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National American University Partners with Western Governors University

Rapid City, SD - National American University (NAU) has officially announced the completion of a formal affiliation agreement with Western Governors University (WGU). Under the agreement, WGU students may elect to enroll in NAU's online courses under a collaborative educational arrangement. NAU's classes will serve to enhance the selection of coursework available to students enrolled in WGU's competency-based degree programs.

"We believe it is time to intensify the opportunity for students of higher learning to profit from a collaboration of institutions such as ours," said Blake Faulkner, president of NAU's Online Campus. "This partnership provides the leverage necessary for an exceptional online educational experience. WGU strengthens our program and we strengthen theirs."

Dan Eastmond, director of learning resources for WGU added, "WGU is pleased to add NAU to our distinguished list of education provider partners. In particular, we look forward to providing our students access to NAU's excellent business and IT content, and the opportunity to advance their degree programs with quality online education."

About National American University

Since 1941, National American University has been serving the diverse needs of adult students. A private university, NAU boasts 10 campus and three extension locations throughout the Midwest. The university began to offer online courses in 1996 to embrace the concept of "just my way" learning. In fact, NAU was one of the first accredited universities in the nation approved to offer full degree programs via a Web-based format. Current online diploma and degree program options include the fields of business, information technology and applied management. Over the past five years, the online program has served thousands of students from throughout North America, South America, Asia and Africa.

About WGU

WGU offers the only online competency-based degrees in the country. At the university's Web site, www.wgu.edu, students can find descriptions of competency-based degree programs, an online catalog of quality distance-learning courses, an online library, bookstore, and access to a personal WGU mentor, who will guide a student through his or her customized degree program. Students can use prior work, college and life experience coupled with learning new skills to develop and demonstrate the competencies necessary to earn a WGU degree that is relevant to education and career goals. WGU provides accessibility, flexibility, and the opportunity for all students to achieve their educational goals. WGU was founded and is supported by 19 states and governors as well as 23 leading corporations and foundations. Current WGU degree offerings include an associate of arts degree, associate of applied science degrees in IT/network administration and IT/CNE, associate of science degrees in business and IT, bachelor of science degrees in business/IT management and computer information systems, and a master of arts degree in learning and technology.

More information about NAU can be found at www.national.edu.

