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OnlineColleges.com Ranks GWU Fourth in the State

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University is being recognized for exceptional web-based learning

Top Colleges in North Carolina 2018-19

opportunities by OnlineColleges.com, based in Foster City, Calif. The educational resource named GWU to its 2018 list of Top 10 Online Colleges in North Carolina.

Gardner-Webb ranked fourth in the state, ahead of several larger institutions, including Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"We are certainly gratified by the recognition," affirmed Dr. Ben Leslie, GWU provost and executive vice president. "We are committed to value at Gardner-Webb and making our programs affordable as possible. But we are also committed to providing a creative, engaging and high quality learning experience to our students in the online environment. Online education is nothing new at Gardner-Webb. We were pioneers in the field 20 years ago and have the experience and the resources to deliver a product that students find attractive."

OnlineColleges.com ranks colleges based on information from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Among the factors considered were the number of programs offered, average in-state tuition for undergraduates, total electronic library collections (digital books, databases, and media), graduation rate and retention rate.

Gardner-Webb offers a variety of distance learning opportunities at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Fully online programs and courses do not require on-campus class meetings. Hybrid or blended programs and courses meet on-campus and online and offer a blend of the two environments. For more information about undergraduate admissions, please call 1-866-498-4625 or email dcp@gardner-webb.edu. For information about graduate admissions, call 1-877-498-4723 or email gradinfo@gardner-webb.edu.

OnlineColleges.com provides guides for choosing an online degree program and information on related careers and their outlook after graduation. Students can read descriptions of the top online colleges in each state as well as in each field of study. <u>Learn more about the rankings here.</u>

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