



Commencement

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Undergraduate Degree Conferral

**Doctoral, Law, Pharmacy,
Occupational Therapy, and
Master's Degree Conferral**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Congratulations, Class of 2024!

To the Class of 2024, there is no need to say, “Welcome to reality’s doorstep.” As students who lived through a global pandemic that impacted every facet of your lives, you know better than many of us how “real” life can be.

With that in mind, Commencement this year feels more weighted — a significant milestone symbolizing not only academic achievement but also personal growth and perseverance. It is a testament to the dedication and resilience of our graduates. The journey to this point may have been challenging, but it has also been enriching and transformative.

As you step into the next phase of your lives, you carry with yourselves the tools to thrive and make a positive impact in your chosen fields. It is especially heartening to see the support and pride from the faculty, staff, and University leadership. Be assured that, as an alum, you will never be alone. You have the full and unwavering support of Western New England behind you always.

Today is also a momentous occasion — not just for you, our graduates, but for your families, mentors, and the entire community who have supported you along the way. Their contributions, whether through providing encouragement, financial assistance, or simply being there to lend an ear, have been instrumental in your journey. It is an honor to acknowledge their role in shaping your success and fostering an environment conducive to learning and growth. Most importantly, it is a reminder of the interconnectedness of our lives and the importance of gratitude and appreciation for those who stand by us in our achievements.

This Commencement marks not an end but a new beginning filled with opportunity and possibility.

Congratulations to all our Golden Bears on this remarkable accomplishment!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Robert E. Johnson, PhD
President

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

A Brief History

The Springfield Division of Northeastern College, known as Springfield-Northeastern, was established in 1919. Evening classes, held in the YMCA building on Chestnut Street in Springfield for students studying part-time, were offered in law, business, and accounting. The first 13 graduates were recognized in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science. In 1923, the first seven law graduates were recognized.

In 1951, the Springfield Division of Northeastern University became Western New England College. The College was chartered on July 17, 1951.

On April 26, 1956, 34 acres for the current Wilbraham Road campus were purchased. The first building, originally known as East Building, and later renamed Emerson Hall in recognition of the College's first trustee chair, Robert R. Emerson, opened in 1959.

Western New England received institutional accreditation in 1965 and has been continuously accredited since then.

The University flourished on its new campus with expanding academic programs, a growing student body, and the addition of

new academic buildings, residence halls, and athletic facilities. The launch of the first of now several doctoral programs in 2008 opened the pathway for Western New England College to become a university in 2011. Today, with Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and our School of Law, we stand united as one university.

The transition to a university marked a period of extensive investment of more than \$100 million in campus facilities, beginning with the opening of the Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy and including renovation and expansion of academic buildings, the sport complex, a new residence hall, and the University Commons, which opened in 2018. In 2019, Western New England University celebrated its centennial. Now, WNE is entering its second century with a vision to create a "New Traditional University."

The University is proud to enroll 3,351 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students and celebrates the achievements of its more than 45,000 alumni whose ranks our graduates join today.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER 2024



Alison Castellano

Professional Educator of Psychology Alison Castellano embodies the spirit of lifelong learning and community engagement. With her diverse background in education, ranging from elementary education to higher education administration, she brings a wealth of experience to her role as professional educator at Western New England University.

Professor Castellano's journey from receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Elementary Education to pursuing a MEd in Psychology with a concentration in Student Affairs Administration reflects her commitment to finding the right path in education. Her tenure in supervisory roles within Residence Life provided her with valuable leadership skills before transitioning back to the classroom, where she is renowned for teaching with passion and fostering excellence.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the teaching profession, Professor Castellano will be honored with the 2024 Teaching Excellence Award. This prestigious award honors faculty members who have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to teaching and who have made a significant impact on the lives of their students.

