# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



# Summer SESSIONS

MAY SESSIONS BEGIN: 5/12
JUNE SESSIONS BEGIN: 6/2
JULY SESSIONS BEGIN: 7/7

DOES NOT REQUIRE ADVISING PRIOR TO REGISTRATION,
ALTHOUGH IT'S STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

### WKU. Online

### FINAL EXAMS

**MAY 5-8** 

Good luck! Do your best and finish the semester strong.

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### **EVENTS**

<u>Campus Recreation and</u> <u>Wellness Calendar</u>

WKU Events Calendar

WKU Sports Calendar

Spring 2025 Academic Calendar

Summer 2025 Academic Calendar

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### MAY

- May 5 to 8- Finals
- May 8- Commencement
- May 9- College Recognition ✓
   Ceremonies
- May 12- Summer semester begins

# TOOLS FOR ONLINE LEARNERS





CAMPUS RESOURCES



### SPRING GRADUATION





Topper Walk and Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 8, 6:30 pm CST

Line up near the Charles Hardcastle Kentucky Building at 6:00 p.m. Topper Walk begins at 6:30 p.m.



College
Recognition
Ceremonies
Friday, May 9, 2025

Celebration of Spring and Summer 2025 graduates gather in Diddle Arena's Auxiliary Gym to line up.

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

6:30 p.m.

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#### **ISEC Graduation Celebration**

Thursday, May 8th 2:00pm CT contact Kiria Braden @ 270-745-5272 for location TBD



#### **Lavender Recognition Ceremony**

Tuesday, May 6th 7:00pm CT Martens Alumni Center

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#### **Amariah Christie**

"Stay on top of your work, but most importantly practice self-care to make stress much easier to manage!"

#### Alicia Cecil

"Create a routine- structure is your best friend in online learning. Stay organized- use a planner, digital calendar, or to-do list to keep track. Designate a study space- find a quiet, comfortable, and dedicated spot to shift your brain into 'learning mode.'"

#### Callie Cardwell

"Work ahead if you can and never get down you yourself. You have a purpose!"

#### **Alexis Richie**

"Go for it! You can do this. There is nothing too hard for you to achieve after accomplishing this. There is time to include school in your daily life on top of everything else."

#### Deysi Garduno

"Stay organized- keep track of important dates and assignments, use digital tools. Create a dedicated study space where you can focus and set boundaries between work, family, and life.

Manage time wisely and establish a routine. Avoid social media while studying!"



#### LaTroya Coleman

"Never limit yourself! You never know what opportunities are out there."

#### **Kimberly Salvers**

"Write all due dates in a planner and be involved in class. Online is what you make it."

#### Michael Mezzacapo

"Experience gives resilience. Do no shy away from anything hard."

#### Elizabeth McFarland

"Be proactive so you won't fall behind."

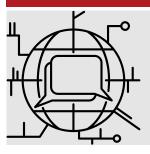
#### Online Learning Tips!

- Self-care is truly important, put it on your calendar. Take frequent breaks, breathe, and reset. (Beth Byrns)
- Time management is key, treat it like a regular job with specified times for studying, working on homework. etc. (Kimberly Elliott)
- Pace yourself! Online schooling requires a lot of multi-tasking, self-discipline, and attention to detail. It requires maintaining a steady pace to not become overwhelmed throughout the program since you don't have a professor in front of you. (Storm Christian Rickard)
- Have a go-to study spot to make focusing easier. Stay connected with professors and classmates to avoid isolation. Balance routines, minimize distractions, give yourself grace. (Skylar Cockrum)

### WHY CHOOSE WKU ONLINE?

- "I chose WKU because of it's exceptional community. The professors are outstanding. Their commitment to fostering an environment of academic excellence and personal growth has made my experience rewarding.
  - Beth Byrns
- "WKU offers a vast variety of online courses. I was able to complete my graduate classes from home while being a full-time teacher with side hustles."
  - Eleanor Belcher
- "My daughter was just born and taking online courses allowed me to stay home with her!"
  - Jessica Buzzard
- "I was able to further my education without sacrificing time with my family."
  - Lauren Morrison
- "I can structure my coursework around my schedule rather than the other way around, making it easier to juggle grad school, family life, and preparing for my first child."
  - Skylar Cockrum
- "I'm able to shape my learning journey in a way that works for me, all while opening up endless possibilities for the future."
  - Kristin Dale





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May is a time of celebration in PCAL as we honor our graduating Hilltoppers. These students leave WKU ready to lead, create, and inspire—shaped by the transformative power of a liberal arts education.

This month also marks an exciting new chapter for Cherry Hall. Built in 1937, this iconic academic landmark will soon undergo a major renovation that preserves its historic character while modernizing its infrastructure. Cherry Hall has long stood as a symbol of academic excellence on the Hill, and this project ensures it will continue to be a vibrant home for teaching, learning, and discovery for generations to come.

As we close another meaningful year, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the many successes and joyful moments we've experienced as a college. Reflecting on these moments helps sustain us during challenging times. I am deeply grateful for each of you and for the many contributions you make to PCAL and WKU.

With appreciation, T. Brown

#### **Potter College News:**

<u>Designing Her Future: Abby Abrams Blends</u> Art and Architecture at WKU

"Music is Everything": WKU Graduate
Pursues His Passion Beyond the Classroom

WKU Creative Writing MFA Candidate Wins Prestigious National Award

WKU students second, sixth in Hearst multimedia competition

<u>Check out upcoming PCAL events.</u>



Register now for an online "Patio Chat" with PCAL's Dean, Dr. Terrance Brown. Complete the link below to set up a meeting virtually to discuss your unique experience as an online student, ask questions about PCAL programs, and get to know the Dean.



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- Facebook
- <u>Instagram</u> /@wkupcal
- DIVERSITY Instagram
- <u>YouTube</u>
- TikTok:

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Congratulations, Class of 2025! We're so proud of all you've accomplished and the incredible growth we've seen in each of you. Your hard work, resilience, and heart have brought you to this moment, and we can't wait to see what you'll do next. Wherever life takes you, know you always have a home here on the Hill. Keep learning, stay curious, and go make a difference.

#### GO TOPS!

Dr. Evelyn Thrasher Dean, Gordon Ford College of Business



# GFCB Hooding Ceremony

8 MAY 2025 4PM (CST) GFCB AUDITORIUM

Important: RSVP is Mandatory!
To ensure smooth planning and

The Gordon Ford College of Business is excited to celebrate our Spring 2025 Master's graduates at the upcoming Western Kentucky University Graduate Hooding Ceremony! This year, we will also be honoring students who have earned graduate certificates.





#### **GFCB on Social Media:**

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- Instagram (@wkugordonford)
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Congratulations to the OCSE Class of 2025! Your hard work, resilience, and determination have brought you to this moment — and the best is still ahead. Here's to new beginnings and a bright future! We can't wait to see what you do next.





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