Commencement at Washington State University represents the culmination of students’ academic and professional achievements. Graduation is one of life’s most important and memorable milestones.

It is a time for celebration and reflection for students, families, community members, faculty and staff.

The commencement ceremony at Washington State University serves a dual purpose: to mark a point of achievement, thus completing a chapter in the lives of students and those who support them, and to encourage continued pursuit of learning, personal fulfillment, and engagement with their local and worldwide communities.
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!
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*At the end of the ceremony, there will be several loud, celebratory noises.*
A LIFE CHANGING MOMENT

Congratulations on reaching this milestone day! I know you’ve worked hard for this moment, and now I hope you’ll take time to celebrate and savor your accomplishments.

Earning a college degree requires intellectual curiosity, effort, and self-sacrifice—traits that, beyond your academic studies, will open doors to now unimagined opportunities as you move on to the next chapter in your life.

Attaining success requires teamwork as well. You and your immediate team—your family, your friends, your professors—are immensely proud, as am I, of your achievements.

After you celebrate today’s festivities, my fervent hope is that you’ll cherish your moments at Washington State and resolve to stay connected to the Cougar family. As you well know by now, once a Coug, always a Coug. You can count on Cougs to support you throughout your professional and personal journey.

I’m delighted to have the opportunity to share this day with you. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Go Cougs!

Kirk H. Schulz, President
Washington State University
Paul E. Pitre, Ph.D.
Chancellor, WSU Everett

Chancellor Paul E. Pitre manages WSU Everett and the Everett University Center. Pitre is an associate professor of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology at WSU. Prior to accepting a faculty position at WSU, Pitre was a faculty member at Auburn University. Pitre has worked in Public Affairs for the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce and as a Program Management Analyst at the U.S. Department of Education. He has also held several administrative posts in higher education. His research interests center on P-20 education policy, leadership and governance in higher education, and college access and choice. Pitre received his doctorate in Education Policy and Leadership from the University of Maryland in 2002. He also received his master’s degree in Higher Education Administration from New York University and his bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies from Western Washington University.

Kirk H. Schulz, Ph.D.
President, Washington State University

Kirk Schulz became the 11th president of Washington State University and a tenured professor in the Gene and Linda Voiland School of Chemical Engineering in June 2016. Prior to joining WSU, he served seven years as president of Kansas State University, where he guided KSU to a number of significant achievements in research, enrollment, and fundraising. During nine years at Mississippi State University, Dr. Schulz served in a variety of administrative roles, including vice president for research and economic development. He also previously was a faculty member in the chemical engineering department at Michigan Technological University and the University of North Dakota. President Schulz chairs the NCAA board of governors, the NCAA’s highest-ranking committee. He is active in several professional societies, including the American Institute for Chemical Engineering (AICE) and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). He is a fellow in both the ASEE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
CARSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HOSPITALITY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Joshua Cortes (Magna Cum Laude)
Salvador Esparza (Cum Laude)
Olivia Frederiksen (Cum Laude)
Jay Hollister
Krystina Lee (Cum Laude)
Shannon Quayle

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ACCOUNTING
Melissa Schuetze
Quan Vu
Kin Long Yuen

EDWARD R. MURROW COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION
Samantha Chapman (Summa Cum Laude)
Andrew Cimburek
Ashley Clark (Summa Cum Laude)
Kylie Cook
Michaela Donegan
Taylor Egbert (Magna Cum Laude)
Laura Fierstein
Andrew Hines
Crystalynn Kneen (Magna Cum Laude)
Jessie Lawless
Megan Linder (Cum Laude)
Hannah Long (Cum Laude)
Nina Mai
Lindsey Major

Cassylee Mead (Summa Cum Laude)
Brett Melnrick
Addison Moss
Angela Nhi Nguyen (Cum Laude)
Haley Palm (Cum Laude)
Brittanie Pervier (Cum Laude)
Diana Pinon (Cum Laude)
Jake Powell (Magna Cum Laude)
Morgan Richardson
Carl Rodriguez
Staycee Sether
Hannah Smith
Natasha Sohn
Nashika Stanbro (Cum Laude)
Courtney Swinger
Kaleb Weber (Cum Laude)
Madison Wicks

GLOBAL CAMPUS

Cathleen Hajek, Anthropology and English

Susanna Wong (Summa Cum Laude), Human Development

The names of the degree recipients are called in random order by the reader. Appearance of a name in this program is presumptive evidence of graduation and graduation honors, but it must not in any sense be regarded as conclusive. Notation on the university transcript remains the official testimony of degree possession.

Names in the Spring 2018 Commencement program include spring 2018, summer 2018 and fall 2018 undergraduate applicants.
Students in the class of 2018 who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance are wearing the WSU custom honor cord of crimson and silver. These students may graduate with one or more of the following distinctions:

***Summa Cum Laude recognition*** will be awarded to those graduates who have completed at least 30 hours of graded work at WSU with a cumulative grade point average for work completed at Washington State of 3.90 or better.

**Magna Cum Laude recognition** will be awarded if the cumulative grade point average is at least 3.70 to 3.89.

*Cum Laude recognition* will be awarded if the minimum cumulative grade point average is 3.50 but less than 3.70.
FIGHT SONG

Fight, fight, fight for Washington State
Win the victory,
Win the day for Crimson and Gray!
Best in the West,
We know you’ll all do your best,
So on, on, on, on!
Fight to the end!
Honor and glory you must win!
So fight, fight, fight for Washington State and Victory!
W - A - SHI - N - G - TON
S - T - ATE C - O - UGS!
Go Cougs!

WSU’s fight song was originally composed in 1919
for a class project by Zella Melcher and Phyllis Sayles.