



WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT IN ANAHEIM, CA

MARCH 16, 2024

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

COMMENCEMENT AT HONDA CENTER

ADDRESS:

Honda Center 2695 E Katella Ave
Anaheim, CA 92806

DATE: **MARCH 16, 2024**

Leavitt School of Health & School of Education

Check-in Time: 8:30 a.m. PDT

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

School of Business & School of Technology

Check-in Time: 12:30 p.m. PDT

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



GUEST SERVICES AND EMT/FIRST AID

The Guest Services desk can be found outside of Section 214. First Aid is located across from Section 216. In the event of an emergency, Honda Center personnel have been instructed and trained to assist you in evacuating the premises. Please see a Honda Center employee nearest you if you have an emergency and seek assistance.

PARKING

Guests are strongly encouraged to reserve parking in advance with ParkMobile to guarantee their event day parking spot. Guests can view available parking lots and pricing through ParkMobile and receive their parking pass in advance of arrival.

To view available parking for your event, click [here](#).

For more information on Honda Center parking, click [here](#).

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.

COMMENCEMENT AT HONDA CENTER

CONCESSIONS

Honda Center proudly serves a variety of food and beverage items at concession stands throughout the arena. To view a map of concessions stands, their menu, and their location please click [here](#).

In an effort to ensure quick and contactless transactions, only cashless payment methods are accepted.

All major credit, debit, and mobile payments are accepted throughout Honda Center, including parking, merchandise, concessions, box office, and restaurants. Cash is no longer accepted. Cash-to-card machines are available to convert your cash to a card for a small fee at Section 201 and Section 401.

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 Services for further assistance.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

If you've misplaced an item at Honda Center, you may visit the Guest Service desk near Section 213 during the event. If you notice you've misplaced an item after an event, please call **714-704-2400** Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, for assistance.

BAG POLICY

For all events at Honda Center, bags and purses can be no larger than 5 in. x 9 in. x 2 in. to be permitted and are subject to manual inspection - this includes clear bags. All other purses/bags/clutches will not be allowed into the venue. Backpacks of any size are not permitted. Honda Center does not offer a bag check.

Guests who require a diaper bag or purse/bag for medical items, such as prescription medication, breast pumps, and other special medical equipment, are permitted to bring a bag no larger than 12 in. x 12 in. x 12 in. These medical and diaper bags must undergo additional screening and inspection.

STROLLERS

Baby strollers are NOT permitted in the seating areas. We do encourage leaving these in your vehicle.

SMOKING

Honda Center, and its surrounding grounds, is a no smoking/vaping facility. All guests are prohibited from smoking (including electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, marijuana, CBD, or similar products) inside and outside of the arena at any time.

Quteaus S.
MSML
WGU Graduate



ADA AND ACCESSIBILITY

ACCESSIBILITY

Honda Center is committed to ensuring that each guest has a great experience and that guests with disabilities receive the accommodation he or she needs. Visit the [ADA Accessibility page](#) for information about the accessible features of Honda Center.

For specific questions that are not answered on this website or advance arrangements for ADA accommodations, please either email accessibilityservices@hondacenter.com or call 714-704-2400.

WHEELCHAIRS

Guests in need of a manual wheelchair to get to their seat or any other location at Honda Center may visit the Guest Services desk near Section 213 for assistance. Guests may also notify guest services upon entry and an usher will bring a wheelchair to the guest to assist the guest to their seat or any other location at Honda Center. Segways, go-carts, golf carts and similar devices are not permitted in Honda Center. Mobility devices may be stored at a Guest Services desk. For guests seated on the 400 level who desire to store their foldable and/or small mobility device, storage alcoves are available adjacent to the wheelchair-accessible seating areas on the 400 level on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have specific questions or seek advance arrangements for mobility devices, please either email accessibilityservices@hondacenter.com or call 714-704-2400.

RESTROOMS

All concourse restrooms in Honda Center include a fully accessible stall and, in some cases, an additional stall with accessible features. All restrooms include accessible baby changing tables and an accessible washing station.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Pets are not permitted at Honda Center. Guests with a disability who are assisted by a service dog may bring the service dog as permitted by the ADA.

Guests who require assistance from his or her service dog while at Honda Center are encouraged to contact accessibilityservices@hondacenter.com in advance to confirm seating locations or seat relocations.

