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Digital Learning Opportunities at GWU Honored for Quality and Value

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University is being recognized for exceptional web-based learning opportunities and was recently honored as a 2016-2017 Best Online College by AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org for offering the best combinations of online program volume, breadth, and affordability available in today's marketplace. Gardner-Webb ranked 35th out of the top 50 institutions of higher education in the nation, ahead of notable programs such as Auburn University, Villanova University, and New York University, among others.

“We are delighted to see this ranking for GWU's online programs by AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org,” said Dr. Ben Leslie, GWU Provost and Executive Vice President. “Controlling costs and tuition rates is indeed a priority for Gardner-Webb, because we recognize the critical importance of keeping higher education affordable and achievable for every income bracket. But our greatest priority is ensuring that the online educational experience is of the highest possible quality. At Gardner-Webb, we value affordability and emphasize an engaging online experience, flexible options, and above all, quality academic programs.”

Students at Gardner-Webb can take online courses to earn credits toward a range of degrees, and some undergraduate programs are offered in online-only formats through the Degree Completion Program (DCP). In addition, master's degrees in accounting, business administration, English, international business administration, nursing, and sport pedagogy are also available in online formats at GWU.

Schools are ranked by Accredited Schools Online based on a scoring system that includes key qualitative and quantitative measures including cost/financial aid, number of program offerings, student-teacher ratios, graduation rates, placement and support services offered, academic/career counseling services, employment services, and other factors. For more information on the organization's methodology, visit AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org.

Accredited Schools Online was established to help prospective students make informed decisions about which college to attend and avoid being saddled with student loans and worthless degrees from “diploma mills.” The mission of AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org is to be the comprehensive accreditation resource for anyone in the process of selecting a college, and to assure prospective students that a school meets certain education quality

standards.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).