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History of WKU

On March 21, 1906 the Kentucky General Assembly approved legislation to establish two teacher training institutions, or “normal schools,” in the state. A locating commission chose Bowling Green to be the site of one, and the Western Kentucky State Normal School was created.

The new state-supported school took over the building and student body of the privately owned Southern Normal School. The owner of the Southern Normal School, Henry Hardin Cherry, had been actively involved in the campaign to establish teacher training schools and became the first president. Classes began on January 22, 1907.

On February 4, 1911 the school moved to its present site on “the Hill,” approximately 125 feet above downtown Bowling Green and formerly the site of The Pleasant J. Potter College. Over the next decade, the curriculum focused on teacher training and certification. Students received practical experience at the Training School, and a model one-room Rural School was opened on campus in 1924. In 1922 the state renamed the institution Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College and authorized it to grant four-year degrees. The first such degrees were awarded in 1924.

The campus expanded in 1927, when it merged with Ogden College, a private young men’s school located on the east side of the Hill. The name was shortened to Western Kentucky State Teachers College in 1930, and the following year the master of arts degree was first offered. President Cherry died in 1937 and was succeeded by Dr. Paul Garrett.

As the College’s mission broadened, its name was shortened in 1948 to Western Kentucky State College. Dr. Garrett died in 1955, and Kelly Thompson became the third president. In the early 1960’s, Dr. John D. Minton became the first graduate dean.

Under Thompson, both the curriculum and the campus underwent major reorganization and expansion. In June 1963, the college merged with the Bowling Green College of Commerce, formerly the Bowling Green Business University. Along with the Graduate School, the Bowling Green College of Commerce became a separate college within the administrative structure. In 1965, the Board of Regents approved the formation of three more colleges: the Potter College of Liberal Arts, the College of Education, and the Ogden College of Science and Technology.

On June 16, 1966, Western Kentucky State College became Western Kentucky University. The University’s colleges are now:

- College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- Ogden College of Science and Engineering
- Potter College of Arts & Letters
- College of Health and Human Services
- Gordon Ford College of Business

Since 1969, Dero G. Downing, John D. Minton, Donald W. Zacharias, Kern Alexander, Thomas C. Meredith, and Gary A. Ransdell have served as WKU’s presidents. Our current president, Timothy C. Caboni, began his tenure as president July 1, 2017.

More than a century of growth has made WKU a respected center of learning where qualified students may receive general and specialized higher education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Our undergraduate curriculum offers seven baccalaureate degrees through 101 majors, in addition to eight associate degree programs and 36 certificate programs. The Graduate School at WKU offers graduate education in 103 degree and certificate programs. Today, the university proudly serves the educational needs of 19,461 students from Kentucky, all 49 other states and 66 foreign countries.
ACADEMIC TRADITIONS
HISTORY OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE

A time-honored tradition of great dignity, the wearing of academic attire is a survival of the ecclesiastical garb of the late Middle Ages. The academic gown, necessary for a scholar's warmth in unheated stone colleges, and the hood to protect his shaven head, were first adopted in the thirteenth century at the University of Cambridge.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied, as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an “Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.” The American Council on Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, and it was again reviewed and revised in 1959.

GOWN, CAP AND HOOD

All candidates for degrees and those who hold degrees, including university officials, faculty and visiting dignitaries, are attired in traditional cap and gown. Recipients of the associate degree and the bachelor’s degree wear black gowns and caps, and recipients of master’s, specialist and doctoral degrees wear black gowns and caps with hoods of various colors.

Bachelors’ gowns have pointed sleeves; masters’ gowns have long closed sleeves with slits at the elbow for the arms; the doctors’ gowns have wide, round open sleeves. Doctoral gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The mortar board is the headpiece most often worn at American universities for formal occasions. It is appropriately worn with the board flat on the top of the head. Degree candidates wear the tassel falling from the right quarter of the board, while graduates wear the tassel on the left. The tassel may be black or the color of the scholarly field of the degree held, with the short gold tassel reserved for those holding doctoral degrees.

