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WKU-Glasgow hosts May 2018 Graduand Ceremony

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Nicole Breazeale, associate professor of sociology at Western Kentucky University-Glasgow, left, places a graduation stole on Kellie Arnett, a Tompkinsville native who is an interdisciplinary studies major with an emphasis in business and a minor in sociology, right, during WKU-Glasgow's Graduand Ceremony Thursday evening at the T.J. Health Pavilion Community Center.

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GLASGOW — When Trista Childress, a senior at Western Kentucky University-Glasgow, addressed her fellow graduates during the Graduand Ceremony on Thursday evening at the T.J. Health Pavilion Community Center, she referenced the theme song for the television show “Cheers.”

“Sometimes you want to go, where everybody knows your name, and they’re always glad you came,” Childress said. “At WKU-Glasgow, people know our names. The people on our campus have shown us they are glad we came.

“Because of this, the relationships developed have been life-changing.”

Childress said WKU-Glasgow has “allowed us to grow in our professions.”

“It has helped us grow as people,” she said. “We have been encouraged to be curious and to be eager to learn.

“We have been taught that a complete person does not only have knowledge, we must also have the spirit to make the world a better place.”



May 2018 graduates of Western Kentucky University-Glasgow participate in the Graduation Ceremony Thursday evening at the T.J. Health Pavilion Community Center.

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David Lee, provost and vice president of academic affairs at Western Kentucky University, speaks during WKU-Glasgow's Graduand Ceremony Thursday evening at the T.J. Health Pavilion Community Center.

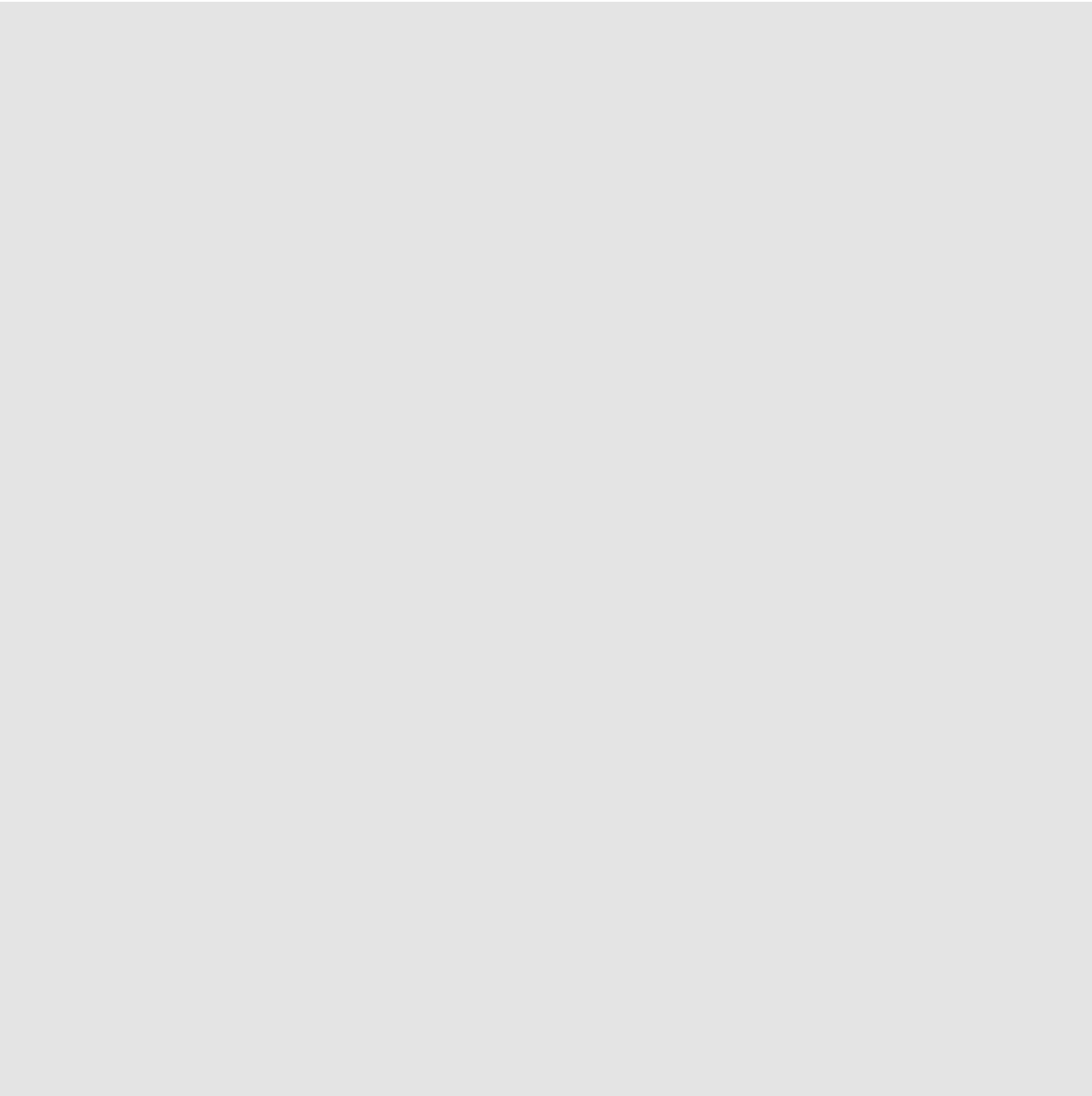
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David Lee, provost and vice president of academic affairs at WKU, addressed the audience and said while this ceremony is primarily a celebration of the graduates, it's also a celebration of the support the graduates received from family, friends, faculty, staff and the community.

Lee added that the Graduand ceremony is also a celebration of the regional campus itself, and a "celebration of education's transformative power and its potential to provide fulfilling and productive lives."

The graduates had various faculty members place graduation stoles on them. Kellie Arnett, a Tompkinsville native who is an interdisciplinary studies major with an emphasis in business and a minor in sociology, had Nicole Breazeale, associate professor of sociology, place a stole on her.

“She means a lot,” Arnett said of Breazeale after the ceremony.



As the keynote speaker, Miss Kentucky Molly Matney talks during Western Kentucky University-Glasgow’s Graduand Ceremony Thursday evening at the T.J. Health Pavilion Community Center.

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Miss Kentucky Molly Matney was the keynote speaker at the event. She told the graduates to not let opportunities pass them by.

“If you have any fear or any struggle that’s holding you back, just face it,” she said. “Face your fears head-on.”



Graduating senior Andrea Tanaro, left, sings the national anthem during Western Kentucky University-Glasgow’s Graduand Ceremony Thursday evening at the T.J. Health Pavilion Community Center.

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