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Graduation Milestone Caps Academic Year Filled With Honors for School

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University's Godbold School of Business marked the awarding of its 2,000th graduate degree during commencement exercises on May 9, the latest milestone in an academic year full of regional and national recognitions for the school.

The University awarded its first Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees in 1995, its first Master of Accountancy (MAcc) in 2002 and its first International Master of Business Administration (IMBA) degree in 2003. In the years since, the School of Business has awarded approximately 1,500 MBA degrees, more than 400 MAcc degrees and almost 100 IMBA degrees.

During the 2014-15 academic year, the business school repeatedly received accolades for graduate, undergraduate and online programs, as well as overall quality.

"The consistent national and world recognition of our business school is an affirmation of our relentless pursuit of excellence in business education," offered Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, dean of the GWU Godbold School of Business. "We are grateful to our students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni for their contributions."

In October 2014, Top Management Degrees named GWU No. 7 nationwide for its online MBA program concentration in human resources management. In November 2014, Online MBA Report ranked GWU at No. 33 overall nationwide, No. 5 among private schools and No. 11 in the South for MBA programs.

The University's online graduate business program achieved a No. 37 ranking from U.S. News & World Report, Top Management Degrees ranked GWU No. 16 nationwide for online graduate degrees in healthcare management, and Online Accounting Degree Programs recognized GWU at No. 16 in 2015 honors. Just last year, U.S. News & World Report named Gardner-Webb No. 1 in the Carolinas among institutions that offer the highest-quality online graduate business programs to meet the educational needs of military veterans.

“We will keep doing the things that have worked for us, and we are constantly trying to create new ideas to continue improving student and employer satisfaction,” shared Dr. Felice Policastro, graduate business programs director and professor of international business and finance. GWU offers great programs, and these rankings will help us to attract, retain and graduate outstanding students, not only in business but also in other disciplines.”

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for professional success and for productive citizenship.