SENSORY ROOM

KultureCity has partnered with Honda Center and the Anaheim Ducks to make Honda Center and all the programs and events that the venue hosts to be sensory inclusive. Sensory bags are available at Guest Services near Section 214. Sensory bags, equipped with noise canceling headphones, fidget tools, verbal cue cards, and weighted lap pads will be available to all guests at Honda Center who may feel overwhelmed by the environment.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Accessible stalls are located in each [Honda Center parking lot](#). Only guests who display a disability placard or a disability license plate will be permitted to park in Accessible parking stalls. Honda Center honors current disability plates and placards issued by all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and all Canadian Provinces. Guests should display his or her placard upon entry through parking booths and as the vehicle travels to and remains parked in an accessible stall. Accessible parking is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

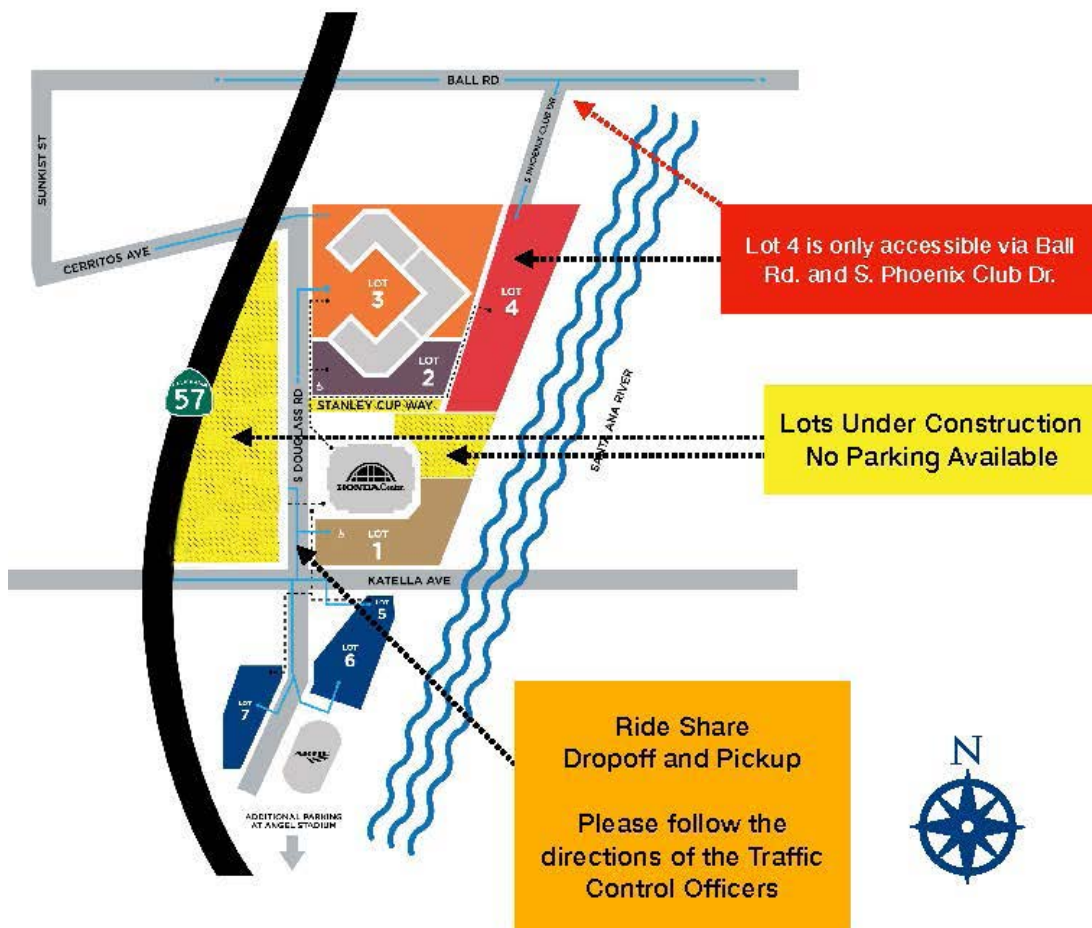
PARKING AND ENTRANCE MAP

There is \$30 fee to park at the Honda Center

CAUTION

LOTS MARKED IN YELLOW are under construction and unavailable for parking

HONDA CENTER EVENT 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. You 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 gown 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.

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.



[Video: How to Wear Bachelor's Regalia](#)

[Video: How to Wear Master's Regalia](#)

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.

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.

