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Western Governors University to award more than 1,275 degrees at 2010 summer commencement

Salt Lake City — Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter will deliver the commencement address at Western Governors University's semi-annual commencement on July 17 at Kingsbury Hall in Salt Lake City.

Utah Governor Gary Herbert will introduce Under Secretary Kanter, who oversees policies, programs, and activities related to postsecondary education, vocational and adult education, and federal student aid for the U.S. Department of Education.

This is the 19th commencement for WGU, which was founded in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors. The graduating class for this 6-month period is the largest to date, with 714 undergraduate and 565 graduate degrees awarded.

WGU's 2010 Summer Commencement marks the completion of a year of accomplishment for the nation's only competency-based university. Since July 1, 2009, more than 2,260 students have graduated from WGU, receiving bachelor's, post-baccalaureate, and master's degrees in Business, Teacher Education, Information Technology, and Healthcare Professions, including Nursing.

