



**WESTERN GOVERNORS
UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT**

LAS VEGAS

APRIL 26, 2025

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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 **375,000** 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.

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/nightownetwork.

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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WGU Graduate

YOU'RE INVITED!

Alumni Celebration

Friday, April 25
6:00–9:00 p.m.

Virgin Hotel
4455 Paradise Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89169

Kick off your commencement weekend with this exclusive alumni celebration in honor of our graduates! All graduates attending the 2025 WGU Commencement in Las Vegas are invited to join us for the Alumni Celebration at the Virgin Hotel Las Vegas!

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

Come for the networking, stay for the fun!

At the celebration, you can:

- Free professional portraits (graduates only): elevate your LinkedIn profile with free professional portraits—courtesy of WGU!
- Meet with local employers about 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!
- Enjoy light appetizers, refreshments, and self-pay bars.

Parking

Free parking is available on site.

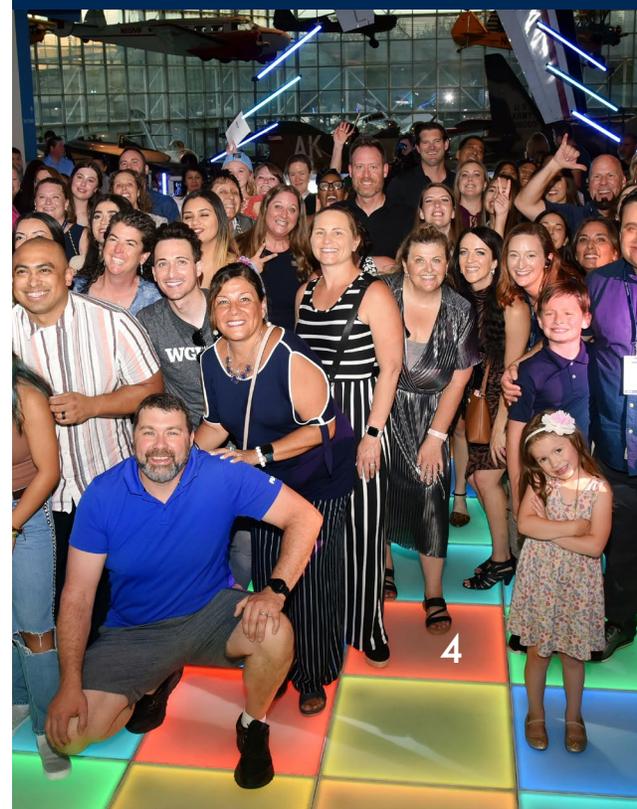
Contact Information

Alumni Celebration: alumnievents@wgu.edu

Alumni Celebration ADA and accessibility: alumnievents@wgu.edu

Commencement questions: commencement@wgu.edu

Please note: 2025 Las Vegas graduates can bring up to six (6) guests total.



COMMENCEMENT IN LAS VEGAS

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Thomas & Mack Center
4505 S Maryland Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89154

Leavitt School of Health and School of Education

Graduate Check-In and Pre-Seating: 8:30 a.m.
Commencement Ceremony: 9:30 a.m.

School of Technology and School of Business

Graduate Check-In and Pre-Seating: 12:30 p.m.
Commencement Ceremony: 1:30 p.m.



**All graduates must check in
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Please bring your cell phone with you to access your Stage Pass and minimal personal belongings. Graduates must check in before the ceremony. Please have a screenshot of your Stage Pass pulled up on your phone screen to be scanned.

All guests and bags are subject to search. Bags must be clear and no larger than 12"x12"x6' to enter the Thomas & Mack Center. Graduates are also encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CEREMONY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

LOCATION: Thomas & Mack Center
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154

Leavitt School of Health and School of Education

Graduate Check-In: 8:30 a.m.

Ceremony Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

GRADUATE CHECK-IN: 8:30 A.M.

At graduate check-in, you will have the opportunity to pick up your philanthropy, military, and/or scholarship cord(s). 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 Stage Pass, please visit the Help Desk.

Note: Only graduates are permitted in the Graduate Check-In area

GRADUATE PRE-SEATING: 8:30 A.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.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: 9:30 A.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.

