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arranged by Richard Trevarthen

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Faithful, kind and true!
Every son and every daughter
Offers praise to you.

Hail to the dearest spot of all;
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Light and life and fond devotion,
All to thee are due.

Kennedy Cox and the WCU Commencement Brass and Percussion Ensemble
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Dear Western Carolina University Graduate:

On behalf of all members of the WCU community, I am thrilled to be able to congratulate you on your impressive achievement – the attainment of a university degree! What a pleasure it is for us to join you in celebrating this accomplishment. You have met WCU’s rigorous academic standards, you have done the hard work, and you should be proud.

Those of you who make up the graduating class of 2023 should be especially proud of your accomplishments because of the way you handled the challenges you faced during the global COVID-19 pandemic. You adapted to dramatic changes in our usual way of operating as we had to pivot to alternative forms of instructional delivery and cancel many activities and events that are part of the college experience. I know that it was not easy, but through it all, you demonstrated the amazing resilience, fortitude, and grit that have come to define the Catamount Nation.

Also, many of you graduating today have benefitted from the NC Promise tuition program that began in the fall of 2018. This bold and innovative state program that significantly reduces tuition for all undergraduates at WCU and three other UNC System universities began as many of you were just starting as freshman. NC Promise allowed WCU to further its commitment to making a high-quality college education both affordable and accessible to all. Four years later, the program has been a huge success, and each of you leaves WCU better off financially than many of your peers across North Carolina and the nation.

And as the saying goes, it takes a village to make a college graduate. As you reflect upon what it took to get to this point, please remember the cast of supporters who helped you along the way – your family members and friends, special people among the university faculty and staff, and many others, even strangers. Please take time to thank all of the important people who have made sacrifices of their own to aid you in your educational pursuits. Not all of them may have been able to join us today, but I know they are with you in spirit.

There is no day more special and important to the WCU community than commencement. We think about the commitment and sacrifice it took for you to get here, but we also consider the unlimited potential that rests in each one of you who is wearing a cap and gown. Throughout your days as a WCU student, we sought not only to equip you with the skills and knowledge to formulate a successful career, but we also hoped to instill in you a desire to help make your community a better place. We can’t wait to see what you accomplish, both in your place of work and in your community. Wherever you go in this life, please remember that you have a university family on this campus cheering you on. You will always have a home in Cullowhee, and you will never be a stranger here.

With all best wishes and congratulations,

Kelli R. Brown
Chancellor
Greetings Western Carolina University Graduates!

It is my distinct honor and privilege to help welcome you into the growing fold of alumni of this great university. You should be very proud of what you have done in order to get to this point.

In fact, I believe that the lessons you have learned in overcoming the many challenges that came your way during your time at WCU will serve you well as you go forward into the next step of your life. Whether you look to continue your education or dive into your chosen profession, the flexibility, the adaptability, the drive, and the perseverance you have demonstrated will be incredible assets to you in your future.

You may not yet know precisely what that the future holds, but the skills and knowledge that you have received at Western Carolina University will lead you to a successful career – and will help you be a good citizen of this nation and participating member of your community. I know this from personal experience as a two-time graduate of this university. I would not trade my time as an undergraduate and graduate student here at WCU for anything in the world. I believe that you will feel the same about your – about our – alma mater.

With the utmost respect and heartfelt congratulations,

Richard D. Starnes ’92, ’94
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
MORNING COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER
– April Williams

April Williams will deliver the primary address for the university's morning commencement ceremony. Williams was chosen for this honor through a speaker selection process that was open to all graduating WCU students.

Williams is from Inman, South Carolina, and earned an associate degree in paralegal studies from Greenville Technical College in 2009 and worked in the private paralegal field for 10 years. In 2014, Williams earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina Upstate. Williams currently works for the City of Inman, South Carolina, serving as the planning director, Main Street director and victims' advocate.

Williams will graduate today with her master's degree in public affairs from the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

In addition to her work in government and the nonprofit sector, Williams has led a nonprofit youth recreational soccer organization that has served approximately 850 children in South Carolina. Her two daughters and one granddaughter have shared this journey with her.

Williams received an academic excellence scholarship for the fall semester of 2023. She credits the MPA program for providing her with the tools and resources needed for working in local government, which has allowed her to work in her beloved hometown.

AFTERNOON COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKER
– Natalie Ferrer

Natalie Ferrer will deliver the primary address for the university's afternoon commencement ceremony. Ferrer was chosen for this honor through a speaker selection process that was open to all graduating WCU students.