It is the hood which adds meaning and dimension to the academic costume. Changed little since medieval times, the hood is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of vivid color. The hood is edged in velvet which by its color denotes the academic discipline in which the wearer’s degree was earned, and it is lined in two colors of silk which represent the college or university from which the degree was earned. Hence, the Western Kentucky University hood contains one white chevron on a field of bright red and is edged with the appropriate discipline color.

The following is a partial list of colors adopted by the American Council on Education that represent the various academic disciplines:

- Agriculture ......................... Maize
- Arts, Letters and Humanities ........ White
- Commerce, Accounting and Business  ...................... Drab
- Communications  ...................... Gold
- Criminology  ......................... Golden Yellow
- Economics  ......................... Copper
- Education  ......................... Light Blue
- Engineering  ......................... Orange
- Fine Arts  ......................... Brown
- Journalism  ......................... Crimson
- Library Science  ..................... Lemon
- Music  ......................... Pink
- Nursing  ......................... Apricot
- Philosophy  ......................... Dark Blue
- Physical Education  ................ Sage Green
- Public Administration  ........... Peacock Blue
- Public Health  ...................... Salmon Pink
- Science  ......................... Golden Yellow
- Social Work  ...................... Citron
- Sociology  ......................... White
- Theology  ......................... Scarlet
THE MACE

Originally used as a weapon during the Middle Ages, a mace was carried to protect a ruler. Eventually this scepter-like instrument became an emblem of authority and became popular for ceremonial purposes. Maces are now carried at the beginning of academic processions at many universities throughout the world, representing each institution’s authority to confer degrees.

Western Kentucky University’s Mace contains several elements that are symbolic of WKU’s history. Hand-carved from Kentucky cherry, the top portion of the Mace is a representation of the lantern on the dome of Cherry Hall and is a tribute to our founder, Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry. The University Seal contains the University’s motto, and carved bands around the shaft include significant dates in the evolution of the institution. Gems embedded in the lower portion of the Mace represent the colors of the academic disciplines offered by the University. The round ball at the base is symbolic of WKU’s alumni around the globe.

The Mace, carried by the University’s most senior faculty member, was dedicated to the University on May 7, 1998 during the Inaugural Week activities for President Gary A. Ransdell. It was designed by John Warren Oakes and was crafted by Terry Leeper and Frank Pittman.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The University Seal features our treasured motto “The Spirit Makes the Master” and our ideal defined by Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry as “Life, More Life.” First adopted by Dr. Cherry in 1911, the Seal evolved as the institution grew to university status. WKU’s President Emeritus, Dr. Kelly Thompson, gave leadership to designing the present version of the Seal, which was approved by President Paul Garrett and first used in 1948. It was altered in 1966 to include the appropriate wording when university status was attained.
THE PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION

Medallions, as worn in higher education, represent the evolution of a practice arising in the Middle Ages and the very early beginnings of universities in the Western World. The Medallion identifies the wearer as the designated leader of the university. Representing both the authority and the responsibility of the person who wears it, the Medallion is worn by the president of the university at formal academic occasions. The face of the sterling silver medallion is a replica of the seal of the university.

GONFALONS

Another symbol used in commencement ceremonies is the academic banner, or gonfalon. A gonfalon is a flag or banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame and originated in the medieval states of Italy as an ensign of state or office.

