

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **2024 Western New England University Commencement at the MassMutual Center**

**WHAT:** Western New England University (WNE) hosts its 2024 Commencement, celebrating 881 Golden Bears from the Class of 2024 on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

- Journalist [Latoyia Edwards](#) will deliver the undergraduate keynote address.
- Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and WNE University School of Law alumna [Ashley Randle](#) L'14 will deliver the graduate keynote address.

The Commencement ceremonies will be [livestreamed](#) on the University website starting at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on May 19, 2024.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the [MassMutual Center](#), 1227 Main St., Springfield, MA

- 10:00 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony begins
- 3:00 p.m. Graduate Ceremony begins
- Best opportunity for interviews: Students will be available approximately 1 hour prior to each ceremony for interviews.

**CREDENTIALS:** Media credentials are required to access the ceremonies.

- Email Molly Watson, [molly.watson@wne.edu](mailto:molly.watson@wne.edu) by **Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.** to reserve credentials.
- Check in and retrieve credentials at the MassMutual Box Office beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- Return credentials to Molly Watson before leaving the MassMutual Center.

**PARKING:** The Civic Center Parking Garage is currently closed and under construction. Visit [MassMutual Center](#) for parking options.

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#### **Class of 2024 By the Numbers:**

Total Graduated: 881\*

Total Undergraduate Degrees: 521

Total graduating with a PhD: 15

Total graduating from School of Law: 131 (110 JD, 19 LLM, 2 MS)

Total graduating with a PharmD: 35

Total graduating with an OTD: 29

Total graduating with a Master's Degree: 149

**21 States Represented by Undergraduate Students:**

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia.

**26 States Represented by Graduate and Professional Students:**

Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin.

**5 Countries represented:**

Canada, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, and the United States

\*These figures represent August 2023, December 2023 and May 2024 graduates.

**Top 5 Undergraduate Fields of Study:**

1. Mechanical Engineering
2. Marketing
3. Psychology
4. Criminal Justice
5. Sports Management

**MORE INFO:**

Please review the [2024 WNE Commencement Program](#) for more details.

Media Kit (electronic) available at <https://wne.edu/commencement/for-the-media.cfm>

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