Ferrer is from Yorkville, Illinois, and is a 2020 graduate of Yorkville High School. She learned about WCU through family friends and fell in love with the mountains upon visiting Cullowhee.

Ferrer, a first-generation college student, will graduate today with her bachelor's degree in integrated health sciences from the College of Health and Human Sciences.

During her time at WCU, Ferrer served as a tutor and supplemental instruction leader for the Writing and Learning Commons and was the president of Mujeres con un Propósito (Women with a Purpose) student group.

Ferrer has been accepted as a doctoral student into Northwestern University's Physical Therapy program beginning in the fall of 2024.
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY DEGREES

The university awards the following degrees:
EDD—Doctor of Education; DNP—Doctor of Nursing Practice; DPT—Doctor of Physical Therapy; PsyD—Doctor of Psychology; MFA—Master of Fine Arts; SSP—Specialist in School Psychology; MAC—Master of Accountancy; MA—Master of Arts; MAED—Master of Arts in Education; MAT—Master of Arts in Teaching; MBA—Master of Business Administration; MCM—Master of Construction Management; MED—Master of Education; ME—Master of Entrepreneurship; MHS—Master of Health Sciences; MPM—Master of Project Management; MPA—Master of Public Affairs; MSA—Master of School Administration; MS—Master of Science; MSAT—Master of Science in Athletic Training; MSW—Master of Social Work; BA—Bachelor of Arts; BFA—Bachelor of Fine Arts; BM—Bachelor of Music; BS—Bachelor of Science; BSBA—Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; BSED—Bachelor of Science in Education; BSEE—Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering; BSN—Bachelor of Science in Nursing; BSW—Bachelor of Social Work.

The doctoral degree is the highest earned academic degree in U.S. postsecondary education. It is always awarded for independent research at a professional level in academic disciplines or in professional fields. The doctoral degree is recognized as the terminal degree in most academic and professional fields.

The Master of Fine Arts degree represents the highest level of academic achievement in the studio arts and is recognized as the terminal degree in those fields.

The Specialist in School Psychology degree represents academic achievement beyond the level of the master's degree. The degree is awarded for professionally-oriented studies that prepare the candidate to assume leadership and management roles in primary and secondary education.

The master's degree represents a level of higher education and academic achievement beyond the baccalaureate level. The master's degree reflects significant and advanced training, preparation, and research in academic and professional areas.

Candidates for the baccalaureate who are graduating with university academic honors wear gold cords on their robes and are identified by the following Latin designations:
* cum laude (“with praise”); ** magna cum laude (“with great praise”); *** summa cum laude (“with the greatest praise”).

Candidates from the Brinson Honors College wear the Honors Medallion. Candidates who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces wear red, white, and blue cords. Many students also are recognized for participation in or affiliation with an organization. Insignia for these recognitions may be in the form of cords, stoles, or pins.

To be designated University Scholars, students must have enrolled as freshmen and completed their entire undergraduate careers at Western Carolina University with a grade point average of 4.0.

† Designates candidates receiving two or more degrees.

o Designates posthumous degree.
The Graduate School and Research collaborates with all six academic colleges as well as the Brinson Honors College and Hunter Library to develop successful graduate students in more than 45 academic programs at both the master’s and doctoral degree levels. Graduate students come to Western Carolina University from across the United States and from international institutions to be taught, mentored, and clinically trained in a wide range of academic fields. As part of their curriculum, many students work alongside their faculty and staff mentors, teaching and conducting research that often takes them to locations across the mountains of Western North Carolina, our state, and beyond. Grant-funded research proposals written by Western Carolina University faculty are supported by staff in the Graduate School and Research and are funded by federal, state, and nonprofit agencies.

Graduate students are often working professionals who become effective leaders in their fields of science, health care, business, education, art, and the humanities. They utilize the research-based knowledge and professional skills that they develop in their graduate programs to benefit the health and wellness of people, the environment, and the continued economic development of our region, state, and beyond.
The Brinson Honors College was rededicated on September 4, 2020, in honor of Jack and Judy Brinson and their family. The mission of the Brinson Honors College at Western Carolina University is to provide an academically rich and stimulating living and learning environment with leadership opportunities for the university’s highest achieving undergraduate students. As a valued unit of the university, the Brinson Honors College collaborates with the faculty, staff, administration, and wider community to assure that opportunities for academic enrichment are made available to all of the university’s undergraduate students in order to raise the profile of academics across the institution and to support student success at the university and beyond.