Graduates will receive their complimentary diploma cover at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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. Graduates are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

AFTER THE CEREMONY

Guests will meet their graduates outside outside on the plaza.

[Video: How to Wear Regalia](#)



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

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CEREMONY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

LOCATION: Thomas & Mack Center
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154

School of Technology and School of Business

Graduate Check-In: 12:30 p.m.

Ceremony Start Time: 1:30 p.m.

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. Graduates are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

AFTER THE CEREMONY

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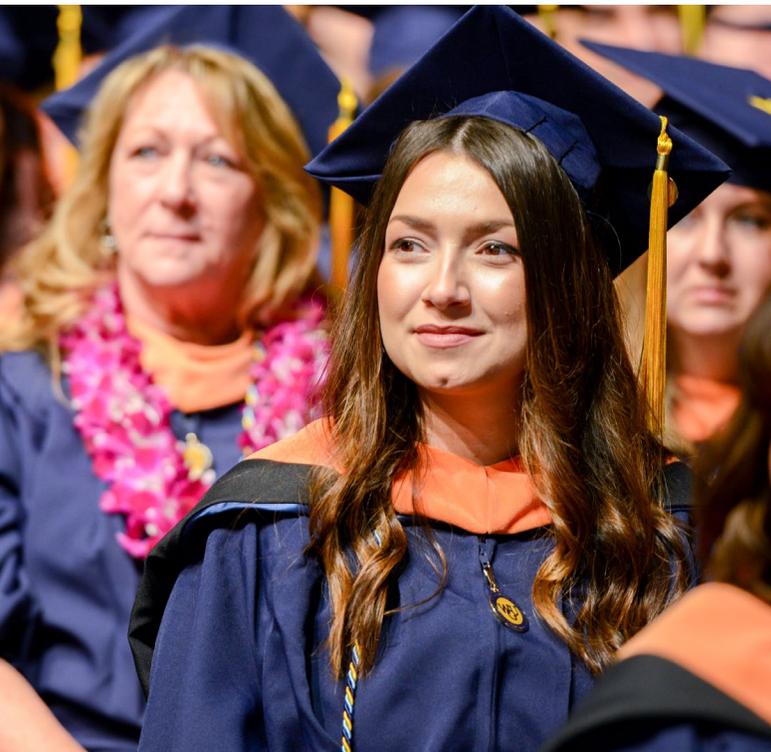
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- School of Business

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THOMAS & MACK CENTER POLICIES

GUEST SERVICES

The Guest Relations Information booths are located on the main concourse level near sections 106 and 117.

EMT/FIRST AID

The First Aid room is located on the concourse level at section 103. They are also available at the Guest Relations booth at section 106.

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.

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.

PARKING

The Thomas & Mack Center has four parking lots around the building. The lots are designated by color (Red, Scarlet and Gray) and numbered sections. Disabled parking areas are available in all lots.

CONCESSIONS

The Thomas & Mack Center offers a variety of food and beverage items on the concourse level.

LOST CHILDREN

Lost children/individuals should be taken to the nearest usher or security guard. If you become separated from your child or guests, please proceed to Guest Relations near section 106 or 117 for further assistance.

NO SMOKING

The Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion are non-smoking facilities as established under Nevada State Law. This policy will be strictly enforced within all areas of the building. Observe the designated smoking areas at each facility. Electronic smoking devices are not allowed.

BAG POLICY

All guests and bags are subject to search. Thomas & Mack Center has implemented a bag policy that can be found [here](#). A maximum size clear bag of 12"x12"x6" is permitted. Exceptions will be made for medical, family, or childcare bags or small clutches no larger than 8"x11".

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

THOMAS & MACK CENTER POLICIES (CONT.)

MOTHERS' LOUNGE

A mother's room/nursing station is available on the main concourse near the section 101 portal.

LOST AND FOUND

Guest Relations information booths on the concourse near sections 106 and 117 handle lost and found. After an event please call (702) 895-3761, Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY

Guests needing special assistance and close access to the building entrances are welcome to be dropped off at entrance to the Thomas & Mack Center.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Designated parking is available in all lots for guests with disabilities.

BALLOON DROP

There will be a balloon drop during the close of the commencement ceremony. If you have a latex allergy, please alert a member of the WGU staff or Guest Services before the ceremony begins. They will assist you out of the arena prior to the balloon drop.

