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With an impending May graduation, the moments and connections that piece together the mosaic of my college career is almost complete. It has been an honor to serve as your president of the Student Government Association and as the Student Regent on the Board of Regents. Since being a freshman senator, I have grown as a person through SGA. It was more than a student activity. It has shaped my interests and future ambitions. I have never felt gratitude and satisfaction like enhancing the quality of campus life.

I have been able to support scholar development services, international student representation, lobbying efforts, policy changes, sustainability and campus safety. Yet, there were instances when simply listening to a student’s problems was as powerful as meeting with congressmen about budget cuts and tuition.

From the beginning, I wanted to find new learning opportunities at WKU, and I have not been disappointed. Through WKU, I was able to study abroad in Istanbul, Turkey. I was able to publish a grant-funded Honors capstone thesis. I gained first-hand experience on practicing rural medicine in Kentucky through the AHEC program.

To say the least, I am going to miss it here. I will miss the campus desk job I have held for four years at the Gatton Academy. I’m going to miss Revfest and meetings at Java City and random hugs from Big Red. Most of all, I will miss the relationships I have made at WKU. The students, faculty, and staff at WKU have impacted me more than anything. They are the ones that give WKU a spirit unlike anywhere else.

Sometimes I joke that it was inevitable for me to attend college here. My story at WKU actually begins with my family’s story. During the late 1970’s, back when DUC was still considered new, my parents arrived at WKU as international students from Iran. One thing my family wholeheartedly agrees on, aside from being Persian, is being a part of WKU. WKU has helped me in building my path to the “American dream.” And for that I owe my successful college experiences. I look forward to carrying on the skills and experiences I’ve gained here in all my future endeavors.

To the Class of 2014, congratulations and best of luck. We are better thinkers and problem solvers than we were four or so years ago. We’re about to be college graduates. So, we must remember never to lose our sense of possibility, because our possibilities are only beginning.

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- Katryn Steenbergen
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**May 2014 Graduates**

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- James A Boys
- Hannah Brantley
- Daniel Brashear
- Nicholas Bratcher
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- Keaton Brownstead
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- Brian Campbell
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- William Fruge
- Laura Fugate
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- Sabrina Heinrich
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- Rachel Hoge
- James B Hussung
- Cody Hutkins
- Ashely Hutse
- Cody Inabnitt
- Daniel Jackson
- Julie T Johnson
- Hannah G Jones
- Jordan M Jones
- Molly Kaviar
- Caleb King
- Kayla Kittinger
- Georgina Kleinhoelter
- Erika Klosterman
- Chad Koons
- Austin-James Lanter
- Sharon Leone
- Allison R Linn
- Kyle MacDonald
- Bailey Mack
- David Mauser
- Megan McDonald
- Kelsey McNally
- Lillian McNeal
- Kendall Miller
- Faith Mills
- Amanda Mitchell
- Rachel Moad
- Joseph K Moore
- Jasmine Morgan
- Katherine O Nash
- Julia C Payne
- Lindsey Pillow
- Michelle Porter
- Bliss Powers
- Robert N Rabold
- Elizabeth Ramsay
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- Bekka Ross
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- Chandler H Santos
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- Jillian Sensel
- Jonathan Serpico
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- Grant B Snowden
- Emily Speer
- Monica Spees
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- Samuel B Stofer
- Kodie L Stone
- Lindsay T Thomas
- Megan Tan
- Darren C Tinker
- Kayla Trent
- Rebecca Trimbur
- James W Vance

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- Ryan Vincent
- Emily Walker
- Autumn C Ward
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- Catherine Watwood
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The faculty and staff of the College of Health & Human Services would like to Congratulate our May and August 2014 Graduation Candidates leading to excellence in Health and Health Sciences.
Believe it or not, it still hasn't hit me that graduation is approaching. Despite picking up my cap and gown and achieving the more and more allusive accomplishment of getting a job after college, it still hasn't hit me that I'm graduating. I blame most of it on being busy. I haven't had much time to be introspective or reflective about my college career coming to an end.

Regardless of all that, I am graduating whether I've fully realized it or not. As the first person in my family to graduate from a four-year college, I very much realize that I wouldn't be in this position without a lot of help. From being in the High School Upward Bound program when I was in high school that made going to college a possibility, to Student Support Services here on campus, I realize getting a degree has not been an individualistic effort.

I want to thank everyone at the Herald. You all have literally made my last four years something to remember. I have learned so much from everyone who I've worked with. I'm a better writer, leader, and person from working at this newspaper.

Even with those few shout-outs I'll never be able to say thank you enough to everyone who has helped me.

Coming to WKU wasn't something that was on my radar until the February of my senior year of high school. After being here four years, I couldn't think of a better choice. I am so proud to be a Hilltopper, and I'll always look to give back to Student Publications because I know there is something about this building that makes students stronger and special.

Maybe the reason I haven't realized I'm graduating is because I don't want to leave. I'm going to miss this place.

If you're a freshman and are reading this, know that you've made a good decision as well in attending WKU. While everyone thinks their college is special or different, I like to think WKU goes above all the others. We are both the underdog and the champion and no other school captures that like WKU.

