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CollegeChoice.net Compiles Data Based on Factors Important in Making College Decisions

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University was named a top-50 Christian university by College Choice in its annual “Best of Christian Colleges and Universities” list. The rankings were based on equally-weighted factors that freshmen indicated were most important to their college decision, including academic reputation, financial aid offerings, overall cost, and success of graduates in the post-college job market.

“We are certainly gratified to see Gardner-Webb University included in the College Choice rankings,” GWU Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. Ben Leslie offered. “It represents an encouraging affirmation of the overall quality in academics and our commitment to providing an exceptional Christian-based, liberal arts education for our students. Hopefully, young people looking for a college or university will use rankings like these, along with other evidence, to help make the decision of where to go to college.”

College Choice is an independent online publication dedicated to helping students and their families find the right college. The site publishes rankings and reviews that make choosing the best college easier, as well as resources to help students get into, pay for, and thrive at the college of their choice. Data was derived from several publicly available sources, including the National Center for Education Statistics, Payscale.com, and U.S. News & World Report. Last fall, College Choice recognized Gardner-Webb as a top-50 Southern university in its inaugural “best of” list.

College Choice Infographic

Within the past year, GWU has been placed among the top Southeastern universities numerous times. GWU ranked No. 34 in the South in a nationwide report on more than 600 regional colleges, according to an assessment released by *U.S. News & World Report*.

“Gardner-Webb offers students an opportunity to pursue a quality—even rigorous—education, in a context that respects their faith and encourages them to grow spiritually as well as intellectually,” said Leslie. “It’s that combination that has captured the imagination

of our faculty and generations of students, as well. Improving the quality of graduate and undergraduate education in the context of Christian faith is a huge priority for Gardner-Webb.”

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).