In addition to academic excellence, the Brinson Honors College students are positioned to follow “The Honors Path” consisting of community engagement, leadership, study abroad, career development, and undergraduate research. These high-impact practices add value and encourage students to integrate their full college experience, helping them to develop more fully and to be more competitive in their post-graduate pursuits.

In partnership with an active student Honors Board of Directors, the Brinson Honors College staff provides a student-centered approach to facilitate student success. Established as the first residential Honors College in the UNC System in 1997, the Brinson Honors College now enrolls over 1,100 students across all undergraduate majors and programs at the university.
The College of Arts and Sciences is home to the disciplines at the core of the university, including the sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities. The college offers a wide range of programs in which students use innovative modes of inquiry to pursue new knowledge.

The college’s departments provide an array of liberal studies and foundational courses to prepare students outside the college to excel in their disciplines. Faculty are dedicated teacher-scholars who use the knowledge and experience gleaned from their research to fire student imaginations in the classroom.

More importantly, the College of Arts and Sciences teaches the skills that 21st-century employers demand: Critical thinking; analysis of evidence; and oral, written, and digital communication. The college’s goal is to develop and mentor students to be educated and engaged citizens in a rapidly changing world.

The college offers a variety of degrees in 12 areas of study: Anthropology and sociology, biology, chemistry and physics, communication, criminology and criminal justice, English, geosciences and natural resources, history, mathematics and computer science, philosophy and religion, political science and public affairs, and world languages.
GRADUATE SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Trevor Lane Alexander  
MS; Biology  
**Thesis:** Assessing Biota And Environmental Characteristics Above and Below a Low-Head Dam

Aia Faith Andonovska  
BA; Chemistry

Catherine Renee Austin  
MS; Chemistry

Veronica Larkin Ball  
MPA; Public Affairs

Emily Louise Cadmus  
MA; History

**Thesis:** The Culture of Enslavement and the Experience of Slavery in Buncombe County, North Carolina

Cody Brian Carver  
MPA; Public Affairs

Nina Marie Collins  
MPA; Public Affairs

Mary Josephine Cope  
MA; History

Randall Lee Cox  
MPA; Public Affairs

Joseph Walter Davis  
MS; Biology

**Thesis:** La Crosse Encephalitis in Western North Carolina: A Study of Epidemiological, Entomological, and Environmental Risk Factors

