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NEA's 3.2 Million Members Gain Access to over 40 Master's Programs, Scholarships and Significant Savings

GAITHERSBURG, MD — The [National Education Association \(NEA\) Academy](#) has partnered with UMassOnline, Western Governors University and Walden University to provide Master's of Education degrees to NEA members.

The agreement creates the first master's degree program offered through strategic alliances with the NEA. It adds to the Academy's extensive offerings of professional learning opportunities available to the association's 3.2 million members through the NEA Academy.

The three institutions were selected after a lengthy research process into over 110 online Master's of Education degree programs with key stakeholder input. Through the partnerships, NEA members will receive 5 to 20 percent discounts on courses, special access to NEA member-only scholarships, and have some fees waived.

"Our mission is to create programs that make the personal and professional lives of members better. This includes providing convenient access to the lifelong learning opportunities we know educators seek out. These partnerships and this program reflect the NEA's commitment to helping educators master their craft," said Lily Eskelsen, vice president of the National Education Association. "We are pleased to provide affordable, anytime, anywhere access to degree programs through UMassOnline, Western Governors University and Walden University."

For additional information about the partnership between the NEA Academy and Walden University, Western Governors University and UMassOnline please visit: www.neaacademy.org

About the NEA Academy and NEA Member Benefits

The National Education Association is the nation's largest professional employee organization, representing 3.2 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals, school administrators, retired educators and students preparing to become teachers. The NEA Academy is the professional learning group developed to support educators with the highest quality online programs and is dedicated to meeting the professional needs of teachers and education support professionals.

NEA MB is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the NEA charged with bringing additional value to Association membership by providing financial products and solutions tailored for NEA members and their families.

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—US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

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