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Grand Canyon University Ranked Nation's Number-One Online College Overall

Phoenix Institution Tops First-Ever "Report Card"

PHOENIX, Ariz. – March 1, 2007 – Grand Canyon University is the United States' number-one online undergraduate institution among 21 accredited colleges and universities that operate nationally, with degree programs mostly or largely online.

So concluded the Online Education Database (OEDb), the only organization that reviews online university programs, in its first-ever Annual Online College Rankings published this week.

Grand Canyon University ranked high in several key criteria measured:

- Number one in **acceptance rate**, making it more selective than all other schools reviewed.
- Number two in **graduation rate** for full-time, first-time students, a key indicator of success.
- Second in **years accredited** under the U.S. Department of Education.
- Fourth in **financial aid**.
- Recognized for a low **student/faculty ratio** (16 to 1).

The OEDb also based its findings on peer Web citations, retention rate and scholarly citations. Rankings can be found at <http://www.oedb.org/rankings>

"We're honored to be chosen as the leading online university," said Brent Richardson, chief executive officer of Grand Canyon University. "This achievement speaks volumes about our ongoing commitment to high-quality education for all our students."

About Grand Canyon University

Founded in 1949, Grand Canyon University is one of Arizona's leading higher learning institutions and one of the nation's fastest-growing. Based in Phoenix, the regionally accredited, private, non-denominational Christian university offers online and campus-based Bachelor's and Master's degree programs through the Ken Blanchard College of Business, College of Education, College of Nursing & Health Sciences, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. With a total enrollment of approximately 13,000 students, GCU emphasizes individual attention for both traditional undergraduate students as well as the working professional. More information: www.gcu.edu.

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