No matter where life takes me, I'm always going to remember this university. It was where I realized a lot of my dreams were possible and met the people who could help make them a reality.

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MAY 15TH

THURSDAY

International Graduation Reception at 5 p.m. in Augenstein Alumni Center

MAY 16TH

FRIDAY

Hilltopper ROTC Battalion Commissioning Ceremony at 7 p.m. in Downing Student Union

Graduate ceremony at 5 p.m. in Diddle Arena

Outstanding Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony at 7 p.m. in Van Meter Hall

MAY 17TH

SATURDAY

College of Health and Behavioral Sciences and Ogden College of Science and Engineering at 9:30 a.m. in Diddle Arena

Potter College of Arts and Letters and University College at 2 p.m. in Diddle Arena

Gatton Academy in Kentucky graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. in Van Meter Hall

College of Health and Human Services and Gordon Ford College of Business at 6:00 p.m. in Diddle Arena
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When my collegiate journey began, as a freshman I was faced with reality. I struggled with transitioning from high school to college. As a result, my academics were challenging and I faced one of my biggest fears, which was losing my designated path to being a successful young woman. I soon realized that my struggles did not have to be permanent and a change was much needed. I desired to get back on track and stay focused on my goals and dreams that I set for myself.

Determined to create my own path and to not only succeed on the Hill, I immediately got involved. Joining organizations such as Black Student Alliance, the Department of Communication: Communication Ambassadors, Student Support Services and the WKU Spirit Masters all equipped me with the appropriate tools necessary to become the prosperous woman I am today.

Each organization has played a significant role in my collegiate career and helped me grow professionally, academically and personally. Being a student on the Hill, I can honestly say that I have truly gotten the overall college experience. From being a student worker for Housing & Residence Life and the WKU Child Care Center, I have learned the importance of creating opportunities. Being a WKU Spirit Master has given me the opportunity to express my love for this university and a way to give back through service, just as this institution has given to me. The opportunities WKU has given to me have been limitless, which makes me love this university even more.

Studying abroad in Australia was a dream come true, and I owe it all to WKU for creating a way for making my dreams tangible. It is no secret that this university has been more than good to me, but the experiences that I take are what I will always remember, such as selfies with President Ransdell, MASTER Plan Convocation, the spirit of the Red Towel, jamming with Big Red and the family that I gained here on the Hill. Turning my goals into reality and reaching great levels of magnitude for my future is my ultimate objective. After four years of hard work, determination and spirit, I am a May 2014 graduate.

My alma mater will forever hold a spot in my heart. Graduating from Potter College of Arts and Letters, I will exemplify “Life More Life” by attending the University of Mississippi pursuing a master's degree in higher education. Taking the next step in my journey, I can truly say that the spirit DOES make the master. GO TOPS!

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The Hill has become our home. It’s a place where we discovered our independence and made a name for ourselves, and a place where we made memories we will never forget.

If you would have told me once upon a time all of the things I would accomplish during my time at WKU, I probably would have laughed.

That’s the great thing about life though. It’s an adventure and you never know exactly where it’s going to take you, or what amazing people you may meet along the way.

Working on the Talisman has given me so many opportunities. As editor-in-chief, I got the chance to see our staff members working every day to preserve the memories of everyone on the Hill. The yearbook is something you may not realize the importance of right away. However, many years down the road you and your kids or grandkids may look at the book for a glimpse into why you loved WKU so much — and we hope it will fulfill that purpose.

No matter what you decide to do with your time on campus, be sure to get involved in something.

College is about finding who you are. No one is perfect. Never again in your life will you have as many resources as you do here to help you find your way. We’re here to learn from our mistakes.

I would also like to say thank you. To all my teachers, faculty members, friends, family and anyone who has played a role in my life — no matter how large or small. You may not realize it, but you have genuinely helped shape me into the person I am today and I will forever be thankful.

To everyone still on the Hill — cherish your time here at WKU.

Take a lot of pictures. Reach out to people and make them feel included. A stranger in class or someone you sit down to eat with may end up becoming one of your best friends.

There will be laughter and there will be tears. Cherish both along the way and be grateful for the people that stick by your side through it all.

While I may be moving on to another chapter in my life, I will always look back on my time at WKU with fond memories. The Hill and relationships I’ve made here will forever have a piece of my heart.

I will always be proud to be a Hilltopper.
GARY RANSDELL

Congratulations on completing your WKU degree. I am proud of each one of you. I hope that I, and our faculty and staff, have served you well as you have pursued your degree.

I look forward to seeing you at Commencement on May 16 and 17. There is not a more special moment for you, your family and friends who walk across that red carpet and experience the symbolic culmination of your years of hard work. I hope you enjoy that special moment as much as I will enjoy greeting you in Diddle Arena.

You are now joining over 100,000 WKU alumni, and your next chapter as a Hilltopper is about to begin. This chapter will be a lifelong love affair with a very special university that will be there for you as much in the future as it has been these last few years. Stay loyal, protect and defend your university, and keep that special WKU spirit at the center of your universe.

