



Commencement

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Undergraduate Degree Conferral

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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To the Class of 2026,

Commencement marks both an achievement and a responsibility. Today, we recognize all that you have accomplished—and all that now lies ahead.

During your time at Western New England University, you have developed not only knowledge and skills, but habits of mind and character that will shape your future. You have learned how to approach complex problems, how to question assumptions, and how to engage thoughtfully with the world around you. These are the foundations upon which meaningful lives and careers are built.

This year has also reminded us of the strength of community. You have supported one another, contributed to a campus culture grounded in respect and purpose, and demonstrated a shared commitment to something larger than yourselves. That spirit will serve you well long after you leave this campus.

As you move forward, success will not be defined by a single moment or milestone, but by the choices you make each day—how you apply your talents, how you respond to challenges, and how you treat others along the way. The path ahead will require effort, resilience, and sound judgment. It will also call for integrity and a willingness to act with purpose.

You join a network of alumni who carry forward the values of this University into their professions and communities. Wherever your path leads, you do so as part of that enduring connection.

I would also like to recognize the families, friends, faculty, and mentors who have supported you. Their encouragement and belief in you have helped make this day possible.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. We are proud of what you have achieved and confident in what you will accomplish.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael B. Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael B. Alexander
Interim 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, served part-time students studying 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 several doctoral programs in 2008 paved

the way 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 university status 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 renovations and expansions to 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. Entering its second century, WNE continues to grow as a “New Traditional University,” launching forward-looking academic programs and initiatives—from the FinTech Center and XR/VR Lab to the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Systems and the Kevin S. and Sandra E. Delbridge Career Center.

Today, the University proudly enrolls 3,827 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students and celebrates the achievements of its approximately 50,000 alumni whose ranks our graduates join today.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER 2026



Dr. Nuwan De Silva

Associate Professor Nuwan De Silva brings exceptional intellectual depth, warmth, and student-centered mentorship to his role in the Department of Physical and Biological Sciences at Western New England University. Dr. De Silva, who joined WNE in 2017 and earned tenure in 2022, is being honored with the 2026 Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to student learning, innovative instruction, and meaningful mentorship.

Known for making complex scientific concepts accessible and engaging, Dr. De Silva helps students build confidence in challenging areas of chemistry through clear instruction, thoughtful assignments, and an encouraging classroom environment. As one current student wrote, “Dr. De Silva’s method of teaching is exceptional—he has the magic to make you understand challenging materials with his lectures and homework assignments.”

Dr. De Silva’s teaching is informed by his active scholarship in quantum mechanical modeling and lanthanide chemistry, allowing students to connect classroom learning with real-world scientific inquiry. His mentorship extends beyond lectures and labs, where students describe him as both a guide and a source of inspiration. One student called him “a guiding light,” while another described his classroom as a “warm, stress-free environment,” adding, “I have never learned so much and also had so much fun in a classroom.”

Beyond the classroom, Dr. De Silva has had a lasting influence on students’ academic and professional paths. An alumna who credited him with helping her pursue a career as an analytical chemist reflected, “His mentorship made research feel exciting and accessible, and he trusted his students in a way that motivated us to rise to the occasion.”

Students and alumni alike point to Dr. De Silva’s rare combination of expertise, kindness, and humanity. As one alumnus wrote, “Dr. De Silva is not only a good educator, professor, and mentor, but he is a truly good man. He exudes kindness and intellect.”

Dr. De Silva exemplifies the values of Western New England University through his academic rigor, compassion, and unwavering commitment to student success. His teaching, mentorship, and genuine care for students have left a lasting mark on the WNE community and will continue to shape future scientists, scholars, and professionals.

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Michael B. Alexander
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INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

Lisa Celovsky
Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

STUDENT ADDRESS

Camden Kaufmann
Candidate for Bachelor's Degree

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

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PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh

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COMMENCEMENT REMARKS

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh
Executive Director, National Hockey League Players' Association
Former U.S. Secretary of Labor

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

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Business

Awarded by Paul Costanzo
Interim Dean, College of Business

Presented by James Masteralexis
Professor of Business Law

Presented by Yamini Jha
Professional Educator of Business Analytics & Information Management

Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degree in
Engineering

Awarded by S. Hossein Cheraghi
Dean, College of Engineering

Presented by Michael Rust
Professor of Biomedical Engineering

Presented by Katherine Schlef
Associate Professor of Civil & Environmental 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 Sheri Tershner
Professor of Neuroscience