Gonfalons are used in the commencement ceremony to designate the university’s various colleges and academic units. The university seal is prominently displayed on each gonfalon.
Faculty Awards

The University annually recognizes outstanding contributions by faculty members in the areas of Teaching, Research & Creativity, Public Service, Student Advisement, and Part-Time Teaching. Following are the 2019 college award winners:

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Cheryl Wolf - Department of Counseling and Student Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Leigh Anne Roden-Carrier - Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, College of Health and Human Services
Stacy Bibelhauser - Department of Accounting, Gordon Ford College of Business
Melanie Autin - Department of Mathematics, Ogden College of Science and Engineering
David DiMeo - Department of Modern Languages, Potter College of Arts & Letters

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ADVISEMENT

Sarah Ochs - Department of Psychology, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Jan Hunt-Shepherd - Department of Public Health, College of Health and Human Services
Sheri Henson - Department of Accounting, Gordon Ford College of Business
Jason Wilson - School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Ogden College of Science and Engineering
Carol Jordan - Department of Theatre and Dance, Potter College of Arts & Letters

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Lisa Duffin - Department of Psychology, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Rachel Tinius - School of Kinesiology, Recreation & Sport, College of Health and Human Services
Johnny Chan - Department of Finance, Gordon Ford College of Business
Sanju Gupta - Department of Physics and Astronomy, Ogden College of Science and Engineering
Sophia Arjana - Department of Philosophy and Religion, Potter College of Arts & Letters
Haiwang Yuan - Department of Library Public Services, University Libraries

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Jenni Redifer - Department of Psychology, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Liz Sturgeon - School of Nursing, College of Health and Human Services
Dana Cosby - Department of Management, Gordon Ford College of Business
Amy Brausch - Department of Psychological Sciences, Ogden College of Science and Engineering
Holli Drummond - Department of Sociology, Potter College of Arts & Letters
Laura DeLancey - Department of Library Technical Services, University Libraries

EXCELLENCE IN PART-TIME TEACHING

Stacy Edds-Ellis - Department of Education Administration, Leadership & Research, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
April Hardison - Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, College of Health and Human Services
Alice Simpson - Undergraduate Student Services, Gordon Ford College of Business
Dawn Winters - Department of English, Potter College of Arts & Letters
Recognition of Academic Achievement

Undergraduate students who maintain outstanding scholastic achievement are recognized at commencement according to the following designations and are indicated in this commencement program with the respective symbols. Determination of the honor status was based upon the academic record in existence at the beginning of the 2019 spring semester. The final determination of those who actually receive this recognition is made at the conclusion of the term in which degree requirements are met.

Degree candidates who are potential honors recipients wear red and white honor cords during the commencement ceremony. Further recognition of those who actually receive this recognition is made on the diploma and transcript at the conclusion of the term in which all degree requirements are met.

With Distinction - The honor given to students who have completed their associate degrees with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.40 - 3.69 and a minimum of 27 semester hours earned in residence (+).

With High Distinction - The honor given to students who have completed their associate degrees with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.70 - 4.00 and a minimum of 27 semester hours earned in residence (++)

Cum Laude - The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.40 - 3.59 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence (*).

Magna Cum Laude - The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.60 - 3.79 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence (**).

Summa Cum Laude - The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.80 - 4.00 and a minimum of 45 semester hours earned in residence (***)

Mahurin Honors College Graduates – The Mahurin Honors College requires students to complete a unique set of enhanced coursework while maintaining at least a 3.2 grade point average. Students completing a minimum of 33 semester hours and a Capstone Experience/Thesis Project are designated “Honors College Graduates,” those completing 33 hours are designated “Honors Program Graduates,” and those completing 18 hours in their discipline are designated “Honors in the Major Graduates.” Students at all three designations are authorized to wear a gold medallion during the ceremony and are designated by the (●) symbol in the commencement program.

The Scholar of the College is the baccalaureate degree student in each undergraduate college with the highest cumulative overall grade point average and a minimum of 60 semester hours earned in residence.

The Ogden Foundation Scholar Award is presented to one graduating baccalaureate degree senior who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and outstanding university and civic engagement. The student with the highest grade point average in each college who earned at least 60 hours in residence was invited to apply for the award. The recipient will receive a plaque and a monetary award. The recipient is designated by (◆).

