WGU Recognized by World's Largest Cybersecurity Certification Body as "Academia Partner of the Year"

Nonprofit university honored by EC-Council for dedication to information security education

SALT LAKE CITY — (October 17, 2017) Western Governors University (WGU) has been recognized by the International Council of E-Commerce Consultants (EC-Council) as the 2017 Academia Partner of the Year, the highest designation presented by EC-Council to one of its 1,000+ academic partners annually.

"WGU represents EC-Council Academia's mission of preparing the next generation of cybersecurity experts," said Wesley Alvarez, Director of Academics for the U.S. division at EC-Council. "Their outstanding efforts toward educating students in ethical hacking and digital forensics at the master's level has made a lasting imprint on the cybersecurity community."

EC-Council praised WGU for its commitment to educate and make a difference in the cybersecurity workforce. WGU students can earn EC-Council certifications, in addition to a degree, through the competency-based university's M.S. in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance and B.S. in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance.

"WGU is committed to serving students by developing and providing relevant cybersecurity and information assurance degrees that are credible to both academic institutions and employers," said Carlo Sapijaszko, WGU's IT Curriculum Program Manager. "The overwhelmingly positive student feedback that these programs receive prove that they are an example for the industry."

EC-Council is the world's largest cybersecurity technical certification body, operating in 145 countries and providing the training and certification for over 200,000 information security professionals across the globe. EC-Council is the owner and developer of the Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator (C|HFI), Certified Security Analyst (ECSA), and License Penetration Testing (Practical) programs, among others.

About WGU
Established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves 86,000 students and 93,000 graduates in all 50 states. Driving innovation as the nation's leading competency-based university, WGU has been recognized by the White House, state leaders, employers, and students as a model that works in postsecondary education. In just 20 years, the university has become a leading force in changing lives of through education. WGU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, has been featured on NPR, *NBC Nightly News*, CNN, and in *The New York Times*. Learn more at www.wgu.edu.