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GWU Honored on National List of Top Online Master's Degree Human Resources Programs

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University's Godbold School of Business ranks No. 7 among all institutions nationwide for online master's degree programs that train human resources professionals, according to a report by a website that analyzes business education performance.

Gardner-Webb provides an online Master's in Business Administration (MBA) Program that offers a concentration in human resources management. The University's top 10 ranking by topmanagementdegrees.com places it ahead of the other three schools in the region that are on the top-50 list, including Liberty (Lynchburg, Va.), Western Carolina (Cullowhee, N.C.) and North Greenville (Tigerville, S.C.). The grade also puts Gardner-Webb ahead of national universities such as Penn State (State College, Pa.), Connecticut (Storrs, Conn.) and Villanova (Villanova, Pa.) that offer online master's degree programs in human resources.

An emphasis on ethics and global issues in each course sets Gardner-Webb apart from other business schools and human resources programs, said Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, dean of the Godbold School of Business. "Many of the institutions have an ethics course, but for us it's in the fabric of every course we teach," Negbenebor shared. "When our graduates leave the University, they've also been taught how to adapt to changes in industry and be aware of the global issues that impact business. We also have faculty members who hold the highest certifications available for human resources professionals. Those are the kinds of things that help you get ranked."

For the rankings, topmanagementdegrees.com graded schools on reputation, faculty credentials, student services and engagement, course delivery technology, admissions selectivity and tuition costs. Data was derived from recent reports by the National Center for Education and Statistics and U.S. News & World Report.

Earlier this year, U.S. News & World Report ranked GWU No. 1 in the Carolinas for the best online graduate business programs for military veterans. The rankings service also tabbed Gardner-Webb No. 1 in the nation in 2012 for student services and technology in its online graduate business program.

“One thing I’m finding now is that these rankings are getting us exposure, and it’s making a big difference every time we are mentioned with the big schools,” Negbenebor offered. “The outcome is that the rankings are getting more students here (at Gardner-Webb).”

Top Management Degrees ranks and reviews management degree programs and offers information on management careers and degree financing opportunities.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment, preparing students to think critically, to succeed professionally, and to serve faithfully as members of their local and global communities.