I am confident that we have prepared you well for your personal and professional lives. Work hard, serve your family well, be engaged in your community, and lead people to do things that they did not otherwise think were possible. That is what Hilltoppers do. Always know that as you bring distinction to yourself and to those with whom you live, work and play, you will also bring distinction to WKU. Thank you for continuing to strengthen your own name and our university’s strong reputation. We look forward to following your progress and counting you among our many successful alumni.

Congratulations! See you on Commencement weekend!

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My name is Yulizza Henao Barragan and I came to the United States from Colombia to pursue my dreams of traveling the world and becoming a civil engineer. When I came to WKU, I was unaware of the great advantages that can result from international outreach.

One of the greatest advantages that this university has is its diversity and the organizations which encourage and support minority students. Personally, I found my second home within the Hilltopper Organization of Latin American Students. Through HOLAS, I have been able to interact with students who have a similar ethnic background and who are motivated to get involved with the community. HOLAS has served as a support system for me as well as for many other students.

Even though I was not a founding member of this organization, I feel a special connection with HOLAS because I was part of the movement to bring the organization back to its feet after it had faced a severe decline in membership. We rejuvenated the organization by helping it grow into an active group of Hispanics which works to reach out to the community and help high school students come to college. As an organization focused on increasing the percentage of Hispanics who attend and become successful in college, we have been exposed to a variety of emotions and situations which have helped me grow as a person and as a professional. These past years have included difficult times, fun times, and even some peaceful times. When I sit down anywhere on campus and take in my beautiful surroundings, I feel like WKU really is my own. Looking at the trees, flowers, water fountain, and sculptures has oftentimes provided me a release from the burden of college. Even though my time at Western is almost over, I can see myself in the future coming back and experiencing the same kind of fulfillment from the campus’ beauty and feeling like I had never left.
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Graduate and Undergraduate Students from the Department of Communication

**SPRING 2014**

**Graduates**
- Amira Ahmetovic
- Brandyn Bailey
- Amanda Belcher
- Ashlee Bradley
- Jessica Carver
- Ryan Dearbone
- Brian Elliott
- Katie Fane
- Sara Foos
- Jeremy Frazer
- Daniella Fuentes
- Ivan Gan
- Caleb Haynes
- Blake Longfellow
- Simone Payne
- Felix Perrone

**Undergraduates**

**Major - Corporate and Organizational Communication**
- Christina Abney
- Haley Baseheart
- Brittany Bray
- Elizabeth Dulaney
- Emily Foust
- Taylor Graham
- Justin Graham
- Haley Henderson
- Yshua Malave
- Wesley Peege
- Conner Raymer
- LeighAnn Rush
- Mattie Russell
- Emily Woosley

**Major - Communication Studies**
- Stephanie Ballard
- Anne M. (Katie) Boehm
- Robert Cabaniss
- Marshall Covert
- Nolan Crooks
- Derek Daniel
- Ryan Demuth
- Andrew Dunlavy
- Kelsie Esposito-Wilcox
- Jacob G. Franck
- Emma Fredrick
- Paige Freeman
- Porsha D. Johnson
- Sydney Lutsch
- Elyse A. Madigan
- Chelsea Martin
- Justin T. Mcgregor
- Spencer Orlowski
- Tyler Rife
- Kimberly Robinson
- Rachael Sheldon
- Dillon Sidebottom
- Jacob Soler
- Sophia T. Sterlin
- Hailey Strickland
- Kyle Talavera
- Jeffrey P. Walker
- Bethany Wethington
- Julie Williams

**SUMMER 2014**

**Undergraduates**

**Major - Corporate and Organizational Communication**
- Carolyn Coldiron
- Ashley Smith
- Brittane Loftis
- Kaitlyn Soler

**Major - Communication Studies**
- Katelyn McDonald

**Minor - Communication Studies**
- Samuel T. O'mara

**Minor - Communication Studies**
- Levi Dopierala
- Dannielle Hinton
### Then And Now

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Department of English

Congratulates

May 2014 Graduates

B.A. English

Ashli M. Alford
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Allyson M. Beasecker
Ana R. Blevins
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Kayleigh B. Brasher
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Amy E. Dassow
Daniel D. Dutton
Haley C. Edwards
Blaine P. Ely
Bradley G. Englert
Patrick J. Flanigan
Jacob G. Frank
Madelyn G. Gates
Whitney B. Grider
Anthony W. Gross
Hilary C. Harlan
Jana R. Harrison

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Rachel B. Hoge
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Steven L. Kroeger
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Jaclyn M. Melcher
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Amanda M. Mitchell
Clinton R. Montgomery
Katherine O. Nash
Rachel L. Pierce
Leah G. Railey
Benjamin G. Rogers
Mary A. Rudolph
Sarah E. Slatton
Anthony T. Smith
Madalyn P. Wilbanks
Emma C. Wilczynski
Margaret E. Woodward

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James R. Garrett
Logan M. Hudspeth
Icy B. Trent
Sara C. Volpi
Andrew E. Yeater

B.A. English for Secondary Teachers

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Talley M. Nix
Bliss D. Powers
Tiffany S. Socha
Chelsea R. VanderMolen
Sarah B. Vincent