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“Fail First, Fail Hard, and Fail Fast” Topic of February 22 WGU Sage Talks

SALT LAKE CITY — (February 15, 2018) Reshma Saujani, the Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, a national nonprofit organization working to close the gender gap in technology, will speak at Western Governors University’s (WGU) lecture series, Sage Talks, on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. MST. The lecture will take place at the Salt Lake City Public Library and will be streamed live. The event is free and open to the public, who are requested to RSVP at www.wgu.edu/sage-talks/how-fail-first-fail-hard-and-fail-fast.



Learn more about WGU’s Sage Talks at www.wgu.edu/sagetalks and by following @WGU on social media.

A self-proclaimed failed politician, Saujani surged into the political scene as the first Indian American woman to run for U.S. Congress. However, it is because of what she learned from her failure that she has been able to build a national movement that is changing the conversation about women and technology. She advocates for a new model of female leadership focused on risk-taking, competition, and mentorship. “Success is the product of bravery, not perfection,” Saujani says. “Fail first, fail hard, and fail fast.”

While recounting her own personal narrative and lessons learned, Saujani will weave into her presentation stories of other accomplished women who have overcome roadblocks and forged new paths—women who have similarly learned to live an authentic life by taking risks and choosing to seek failure rather than fear it.

WGU’s Sage Talks lecture series offers personal and professional development, inspiration, and continuing education opportunities for WGU students, graduates, and the larger community. The series features leaders and innovators in fields represented by each of WGU’s four colleges: business, education, healthcare, and information technology. Lecture topics are focused on leadership, new innovations and disruptions, and how education shapes the future.

About WGU

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