

Dear Graduand

Congratulations on meeting the academic requirements for completion of your qualification.

Kindly be informed that the University has decided to proceed with the **virtual** graduation ceremony as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent declaration of level 3 lockdown regulations.

The University understands the importance of graduation ceremonies to you and your families as well as the impact on your future career and academic plans. Arrangements have been made for a hybrid graduation ceremony and the issuing of diploma/degree certificates as follows.

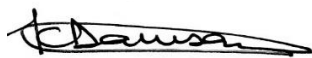
- a) You will be able to check the status of your graduation on the University **student portal** using your student number and pin code from the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- b) Please ensure that your names have been captured accurately. If there are any inaccuracies, contact Student Administration Office at your campus urgently so that amendments can be made.
- c) The University will confer all degrees, diplomas and certificates virtually on the date indicated below and you shall be able to follow proceedings online.

Virtual graduation date	Campus
Wednesday, 20 October 2021	All campuses <b>virtually</b>

- d) The names of graduands will be published per Faculty and per qualification. Your shoulder photo will be displayed next to your name during screening of the ceremony. The University logo will be displayed against the names of those graduands who have not responded to the call for shoulder photos.
- e) For legacy, you may purchase the correct academic dress (gown, hood & mortar board) for the qualification you will receive. The academic dress order form from an appointed service provider, Birch's is available on the University website.
- f) Your degree/ diploma certificate will only be released if you have settled all your outstanding accounts with the University. For more information on fees, contact Mthatha on [studentdebtorsmth@wsu.ac.za](mailto:studentdebtorsmth@wsu.ac.za), Butterworth on [studentdebtorsbtw@wsu.ac.za](mailto:studentdebtorsbtw@wsu.ac.za), Komani on [studentdebtorskom@wsu.ac.za](mailto:studentdebtorskom@wsu.ac.za) and BCC on [studentdebtorsbcc@wsu.ac.za](mailto:studentdebtorsbcc@wsu.ac.za)
- g) If you do not have outstanding fees, you may collect your certificates and copies of the graduation programme in which your name appears, from Examinations and Graduation Department at your campus as from Monday, 25 October 2021, where you will be required to fill in and submit the alumni form.
- h) Academic records continue to be available online as self-help.

Once more, congratulations on your academic achievements. We would like to thank you for your understanding.

Thank you  
Academic Administration



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