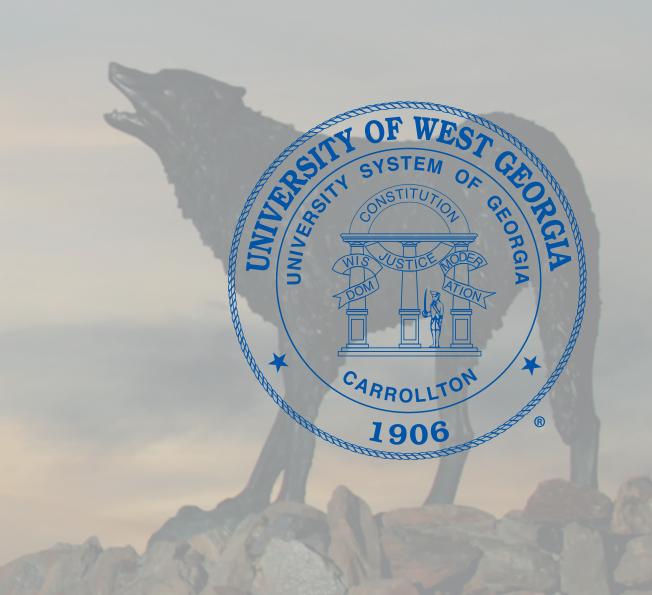
# Commencement

## FALL 2025 CEREMONIES



elcome to Commencement at the University of West Georgia! An academic commencement is unlike any other ceremony. The importance of the occasion is underscored by the use of symbols and traditions which have their origins in the medieval academies. The academic dress, the mace, many of the words we use, and even the diplomas themselves derive from a long and distinguished academic history.

We hope you will take time to look through this program. In it, you will find explanations of some of the customs and symbols you will witness today. We hope your understanding of these academic traditions will add to your enjoyment of the commencement ceremony.

We are happy to have you with us today as we celebrate the achievements of our graduates.

Welcome!

# Commencement

## FALL 2025 CEREMONIES



University of West Georgia December 12 & 13, 2025 The Coliseum Carrollton, Georgia



## Fall Semester Commencement December 12 & 13, 2025 | The Coliseum

December 12, 2025 | 9 a.m.

Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Candidates

Richards College of Business Dr. James 'Earl' Perry College of Mathematics, Computing, and Sciences University College

December 12, 2025 | 1 p.m.

Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Candidates

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences School of Communication, Film, and Media Tanner Health School of Nursing December 13, 2025 | 9 a.m. Graduate Degree Candidates (Master & Specialist) College of Education

December 13, 2025 | 1 p.m. Undergraduate, Graduate Degree Candidates (Doctoral) & Georgia's BEST Graduate Degree Candidates College of Education

**CALL TO ORDER** 

NATIONAL ANTHEM

**SGAWELCOME** 

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Dr. Imelda Reyes, Dean of the Tanner Health School of Nursing

Clint Samples, Interim Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

Dr. Matt Varga, Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Brad Yates, Dean of the School of Communication, Film, and Media



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HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Dr. Kelly Dyar, Associate Professor of Nursing
	Dr. Georgia Evans, Clinical Assistant Professor for the Department of

Leadership, Research, and School Improvement

Dr. Bruce Fraser, School Improvement Doctoral Faculty

Dr. Michelle Frazier Trotman Scott, Interim Department Chair & Interim Assistant Dean for the CHS Higher Education Doctoral Programs

Dr. Laurie Kimbrel, Clinical Assistant Professor for the Department of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement

Dr. Brandy Locchetta, Assistant Professor and Assistant Chair for Department of Special Education

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 $Dr.\ Liss\ Maynard, \textit{School Improvement Doctoral Faculty}$ 

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Dr. James Schwab, Associate Professor for the Department of Special Education

Dr. Beth Scullen, Associate Professor for the Department of Early Childhood through Secondary Education

Dr. Trina Wood, Assistant Professor and Assistant Department Chair for the Department of Special Education

Dr. Amy Yarbrough, Professor of Nursing

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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FACULTY MARSHAL

December 12 | 9 a.m.

December 12 | 1 p.m.

Dr. Sooho Lee, Professor & Graduate Coordinator of Public Administration

Dr. Justin Kirk, Director of Debate and Lecturer, School of Communications,

December 12 | 1 p.m. Dr. Justin Kirk, Director of Debate and Lecturer, School of Communications Film, and Media

December 13 | 9 a.m. Dr. Levi Ofoe, Assistant Professor of Speech-Language Pathology

December 13 | 1 p.m. Dr. Julie Raschen, Clinical Assistant Professor & Assistant Chair, Department of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement

MACE BEARER December 12 | 9 a.m. Dr. David Morgan, Professor of Biology

December 12 | 1 p.m. Dr. John Sewell, Associate Professor of Department of Mass Communications
December 13 | 9 a.m. Dr. Allyson Wilcox, Clinical Assistant Professor of Department of Educational

Technology and Foundations

December 13 | 1 p.m. Dr. Su Jara-Pazmino, Associate Professor & Assistant Chair of Department of

Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education



## A Message from President Johnson

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a moment of transformation: a celebration of your hard work, your perseverance, and your promise.

