

February 16, 2022

Congratulations, 2021-2022 Graduates!

The 2022 Commencement Ceremony will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on Saturday, May 7th in the Penn Activity Center (PAC). Doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

Pre-Commencement

- **Cap & Gown:** Your cap & gown will be at the William Penn Bookstore, in the Dana M. Atkins Memorial Union, to pick up in advance. Please contact the bookstore by calling 641/673-1031 or by emailing Deborah Christy, dchristy@follett.com, to make arrangements for advance pick up. The day of commencement, you will be able to get your cap & gown in the gymnasium when you register.
- **Campus Bookstore Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7th - 8:30 a.m. – until one hour after graduation.
<http://www.bkstr.com/williampenstore/home>
- **Honor Cords** will be distributed in the gymnasium the morning of graduation. Only students who have **completed** all degree requirements are eligible to wear honor cords. These levels and the corresponding GPA's can be found in the University Catalog. Cords will **not** be sent to students before or after the ceremony, as they are considered ceremonial honors for those students who are walking. Students not walking will still have the honor designated on the official transcript.
- **Photographs:** You may purchase professional photographs by **DWS Photography** taken at the moment you receive your diploma and/or hooding. Photos will be available to view a short time after graduation at https://dwsphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/WPU_2022/ (for best results, use Chrome). The link will also be available on the Commencement page on the WPU website for others who wish to purchase photos.
- **Live Stream:** The WPU Commencement ceremony will be live streamed at <http://www.wmpenn.edu/CommencementLive/> for friends and family unable to attend.
- **Your Account:** All account balances must be paid in full before diplomas will be issued. You must complete all exit paperwork for the William Penn Loan, William Penn Forgivable Loan, and Perkins Loan before diplomas or transcripts can be mailed. If you have any questions, contact the Business Services Office at 641-673-1142.

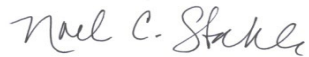
Commencement Day, Saturday, May 7th

- **Parking** – Please take North Market (Highway 63) to R Avenue West (north of Atkins Memorial Union), and drive west on R Avenue West to parking on the West side of the PAC.
- **Graduates assemble for the procession – 9:30 a.m. - All graduates-** All graduates will assemble in the Main Gym. Registration tables, with name cards and honor cords, will be set up. Please line up in front of the table marked alphabetically, based on your last name. You will then be lined-up alphabetically within Academic Divisions. The tassel is worn on the right. **Only academic honor cords may be worn during the ceremony.** No one but the

graduate will be allowed access to the Gym. Family members traveling with students may wait in the PAC for the ceremony to start.

- **The Blue and Gold Ceremony** – Immediately following Commencement, graduates will recess to the front lawn of Penn Hall where the Alumni Association will lead the traditional Blue and Gold Ceremony. In case of rain, the Blue and Gold Ceremony will be held on the PAC turf.

Regards,



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