BRINSON HONORS COLLEGE CANDIDATES

***Hannah Grace Alexander  
BS; Biology

***Alexis Kaite Baker  
BS; Criminal Justice

*Katherine Katlyn Blanton  
BS; Computer Science

***Savannah Lee Cravatta  
BA; Philosophy †

**Virginia Kay Cross  
BA; Political Science †

Nina Catherine Dove  
BS; Mathematics

*Brennen Ann Dwinnell  
BS; Biology

**Grace Lilli-Ann Darling Gunter  
BS; Criminal Justice †

**Ella Campbell Harmon  
BS; Biology

**Lauren Teresa Howes  
BS; Political Science

***Elizabeth Rachel Hudson  
BA; English †

***Elizabeth Rachel Hudson  
BA; History †

***Chelsie Elizabeth Jarvis  
BS; Natural Resource Conservation and Management †

***Chelsie Elizabeth Jarvis  
BS; Environmental Science †

Victoria A. Kimball  
BS; Biology

*Sarah Elizabeth Lavway  
BS; Communication

**Sydney Blaine Newsome  
BS; Biology

*Dillon Thomas Orr  
BS; Computer Science

**Olivia Louise Padgett  
BA; English †

**Nicole Ann Petersohn  
BA; Spanish †

***Hailey Jordan Roach  
BS; Chemistry †

UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES

Kenley Nicole Allen  
BS; Emergency and Disaster Management

Aidan Neuman Alston  
BS; Criminal Justice

Holland Malaya Anderson  
BA; English †

Phillip Gregory Angel  
BS; Communication

***Ruby Elizabeth Annas  
BS; Communication

Benjamin David Bales  
BS; Natural Resource Conservation and Management

*Connor Andrew Bardin  
BS; Emergency and Disaster Management

Madalyn Eve Bardowell  
BS; Forensic Science

Jordan G. Barger  
BS; Biology

*Elizabeth Bartholomew  
BS; Emergency and Disaster Management

*Saydie Elizabeth Bean  
BS; Communication

**Caroline Nicole Belton  
BS; Criminal Justice

Gabrielle Alexis Berry  
BS; Biology

Matthew Vinny Opinski  
MPA; Public Affairs

Samantha Rae Reynolds  
MPA; Public Affairs

Carter Forrest Ricks  
MS; Biology

Brent D. Russ  
MPA; Public Affairs

Elin Swank  
MS; Biology

**Nicole Ann Petersohn  
BS; Anthropology

*Ryan Elizabeth Bodine  
BS; Anthropology

Zachary Andrew Booker  
BS; Biology

Hanna Rose Blackwelder  
BS; Biology

Jordan Elizabeth Bobbitt  
BS; Biology

Gracelli Francis Bocanegra  
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In addition, WCU’s undergraduate and doctoral programs in psychology are housed in the college along with a new master’s degree in experiential and outdoor education. Students benefit from robust opportunities for clinical experiences and service learning with programs such as the Language Enhancement After School Program (LEAP) for local grade school students needing English language support; the McKee Psychological Services Clinic; the laboratory middle school, The Catamount School; and myriad outdoor events organized by Parks and Recreation Management, including the annual Cullowhee Canoe Slalom. In addition, the College of Education and Allied Professions serves the mission through regional outreach and engagement via two additional, unique programs. The University Participant (UP) Program is a two-year inclusive and residential learning experience for college-aged persons with intellectual disabilities. And, Project Discovery-Talent Search is a U.S. Department of Education-funded program that serves hundreds of middle and high school students in Western North Carolina each year through college-access curriculum, including career exploration, college visits, and adventure-based learning.
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The college’s faculty are actively involved in creative work, performance, and independent scholarship. They provide individualized instruction to students pursuing studies in studio arts, graphic and interior design, musical theatre, television and film production, art and music education, vocal and instrumental performance, and more.

The college is also dedicated to being a cultural hub for the region, offering performances, exhibitions, and other creative arts programming throughout the year for the university and the larger community. Additionally, the college has a significant number of regional partnerships that help enhance creative collaboration and access to the arts in Western North Carolina.

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The College of Business provides masters-level training both online and at WCU’s Asheville-based instructional site, including graduate programs in accounting, business administration, innovation leadership and entrepreneurship, sport management, and project management. Additionally, the college offers undergraduate programs in ten disciplines in Cullowhee and online, including Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees in accounting, business administration and law, computer information systems, innovation leadership and entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality & tourism management, management, marketing, and sport management, as well as Bachelor of Science degrees in economic analysis and entrepreneurship. The College of Business serves WCU’s largest portion of enrolled online students in five undergraduate and four graduate programs.

The College of Business is actively engaged in supporting the region through its Corporation for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, its Center for the Study of Free Enterprise, and the Small Business and Technology Development Center. Each of these entities provides needed research and business planning to support the region’s economic development and its growing community of entrepreneurs. Through the Corporation for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, businesses can tap into lab resources and faculty expertise otherwise not available. The college is proud to graduate Business Ready® students: Business Ready® means … Ready to engage. Ready to succeed. Ready to work! Go Cats!
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Candidates for degrees in the College of Engineering and Technology complete their degrees having earned the knowledge, skills, and applied experiences through the college’s project-based learning model, preparing them for successful careers as leaders in engineering and construction management. Your resilience and grit have led you to this milestone achievement in your life.

Students and faculty regularly engage in innovative partnerships with business and industry that assist to spur economic development in the region and beyond. Through the college’s students and faculty, private sector partners have access to state-of-the-art engineering labs including the Rapid Center, a product development, testing, and prototyping center.

WCU’s College of Engineering and Technology has grown tremendously over the last decade. The Bachelor of Science in Engineering has seen the largest growth, beginning with 24 students in its first year and now serving more than 200 students who will move into high-demand careers.

The college also offers degrees in electrical engineering, electrical and computer engineering technology, engineering technology, and construction management. The online Master of Construction Management and Master of Science in Technology programs prepare students for leadership roles in construction and provide opportunities in advanced manufacturing.

The college congratulates all its graduates on their success and welcomes them to return as corporate partners and mentors in the years to come.
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Western Carolina University's College of Health and Human Sciences brings together a wide variety of degrees in fields such as athletic training, communication sciences and disorders, emergency medical care, environmental health, nursing, nutrition, physical therapy, recreational therapy, and social work. The college’s students have the advantage of working closely together in an integrated, collaborative environment that reflects today's real-world holistic approach to health care. For example, the School of Health Sciences offers a multidisciplinary Integrated Health Sciences degree.

