# COLLEGE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

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**#WKUGrad** 



#### Friday, December 6, 2024

- Special recognition ceremonies to celebrate Fall 2024 graduates.
- Graduates will walk up for individual recognition, greet the University President, take their graduation photo, etc.
- Graduates should plan to arrive 1 hour in advance of ceremony time.
- Gather in Diddle Areana's Auxiliary Gym to line up for the ceremony.

#### 8:00am

E.A. Diddle Arena

- Potter College of Arts and Letters
- College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

#### 10:30am

E.A. Diddle Arena

- Gordon Ford College of Business
- Ogden College of Science and Engineering

#### 1:00pm

E.A. Diddle Arena

 College of Health and Human Services

#### <u>EVENTS</u>

<u>Campus Recreation and</u> <u>Wellness Calendar</u>

WKU Events Calendar

WKU Sports Calendar

Fall 2024 Academic Calendar

Spring 2025 Academic Calendar





## UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS CAMPUS

- Dec 1: Spring 25 On Demand Registration opens
- Dec 2-5: Final Exams
- Dec 6: College Recognition
   Ceremonies for Fall 2024 grads
- Dec 10: Final Grades Due
- Dec 16: Winter Term begins
- Dec 16 Jan 3: Winter Break (university closed)
- Jan 21: Spring 2025 begins
- Jan 28: 100% drop/add date













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# ADVICE FOR FUTURE ONLINE LEARNERS

#### Leah Marsch

"Keep a planner/to do list of everything! It feels great crossing things off!"

#### Shy Camp

"Put your best foot forward and try your best. As long as you know you've tried, you know that you've done all you can do. Allow your hard work and effort to speak for itself."

#### Jessica Latham

"Prioritize your schedule and stick to it!"

#### Morgan Flanagan

"Managing time is a hard task, especially when it's online. Out of sight, out of mind is very real. It's important to stay organized and informed about information like deadlines."

#### MacKenzie Comstock

"Just make sure you give yourself time daily to look at your assignments and if you work on them little by little, it's less overwhelming."



#### **Bradley Logsdon**

"Work at your own pace and do not overload yourself with course hours. You get out of an online class what you put into it!"

#### Victoria Creamer

"Set healthy boundaries with your learning and do not neglect your family. Work ahead if you can and do not procrastinate. Build healthy relationships."

#### Online Learning Tips!

- Dedicate set days/times to work on coursework. Set aside "me time" to avoid burnout (*Melissa Cary*)
- Study lecture notes, PowerPoint slides, and any other materials posted. They are useful for understanding concepts and applying them. Watch lecture videos. Don't be afraid to ask professors questions. Always participate in discussion boards. (*Yoon Lwin*)
- Write out assignment due dates as soon as you get the syllabus. Have a designated study space or go to the library. Meet with professors during the first week of class. (*Daven Florence*)
- Stay consistent, set a routine, find your motivation. Hold yourself accountable. Take the coursework seriously. (*Sierra Vincent*)

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### WHY CHOOSE WKU ONLINE?

- "Option 6 was offered and I could not miss out on the opportunity to get a Masters Degree."
  - Drew Hall
- "I came back home to work at a place that could help me jumpstart my career with priceless experience that will be valuable after graduation"
  - Audrey Puckett
- "I'm a full-time teacher. I couldn't make it to campus to participate in classes."
  - Emilie Kroboth
- "Being in the military, I never know when I'll be called to serve. It allows me to continue working towards my degree as well as do what I love in the military."
  - Kali Napier
- "The LPN to ASN program was great. It fit my life and schedules."
  - Patricia Stubbe
- "I work full-time and it was the best choice for me."
  - Abbi Poe
- While holding down a full-time job,
   I was still able to obtain a college degree. If you're self-disciplined it's a great avenue to explore."
  - Halee Deckard





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# University Closed December 16-January 3 WINTER BREAK

# FINALS WEEK IS UPON US. CELEBRATE THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF THE SEMESTER.

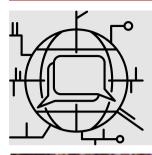
The team in the WKU Counseling Center recommend everyone take time to reflect over the semester and memorialize accomplishments. Not so much in a critical tone, but in a simple acknowledgement of efforts and goals.

