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### Intel and Questar Provide More Teacher Scholarships for Western Governors University

#### *Questar also provides \$50,000 to WGU endowment fund*

SALT LAKE CITY - Western Governors University today announced that both Intel Corporation and Questar Corporation have agreed to provide funding and scholarships for Utah teachers enrolling in WGU's innovative master of arts degree program in learning and technology. Intel will provide \$65,000 for 10 scholarships. Questar has granted \$50,000 to create an endowment fund for WGU that will provide on-going support for the university's operations and program development. In addition, Questar will contribute \$6,500 yearly to fund a scholarship.

The WGU master's program in learning and technology is designed especially for teachers in K-12 education who are using technology, or want to enhance their use of technology in the classroom. It is anticipated that there is a need for over 2 million teachers over the next 10 years -- WGU's master's degree will provide an avenue for teachers filling this need to become technology-proficient and enhance the learning experience for students in the classroom and improve the quality of education. The degree program was recently endorsed by the Utah State Board of Education for participation by Utah teachers. Fifty scholarships will be available to classroom teachers and district technology coordinators in all 41 Utah school districts. Earlier this year, Utah Power provided funds for five WGU scholarships with a \$32,500 grant from the Pacificorp Foundation.

"The master of arts in learning and technology helps educators to better integrate technology in their classrooms and design new courses taking advantage of the latest tools," said Robert Mendenhall, president of WGU. "Intel's and Questar's generous support will assist teachers and district coordinators to become resources for their schools and districts in helping other teachers with technology-based learning."

"At Intel, we are dedicated to being a responsible corporate citizen," said Ed Ekstrom, vice president of Intel's System Management Division. "We strive to promote public understanding of technology and to improve the quality of life in the communities in which we live and work. A major focus of our outreach and giving programs is on education, learning, and technology literacy programs. We place a special emphasis on the support of our local schools and their teachers."

Questar's \$50,000 contribution is the founding gift to the WGU endowment fund. "WGU is honored to be included in the prestigious list of universities and colleges who have received endowment funds from Questar. We thank Questar for their support of the WGU vision and future as a quality higher education institution," said Mendenhall.

"Questar has established an education foundation to support scholarships and endowment funds for universities and colleges throughout the western United States, and supporting the Western Governors University is an exciting extension of our commitment to higher education," said R.D. Cash, Questar chairman, president and chief executive officer. "We applaud WGU as an innovative, high-tech approach for expanding learning opportunities for people in Utah and throughout our region."

#### **About Intel**

Intel, the world's largest chip maker, is also a leading manufacturer of computer, networking and communications products. Additional information about Intel is available at [www.intel.com/pressroom](http://www.intel.com/pressroom).

#### **About Questar**

Questar Corporation (NYSE:STR) is a \$2.2 billion integrated energy resources and services company headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. A subsidiary, Questar Gas, provides retail natural gas distribution and other energy services in Utah and portions of southwestern Wyoming and southeastern Idaho. Other subsidiaries engage in energy development and production, gas gathering and processing, wholesale gas, electricity and liquids trading, interstate gas transmission and storage and commercial information systems and technologies.

#### **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 online catalog.

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.



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