Graduate faculty in each college nominate and select an Outstanding Graduate Student representing each of the six academic colleges. The recipient in each college is designated by (○).

The John D. Minton Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Contributions to WKU recognizes a graduate student who has demonstrated an extension and application of discipline knowledge within and beyond the University. This award reflects the broader dimensions of scholarship as outlined by Ernest Boyer: discovery, integration, application, and teaching. John D. Minton demonstrated outstanding scholarship by serving as a WKU Professor of History, the first Graduate Dean, Vice President, and President. The recipient is designated by (▲).

Candidates for Degrees

The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that the person will in fact receive a degree from Western Kentucky University at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. The students whose names appear below made formal application for graduation by the date specified in the academic calendar.
Gordon Ford
College of Business

Order of Exercises
May 11, 2019
8:00 a.m. | E.A. Diddle Arena

Dr. Cathy Carey, Dean, Presiding

Grand March
Graduates, Faculty and Platform Party

National Anthem and State Song
Ms. Madelynne Garnett
Management Major, Graduating Senior

Welcome
Dr. Cathy Carey, Dean

Ogden Foundation Scholar Award Recipient
Ms. Kyla Scanlon
Senior in Economics and Financial Management

Remarks
Dr. Cathy Carey, Dean

Recognition of Honor Graduates
Dr. Cheryl Stevens, Provost
and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Ceremonial Diplomas
Dr. Cathy Carey, Dean

College Heights
Ms. Madelynne Garnett
Management Major, Graduating Senior

Recessional
Platform Party, Faculty and Graduates
MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY
Kaley N. Allen
Kaleb M. Duckworth
Holly N. Estes
Oshun L. Fox
Hannah L. Gray
Terri E. Johnson
Jackeline Orozco Cruz
Dylan T. Perry
Thomas L. Stasel
Ross E. Thomas
Elisabeth A. Wallace

Carli R. Logan
Eric S. Mark
John I. Martin
Melissa J. Matthews
Ginny M. Mooney
Jagdish S. Nachnani
Keisuke Nakagawa
Glenda R. Nelson
Brennan A. Ray
Sarah J. Reece
Seth J. Robinson
Ashhaad R. Sajan
Amer Salihovic
Austin T. Schroeder
Amanda R. Seng
Nicholas A. Sousa
Lydia N. Steward-Smith
Carlos E. Vicci Romero
Lien H. Vu
Chase A. Warner
Oliver Whitehouse

Stephen E. Farmer
Hannah N. Futrell
Cindy A. Gomez
Stephanie A. Hammons
Regina M. Howard
Andrew R. Howe
Christopher R. Kerulis
Heather L. Key
Ashton E. Kingrey
Haley G. Lord
Kayla F. Martin
Megan L. Morris
Ryan T. Neely
Matthew G. Nuckols
Lejla N. Nuhanovic
Savana J. Ortiz
My T. Phan
Jerry M. Phillips
Jessie M. Pile
Thomas N. Rogers
Madeline F. Schreck
Alexander K. Stackhouse
Natosha D. Stanfield
Samuel G. Sturges
Mallory K. Suchanek
Mark F. Thomas, Jr.
Joseph R. Webb
Bethany L. Wheeler
Brandon J. Wilson
James P. Wimsett
Alexander T. Zaffiro

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Economics
Jacob M. Braun
Casey J. Child
Natalie R. Culver
Justin P. Downey
Jacob R. Gillich
Carrington S. Harpe
Nicholas Q. Hyde
Hayden E. Justice
David B. Knighton
Jared E. Latham
Jared D. Long
Margo E. McGehee
 Alec J. Melancon
Bryce A. O'Neal
Jeffrey E. Ranger
Kyla M. Scanlon
Admir Sibalo
Lane C. Simpson
Michael C. Starmen
Jaylen D. Thomas