Beyond her teaching responsibilities, Professor Castellano is deeply involved in campus life and student support initiatives. Her roles as advisor for the Psychology Club, student staff supervisor, and member of the Title IX Committee demonstrate her dedication to fostering a supportive and inclusive campus community. Moreover, her active participation in WNE Alumni Association committees, including her role as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, highlights her commitment to nurturing connections and giving back to her alma mater.

Professor Castellano's pursuit of higher education continues. She is anticipated to complete her EdD in Higher Education Leadership and Organizational Studies at Bay Path University in summer 2024, where she explores academic advising through her dissertation work. Her dedication to scholarly research and professional development allows Professor Castellano to stay abreast of current trends, best practices, and emerging theories in education, which enriches the learning experience for her students.

Professor Castellano's accolades, including the Certificate of Appreciation Award from the Classes of 2017, 2019, and 2021, and the WNE Alumni Association Raymond Meyers Award, serve as testament to her exemplary contributions and leadership in both academic and extracurricular spheres. Outside academia, her involvement as a youth soccer coach and her engagement in various community endeavors showcase her commitment to making a positive impact beyond the University campus.

Professor Alison Castellano exemplifies the ideals of an educator, leader, and community advocate, enriching the lives of students and colleagues alike through her passion for education and service.

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WELCOME

Maria Toyoda
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Kenneth M. Rickson '75
Chair, Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Robert E. Johnson
President of the University

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Maria Toyoda
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

STUDENT ADDRESS

Nina Sullivan
Candidate for Bachelor's Degree

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Maria Toyoda
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Robert E. Johnson
President of the University

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

Latoyia Edwards

Robert E. Johnson
President of the University

Maria Toyoda
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

COMMENCEMENT REMARKS

Latoyia Edwards
*Emmy Award-Winning Anchor
NBC10 Boston*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

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Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degree in
Business

Awarded by Sharianne Walker
Dean, College of Business

Presented by Paul Costanzo
Professor of Sport Management and Marketing

Presented by Daniel Covell
Professor of Sport Management

Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degree in
Engineering

Awarded by S. Hossein Cheraghi
Dean, College of Engineering

Presented by Michael Rust
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering

Presented by Glen Vallee
Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degree in
Arts and Sciences

Awarded by Marcus Davis
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Presented by Douglas Battema
Professor of Communication

Presented by Brenda Garton-Sjoberg
Professional Educator of Communication

Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degree in
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Awarded by John Pezzuto
Dean, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Presented by Melissa Mattison
Clinical Associate Professor of Community Care

Presented by Kimberly Pesaturo
Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Candidate for Second Lieutenant
United States Air Force

Presented by Sharianne Walker
Dean, College of Business

COMMISSIONING OF OFFICER

Candidate for Second Lieutenant
United States Army

Commissioned by
Lieutenant Colonel Brian Alexander
Professor of Military Science

ALUMNI AWARD AND INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Brandon O'Brien '15BSBA/'16MSA
President, Alumni Association

SINGING OF ALMA MATER*

Vanessa Ford

RECESSIONAL*

Triumphant Marches, Grieg & Gabrieli

GRAND MARSHAL

John Willemain
Professional Educator of Mathematics
College of Arts and Sciences

**MARSHALS
AND ASSISTANTS**

Elizabeth Elam
Professor of Marketing
College of Business

Derek Fecke
Senior Associate Registrar
Department of Enrollment Services

Akbar Jaefari
Associate Professor of Physics
College of Arts and Sciences

Phil Kiefer
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
College of Arts and Sciences

Mary Schoonmaker
Associate Professor of Marketing and Entrepreneurship
College of Business

Isaac Stayton
Associate Professor of Chemistry
College of Arts and Sciences

HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD)



Latoyia Edwards

Latoyia Edwards, an Emmy Award-winning anchor for NBC10 Boston and NECN, is the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony speaker. Edwards, who was also listed among *Boston Magazine's* Most Influential Bostonians and named New Englander of the Year in 2023 by the New England Council, as well as recently honored with induction into the Dorchester Hall of Fame, will address the graduating class at 10:00 a.m., sharing insights from her illustrious career in journalism and media. Her journey from a Dorchester neighborhood native to a prominent morning news anchor exemplifies commitment, excellence, and the power of community engagement.

