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Western Governors University to Award Nearly 900 Degrees at Summer Commencement

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Graduates from 30 States to Assemble in Salt Lake City on July 11 to Receive Bachelor's and Master's Degrees Earned Online

Salt Lake City, Utah — Western Governors University (WGU) www.wgu.edu will award 891 bachelor's and master's degrees to graduating students from all over the United States during its semi-annual commencement, which will be held on Saturday, July 11, at Kingsbury Hall in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Samuel H. Smith, president emeritus of Washington State University, will deliver the commencement address. A founding member of WGU's Board of Trustees, Dr. Smith served as president of Washington State University for 15 years.

Amid nationwide reports of climbing college costs, degree program reductions, and enrollment caps, Western Governors University continues to buck the trend. Enrollment, which is open to all qualified students, has soared to more than 14,000 since WGU accepted its first student in 1999.

WGU's Summer 2009 Commencement is the 17th for the online university founded in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors. The graduating class for this six-month period is the largest to date, with 514 undergraduate and 377 graduate degrees awarded.

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