Business Data Analytics
Samuel C. Brown
Angel G. Enríquez
Ceceley R. Ford
Noah C. Hickman
Mallory B. Hurd
Jordan E. Middleton
Stephanie L. Ribas
Brinton P. Sloughby
Ryan T. Vajner

Business Economics
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Kyle A. Denkhoff
Justin R. Hancock
Casey J. McKinney
Mark A. Necamp
Nathanial G. Pappas
Meet A. Patel
Talon R. Saunders
William P. Shipley, Mr.
Michael L. Stewart
Jordan A. Tackett
Steven M. Thomason
Koki White

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Lesley A. Downs
Mary Alice Fye
Carter C. Gray
Allie R. McCreery
Kristal A. Neal
Alexander T. Zaffiro

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10:30 a.m. | E.A. Diddle Arena

Dr. Merrall Price, Associate Dean, Presiding

Grand March
Graduates, Faculty and Platform Party

National Anthem and State Song
Ms. Brittany Bagwell
Vocal Performance Major, Graduating Senior

Welcome
Dr. Merrall Price, Associate Dean

Recognition of Honor Graduates
Dr. Cheryl Stevens, Provost
and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Student Remarks
Mr. Jon Meyers, Master of Arts in English, Bowling Green, KY

Presentation of Master’s Degree Recipients
Presentation of Bachelor’s Degree Recipients
Dr. Merrall Price, Associate Dean

Recessional
Platform Party, Faculty and Graduates
MASTER OF ARTS
Criminology
Spencer B. Allen
Tiffany S. Gooch
Stacey D. Hendershot
Nathaniel B. Shelton

Diversity & Community Studies
Alayni Hilton

English
Kayla E. Ernst
Amanda L. Krimmer
Jon R. Meyers
John N. Reecer
Lisa A. Williams
Tammy L. Willinger-Frederick

Folk Studies
Delainey M. Bowers
Joel R. Chapman
Kate E. McElroy
Eleanor C. Miller

History
Maja Antonic
Laura M. Bohuski
Jesse A. Brewer
Alexandra K. Crume
Mary T. Nickell

Organizational Communication
Scott E. Branton, II
Rachel L. Cato
Curtis T. Edge
Cathryn L. Ellis
Kristen E. Evans
Alyssa B. Hager
Jonathan M. Sahlman

Sociology
James R. Baugh
Crystal G. Belcher
Krystal B. Carver Dickens
Stacey D. Hendershot
Kara L. Hodges
Hannah R. Ridner

Social Responsibility & Sustainable Communities
Heather E. Bailey
Julia G. Borders
Ashley N. Edwards
Karsen E. Finney
Roberta M. Flynn

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Arabic
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Art History
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Asian Religions and Cultures
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Broadcasting
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MASTER OF FINE ARTS
Creative Writing
Emily R. Diehl
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Hunter C. Little
Marcee L. Wardell

MASTER OF MUSIC
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Ellyn L. Kerchenski
Joshua C. Propst
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Wurile Wang
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Christina N. Lester****
Dixie M. Major****
Kirk M. Vessels**
Callie M. Williams****

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Jada B. Jefferson*
Alexis R. Jones
Conner A. Keef
Morgan A. McPherson
Jada C. Morris*
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Ivy C. Sauder****
Olivia J. Scott
Hilarie R. Spangler**
Meredith C. Sweasy****

Visual Studies
Rachael J. Baumgardner
Travis A. Cox
Katlynn A. Davis
Emily N. Geiman***
Charissa P. Harris*
Jessica M. Link**
Samantha L. Mayes*
Mackenzie L. Miller-Reeves*
Katherine Mitchell
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Paralegal Studies
David L. Parker
Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Order of Exercises
May 11, 2019
1:00 p.m. | E.A. Diddle Arena

Dr. Gregory Arbuckle, Dean, Presiding

Grand March
Graduates, Faculty and Platform Party

Welcome
Dr. Gregory Arbuckle, Dean

National Anthem and State Song
Ms. Brittany Bagwell
Vocal Performance Major, Graduating Senior