RESTROOMS

Accessible and family restrooms are available throughout the facility.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Only certified service animals or service animals in-training for guests with disabilities are allowed in the arena. All service animals must remain on a leash or in a harness at all times.

AFTER THE CEREMONY

- Guests will meet their graduates outside on the plaza.
- Graduates will receive a diploma cover at the end of the ceremony.

ONLINE VIEWING

Family and guests who are unable to attend in person may view the ceremony online at: wgu.edu/alumni/commencement/upcoming-commencements/lasvegas

GRADUATES



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



Please have your Stage Pass up on your phone screen.

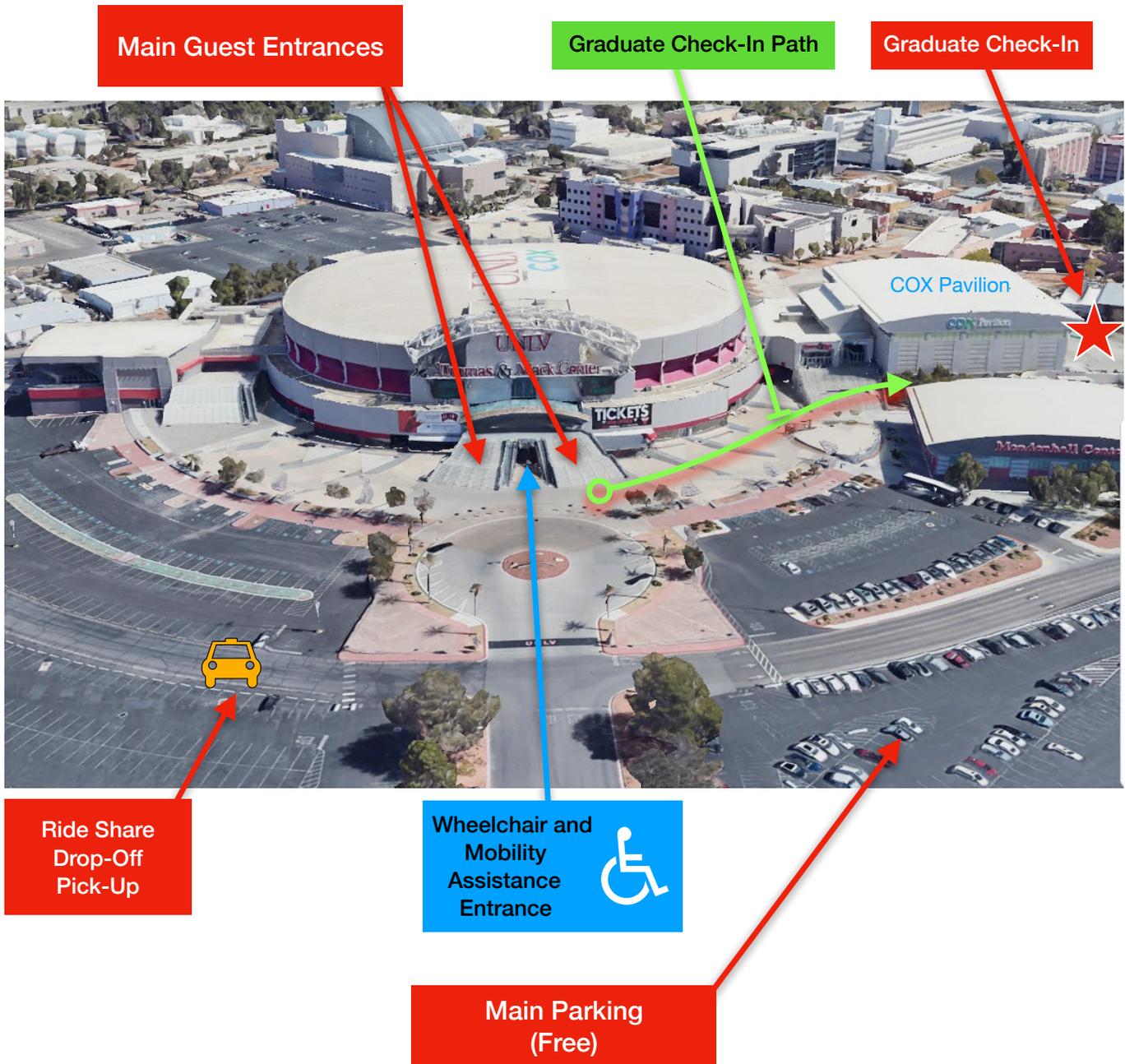


Please do not bring any bags or purses with you to the ceremonies.

