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WGU Awarded Seventh Straight Best of State Medal for Best Online Education News Brief - 5/13/15

Nationwide, nonprofit university headquartered in Salt Lake City receives recognition for excellence from Utah organization

SALT LAKE CITY — For the seventh consecutive year, Western Governors University (WGU) has been awarded Utah’s Best of State medal for best online education. WGU’s Chief Marketing Officer Patrick Partridge attended the Best of State Gala awards ceremony at the Salt Palace on May 9th.

“We love being headquartered in Utah and are proud to be part of the culture of innovation and high emphasis on education that defines this state. Receiving this award furthers WGU’s mission to provide a quality online education to all residents, whether in Utah or elsewhere in the country,” Partridge said. “And we are very humbled to have been recognized for the seventh year in a row.”

Presented annually, the Best of State Awards were created to recognize outstanding organizations and businesses in Utah. Nominations are reviewed by more than 100 judges and are evaluated based on three areas: achievement in the field of endeavor, innovation, and contribution to improving the quality of life in Utah.

Founded in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors, including former Utah Governor Mike Leavitt, WGU has grown into a nationally recognized online university with more than 57,000 students and 44,000 graduates in all 50 states. The university provides employment and higher education opportunities for thousands of Utah residents, with 1,100 employed, more than 3,700 graduated and over 4,000 currently enrolled.

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