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## *Board of Trustees Initiates Measure for Next Academic Year*



BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—For the second year in a row, Gardner-Webb University has announced a freeze on tuition, room and board for traditional undergraduate students enrolled in the Boiling Springs campus program. The freeze is effective immediately and will apply to incoming freshmen, transfer students and current undergraduates for the 2020-'21 year.

Affordability continues to be a pressing issue in higher education nationwide. Universities are looking for ways to continue to recruit and retain students while limiting the cost and subsequent student debt. Leadership from the board of trustees made the freeze possible. “I am excited about the board’s decision to freeze student tuition costs for the second year

in a row,” offered Chair of the Board Jennifer Marion Mills. “We strongly believe that a second tuition freeze will improve accessibility for all students. Offering every student a great education experience at a great price is our top priority.”

Gardner-Webb President Dr. William M. Downs expressed his appreciation for the board’s commitment to hold the line on college affordability. “The value of a Gardner-Webb degree will continue to increase long after a student graduates, opening doors to a successful career and to a meaningful life,” he affirmed. “We recognize, however, that for students to benefit from GWU’s unmatched value, they have to be able to cover the cost of attendance.”

With its average 13-to-1 student-faculty ratio, Gardner-Webb offers students an exceptional education in an environment that promotes student engagement and outcomes. Gardner-Webb has been recognized for its academic programs by the Colleges of Distinction, an independent organization that ranks universities. The award is given to schools with curriculums that emphasize such competencies as critical thinking, writing, oral skills, research, and global perspectives, as well as offer dynamic out-of-classroom learning and study abroad programs.

When comparing Gardner-Webb’s tuition to 35 other independent colleges and universities in North Carolina, GWU is 16th on the list. “In the crowded marketplace of colleges and universities, Gardner-Webb is standing apart from our competitors who continually raise the cost burden on students,” Downs observed. “Most importantly, we are doing this without compromising the outstanding quality of instruction and the world-class caliber of our degree programs.”

*Located in the North Carolina foothills, Gardner-Webb University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university. Gardner-Webb emphasizes a strong student-centered experience and rigorous academics to prepare students to become effective leaders within the global community. Ignite your future at [Gardner-Webb.edu](http://Gardner-Webb.edu).*