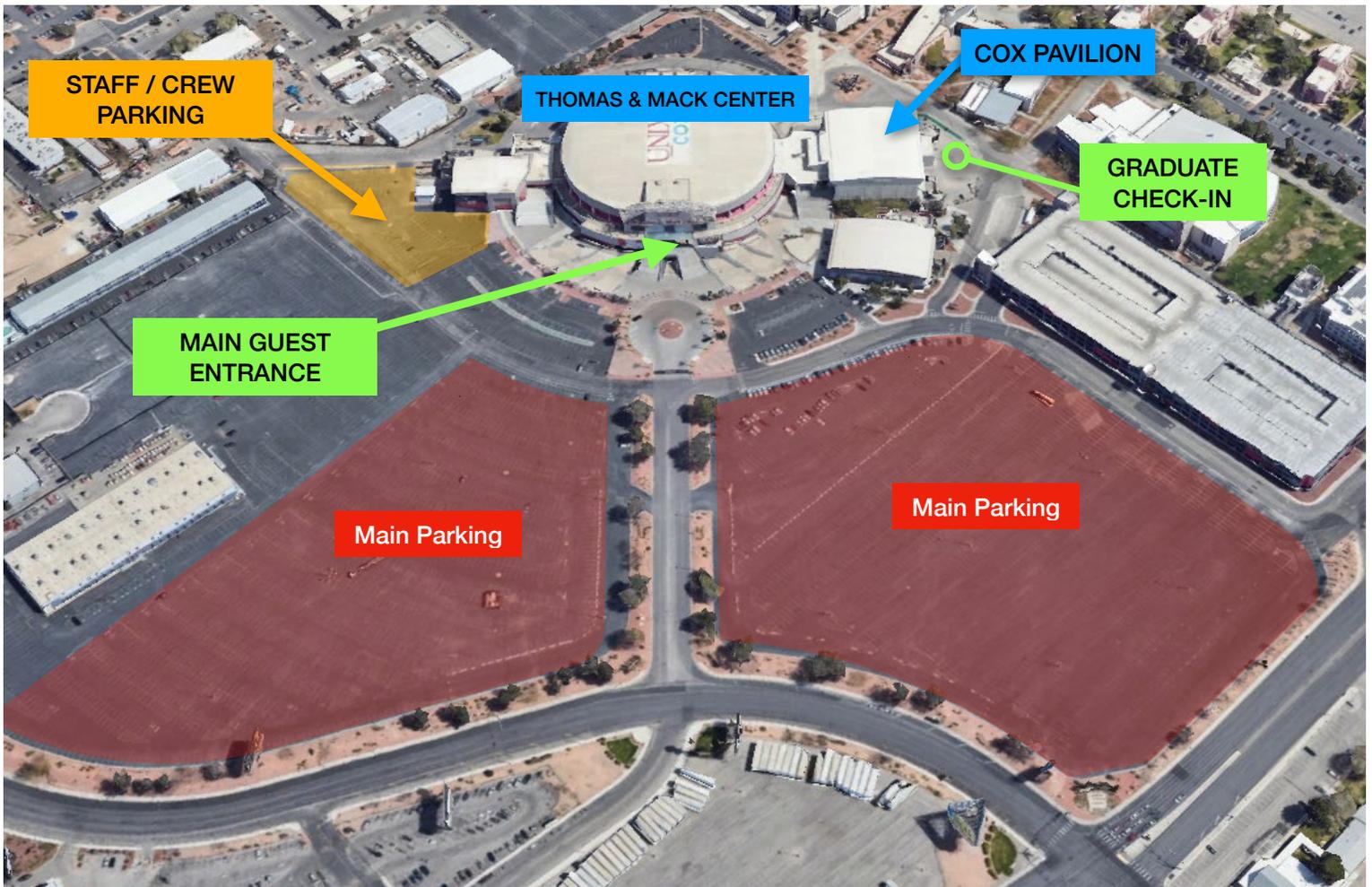


Graduates are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

THOMAS & MACK CENTER ENTRANCE MAP



THOMAS & MACK CENTER PARKING MAP



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:



