

WGU  | ALUMNI

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

### WGU Alumni Successes



#### From Combat Medic to Nurse

WGU graduate Andrew Nagel started his medical career early when he joined the U.S. Army at age 17 and became part of a special program to train combat medics. When he retired from his military service, he decided that the best way he could continue to help people in need was to earn his BSN so that he could take on more advanced roles in the medical field. Now he works at the Indianapolis VA, serving the veterans who have served our country. Andrew loves being a nurse because he finds his work meaningful and he can feel good about the contributions he makes to his community every day.

[Watch Video](#)

## We Won't Rest: Crystal Allenton



Despite difficult circumstances, alum Crystal Allenton graduated with two master's degrees while raising three children. We honor her resilience with a mural that will help inspire others to follow their own dream!

[Watch Now](#)

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## Share Your Story Giveaway



We know graduating isn't always easy. You all have a story to tell and we want to hear your story! Complete the Share Your Story form by 11:59 p.m. MDT on July 30 and five randomly selected participants will receive WGU swag.

[Share Your Story](#)

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## What's New at WGU?



## State of Idaho Partners with WGU to Expand Options for Workforce

Governor Brad Little signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) today with Western Governors University—a leading nonprofit, online university—to expand access to affordable degree programs for Idahoans who need additional education to thrive in the state’s evolving workforce.

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## WGU Announces Partnership With Indiana-Based Utility Cooperative, NineStar Connect

Western Governors University today announced a partnership with NineStar Connect, a nonprofit communications, energy, water and sewer cooperative located in Hancock County, Indiana.

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## Career Support

### Healthcare Management Professional Associations

Joining a professional association may be helpful in enhancing your professional profile and overall effectiveness of your job search. Even though many opportunities are available in the healthcare field, it is ultimately the employers’ decision on who will fill these roles. How can being a member of a professional association help you stand out? Consider these three benefits:

- Demonstrates your dedication to the field for potential employers
- Presents various ways to network and build relationships with professionals in your field
- Offers professional development opportunities for continued growth and development

Being an active member of a healthcare association can fuel your eagerness to learn and serve as a consistent reminder of why you chose your profession. In addition, connections that form today can lead to referrals and new career opportunities or promotions. Review our collection of [Healthcare Associations](#), or contact [WGU Career & Professional Development](#) to develop a strong career plan.

Associations



## Bridge My Return: Career Support for Military Service Members

WGU is excited to connect the talents, skills, and knowledge of WGU students and graduates to meaningful private sector career opportunities, efficiently and effectively, through the Bridge My Return (BMR) program. The BMR platform is exclusive to military service members and employers who value military talent and embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion.

[Learn More](#)



## Listen to the MedCity Pivot Podcast

The MedCity Pivot Podcast captures the monumental transformation underway in healthcare through conversations with people driving that change.





## 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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## Other Articles We Think You'll Like

["How to Discover your 'Why' in Difficult Times"](#) presented by Simon Sinek

[11 Recent Healthcare Lawsuits and Settlements to Know About](#)

[Largest Drop in U.S. Life Expectancy Since World War II](#)

[American Nurses Association Provides Tips and Resources](#) to Help Mental Health of Nurses

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## WGU Academy

WGU Academy was created to serve the many individuals who need a low-risk path to enrollment at WGU. What you can expect: An innovative, student-centric approach. Self-paced courses. Personalized coaching. Low cost and more.

[Learn More](#)

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