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## WGU Awarded 8th Straight Best of State Medal for Best Online Education News Brief - 5/31/16

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

SALT LAKE CITY — For the 8th year in a row, Western Governors University (WGU) has been awarded Utah’s Best of State medal for best online education. WGU’s Chief Information Officer Myles Vogel received the medal at the Best of State Gala awards ceremony at the Salt Palace on May 18th.

“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.” Vogel said. “Receiving this award furthers WGU’s mission to provide a quality online education to all residents, whether in Utah or elsewhere in the country.”

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 70,000 students and 63,000 graduates in all 50 states. The university provides employment and higher education opportunities for thousands of Utah residents, with 1,300 employed, more than 5,000 graduated, and over 4,700 currently enrolled.

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