Introduction of Platform Party and Recognition of Faculty
Dr. Gregory Arbuckle, Dean

Student Remarks
Ms. Rachel Mathis, Biology Major, Russellville, KY

Congratulatory Remarks & Recognition of Honor Graduates
Dr. Cheryl Stevens, Provost
and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Ceremonial Diplomas
Dr. Kenneth Crawford, Associate Dean

Closing Remarks
Dr. Gregory Arbuckle, Dean

“College Heights”
Ms. Brittany Bagwell
Vocal Performance Major, Graduating Senior

Recessional
Platform Party, Faculty and Graduates

Leadership

Dean
Greg Arbuckle

Associate Deans
Kenneth Crawford
Cathleen Webb

Department Heads & School Directors

Agriculture and Food Science
Fred DeGraves

Biology
Bruce Schulte

Chemistry
Stuart Burris

Engineering & Applied Sciences
Stacy Wilson

Geography and Geology
Fred Siewers

Mathematics
Bruce Kessler

Physics and Astronomy
Michael Carini

Psychological Sciences
Kelly Madole
Geology
Jamie N. Braun
Devin R. Hainje*

Industrial Sciences
John E. Bray

Industrial - Vocational, Career, Technical - Education
Jennifer W. Carter

Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Nasser A. Alboainain
Abdullah Aldabous
Faisal N. Alhathal
Qassim Almarzooq
Meqhim A. Almeqhim
Ammar S. Alomesh
Jonah C. Brooks
Deane K. Dutton
Francisco D. Flores
Luke H. Gevedon
Nicholas C. Goode
Trenton J. Little
Robert L. Long*
Hasan M. Shallhoub
Robert J. Stuart
Austen W. Wiedemer

Mathematical Economics
Nicholas A. Alcorn*
William R. Bennett*
Crosby J. Gardner
Hayden T. Grace**
August S. Hemmerich****
Maria T. Hernandez***
Shelby N. Jones*
Macyn L. Knoy
Maria D. Long***
Elizabeth C. Ramey****
Alexander M. Smith
Emily R. Thomas***
Savannah L. Upchurch
Benjamin C. Wright****

Mechanical Engineering
Christopher S. Abrams
Jaber A. Aldarawish
Fahad R. Al-Khayat
Mohammed N. Almubarak
Abdullah N. Alruwashad
Muhammad AlShaikhJafar
Andrew C. Blair
Joseph R. Brady
Evan W. Burch****

Penekamwanga Bwerevu
Trason W. Carter
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Lincoln P. Curry***
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William J. Goodman***
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Yerald Hernandez De La Paz
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Joseph R. Redmon
Emily L. Sage***
Jarrett C. Sippola***
Richard T. Stevens**
Maxwell S. Sweet
Marcus A. Todd***

Medical Laboratory Science
Lauren A. Sams**

Meteorology
Brandon W. Bonds
Lindsey N. Byrd**
JC A. Evans
Justin K. Hobbs
Daniel T. Martin**
Carson C. Meredith***
Bailey R. Stevens
Brandon S. Wasilewski***
Alexander S. Williams

Middle Grades Mathematics
Paula A. Adams
Jordan R. Dowell

Middle School Science
Savanna R. Mills**
Madison T. Wells****

Physics
Trason W. Carter
Byron R. Grant**
Keiti N. Rueter

Psychological Science
Sarah A. Akihary***
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Anna Benham

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE Agricultural Technology & Management
Zoe E. Desloge
Alec C. Fields
Jacob A. Thompson

Vocational - Industrial and Technical Teacher Education
Mark K. Cope, Jr.++
Joseph W. Hale
Kimberly A. Johnston
Matthew A. Keith
John M. Page
Brian Provine
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Order of Exercises
May 11, 2019
3:30 p.m. | E.A. Diddle Arena