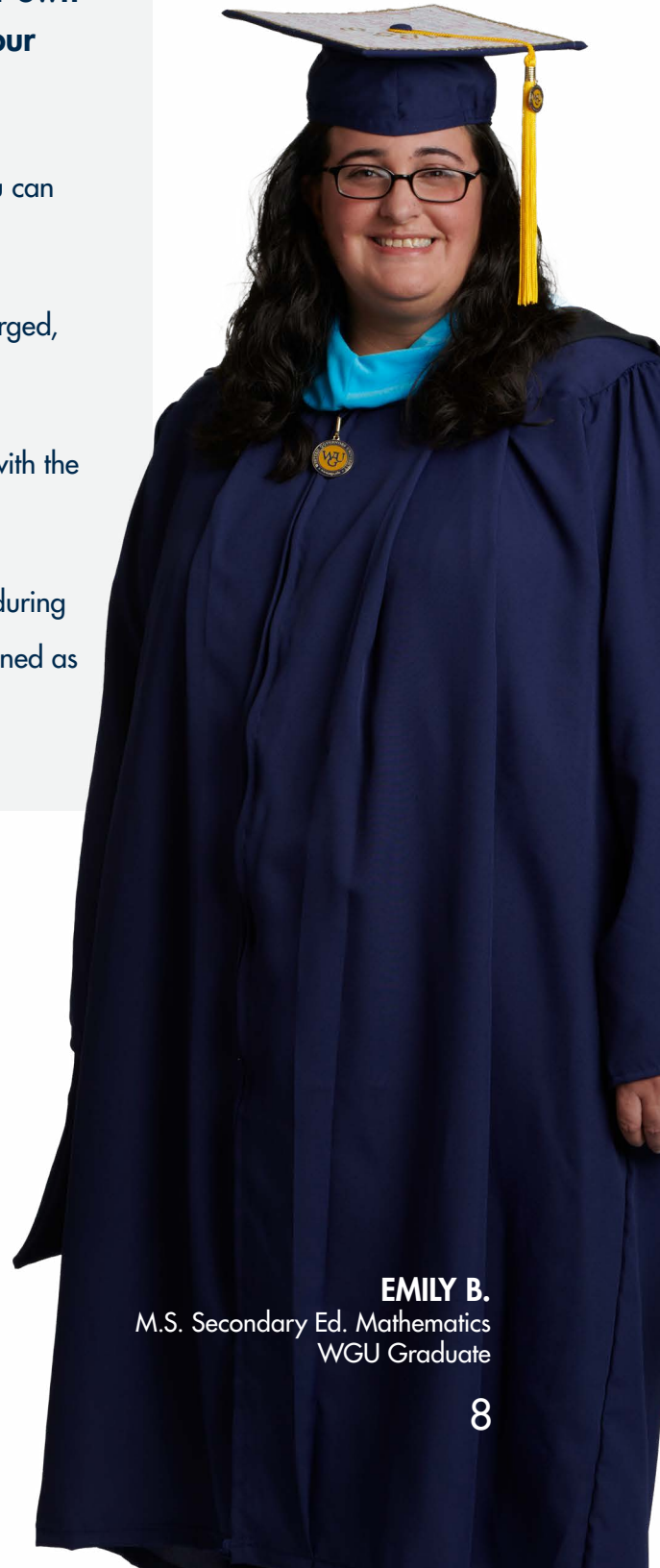
Take into consideration the following if decorating your cap for commencement: WGU does not allow content on caps that is considered, in WGU's sole discretion, obscene, vulgar, defamatory, hateful, inappropriate, profane, or that might disregard another's copyright or third-party rights. All decorations must lie flat on the cap.

GRADUATE CHECK-IN PROCEDURE



GRAD PASS

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


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GRAD 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

LEAVITT SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CEREMONY SCHEDULE

DATE: **SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

Leavitt School of Health & School of Education

Check-in Time: 8:30 a.m. PDT

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

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.

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. 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 GradPass, 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 colleges. 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

Morning Ceremony:

- Leavitt School of Health
- School of Education

Afternoon Ceremony:

- School of Business
- School of Technology

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



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AFTER THE CEREMONY

Families will meet their graduates outside on the plaza.

Remember to follow
signs at check-in!

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY CEREMONY SCHEDULE

DATE: **SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

School of Business & School of Technology
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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

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

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 link on **Saturday, March 16**.

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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 is recorded at commencement. This may include but not be 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.

You may also visit the [Commencement website](#).

Please [download](#) our Commencement App.



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WGU Graduate

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