#### Ask yourself:

- What is the best class I attended this semester?
- How did a professor, staff member or peer help me to affirm my career choice?
- In what ways did I learn, develop, and grow this semester?
- What is the biggest challenge I experienced this semester? How am I working to overcome it?
- What did I learn about myself this semester? How can I become a better human?
- What did I learn about others this semester? How has that helped me to better interact with others in the future?

WKU Counseling Center <a href="http://www.wku.edu/heretohelp/">http://www.wku.edu/heretohelp/</a> (270) 745-3159





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Graduate education offers numerous opportunities to expand upon the knowledge gained during undergraduate studies. These opportunities include increased earning potential, access to valuable networking connections, and the ability to achieve higher levels of employment. While these factors are often central to the decision to pursue graduate education, at PCAL, we believe the foundation of graduate studies is passion—a passion to advance professional goals and embrace lifelong learning.

At PCAL, we empower students—whether they are seasoned professionals or recent graduates—to build and refine their professional identities. Join us and take the next step in shaping your future through graduate studies in PCAL!

-Dr. Terrance Brown, Dean of the Potter College of Arts & Letters

#### **Upcoming PCAL Events:**

- Wednesday, December 4th Department of History, Hanukkah Before You Go - HCIC 1011 - 6:00 pm - 8:00pm
- Friday, December 6th PCAL/CEBS Individual Recognition Ceremony – E.A. Diddle Arena – 8:00 am
- Spring Semester WKU Art & Design Alumni Exhibition FAC Gallery
- Tuesday, February 11th PCAL Cultural Enhancement Series and Capitol BG Present: O Pioneer Documentary Screening - The Capitol Arts Center (416 E. Main Ave.) - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Check out all upcoming PCAL events.



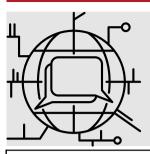
Register now for an online "Patio Chat" with PCAL's Dean, Dr. Terrance Brown. Complete the link below to set up a meeting virtually to discuss your unique experience as an online student, ask questions about PCAL programs, and get to know the Dean.



Potter College of Arts and Letters on • YouTube

- <u>Instagram</u> /@wkupcal
- DIVERSITY Instagram
- TikTok:
- Social Media:

@wkuartsandletters



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Fall 2024 Engagement Grant Winners

Rawa Sam - Chelsea Cottrell - Unity Pickett Jonathan Gil - Martha Onda - Adanely Ambriz Velasquez - Melany Gonzalez - Dallas Lockhart Dawson Bradshaw - Astrid Ramirez-Chaltell

Ten first-gen students have each earned a \$250 engagement grant for completing FlrstGen Make It Count activities during the fall. At the end of the spring semester, ten additional winners will be selected! Visit <a href="https://www.wku.edu/firstgen/get-involved/">https://www.wku.edu/firstgen/get-involved/</a> and click on Suitable to learn how to win and how to navigate the app. Online students should look for Activities tagged "On Your Own" and "Any Location." Email firstgen@wku.edu for assistance.

#### WKU Educator CONNECT

For a list of upcoming Educator Connect events and how to register, click here.



#### College of Education and Behavioral Sciences on Social Media:

- Facebook
- Instagram / @wkucebs
- X (Twitter)
- YouTube
- TikTok: @wkucebs





The WKU Writing Center is here to help all WKU students (undergraduate and graduatein person or online) with writing for classes or other purposes (scholarships, application letters, etc.) Our tutors are all students:

graduate students in the English MA and MFA programs as well as advanced undergraduates (mostly majoring in English).

Our services are free.