Dr. Corinne M. Murphy, Dean, Presiding

Grand March
Graduates, Faculty and Platform Party

Welcome
Dr. Corinne M. Murphy, Dean

Presentation of Colors
WKU Army ROTC Color Guard

National Anthem and State Song
Ms. Olivia Mitchell
Elementary Education and Music (Liberal Arts) Major, Graduating Senior

Recognition of Faculty and Honored Guests
Dr. Corinne M. Murphy, Dean

Recognition of Honor Graduates
Dr. Cheryl Stevens, Provost
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Congratulatory Remarks
Dr. Corinne M. Murphy, Dean

Presentation of Ceremonial Diplomas
Dr. Marguerita DeSander, Department Head
Educational Administration, Leadership and Research

Closing Remarks
Dr. Corinne M. Murphy, Dean

“College Heights”
Ms. Olivia Mitchell
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Recessional
Platform Party, Faculty and Graduates

Leadership

Dean
Corinne M. Murphy

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Counseling and Student Affairs
Jill Sauerheber

Educational Administration, Leadership, and Research
Marguerita DeSander

Military Science and Leadership
Thomas MacMillin

Professional Studies
Jeff Butterfield

Psychology
Pitt Derryberry
Steve Wininger

School of Teacher Education
Blair Thompson
DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Educational Leadership

Beth Duvall Flemming
Dissertation: Perceptions of Rural High School Professional School Counselors Regarding the Impact of Strategies to Help At-Risk Learners Graduate
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Janet Tassell

Joanna R. Jones
Dissertation: Veteran Transition from Combat to Campus: A Mixed Methods Study
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Antony Norman

Brittany Baise Richey
Dissertation: School Connectedness: Teachers’ Perspectives on the Effects of a Small Learning Community on Ninth-Grade Student Transition and Dropout
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Antony D. Norman

Holly McLeod Ross
Dissertation: Technology, Professional Development, and Student Achievement: Using the TELL Survey in a Study of Low Socioeconomic Schools in Kentucky
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Antony Norman

Zachary Ward
Dissertation: Physician Stress: Is the Electronic Health Record to Blame?
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Randall Capps

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Brooke Regina Jacobs
Dissertation: Baseline Trauma Symptoms: Residential vs. Non-Residential Victims of Intimate Partner Violence
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Amy Cappiccie

Colleen Marie Kirsch Hiltz White
Dissertation: Comparison Study: Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Trauma
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Dissertation: The Use of Vouchers to Negatively Reinforce Number of Weeks Compliant Among Clients in a Mental Health Court
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Dissertation: Treatment Acceptability of an Eight-Week Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Protocol
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SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

School Psychology

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Chesney K. Rice
Charity J. Richardson
Scot L. Richardson
Brittney C. Roberts
Elizabeth L. Roberts*
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Kristie M. Rogers
Ethan G. Saltsman
Ashton B. Seiffert
Emmalyn P. Serrano
Karen B. Shaneyfelt
Seaton C. Sheldon*
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John C. Sidebottom
Alexa J. Sigler
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Evan F. Sisley
Sandra D. Skinner
Whitney B. Snodgrass
Stephanie M. Sowder
Holly L. Stack
Levi M. Stephenson
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Kevin D. Taylor
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Jared T. Watkins
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Ja’Mikal R. Weathers
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Grand March
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Graduates, Faculty and Platform Party

Welcome
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National Anthem
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Graduating Senior, Communication Disorders Major, American Sign Language Minor

