FACT SHEET: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

ABOUT WGU INDIANA

- WGU Indiana is a nonprofit, accredited, online university that serves students from all different backgrounds, especially those who are not well-served by traditional colleges.

- WGU is the nation's first accredited competency-based university. The competency-based education model recognizes adults have different levels of knowledge and learn at different rates. Through this approach, WGU Indiana offers personalized and adaptive learning pathways, focuses on relevance and outcomes, and holds learning constant at a varied timeframe.

- A state-based affiliate of nationally recognized, accredited, nonprofit Western Governors University, WGU Indiana is open to all qualified Indiana residents.

- In 2010, WGU was approached by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels about creating a state-based model for the university. As a result, Indiana became the very first state affiliate for WGU and the first state-endorsed online university, creating positions for a local chancellor and local advisory board. WGU Indiana is now one of eight state affiliates of WGU.

- WGU Indiana offers more than 60 accredited bachelor's and master's degree programs in four colleges for high-demand fields, including Business, Teacher Education, Health Professions and Information Technology.

- According to a 2019 Gallup-Purdue index, which provides insight into the relationship between the college experience and outcomes, WGU consistently scored higher than the national average when measuring school compatibility, mentorship, challenging curriculum, cost-worthiness and more.

- WGU Indiana is also the recipient of the 2018-19 Military Friendly® Schools Designation, their eighth consecutive year to receive this recognition.

- WGU Indiana's mission is to open its doors for adult learners who need the flexibility and affordability of an online university to achieve educational goals and career advancement.

10-YEAR FACTS AND FIGURES

- WGU Indiana is currently serving nearly 5,600 Hoosiers.

- WGU Indiana awarded 128 degrees in this first year. Today, they've awarded degrees to more than 9,700 graduates.

- WGU Indiana has alumni and students in all 92 counties in Indiana.

- Since its inception, WGU Indiana has awarded 2,602 scholarships to qualifying students, totaling more than $5 million over the course of its first decade. The nonprofit university aims to award more than $1 million in scholarships in 2020 after a record year in 2019, awarding 473 scholarships totaling $911,713.

- Since 2010, 82% of the student population worked full- or part-time while earning their WGU Indiana degree.

- Since 2010, more than 20% of the student population lived in rural communities while 75% lived in urban communities.

- More than 70% of WGU Indiana's student population over the last 10 years are from underserved populations of the state, and 27% of WGU Indiana students in the last 10 years identify as low-income.

- Nearly half (46%) of all WGU Indiana students since 2010 have been first-generation college students within their family.

10TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP
- In honor of its 10th anniversary, WGU Indiana will award 10 newly enrolled students $10,000 scholarships in 2020.

- The 10th Anniversary Scholarship is the online university's largest scholarship offering to date after a decade serving Indiana students.

- The 10th Anniversary scholarship gives 10 students enough financial aid to cover nearly the entire cost of a WGU Indiana degree.

- Recipients will be awarded $2,500 toward their WGU Indiana tuition each six-month term, for up to four terms.

- Applications are open now through Nov. 1, 2020, and scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis.

- For more information on the 10th Anniversary Scholarship and to apply, visit indiana.wgu.edu/10x10.

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