



TEACHERS COLLEGE

Leadership Update

In May, Dr. Mark Milliron joined WGU's Teachers College as Senior Vice President and Executive Dean. In this role, Dr. Milliron is driving the strategic direction of the college, which currently enrolls more than 27,000 students and celebrates close to 50,000 alumni.

Milliron has worked with colleges and universities, K-12 schools, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies across the country and around the world. He is co-founder of Civitas Learning, where he served as Chief Learning Officer and Executive Director of the Next-Generation Leadership Academy. In addition, he served as Faculty in Residence in the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin. In previous roles, Milliron served as the founding Chancellor for WGU Texas and as Deputy Director for Postsecondary Success at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

We took a few moments to check in with Dr. Milliron and his leadership team to get their thoughts on the future of WGU's Teachers College.

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How can alumni be involved?

Alumni are critical members of our community of care and our community of practice. We need your voices and your participation if we want to change the way people learn and lead in the future. Picture three years ahead and Teachers College is making a powerful difference in the world - noted for impact in K - 20+ education.

- What did we do?
- What values did we demonstrate?

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Industry News



Learning at Home Followed by Homework. Does it Work?

When students are at home all day learning, is homework still effective? The value of homework has been questioned for a long time, and now that many students are also learning at home, this debate has been brought into a new light. This article recommends asking five questions to examine the quality and purpose of homework.

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Student Critical Thinking and School Leadership: It's Time for a Do-over

In this short six-minute video, Grant Lichtman discusses how education might be struggling to keep up with the fast-paced changes of the world and the steps educators and parents can take to help teach children how to navigate this issue.

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Staying Motivated During Tough Times

Fellow grad Cathryn Carini shares what she has learned so far this year and a few tips to help keep you going as well. Tip: Find a variety of ways to care for yourself.

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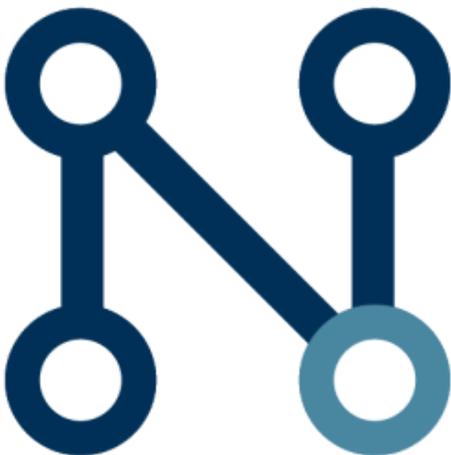
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Capstone Excellence Awards

Capstone Excellence Award Recipients | Biannual Report

The WGU Excellence Program is proud to recognize the 56 students who received the prestigious Capstone Excellence Award from February to July 2020. These culminating capstone projects must meet strict criteria for excellence, and reflect one or more of the following attributes: ingenuity, mastery, or synergy for the greater good. Capstone Faculty Evaluators nominate deserving capstone projects, followed by a two-step Evaluation Management review process for approving the finalists' work. See additional criteria [here](#).

The [Biannual CEA Awards- Recipient List](#) (8-20) shows by college the WGU graduates who received the Capstone Excellence Award for their work. You can also link from the report directly to the Evaluator's nomination statement and archived work in the [Capstone Excellence Archive](#), accessible with your WGU login.

Please join us in celebrating the success of our most recent Capstone Excellence Award recipients as they begin a new season in their careers as distinguished WGU graduates. For questions please email excellenceawards@wgu.edu.