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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 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.

**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

Gordon Ford

College of

Business

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

6:30pm

E.A. Diddle Arena

College of

Health and

Human

Services

Spring College Recognition Ceremonies

**Directions to Commencement
Ceremonies**

**Download the
Parking Map**



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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.

IMPORTANT DATES



SPECIAL

WKU Regional Campus

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

*WKU in Glasgow: Graduation
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/>

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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)

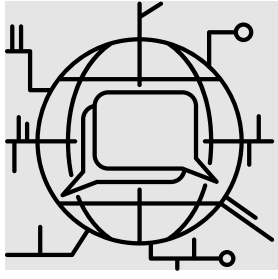
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Campus Recreation and
Wellness Calendar

WKU Events Calendar

WKU Sports Calendar

Summer 2024 Academic
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/>



WKU GORDON FORD
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
RECOGNITION CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD AT 8:00 A.M.
AT E.A. DIDDLE ARENA



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 Books- available to all Military and Veterans students.

- Military Listserv- to sign up, click [HERE](#).

What: Graduation Celebration for Military/Veteran Connected Students

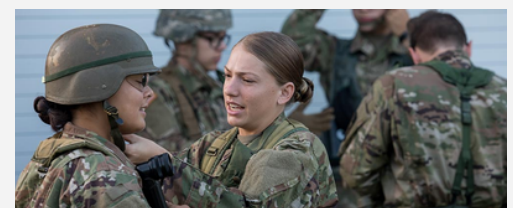
When: May 2, 8:00 - 4:30- Stop by anytime between those hours.

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®.



May 2024

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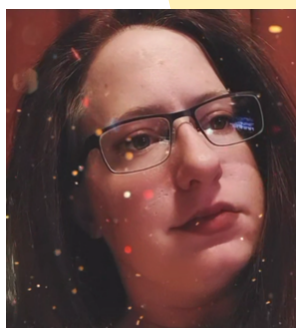
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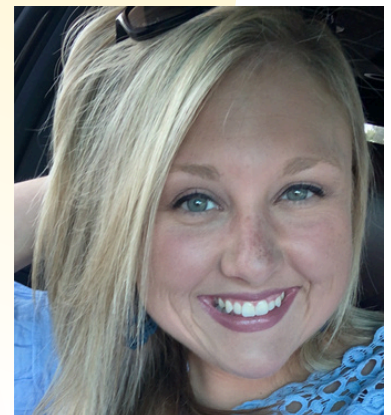
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Grad Spotlight

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ADVICE FOR FUTURE ONLINE LEARNERS

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Patricia Cecil

"If you have a dream of pursuing 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

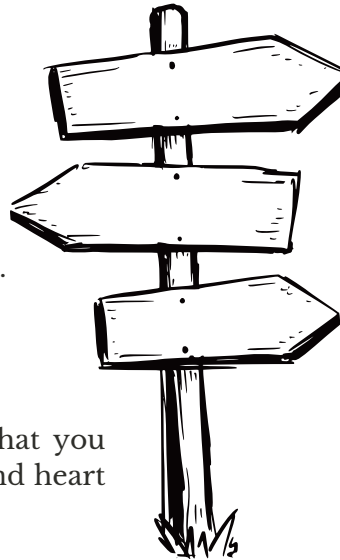
"Only you can determine the timeline for your achievements!"

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."



WHY CHOOSE WKU ONLINE?

- "I work and travel so it gave me the flexibility I needed!"
 - 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."
 - 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."
 - 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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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