Presented by Daniel Kennedy
Professor of Pharmacology

ALUMNI ADDRESS AND INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Heather Coulter Kemp '10BA
President, Alumni Association

SINGING OF ALMA MATER* RECESSIONAL*

Bear's Ensemble

Triumphant Marches, Grieg & Gabrieli

GRAND MARSHAL

Ann Kizanis
Professor of English
College of Arts and Sciences

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College of Arts and Sciences

Andrea Castonguay
Assistant Professor of History
College of Arts and Sciences

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



The Honorable Martin J. Walsh

Martin J. “Marty” Walsh has dedicated his life to championing the rights of working people—as a labor leader, public servant, and advocate. A proud son of Irish immigrants, he was born and raised in Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood and began his career as a union construction worker. He rose to become president of Laborers Local 223 and later led the Greater Boston Building Trades Council, representing over 35,000 workers.

In 1997, Marty was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he served for 16 years, standing up for workers, civil rights, recovery services, and underserved communities. In 2013, he was elected Mayor of Boston and led the city through a time of growth and innovation—expanding education access, investing in public services, and launching the country’s first municipal Office of Recovery Services.

In 2021, President Joe Biden appointed him as the 29th U.S. Secretary of Labor. During a pivotal time in our nation’s recovery, he strengthened job training, improved mental health support, and empowered workers across the country. In 2023, he became Executive Director of the National Hockey League Players’ Association, continuing his lifelong commitment to labor advocacy.

Marty Walsh’s journey—from childhood cancer survivor and person in recovery to national leader—reflects resilience, compassion, and the power of second chances. He is a graduate of Boston College and remains firmly rooted in Boston, where he resides with his wife Lorrie Higgins.

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Dean, College of Engineering

Presented by Richard Grabiec
Associate Dean, College of Engineering

Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Arts and Sciences

Awarded by Marcus Davis
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Presented by Jonathan Beagle
Associate Dean and Professor of History

Candidates for Master of Laws

Awarded by Zelda Harris
Dean, School of Law

Presented by Erin Buzuvis
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Presented by Bridgette Baldwin
Professor of Law

Candidates for the Juris Doctor

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Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management

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Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Presented by Douglas Battema
Professor of Communication

Presented by Jonathan Beagle
Associate Dean and Professor of History

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ALUMNI SPEAKER AND INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Nicole Mule E17
President, Law Alumni Association

SINGING OF ALMA MATER*

Bear's Ensemble

RECESSIONAL*

Triumphant Marches, Grieg & Gabrieli

GRAND MARSHAL

Beth Cohen
Professor of Law
School of Law

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AND ASSISTANTS**

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Assistant Dean for Pharmacy Student Affairs and
Professor of Pharmacy Practice
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Sheri Tershner
Professor of Neuroscience
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

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HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD)



Sheryl McQuade G'94

Sheryl McQuade is Regional President of TD's New England Metro, where she leads the bank's retail, small business, and commercial banking businesses across Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. She is responsible for setting strategic direction and driving growth across 249 stores while supporting and empowering approximately 1,800 employees across the region.

With more than 35 years of experience in banking, Sheryl brings a broad and practical understanding of the industry, shaped by hands-on leadership roles spanning commercial lending, credit risk management, middle market and business banking, consumer banking, and retail branch development. Since joining TD in 2019, she has focused on building strong, customer-centric businesses by pairing disciplined execution with a deep appreciation for the people and communities TD serves. Under her leadership, the New England Metro was recognized by American Banker as one of the Most Powerful Women in Banking Top Teams.

Known for her collaborative and authentic leadership style, Sheryl is passionate about developing talent and fostering inclusive, high-performing teams. She believes great banking starts with listening to colleagues, to customers, and to the communities TD calls home, and she is committed to delivering experiences that feel personal, trusted, and impactful.

Beyond her role at TD, Sheryl is actively engaged in the community. She is a lifelong YMCA member and volunteer and a former director of the Greater Hartford and Granite YMCAs. She currently serves on the boards of Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, New England Council, Business Development Corporation of New England (BDC New England), and The Massachusetts Business Roundtable. She holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Lehigh University and an MBA from Western New England University.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN ENGINEERING

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Daniel Odame Williams

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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 in 1998.

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