In addition, students gain applied experience at clinics and research stations on campus and through a variety of service-learning programs designed to bring the college’s expertise into the community while showing students the importance of service.

On-campus clinics include the WCU Speech and Hearing Clinic, a sports medicine clinic, a family care clinic, a balance and fall prevention clinic, a pro bono health clinic, and the Vecinos Farmworker Health Program. Several clinics are operated through public-private partnerships with local providers.

The college is the proud home to many faculty members who are leaders in their field nationally and internationally. Their shared goal is to prepare students to meet the needs of the state and the region. Graduates achieve successful careers in their individual fields or pursue graduate programs for further study. The college also offers several master’s programs in nursing, speech-language pathology, social work, and health sciences and doctoral programs in nursing and physical therapy. Many of those graduate programs are available here in Cullowhee, in Asheville at Biltmore Park, or online.
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia worn by the faculty and graduating students at commencement are derived from forms of dress in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries in Britain and Europe. The clothing of the general population changed over time, but the earlier garments have been retained as a specialized academic costume. Academic dress in the United States is an outgrowth of British practice but is much more standardized than in British institutions. With some variations, the forms of the academic costume used by American institutions today are based on a code adopted in 1895.

THE CAP. The mortarboard cap, worn flat on the head with one corner of the square facing the front, has a tassel, which may be either black or of the color assigned to the field of study. Doctors in all fields may wear a tassel of metallic gold. Some institutions have adopted the biretta instead of the mortarboard.

THE GOWN. The cut of the gown indicates whether the wearer holds a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctor’s degree. The bachelor’s gown is a simple, unornamented robe with long pointed sleeves. The master’s gown is more elaborate and many styles have slits in the sleeves. The doctor’s robe is ornamented with three bars on each sleeve and panels on the front of the robe. The standard color of the robe is black, although some institutions have adopted other colors (Yale, blue; Harvard, crimson; WCU, purple). The white robes worn by the student marshals at Western Carolina University are an indication of their undergraduate status.

THE HOOD. The institution by which the degree was awarded and the field of study in which the degree was earned are represented by the hood. The lining of the hood identifies the institution that awarded the degree. However, because of the large number of degree-granting institutions, there is much duplication, even though a variety of patterns have been introduced. For example, more than thirty institutions are purple and gold. The length of the hood and the width of its border vary in relation to the degree held.

THE COLORS. The colors of the tassel on the cap and of the border on the hood represent the field of study in which the degree was earned. These colors include:

- ARTS, LETTERS, HUMANITIES ..................... White
- ORATORY (SPEECH) ....................... Silver Gray
- COMMERCE, ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS .......... Drab
- PHILOSOPHY ................................. Dark Blue
- CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ............... Drab
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION ...................... Sage Green
- ECONOMICS ............................... Copper
- PHYSICAL THERAPY ........................ Teal
- EDUCATION ................................. Light Blue
- PUBLIC HEALTH ......................... Salmon Pink
- FINE ARTS ............................... Brown
- SCIENCE ................................. Golden Yellow
- LAW ........................................ Purple
- SOCIAL WORK .............................. Citron
- LIBRARY SCIENCE ........................ Lemon
- THEOLOGY ................................ Scarlet
- MUSIC ................................. Pink
- NURSING ............................... Apricot
- PSYCHOLOGY ......................... Gold

Source: The Encyclopedia of Education

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The Western Carolina University mace is now the symbolic representation of the university's authority at official assemblies. The chief faculty marshal will carry the mace, or ceremonial staff, into the graduation assembly hall, where the mace will remain in a prominent position until the ceremony concludes.

Symbolic academic maces descend from medieval and earlier times, when heads of church and state carried wands or staffs representing authority. For generations, colleges and universities have used maces in their formal ceremonies, such as commencement exercises and inaugurations of presidents or chancellors.

The Western Carolina University mace is a shaft of black walnut, capped with a head of polished bronze. The head is adorned with engraved mountain rhododendron leaves and bears bas-relief icons of old Madison Building, the Alumni Tower, the original Western Carolina University seal, and the University of North Carolina seal as symbols of WCU’s history. A polished bronze finial in the shape of a globe symbolizes the university’s mission of education and service.

The mace was designed and created by well-known sculptor Bill Eleazer, a Western Carolina University alumnus and retired art teacher at Tuscola High School in Haywood County. Eleazer was assisted in creating the walnut shaft of the mace by F. Merton Cregger, who is an accomplished craftsman in wood.

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