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WGU to graduate hundreds

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More than 600 graduates from 45 states will graduate from Utah-based online Western Governor's University on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Kingsbury Hall.

Former Utah governor Mike Leavitt will introduce the commencement speaker, Scott McNealy, Sun Microsystems chairman and cofounder.

"Distance and online education used to be viewed as the wave of the future, but the success of the WGU graduates proves that the future is now," McNealy said in a press release. "Its demanding and highly respected curriculum ensures that graduates are well prepared to thrive in today's dynamic and challenging workplace."

For each of WGU's twice annual commencement, graduates are selected to speak and share their education experiences. In many cases, their stories are inspirational as they relate the challenges and obstacles they've overcome to earn their degrees. Shari Davis, a victim of cerebral palsy and Joanna Goslin, a single-mother, will speak at the upcoming commencement.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and will be broadcast online via streaming video. For more information, please visit www.wgu.edu/winter09.

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