Having graduated with *magna cum laude* honors from Emerson College, Edwards's career spans various roles — from health reporter to news anchor — highlighting her versatility and dedication to reporting. Her work not only informs but also molds public discourse, making her an exemplary figure for aspiring journalists and all graduates.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Tabarek Al-Kowami Δ †††	Joshua A. Conniff Δ ††	Colleen Shannon Furlong†
Sean Peter Alvord††	Sydney Rose Conte	Olivia Dorothy Gajor††
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Allisha Angelina Bakker	Abigail Rose Cote†	Miranda Kayla Gendron†
Jake Matthew Balemian	Brendan V. Couzens Δ	Ryley Carmyn Gianni††
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Carly-Anna Regina Barba	Connor James Crump†	Naomi Elizabeth Golasinski†††
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Samantha Rose Blau Δ ††	Rocco J. Desimone III	Michael Joseph Heavey IV†
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Zoe Grace Bozzay††	Kiarra Rose Dorman	Nathanael M. Hicking
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Amelia Morgan Brown	Samuel H. Dow†	Rhylan John Hopkins†
Nicholas J. Buonagurio	Ethan Jeffrey Dudley	Christopher David Johnson
Kyle Burnham Δ	Ambar Duran	Peter Matthew Jordan Δ †
Emmy Susanne Burns†	Olivia Marie Eastman	Emma Nicole Karamian††
Fiona M. Campbell†	John Alfred Falco Δ †††	Alexandra Izabela Karpinski†
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David Collazo	Dalton Anthony D'Amato Franco	Dillon Matthew Kohl†††
John Paul Collins†	Ethan R. Franklin	Alexander Donald Krawiec††
Damian R. Comeau†	Julia Lauren Frappier†††	Jared James Kuryan†

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Candidates whose names appear in this program may not have completed all degree requirements for graduation.

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Tram My Lu Δ $\dagger\dagger\dagger$	Daniel J. Poore	Connor Decker Smith
Daniel Joseph Lupo \dagger	Arthur Popov	Alyssa M. Smith $\dagger\dagger$
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Ryan Sean McCann	Aidan M. Rego	Taylor N. Tenerowicz $\dagger\dagger\dagger$
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Anthony Arcangelo Meccia Δ $\dagger\dagger\dagger$	Johnathan O. Relaford	Jeremy Todd Trottier $\dagger\dagger\dagger$
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Tyler Millerick Δ $\dagger\dagger$	Timothy John Restall III \dagger	Abbagail Joy Vanvalkenburgh \dagger
Carolyn Marie Mills $\dagger\dagger$	Annina Grace Rettura	Ryan Anthony Wawro \dagger
Isabella Johns Montalvo \dagger	Paul V. Riccio III	Devin Conor Welch
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Alexandria Rae Morris $\dagger\dagger\dagger$	Ethan Thomas Robidoux Δ \dagger	Elizabeth Frances Weston \dagger
Eryn Mackenzie Mower \dagger	Jackson William Rome	Nicholas Whalen Δ $\dagger\dagger$
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Jo-Anne Edith Muldoon \dagger	Brian Alexander Rostowski $\dagger\dagger$	Peter Robert Philip White \dagger
Alyssa Sullivan Murphy $\dagger\dagger$	Jack Andrew Rothbart \dagger	James P. Woodward
Robert James Murphy \dagger	Tyler Marshall Roya	James Lewis Wrynn
Jake Ryan Murphy	Anthony J. Russo	Wenjing Yang
Brandon Jeffery Myers \dagger	Zachery P. Scott	Brianna N. Yashenko
Grace Avis Neffinger	Ryan Sears	Shazal Zaheer $\dagger\dagger$
Matthew Joseph Nogueira \dagger	Ababacar Seck	Ashlyn Nicole Zajac
Richardson Aideyanohai Oise	Simon Luis Serra	Bryan-Jason Zambou
John Francis Oliver $\dagger\dagger\dagger$	Aditya Vipul Shah Δ $\dagger\dagger\dagger$	Kyle Flynn Zemba $\dagger\dagger\dagger$
Travis Jacob Orszulak	Joseph R. Shea \dagger	
Griffin A. Ostrom	Kohtaro Shimada \dagger	

