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### Sylvan Learning Systems Joins WGU National Advisory Board

***Leading global education and testing firm brings assessment expertise to WGU advisory group; provides virtual university with a grant valued at \$250,000***

SALT LAKE CITY -- Western Governors University (WGU) and Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc.® (NASDAQ: SLVN) today announced that Sylvan has joined the virtual university's National Advisory Board (NAB) and also provided the university with a grant of funds and assessment services valued at \$250,000. Sylvan joins 11 government, corporate, foundation and higher education leaders on the board, which works with the university's professional staff and Board of Trustees to provide strategic counseling and guidance.

Dr. Jeffery Livingston, WGU CEO, said that Sylvan's participation would be an enormous boost for the university because of the company's expertise in computer-based assessment and certification. "Sylvan is a wonderful addition to our board, not just because of its worldwide leadership in the field of computer-based assessment and professional certification, but also because of its demonstrated commitment to excellence in lifelong learning.

"Ultimately, it is our students who benefit from this relationship, because we're able to tap such broad experience in many areas of adult education and assessment, including health care, information technology and business," said Livingston.

Steven Hoffman, president of Sylvan Prometric, the computer-based testing division of Sylvan Learning Systems, said, "Assessment is a fundamental and critical aspect of the WGU mission. We are pleased to lend our expertise and global distribution capabilities to this landmark endeavor."

In addition to Sylvan's participation on WGU's National Advisory Board, the two organizations are exploring ways to work cooperatively to develop assessment tools and assessment centers. Sylvan Prometric is the leading worldwide provider of computer-based testing services, delivering tests for academic admissions, professional licensure and certification programs at more than 2,300 sites in 140 countries. The exclusive commercial delivery partner to Educational Testing Service (ETS), Sylvan delivers ETS tests including the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Sylvan also delivers a wide range of exams used to license or certify professionals such as nurses, teachers, doctors, architects, accountants, stock brokers and more than 100 others.

Sylvan joins a prestigious group on the NAB, including: AT&T, Apple, 3Com, Cisco, IBM, International Thompson Publishing, KPMG, Microsoft, Novell, the Sloan Foundation and Sun Microsystems. The NAB was established in 1997 to provide business and industry perspective in the planning and implementation of WGU. Each member company also provides financial and in-kind business support.

#### About Sylvan

Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc. is the leading provider of educational services to families, schools and industry. The company provides lifelong educational services through three divisions: The Sylvan Prometric division delivers computer-based testing for academic admissions, Information Technology and professional certification programs; the Sylvan Learning Centers division provides personalized instructional services to students of all ages and skill levels; and the Sylvan Contract Educational Services division provides supplemental educational services under contract to school systems and other organizations. Sylvan subsidiaries include the PACE Group, which provides corporate consulting, training and professional development services, the Canter Group, which provides professional development and graduate degree programs for teachers, Wall Street Institute and ASPECT, which deliver English language instruction to professionals and college students, respectively. Through its affiliate, Caliber Learning Network, Inc., formed as a joint initiative between Sylvan and MCI Communications Corp., Sylvan has the ability to distribute world-class adult professional education and training programs. Sylvan's services are delivered through its network of more than 3,000 educational and testing centers around the globe.

#### About WGU

WGU is a competency-based, degree-granting, virtual university that delivers cost-effective education using the Internet and other advanced telecommunications and networking technologies. WGU's mission is to expand educational opportunities for learners everywhere by offering online access to courses from universities, colleges and corporate training programs through its unique SmartCatalog™.

WGU was formed in 1997 as a result of the vision of the governors of the Western United States to share higher education distance learning resources. WGU's administrative offices are located in Salt Lake City, Utah, and its academic offices are in Denver, Colorado.