#### Writing Center Assistance

- The Writing Center on the Bowling Green campus has writing tutors available to offer advice to current WKU students on any stage of their writing projects. In-person tutoring is available
  - Cherry Hall 123 from 11-4 Monday through
  - Cravens Library (at the horseshoe-shaped reference desk) on Sunday through Thursday
  - feedback or to discuss a paper via email or arrange a Zoom conference. See instructions on the website www.wku.edu/writingcenter
  - Walk-in feedback is available unless they are booked up.
  - Students may also get short writing questions answered via email. Put "Quick question" in the when line emailing writingcenter@wku.edu.
- The WKU START Centers will be offering writing tutoring sessions via Zoom as well as in person in their Glasgow and Elizabethtown locations. More information will continue to be posted at https://www.wku.edu/startcenter/.



Tired of multiple log ins?

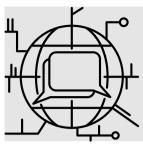
You can use your NetID to log in one time to mvWKU to have one click access.



#### **TOOLS FOR ONLINE LEARNERS**

STUDENT RESOURCE PORTAL:

Getting the most out of your resources



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- X (Twitter)
- YouTube
- LinkedIn

& PRESENT AT THE WKU STUDENT SCHOLAR SHOWCASE ON APRIL 5.

DETAILS ONLINE: WKU.EDU/SHOWCASE



#### **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.p hp



College of Health and Human Services on Social Media:

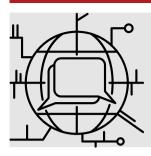
Department of Social Work:

- Facebook
- <u>Instagram</u> /@wkusocialwork
- X (Twitter)
- YouTube
- LinkedIn

Ogden College of Science and Engineering extends heartfelt congratulations to our students who are reaching the significant milestone of graduation! Hard work, dedication, and perseverance have turned this graduating class into the next generation of creative and critical thinkers, and we wish all the best in your future endeavors!

Our Fall Graduate Reception is in the lobby of EST at 8:30 AM on Friday, December 6th.





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#### GFCB on Social Media:

- Facebook
- I<u>nstagram</u> (@wkugordonford)
- X (Twitter)
- LinkedIn

#### GFCB Graduate Info Session

To help you get started and ensure a smooth transition, we are offering two online orientation sessions. Whether you are newly accepted or simply need a refresher, you are welcome to join one of these sessions, click a date to register.

#### Option 1: <u>Dec 3, 2024 05:00 PM CST</u> Option 2: <u>Dec 4, 2024 09:00 AM CST</u>

We highly encourage you to attend as we will cover essential program details, expectations, and resources to support your success. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out. kenzie.jessup@wku.edu

#### Dear GFCB Graduate Students,

Congratulations on reaching this extraordinary milestone! Balancing the demands of graduate studies with your professional and personal responsibilities is no small feat, and your success is a testament to your commitment, resilience, and determination.

As working professionals, you brought invaluable experience and perspective to your graduate journey, enriching the learning environment for everyone around you. Your ability to persevere through challenges and prioritize your growth is truly inspiring.

This achievement not only reflects your dedication to advancing your knowledge and skills but also positions you to lead and innovate in your respective fields. I am confident that the impact you will make as leaders, problem-solvers, and innovators will be profound.

While graduation marks the culmination of your studies, it also represents the beginning of new opportunities. I encourage you to celebrate this accomplishment fully and to stay connected with our graduate community as mentors, collaborators, and ambassadors.

Once again, congratulations on your well-earned success. You have my best wishes for a bright and fulfilling future!

Kenzie Jessup, MBA, CNP Director of Graduate Program Recruiting and Student Experiences

#### Masters in Counseling Program

Fully Online Cohort- Fall 2025 Department of Counseling and Student Affairs

Fully online Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program pathway in addition to the residential pathway beginning the Fall of 2025. Courses will be offered through live synchronous zoom and fully online options. Applications are open as of October 2024. For more information, go to: <a href="https://www.wku.edu/counseling/cmhc.php">https://www.wku.edu/counseling/cmhc.php</a>.

## WHY MIGHT YOU NEED A STUDENT SUCCESS COACH?

-to set realistic personal and academic goals
-to overcome obstacles you may be having in day-to-day life
-to resolve problems and provide support
-to find services online and on campus

email the Student Success
Coaching team at
online.success@wku.edu

schedule a coaching session at https://calendly.com/wkuonline-success-coaching-team