY B.**  
M.S. Secondary Ed. Mathematics  
WGU Graduate

# LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CONVOCAATION CEREMONY SCHEDULE

**DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024**

**LOCATION:** Salt Palace Hall 5, 25 South 300  
West, Salt Lake City, Ut 84101

**Leavitt School of Health & School of Education**

Check-in Time: 12:00 p.m. MT

Ceremony Start Time: 1:00 p.m. MT

## **GRADUATE CHECK-IN: 12:00 P.M.**

At graduate check-in, you will have the opportunity to pick up your philanthropy, military, and/or scholarship cord. We will also have limited regalia available for purchase, and you can visit with our name readers to clarify pronunciation. If you notice that there are errors on your Grad Pass, please visit the Help Desk.

*Note: Only graduates are permitted in the Graduate Check-in Area*

## **GRADUATE PRE-SEATING: 12:00 P.M.**

After checking in, graduates will be guided directly to the arena floor where they will be seated with their schools. Please follow the direction of the college marshals.

## **CONVOCAATION CEREMONY: 1:00 P.M.**

The ceremony will begin promptly. Please be in your seat and ready at this time. We look forward to celebrating you!

### **Conferral of Degree Order**

- Leavitt School of Health
- School of Education

*Note: Graduates are called to the stage by schools and not in alphabetical order.*

## **BEFORE ARRIVING FOR COMMENCEMENT**

All graduates participating in the Commencement ceremony must arrive wearing full academic attire: cap with tassel, hood, and gown. No changing rooms are available.

## **AFTER THE CEREMONY**

Families will meet their graduates outside on the plaza.

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**Remember to follow  
signs at check-in!**

# SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CONVOCAATION CEREMONY SCHEDULE

DATE: **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024**

**School of Technology and School of Business**

Check-in Time: 12:00 p.m. MT

Ceremony Start Time: 1:00 p.m. MT

## **BEFORE ARRIVING**

All graduates participating in the Commencement or Convocation ceremonies must arrive wearing full academic attire: cap with tassel, hood, and gown. No changing rooms are available.

## **AFTER THE CEREMONY**

Families will meet their graduates outside on the plaza.



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- School of Business

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# CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

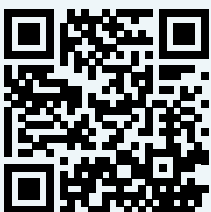


Receive  
a **WGU**  
philanthropy  
cord!

**Donate \$25 or more to the WGU Fellow Night Owl Scholarship Fund and receive a philanthropy cord.**

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 [wgu.edu/philanthropycords](https://wgu.edu/philanthropycords)

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](mailto:advancement@wgu.edu).



# WEBCAST AND CONTACT INFO

Family and guests who are unable to attend in person may view the ceremony **online**. To watch the ceremony live, please visit the following link on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

**Live Commencement**

**DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024**

**Commencement (All Graduates) Ceremony**  
Time: 9:00 a.m. MT

**Leavitt School of Health & School of Education Convocation**  
Ceremony Start Time: 1:00 p.m. MT

**School of Business & School of Technology Convocation**  
Ceremony Start Time: 1:00 p.m. MT

## 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](https://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](mailto:commencement@wgu.edu). You may also visit the [Commencement website](#).

Please [download](#) our Commencement app.



**DAVID L.**  
M.S. Curriculum and Instruction  
WGU Graduate

# 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](https://wgu.onl/wgufriends) to share WGU with your friends and family.