On behalf of the University of West Georgia, it is my profound honor to congratulate you on this extraordinary achievement. Earning your degree is more than a milestone; it's a launchpad. It's the moment when potential becomes progress, and dreams begin to take shape.

You are now part of a proud tradition: a community of more than 87,000 alumni who carry the spirit of UWG into classrooms, boardrooms, communities, and causes around the globe. Your journey here has prepared you not just to succeed, but to lead, to serve, and to make a meaningful difference.

As you step forward, know this: you are forever a part of this university's story. Your success strengthens our purpose. Your voice shapes our future. And your impact will echo far beyond this campus.

So go forward with confidence. Lead with purpose. And know that wherever life takes you, you'll always have a home here.

Go Wolves!

Michael Johnson, Ph.D.

President

University of West Georgia



### Degree Candidates

 $\Delta$  also Accounting  $| \approx$  also Anthropology  $| \sqrt{a}$  lso Biology  $| \sqrt{a}$  lso Chemistry  $| \pm a$  lso Computer Science  $| \in$  also Criminology  $| \pm a$  lso Data Intelligence and Business Analytics

¶ also English  $| \sqrt{a} | \sqrt{a}$  film and Video Production  $| \sqrt{a} | \sqrt{a}$  lso Finance  $| \pm a$  lso Foreign Languages & Literatures  $| \sqrt{a} | \sqrt{a}$  lso Management  $| \sqrt{a} | \sqrt{a}$  Marketing  $| \sqrt{a} | \sqrt{a} | \sqrt{a}$  Also Psychology  $| \sqrt{a} | \sqrt{a}$  Posthumously

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As alumni, we cherish the enduring connection we share with UWG and are excited to support you as you embark on the next chapter of your journey. Whether you're just beginning your career, pursuing further education, or exploring new passions, remember that your university community is here for you.

Your membership in the UWG Alumni Association is lifelong. We encourage you to stay engaged by joining alumni networks locally and worldwide, attending campus and virtual events, following us on social media, and sharing your UWG story. Celebrate our traditions, such as Homecoming, A Day to Give West, and countless other ways to show your Wolf pride.

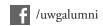
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Stay connected and informed by visiting westga.edu/alumni. We'll be reaching out soon with opportunities to stay involved, and feel free to contact us anytime.

We're proud of you and look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish. **Welcome to the UWG Alumni family!** 

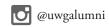
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### About the University of West Georgia

The University of West Georgia has been a beacon for learning since 1906. Originally founded as an agricultural and mechanical school, the institution became a two-year college and charter member of the University System of Georgia in 1933. In 1957, it expanded to a four-year institution and received university status in 1996. Today, UWG is a leading residential, doctoral comprehensive university that offers a broad undergraduate and graduate curriculum based on a liberal arts foundation.

With an enrollment of more than 16,000 during the fall 2025 semester, UWG currently offers 117 programs of study, including four two-year degrees, 48 at the bachelor's degree level, 27 at the master's level, six at the specialist level, five at the doctoral level, and 16 post-baccalaureate, nine undergraduate, and two post-master's certificates. The university prides itself on a diverse student body, as students come from most counties in Georgia, as well as from 42 other states and 54 other countries.

UWG has many ways for students to become involved on campus. The university hosts more than 170 registered organizations in addition to many intramural and recreational sports. July 1, 2024, UWG elevated to compete in NCAA

Division I Athletics as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference. The university fields eight women's and five men's intercollegiate athletics teams, as well as co-ed and all-female cheerleading squads. Service-learning is also a basic tenet of the institution, as it has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for its institutional commitment to community engagement through teaching, research, and public service.

Over the past five years, the campus has improved and expanded facilities that enhance opportunities for students to thrive and succeed, such as construction for the Student Health Center and Roy Richards Sr. Hall, home of the Richards College of Business. The university recently renovated the Humanities Building, home to programs in art, English, film studies, history, language, performing arts, and philosophy. UWG Newnan has also expanded its location at the historic Newnan Hospital.

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### Traditions of Commencement

### ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia worn by today's participants dates back to the Middle Ages. The clergy were the literate class, so early academic costumes were clerical. The monk's habit and cowl worn over the head were predecessors of the modern black gowns. Hoods and capes were also necessary during European winters because the buildings where scholars lived and studied were cold.

Over time, gown styles became standardized for the three types of degrees. Those holding the bachelor's degree wear a gown distinguished by long, pointed sleeves. Master's and specialist degree candidates wear the traditional black gown with full-length square sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve.

The greatest symbolism is shown by the hood. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with a three-inch band of velvet. The master's and specialist hood is three-and-one-half feet long, faced with a three-inch band of velvet. The doctor's hood is four feet long, faced with a five-inch band of velvet. The color of the velvet band on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted, and the hood is lined with the color of the university granting the degree.

### THE MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was a weapon used in battle, but as newer and more powerful military arms developed, it was adopted by academia as a symbol of the power of ideas, truth, and wisdom. In modern times, the mace is carried to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegial community.

The mace is constructed of cherry wood, black walnut, handturned walnut, and walnut burl. The institution's seal adorns the head of the mace and complements the presidential medallion.

## Alma Mater



Officially Adopted Spring 1984

