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**ALUMNI NEWSLETTER**

## WGU Alumni Successes

### Finally, a University That Challenges While Allowing Acceleration

*While this is not the case for all students, Elisabeth was able to complete their program in five months.*

“I attended four different colleges and spent several years in the workforce before I enrolled at WGU. By that point, as much as I love learning, I was severely disillusioned with the higher education system. WGU cut out or minimized all the parts of college that frustrated me at brick-and-mortar schools. I didn’t have to drive an hour each way to attend classes, go into debt, or go through layers of administrative rigamarole to add a class. Most importantly, I could finally learn at my own pace. I’ve always been a fast learner, but none of my previous educational institutions moved through material quickly enough to really challenge me. I didn’t truly have to push myself until I entered the workforce. But WGU let me move at my own naturally breakneck pace and challenge myself. I could finally tear through course material as fast as I wanted, I didn’t have to wait weeks in between tests, and adding more classes only took a minute. For the first time in my life, I have notes that aren’t covered with doodles. Furthermore, the self-paced model allowed me to leverage my aptitude to gain tangible benefits. I completed seven terms of coursework in five months. I saved myself three years of time and around \$10,000,



discounting the Pell Grants. I finally have the qualifications and knowledge I need to start working in the accounting field. Thanks to my Program Mentor, Lyda, and thank you, WGU.”

- Elisabeth Thomason

B.S. Business Administration, Accounting

## WGU Grad Announced as Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada Board

Hilary Nelson, B.S. Business Management graduate, was recently appointed as a member of the Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada’s board leadership team.

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## What's New at WGU?



### 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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### 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

### Is a Graduate Business Degree Right for You?

Today's highly competitive marketplace is more crowded than ever. What are you doing to stand out? Whether you are looking to get a promotion, land your dream job, or start a new business, a graduate business degree from WGU will ensure you have the right skills to achieve your goals. Join us for a 30-minute webinar detailing both the benefits and streamlined process of continuing your education at a university built with you in mind.

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### 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!



## Other Articles We Think You'll Like



### 5 Business Management Courses to Level Up With

Whether you're looking to take the next step in your career or just needing a refresher, these five courses may help you reach your goals.

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### Be a Better Leader by Building a Better Team

Team leaders are often responsible for building a sense of belonging for their employees, but one key topic that often gets overlooked is who is responsible for building that support system for those leaders. Learn how to create your ideal team.

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### How to Handle Hiring Practice Changes

The pandemic changed the way we work in many ways. This includes the ability to work remotely. Now many companies are more seriously considering making the shift permanent. If your company is thinking about making the switch, read on for a few tips that might help.

# 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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