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Spring College Recognition Ceremonies

<u>Directions to Commencement</u> <u>Ceremonies</u>

Download the Parking Map

Spring 2024 Commencement Schedule

Topper Walk and Commencement Ceremony Thursday, May 2, 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 <u>Commencement</u>, 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.

Spring College Recognition Ceremonies Friday, May 3, 2024

- Celebration of Spring and Summer 2024 graduates
- Graduates should plan to arrive one hour in advance of ceremony time and gather in Diddle Arena's Auxiliary Gym to line up for the ceremony.

8:00am
E.A. Diddle Arena
E. Gordon Ford
College of
Business
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10:30am
E.A. Diddle Arena
Potter College
of Arts and
Letters

1:00pm
E.A. Diddle Arena
Ogden College
of Science and
Engineering

3:30pm
E.A. Diddle Arena
College of
Education and
Behavioral
Sciences
C:30pm
E.A. Diddle Arena
College of
Health and
Human
Services

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Lavender Recognition Ceremony

Tuesday, April 30th 7:00pm CT Martens Alumni Center Ballroom

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.

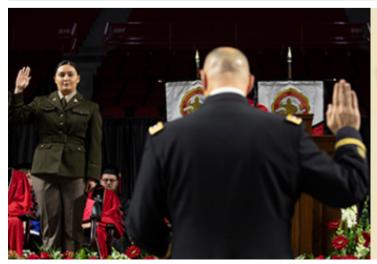
ISEC Graduation Celebration

Thursday, May 2nd 2:00pm CT Diddle Arena

The Intercultural Student Engagement Center (ISEC) sponsors WKU's graduation celebration for students who identify as Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, or Multiracial. The event will recognize ISEC graduates.

Registration is required.





WKU ROTC Commissioning

Thursday, May 2nd 2:00pm CT

Downing Student Union Auditorium, Room 1071

WKU commissions cadets as 2nd Lieutenants into the U.S. Army during the WKU ROTC Commissioning ceremony.

For a list of additional special celebrations click here.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPECIAL

WKU Regional Campus

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

WKU in Glasgow: Graduand Monday, April 22, 2024-- 5:30 pm (CT) TJ Samson Pavilion Community Room RSVP by April 15th

Dress is business casual - no cap & gown.

WKU in Somerset: Graduate Celebration Monday, April 29, 2024-- 2 pm (ET) Somerset Community College, Hal Rogers Student Commons Community Room RSVP by April 22nd Dress is business casual - no cap & gown.

WKU in Owensboro: Graduate Celebration Tuesday, April 30, 2024-- 5 pm (CT)

Owensboro Community and Technical College, Humanities Building- Blandford Hall RSVP by April 23rd

Dress is business casual - no cap & gown.



WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox: Graduate Celebration
Wednesday, May 1, 2024-- 5:30 pm (ET)
ECTC Campus- RPC Building (Room 212) Auditorium
RSVP by April 12th

Dress is business casual - no cap & gown.

For RSVP forms go here: https://www.wku.edu/commencement/celebrations/

WKU in Somerset





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UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS CAMPUS

- Apr 29-May 2
 - Final Exams
- May 2
 - Commencement
- May 3
 - College Recognition Ceremonies
- May 7
 - Final Grades Due
- May 13
 - Summer term begins

Registration Guide

- Summer 2024 (begins May 13, 2024)
- Fall 2024 (begins August 19, 2024)

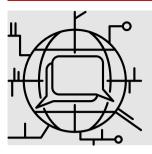
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Campus Recreation and Wellness Calendar

WKU Events Calendar

WKU Sports Calendar

<u>Summer 2024 Academic</u> Calendar



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GROW - RESEARCH - ACHIEVE - DREAM

WKU Graduate School Virtual Info Fair

If none of this date does not work with your schedule, you can also set up an individual appointment via Zoom.

- May 7, 2024, 6:00-6:30 PM CDT
- Join the Graduate School to learn more about the opportunities available to go beyond your bachelor's degree! You are invited to find out about opportunities for graduate study options, how to apply for admission, and anything else you would like to know. These are drop-in/drop-out sessions; you can join us for as long as you prefer.
- You must register in advance for this meeting by choosing your preferred date above. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

https://www.wku.edu/graduate/grad/



Congratulations to all graduates of the Potter College of Arts and Letters! PCAL looks forward to celebrating with each of you at the PCAL Individual Recognition Ceremony on Friday, May 3rd at 10:30 am in EA Diddle Arena.

Learn more about what PCAL is doing this spring by following along on social media: PCAL Instagram: @wkupcal https://www.instagram.com/wkupcal/ or by visiting our events calendar: https://www.wku.edu/pcal/calendar/







Please use the QR code to access the Gordon Ford College of Business Senior Survey





- Recognition
 Cords for
 Graduation- pick
 up cords in Gary
 Ransdell Hall,
 room 2052 or
 have them mailed
 from the WKU
 Store. Contact
 military@wku.edu
 for questions.
- Free Scantrons and Blue Booksavailable to all Military and Veterans students.
- Military Listserv- to sign up, click <u>HERE</u>.

What: Graduation Celebration for Military/Veteran Connected Students

When: May 2, 8:00 - 4:30- Stop by anytime between those hours.

Where: Gary Ransdell Hall, room 2067

Why: If you have a direct military connection (ie. a current service member, a veteran, a child or spouse of a service member/veteran) we welcome you to stop by our office to grab some snacks and a gift to celebrate your achievement.

WKU Military Student Services

Educational solutions with Service Men and Women. All online and independent learning courses are approved for Servicemembers of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans, and other persons eligible under the provisions of the GI Bill®.



Grad Spotlight

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ADVICE FOR FUTURE ONLINE LEARNERS

Patricia Cecil

"If you have a dream of pursing a degree, it can be done at any age."

Anthony Willems

"Trust the process! One step at a time. Don't be afraid of success, hard work, or to ask for help!"

Valerie Batty

"Only you can determine the timeline for your achievements!"

Brittany Nelson

"You can do this! I have the most chaotic system... but I had a system. I doubted myself and never thought I'd get to the point I am now."

Megan Richey

"Always chase your dreams. There is nothing that you can't accomplish as long as you set your mind and heart to it!"



Morgan Payne

"Being an online student can get tough at times, but there is always a light at the end of the tunnel, and I promise you will get there."

Cheri Murphey

"Never give up, you can achieve your goals through determination and dedication."

Online Learning Tips!

- Manage your time well, but also make time for yourself.
 - Madeline Huddleston
- Prioritize a day to do your school work so it does not get pushed to the back burner.
 - Kristen Swanson
- Treat an online class like an in-person class. Log in to class each day, stay ahead of assignment due dates, and ask questions.
 - Colby Colwell
- Talk on a regular basis with your advisor.
 - James Birkett
- Buy a planner and use it! Planning out when assignments are due and scheduling time to work are crucial for time management.
 - Elizabeth Medley

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WHY CHOOSE WKU ONLINE?

- "I work and travel so it gave me the flexibility I needed!"
 - o Julie Richmagui
- "Being online made life easier for me, so that way I could be with my son while earning a degree, on top of being a full-time employee."
 - o Morgan Payne
- "I chose WKU for the flexibility and cost of my degree. As a full time teacher the flexibility from WKU and my program, gave me what I needed to be successful!"
 - Preston Graves
- "WKU made it easy for me to transition from one stage of my life to the next."
 - o Cassie Ruddock
- "WKU offered me the flexibility and affordability I needed to balance Active Duty service with a degree."
 - Nicolai Voinoff

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