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## Grand Canyon top ranked among online universities

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Grand Canyon University has been ranked the best online undergraduate university among 21 accredited colleges and universities that operate nationally with degree programs largely online, the school said Friday.

According to the rankings by the Online Education Database, Phoenix-based Grand Canyon University was ranked an average of sixth place across eight categories. Two other Phoenix-based institutions, Western International University and the University of Phoenix, ranked 12th and 15th, respectively.

The eight categories used in the ranking were acceptance rate, financial aid, graduation rate, peer Web citations, retention rate, scholarly citations, student-faculty ratio and years accredited.

GCU was No. 1 in the acceptance rate category and second in both the graduation rate and years accredited categories.

Grand Canyon University, founded in 1949, is a regionally accredited, private, non-denominational Christian university. It offers online and campus-based degree programs.

Western International University and the University of Phoenix are subsidiaries of Phoenix-based Apollo Group Inc. (NASDAQ: APOL), a nationwide provider of adult education.

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