

WGU  | ALUMNI

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

### WGU Alumni Successes

#### Nurse Heroes: WGU Grads Save Lives During Pandemic

Just in time for Nurses Week, we're highlighting four incredible WGU graduate nursing heroes who have made a big difference in the communities they serve, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit our [blog post](#) to see the inspirational stories of an Army veteran who now administers the COVID-19 vaccines as a nurse to veterans, the CNO at Shriners Hospitals for Children who led her staff during the pandemic, and more.



# WGU ALUMNI PODCAST

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## WGU Alumna Completes Degree While Battling Cancer

WGU alumna and continuing grad Christine Granado joins the [alumni podcast](#) to share her extraordinary journey of completing her bachelor's degree while battling cancer. Leaning on her support system, Christine adopted the mantra "to do or die trying." Not only did she complete her degree and start a new job, she recently re-enrolled at WGU in pursuit of a master's degree.

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## Watch WGU Commencement



## WGU Spring Virtual Commencement

Our next virtual commencement is Saturday, May 22. We are excited to celebrate all of our graduates participating in this ceremony. Watch for more details, including upcoming commencement information, at [wgu.edu/virtual](https://wgu.edu/virtual).

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# What's New at WGU?



## New Larger Diplomas

WGU is partnering with Scrip-Safe, our diploma vendor, to offer 11" x 14" diplomas available for purchase after graduation. For more information, please refer to the [Graduation Application and Diploma Ordering](#) student handbook article. Use your WGU credentials to log in.

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## Donate Your Used Webcam

Do you still have the webcam you used as a student just lying around the house? Help a new student that desperately needs it by donating your used webcam to WGU's Online Access Scholarship program.

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## Career Support

### WGU Virtual Business Career Fair

Looking to make meaningful connections and hear about business career opportunities? Save the date for the WGU Virtual Business Career Fair, **Thursday, June 24, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. MDT**. You will have an opportunity to meet with potential employers in one-on-one and group sessions. Registration information will be forthcoming.

Better prepare for this virtual experience by visiting the [Career & Professional Development](#)

website for additional career resources. You can [schedule an appointment](#) with one of our Career Advisors for personalized coaching in preparation for the virtual fair and beyond!

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## The Difference Between Hard and Soft Skills

You may have heard the phrase “soft skills” recently, but what exactly does that mean? Read on to learn about soft skills and how you can highlight yours to potential employers.

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## Why Should We Hire You?

Sound familiar? If you’ve been stumped by this question in an interview then check out this video from Indeed and learn the best strategy to prepare for this question.

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## Stay Involved

### Inspire Other Night Owls. Share Your Story!

Everyone loves a good success story—including your fellow Night Owls! Help inspire future students and other graduates by sharing your story for the chance to be featured on the [WGU Blog](#), [alumni website](#), or other marketing materials. Take a few minutes to [complete this short form](#) to share it with us!



SHARE YOUR STORY

# WGU ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

## CHP Cares

WGU's College of Health Professions recently launched an internal collaborative forum, CHP Cares, where students and graduates can share their stories and make connections. If you'd like to get involved and add your voice to the narrative, consider joining WGU's Alumni Ambassadors program.

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## Other Articles We Think You'll Like



### 7 Hilarious Medical Parody Videos

In the mood for something a little lighter? Watch these funny and informative videos created by nurses and physicians.

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### Relaxation Techniques for Nurses

Nurse stress management is a hot topic right now and for good reason—stress can impact your mental and physical health, as well as affect your personal life. Here are five ways to destress.

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## CMS Patient Event Notifications

In March 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed the Interoperability and Patient Access final rule which impacts the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) regarding patient event notifications. If you are heavily involved in your organization's move to meet the new requirements, you probably understand what this all means. If not, this may impact your role in the near future. [Click here](#) to read the final rule, then [read this article](#) to see how hospitals can comply. Finally, [check out what one hospital](#) in particular has done to move forward.

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## Capstone Excellence Award Recipients

### Biannual Report August 2020 to January 2021 CEA Awards

The WGU Excellence Program is proud to recognize 51 students who recently received the prestigious Capstone Excellence Award. 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 review process. See additional criteria [here](#), accessible with your WGU login.

The [CEA Biannual Report](#) shows by college the WGU graduates who received the 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](#).

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, email [excellenceawards@wgu.edu](mailto:excellenceawards@wgu.edu).

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