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Western Governors University Grads Earn High Marks in Recent Employer Survey

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SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 12 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Employees who have earned their degrees online through Western Governors University, www.wgu.edu, are performing as well as or better than graduates of other colleges, according to a recent survey of employers. Of the 80 employers polled last fall by an independent research company, 95% rated that their WGU grads equal to or better than employees who have graduated from other colleges or universities. Additional results from the survey confirm that WGU grads are making the grade with employers:

- 98% of employers rated employees with degrees from WGU as "excellent" or "good."
- 90% of employers consider WGU grads' preparation for the workforce either "good" or "excellent."
- 91% said they would be willing to hire additional WGU graduates.
- 81% of employers said they would recommend hiring WGU graduates to their associates.
- 79% of employers indicated that they noted a higher level of individual learning ability in WGU graduates.
- 82% rated WGU graduates higher than other employees in terms of self-motivation and direction.

WGU is a nonprofit, online university founded by 19 U.S. governors to expand access to quality higher education. Fully accredited, WGU offers more than 50 graduate and undergraduate degrees in Education, Business, Information Technology, and Health Professions. The university's rigorous competency-based academic approach produces graduates with real-world skills and knowledge.

"Providing our students with education and credentials that are relevant and credible to employers is a very important part of the WGU mission," said WGU President Robert Mendenhall. "The results of this survey tell us that our academic model works -- our programs give our students the tools and education they need to be valuable employees."

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