



WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

*Master's  
Commencement Ceremony*

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

AUSTIN, TEXAS



## *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*

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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 113,000 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 from the end of the name.

Scott D. Pulsipher, President  
Western Governors University

# Commencement Speaker

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## **Elizabeth McCormick**

With her military career as a decorated US Army Black Hawk Pilot, her exemplary business background including being a global contract negotiator, and her nationally recognized network

marketing success, Elizabeth shattered the glass ceiling and continues to rain glass as an in-demand international keynote speaker and leadership specialist.

Listed as one of the Top 5 “Leadership Experts to Follow Online,” Elizabeth’s perspective on Leadership, Business, and Veterans Issues is highly sought after with the media. She is frequently seen on ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and CW, as well as in national newspapers such as the Wall Street Journal. She is the author of *The P.I.L.O.T. Method*; *the Five Elemental Truths to Leading Yourself in Life*, and 17+ business tip books in the *Soar 2 Success* series on leadership and entrepreneurial topics.

Elizabeth’s many military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal, as well as the coveted Army Aviator “Wings.” In 2011, Elizabeth received the US Congressional Veteran Commendation for her service to her country and community as a disabled veteran.

# *Master's Ceremony Program*

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## PROCESSIONAL

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Jennifer Hendryx, Converse, TX**

*M.A. Mathematics Education*

### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

**Dr. Steven E. Johnson**

*Chancellor, WGU Texas*

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Elizabeth McCormick**

### GRADUATE SPEAKERS

**Joshua O'Nishea, Haughton, LA**

*M.S. Educational Leadership*

**Latrivia Guinn, Richmond, TX**

*M.S. Nursing - Education*

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

**Dr. Marni Baker Stein**

*Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Western Governors University*

*College of Business*

*College of Health Professions*

*College of Information Technology*

*Teachers College*

### CLOSING REMARKS

**Dr. Steven E. Johnson**

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