

Fall 2009 Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, December 12 @ 10:00 a.m. in Carver Gym

Procession begins 15 minutes earlier

Reservation Deadline – 5:00 PM, November 6th

Reservations received after 5:00 PM, November 6th will be assessed a \$20 late fee.

Please check our website often for changes or updates to the information below.

For more detailed information visit our website. <http://www.wvu.edu/depts/registrar/commencement.shtml>.

Click on [Reservation Form](#) in the directory when you are ready to make your reservation for fall commencement.

Each student signing up by November 6th will receive 5 guest tickets.

PLEASE NOTE: Graduates must purchase their own commencement package (cap, gown, tassel and diploma cover) from WWU Alumni Association and complete the reservation form to participate in the ceremony. A cap and gown purchased or borrowed elsewhere will not guarantee participation in the ceremony. The \$45 commencement reservation fee is a separate fee from the \$40 degree application fee.

Grad Packs are available for purchase through WWU Alumni Association and are not associated with making a reservation to participate in commencement. There are several Grad Pack options for graduates to purchase to fit your own needs.

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

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Announcements & Ring Sales:

- Purchase a class ring at <http://www.jostens.com/> or call (800)854-7464. Class rings are on display at the AS Bookstore, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM.
- Purchase announcements at <http://www.royaltpapers.com/> or call (800)442-4696. Graduation announcements are on display at Western Alumni House, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM.

Bachelor's Apparel & *Ticket Pick-Up (*Photo ID required for ticket pick-up*)

- Apparel & Tickets – Thursday, December 10 from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM, VU MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
- Apparel on Commencement Day – 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM, SMATE
(*Tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap.*)
- Tickets on Commencement Day – 8:30 AM -10:00 AM, CARVER GYM TICKET BOOTH

Master's Apparel & *Ticket Pick-Up (*Photo ID required for ticket pick-up*)

- Apparel & Tickets – Thursday, December 10 from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM, VU MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
- Apparel on Commencement Day – 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM, SMATE
(*Tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap.*)
- Tickets on Commencement Day – 8:30 AM -10:00 AM, CARVER GYM TICKET BOOTH

Graduate Line-up on Commencement Day, December 12: 9:15 AM

- **Bachelor's Candidates** – December 12, 9:15 AM, SMATE (PICK UP NAME CARDS AT MARKED POSTS BY COLLEGE AFFILIATION)
- **Master's Candidates** – December 12, 9:15 AM, Trophy Case Hallway, behind Carver Gym (PICK UP NAME CARD FROM GRADUATE SCHOOL STAFF)

Commencement Ceremony: Saturday, December 12, CARVER GYM, tickets required.

- Please tell your guests to arrive early and be seated 15 minutes before the posted time of the ceremony. The procession begins 15 minutes earlier than the ceremony.
- Additional viewing available in SMATE (Science, Mathematics, & Technology Education building on south side of Carver Gym. SMATE is a comfortable alternative for guests, elderly guests, guests with small children and for those that have difficulty climbing stairs. The ceremony is broadcast live in Whatcom County on community television channel 26.

Memory Walk:

After completion of the commencement ceremony, faculty and graduates will proceed to the stage where they will deposit their identification cards in a box which is later cemented into Memory Walk. Please remember your student ID card.

*Please be prepared to present photo ID to pick up tickets. If you are unable to pick up your tickets, a friend may do so for you. You must provide your friend with a signed note that states the name of the person who is to pick up the tickets. The named person must present his or her photo ID.