Introduction of Platform Party and Recognition of Faculty
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Student Remarks
Ms. Emily Holderfield-Gaither, Outstanding Graduate Student
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Recognition of Honor Graduates
Dr. Cheryl Stevens, Provost
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Remarks
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Project: Assessing Prediabetes Awareness and Willingness to Change Lifestyle in a Rural Community
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Mr. Sam Bush is an American bluegrass fiddler and mandolin player from Bowling Green, Kentucky. His skill was recognized early; as a child, haircuts at Dye's Barber Shop on Old Morgantown Road in Bowling Green were also opportunities to demonstrate his growing mastery in the regular adult picking sessions held there. While still in his teens, he was a three-time winner of the Junior Division of the National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest in Weiser, Idaho, where officials initially refused to hang his portrait photo on the winners’ wall, reputedly because of the length of his hair and his sporty Hilltoppers t-shirt. Before graduating from high school, Bush joined with American county music singer and fiddler Roy Acuff, launching the young musician’s career. Inspired by the progressive movement in bluegrass music, he was key in the formation of two legendary Louisville bands, Poor Richard’s Almanac and Bluegrass Alliance, representing a musical movement which culminated in the hugely successful and influential band New Grass Revival. The resulting “New Grass sound” was an energetic unselfconscious amalgam of traditional oldtime and bluegrass music, rock and soul, and the improvisatory spirit of jazz. Bush’s distinctive driving mandolin anchored the virtuoso group from 1971 till a final breakup in 1989.

Bush has been nominated for 13 Grammys, winning 3, including Album of the Year for his participation in the blockbuster *O Brother, Where Art Thou*. He has been named mandolin player of the year four times by the International Bluegrass Music Association. In 2009, the American Music Association (AMA) presented Bush with the Lifetime Achievement for Instrumentalist Award. His work has always alluded directly and indirectly to his Kentucky roots; most recently his 2016 album *Storyman* features his composition “Bowling Green,” co-written with Jon Randall Stewart, which describes growing up on a Warren County tobacco farm, with classic fiddle tunes learned in his childhood interspersed throughout the song. Now a senior and revered member of the bluegrass community, Sam Bush is currently touring the US, continuing to inspire a new generation of musicians and fans.
The Star-Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key, 1814

Oh Say! can you see, by the dawn’s early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight
O’er the ramparts we watch’d were so gallantly streaming
And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro’ the night that our flag was still there
Oh, say, does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave

My Old Kentucky Home
Stephen C. Foster, 1853

The sun shines bright in the old Kentucky home
’Tis summer the people are gay
The corn’top’s ripe and the meadow’s in the bloom
While the birds make music all the day
The young folks roll on the little cabin floor
All merry, and happy and bright
By’n by hard times come a knocking at the door
Then my old Kentucky home, good night
Weep no more my lady, O weep no more today
We will sing one song for the old Kentucky home
For the old Kentucky home far away

College Heights
Mary F. Bradley, 1930

Verse One
College Heights on hilltop fair with beauty all thine own,
Lovely jewel far more rare than graces any throne.
College Heights, We hail Thee.
We shall never fail Thee.
Falter never, live forever
Hail! Hail! Hail!

Verse Two
College Heights with living soul and purpose strong and true,
Service ever is thy goal, thy Spirit ever new.
College Heights, We hail Thee.
We shall never fail Thee.
Falter never, live forever
Hail! Hail! Hail!

Verse Three
College Heights thy noble life shall e’er our pattern be,
Teaching us through joy and strife to love humanity.
College Heights, We hail Thee.
We shall never fail Thee.
Falter never, live forever
Hail! Hail! Hail!
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- Discounts to select Alumni Association events
- Member-only e-newsletter, "TOPScoop"
- Invitations to WKU Alumni Association special events and programs
- Discounts at The WKU Store, online and in-store
- Member Savings Program - Discounts at locations Nationwide
- Alumni Association membership decal
- New WKU Alumni Connection mobile app
- WKU Spirit Magazine printed editions
- Discounted annual membership fees at the Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center
- WKU Libraries borrowing privileges
- Pride in providing support that makes all the programs and services of the Alumni Association possible
- Plus much more!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Alumni Association National Board of Directors
- Alumni Ambassador Program
- Alumni Interest Groups
- Alumni Chapters
- Young Alumni Council

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