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Our Mission

The principal mission of Western Governors University is to improve quality and expand access to post-secondary educational opportunities by providing a means for individuals to learn independent of time or place and to earn competency-based degrees and other credentials that are credible to both academic institutions and employers.

Our Promise

We help our students achieve their dreams for a degree and career success by providing a personal, flexible, and affordable education based on real-world competencies.

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Message from the President



Dear Graduates,

On behalf of all of us at WGU, I want to congratulate you and welcome you to our commencement celebration. We recognize and respect the hard work and sacrifices you have made to complete your degree, and today is your day to celebrate this important milestone in your life.

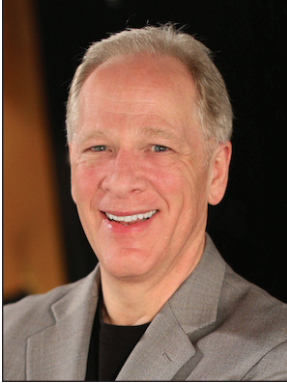
We share your excitement and pride in this achievement—one that has the potential to make a real difference for you, your family, and even future generations. As you join the ranks of the more than 100,000 WGU graduates, we hope you will stay in touch through our Alumni Relations.

Again, thank you for coming today. We are so grateful for the opportunity to share this day with you and your family. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Pulsipher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott D. Pulsipher, President
Western Governors University

Commencement Speaker



Bill Stainton

Bill Stainton is a multiple Emmy Award-winning TV producer, writer, and performer; an author; a business humorist; and an internationally-recognized Beatles expert. He blends the business smarts he learned from 20 years in corporate management with the show biz sparks he garnered from working with people like Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen DeGeneres, and Bill Nye the Science Guy to create entertaining and enlightening presentations

enjoyed by audiences around the world.

As the executive producer of Seattle's legendary comedy TV show *Almost Live!*, Bill led a talented and highly creative team to unparalleled success: a #1 rating for ten straight years, and over 100 Emmy Awards (29 of which went to Bill). At the same time, he also owned his own corporate training company, authoring nine training programs in subjects ranging from Office Politics, to Customer Service, to Team Motivation. He's been quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes*, and is a regular columnist for *Seattle Business* magazine.

As a keynote speaker and trainer, Bill speaks on topics such as leadership, creativity, and producing under pressure. His TEDx talk has been called a "must-watch," and he's a frequent guest on radio shows and podcasts. More importantly, Bill is absolutely committed to the idea of lifelong learning. And it's in lifelong learning that Bill shares a bond with every student and graduate of Western Governors University.

Bachelor's Ceremony Program

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM

MartiNiQue Ortiz-Mendoza, Shelton, WA

B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Tonya Drake

Chancellor, WGU Washington

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Bill Stainton

GRADUATE SPEAKERS

Madhuri Vegaraju, Redmond, WA

B.S. Health Informatics

Clint Cole, Myrtle Point, OR

B.S. Business Management

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Marni Baker Stein

Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Western Governors University

Teachers College

College of Business

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College of Information Technology

CLOSING REMARKS

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