

February 20, 2024

Congratulations 2023-2024 Graduates!

The 2024 Commencement Ceremony will be held at **10:00 AM** on Saturday, May 11th in the Penn Activity Center (PAC). Doors will open at 8:30 AM.

Pre-Commencement

- **Cap & Gown:** Your cap & gown will be at the William Penn Bookstore, in the Dana M. Atkins Memorial Union, to pick up after April 30th. The bookstore hours are Monday – Thursday, 10 AM – 3 PM and Friday, 10 AM - 2 PM. If you would like to have them shipped to you prior to Commencement Day, you need to contact the bookstore by calling 641/673-1031 or by emailing Rhonda Hileman, 1704mgr@follett.com to arrange shipping. There will be a \$9.99 charge to ship. On the day of the commencement ceremony, you will be able to get your cap & gown in the gymnasium when you register. The bookstore will be open on Saturday, May 11th from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM. <http://www.bkstr.com/williampenntore/home>
- **Tickets for your guests:** Your guests may order tickets for the ceremony at [Tickets - William Penn University \(statesmenathletics.com\)](#) prior to Tuesday, **April 30, 2024**. Your guests will need to enter your WPU Student ID#. Please limit the total number of tickets to 6 per graduate. If you believe you have more than 6 guests who wish to attend, please contact Caleb Flatt at CalebFlatt@wmpenn.edu.
- **Honor Cords:** Cords will be distributed the morning of graduation for those who are eligible to wear them. Only students who have **completed** all degree requirements are eligible to display this honor. 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 their official transcript. This is also true of those walking early.
- **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_2024/ (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 <https://www.wmpenn.edu/commencement> 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.

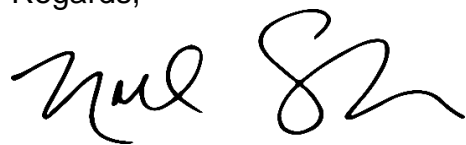
Commencement Day, Saturday, May 11th

- **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 AM.** - **All graduates watch your WPU email for further instructions.** 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.**
- **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.

Post Commencement

- **Diplomas and Transcripts** – William Penn has contracted with Parchment to produce and send out diplomas. Once cleared through the Business Office (this could take a week or so) Parchment will **email** you a digital copy of your diploma. You will have three days to change your mailing address if it isn't correct and then the actual diploma will be **mailed** to you. You will also then receive a digital copy of your **unofficial transcript** from our office. (Please note that the diploma will carry only the name of your degree – Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, etc. It will not indicate your major/s. However, all majors and minors will be recorded on your transcript, which is the official record of your academic achievement.)
- **Your WPU student access portal** will be available for **one month** after the end of the semester (or June 9). This will give you the opportunity to see your final grades and print off an unofficial transcript if you need one immediately. **Your WPU email** will remain active for you as a WPU graduate. This is the email that will be used for diploma and transcript correspondence with you. Make sure you check it occasionally!

Regards,



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