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Spring 2023 Commencement

Topper Walk and Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 4, 6:30 pm CST

- Line up near the Charles Hardcastle Kentucky Building at 6:00 p.m. Topper Walk begins at 6:30 p.m.
- For **Commencement**, students will receive their red towels to wave as they Topper Walk from the meeting place of their academic college into Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium. Family and friends can watch the procession into the stadium to their seats on the field, then they will find their seats in Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium.
- Commencement will begin immediately following the seating of students into Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium. This event will be held outdoor rain or shine.

<https://www.wku.edu/commencement/directions.php>



Fall 2022 graduates will be celebrated on

Friday, May 5 CST.

- Graduates should plan to arrive 1 hour in advance of their ceremony time and gather in Diddle Arena's Auxiliary Gym to line up for the ceremony.
- Special **College Recognition Ceremonies** to celebrate Graduates.

8:00 am

E.A. Diddle Arena

**Gordan Ford
College of
Business**

10:30 am

E.A. Diddle Arena

**Potter College
of Arts and
Letters**

1:00 pm

E.A. Diddle Arena

**Ogden College
of Science and
Engineering**

3:30 pm

E.A. Diddle Arena

**College of
Education and
Behavioral Sciences**

6:30 pm

E.A. Diddle Arena

**College of
Health and
Human Services**

Graduates, guests, and disability parking for **May 4 only**

- Graduates are encouraged to park on the north end of campus in Parking Structure 1, the Adams Street Lot, Kentucky Street Lot and the Alumni Square Garage.
- Parents and guests are encouraged to park in Parking Structure 1 and Parking Structure 2. Additional parking is available within walking distance in the Creason Lot and Parking Structure 3.
- Disability parking is available in Diddle North Lot and Parking Structure 2.
- Please note: For pedestrian safety, Avenue of Champions will be closed beginning at 6:20PM through the end of Big Red's Bash.

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Special Celebrations



Lavender Recognition Ceremony

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 pm CST.

- Held annually in the Spring, the [Lavender Recognition Ceremony](#) celebrates and recognizes the achievements and contributions of WKU's LGBTQ and Ally graduates from all races and ethnicities in the Martens Alumni Center Ballroom. Registration is required.

ISEC Spring 2023 Graduation Celebration

Thursday, May 4, 2:00 pm CST

- The [Intercultural Student Engagement Center \(ISEC\)](#) is proud to sponsor the Western Kentucky University's May Recognition Celebration for students who identify as (Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, and Multiracial) in the Downing Student Union Auditorium.



Military Science and Leadership



WKU ROTC Commissioning

Thursday, May 4, 2:00 pm CST

- WKU commissions cadets as 2nd Lieutenants into the U.S. Army during the [WKU ROTC Commissioning ceremony](#) in E.A. Diddle Arena.



For a list of additional special celebrations [click here](#).

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Upcoming Dates

5/1-5/4	Finals Week
5/4	Spring 2023 Commencement
5/5	College Recognition Ceremonies
5/8	May, Summer Session begins
5/9	Final Grades Due
5/30	June I, Summer Session begins

Important Dates for Spring 2023 Graduation

Lavender Recognition Ceremony

- May 2, 7:00 pm, Martens Alumni Ballroom

WKU ROTC Commissioning

- May 4, 2:00 pm, Diddle Arena

ISEC Graduation Celebration

- May 4, 2:00 pm, DSU auditorium

Topper Walk

- May 4, 6:30 pm

Commencement Ceremony

- May 4, immediately after Topper Walk

Big Red Bash

- May 4, immediately after Commencement

College Recognition Ceremonies

- May 5, Diddle Arena

Summer 2023
Registration for
On Demand begins
May 1!

[Click here to view
On Demand Courses](#)

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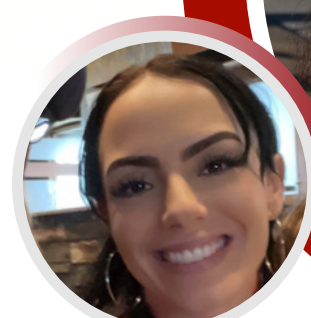


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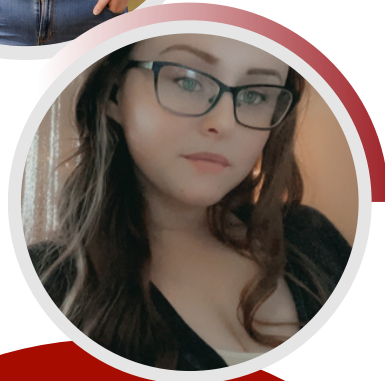


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Advice for Future Online Learners

"Be very organized with your work. Keep up with homework and quizzes. The littlest things matter."
----Jazlyne Barnes

"You are in control of your learning, so always take time and put forth dedication."----Abby Turner

"Set yourself up with goals that are achievable. Don't overload yourself with classes.....keep pushing!"
----William Marfleet

Online Learning Tips

"Time management is essential. Read your materials and take time to fully understand what you're learning independently."---- Keaton Aune

"Be organized. Stay determined."
---- Sonya Mussnug

Why Choose WKU Online?

"It was a simple decision to attend WKU's LITE program. It offers certifications and training...it let's me have flexibility."
----Patricia Concepcion

"WKU accepts the military tuition rate, waived the GRE for me, and offered free textbooks for military members when available. No other institutions came close!"---Phillip Bradford



CARES Success Coaching

You have someone you can call, email, ask questions; someone that will work with you to connect you to useful resources.

<https://www.wku.edu/online/coaching/index.php>

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