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Western Governors University Announces Board of Trustees Representatives from HP and AOL Time Warner

SALT LAKE CITY - Two new members have been elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees of Western Governors University, the only online competency-based university in the country.

They are Bess Stephens, president and executive director of the Hewlett-Packard Company Foundation and vice president of corporate philanthropy and education for HP, and Therese "Terry" K. Crane, Ed.D, America Online's vice president for education, families and workplace products.

Bess Stephens directs HP's worldwide philanthropic giving from the Company Foundation and all philanthropy and education programs for HP. She is responsible for leading the development of innovative philanthropic initiatives that contribute resources to communities for sustainable growth and assist nonprofits with technology use. In 2001, HP's giving worldwide amounted to more than \$54 million in cash and equipment. A 20-year HP veteran, Stephens also oversees philanthropy and education initiatives that are being implemented in partnership with HP local facilities worldwide, as well as the company's United Way, scholarship and employee giving programs.

Terry K. Crane is responsible for AOL's eLearning and Family initiatives, including the International, Careers & Work and Research & Learn, Parenting and Kids Only channels, as well AOL@SCHOOL. With more than 27 years of experience as an educator, business executive and technology expert, Dr. Crane has been widely recognized as one of the nation's most innovative leaders in educational technology. Prior to AOL, Dr. Crane led Apple Computer's highly successful, multibillion-dollar education division. As Apple's senior executive in charge of worldwide strategic marketing, she developed long-term strategies for the consumer, education, publishing and scientific-technical customer markets.

WGU offers the only online competency-based degrees in the country. At the university's Web site, www.wgu.edu, students can find 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.

WGU was founded and is supported by 19 states and governors, as well as 22 leading corporations and foundations. WGU offers associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in three areas: IT, business and education.

WGU is governed by a board of trustees made up of educators, industry leaders, and governors. In addition to Ms. Stephens and Dr. Crane, trustees are Jim Geringer, governor of Wyoming; Clara M. Lovett, president emeritus, Northern Arizona University; Roy Romer, former governor of Colorado, superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District; Kim Jones, vice president of worldwide field operations, Sun Microsystems; Tony Knowles, governor of Alaska; Michael O. Leavitt, co-chair, governor of Utah; Gary Locke, co-chair, governor of Washington; Judy Martz, governor of Montana; Robert Mendenhall, president and CEO, Western Governors University; Tom Pelto, vice president of law & government affairs, AT&T Corp.; David Powers, executive director, Nebraska Coordinating Commission on Higher Education; Sean Rush, general manager of global education industry, IBM Corp.; Samuel H. Smith, president emeritus, Washington State University; and Tom Vander Ark, executive director of education for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