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Ethan Michael Ahearn	Mitchell John Gray	Daniel R. Podzunas†††
Sylvia Akraši	Evan Hunter Grocki	Charles Benjamin Przechocki
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Tyreece Jordell Cherival†	Grant John Maziarz†††	Matthew Philip Steneri
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Matthew Charles Flagg††	Aidan Thomas O'Connor	Jake A. Wyllie
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College of Engineering

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Loredana Mia RandazzoΔ†††	Kasey L. Serrani	Jasmine Martha Yard
Alina Michelle Riddle	Bailey Morghan Sevigny	Theodore A. Zwinski
Elizabeth Virginia Rivera	Raegan Emelia Simeone	

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Thanh T. Huynh	Connor James Narey	Morgan Olivia Schmidt
Peter Joseph Izzo	Morgan Elizabeth Noel	Malik Abed Serisser
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Maya Dias Estrela	Tomasz Niewinski	Sedona Hadleigh Wikar††

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Commissioner Ashley Randle L'14

Robert E. Johnson
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COMMENCEMENT REMARKS

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*Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources*

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Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

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**ALUMNI AWARD AND INDUCTION OF GRADUATES
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Vanessa Ford

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Triumphant Marches, Grieg & Gabrieli

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Jennifer Levi
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HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD)



Ashley Randle

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner Ashley E. Randle, a trailblazer in agricultural policy and the first woman to lead the Department as its twenty-first commissioner, will address graduate students at 3:00 p.m.

Randle's journey from fifth-generation dairy farmer from South Deerfield to key figure in Massachusetts state government embodies the spirit of perseverance, innovation, and leadership. Upon graduating from Western New England University School of Law in 2014, she embarked on a career in government, beginning with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, where she spearheaded the research and development of a sustainable recognition program for the Maine farming community. Before joining the MDAR team, Randle served as member services director for the Northeast Dairy Producers Association (NEDPA), engaging in public policy work for the dairy industry and fostering relationships among industry members.

A licensed Massachusetts attorney and a proud alumna of the WNE University School of Law, Randle's extensive experience in agricultural policy, environmental protection, and sustainable farming practices positions her as a model of civic engagement and professional excellence for our graduates.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

Alma Mater

Lyrics written by Eugene S. Weaver, Class of 1954
Tune: Beacon Hill, by Harry S. Mason (1881-1964)



To the name of Wes-tern New Eng-land, in u-ni-son we will raise our
voi-ces o-ver the a-ges in e-ver-las-ting praise.
Hail, al-ma ma-ter, to thee we'll be true. Our fond-est
mem-ries will al-ways be of you. Wes-tern New Eng-land, to
us you'll al-ways be a bea-con to wis-dom, truth and loy-al-ty.

This Western New England University alma mater was written by alumnus Eugene S. Weaver '54 in a competition to create a "Theme Song for Western New England College." It was designated the official alma mater of the University shortly after the founding of Western New England College in 1951. In ensuing years, however, the alma mater was not sung. It was forgotten until 1997, when Trustee Alfred A. LaRiviere '51/H'95/H'01 found the music and lyrics in his personal archives related to the College. The alma mater was sung by undergraduates of the University once again at the December 1997 holiday gathering of the Alumni Association. At that time, President Anthony S. Caprio redesignated the "Theme Song for Western New England College," by Eugene S. Weaver '54, as the University's official alma mater. It was sung publicly for the first time at Commencement 1998.

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