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 AND 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, 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



STAGE PASS:
Sage the Owl

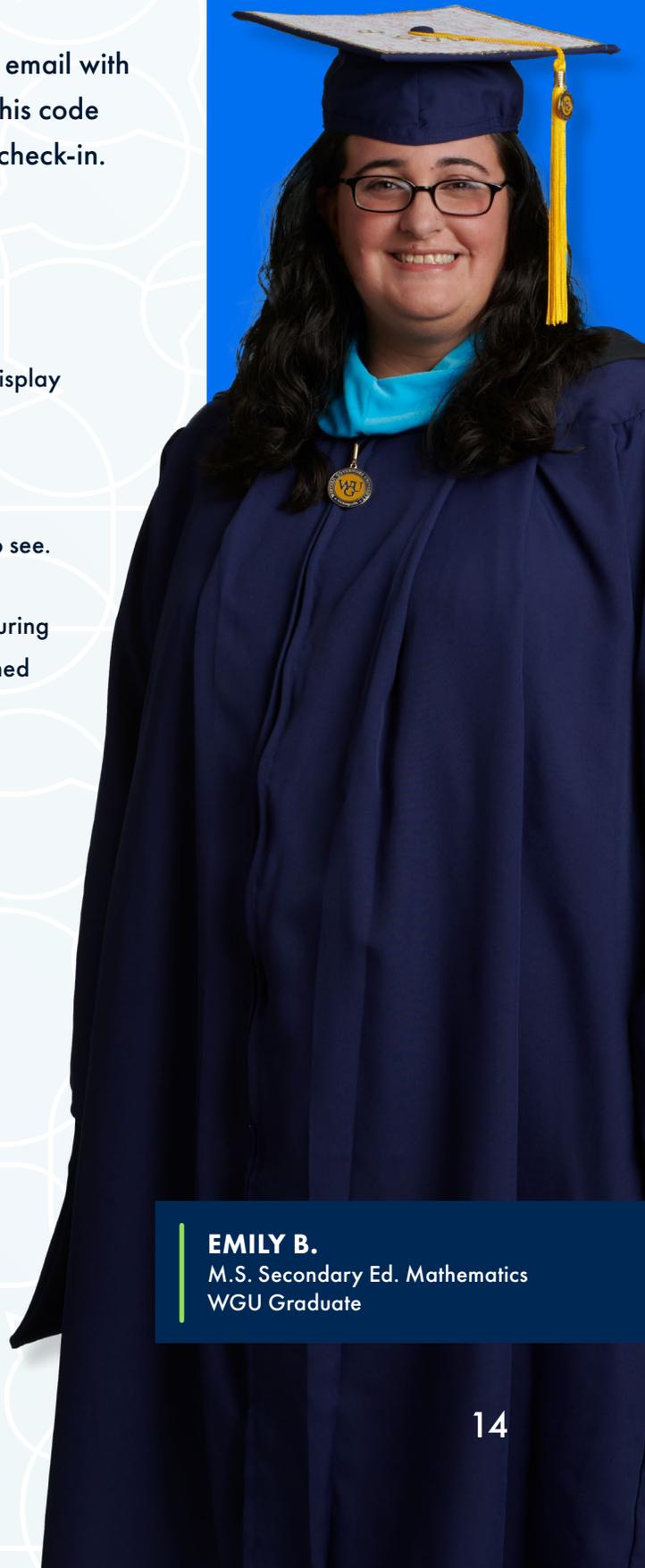
Your College Here
Degree: Nocturnal Studies

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 screen shot of this pass for easy access.



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

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

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

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 following link on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Live Commencement

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Leavitt School of Health and School of Education

Ceremony Start Time: 9:30 a.m. (PDT)

School of Technology and School of Business

Ceremony Start Time: 1:30 p.m. (PDT)

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 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.



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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 to share WGU with your friends and family.