



### Accredited, Affordable Education is Closer Than It Seems

Singing the tune of staggering student debt is nothing new. By now we are all accustomed to headlines that read something like,

"Why student debt is 'a crisis' for some borrowers," and "Average student-loan debt skyrockets to disturbing high."

But, who says your education has to match your mortgage or interfere with providing for your family?

Being the working optimist that I am, I like to think that by going to school and furthering my education, I'll be better suited to pay off my mortgage and provide my family with the life I believe they deserve. In short, I'm frustrated that higher education costs keep rising and those with little to no schooling are left swamped in a perpetual cycle of unfulfilled dreams and sunset opportunity. Does this sound familiar too? Ya, I don't think I'm the only one who feels this way.

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### Upcoming Events WGUV is Proud to Take Part In!

- 4/6 - North Vista Hospital Education Fair, at the Main North Vista Hospital
- 4/11 - Nursing Graduate presentation, at Western Nevada College campus
- 4/21 - HT Graduate presentation, at the College of Southern Nevada campus

**In the News**  
Spencer Stewart, chancellor of WGUV Nevada, and Cheryl White, a WGUV alumni, discuss a 'new kind of you scholarship.'

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**That's A Hoot**  
*What do you call an owl who is a magician? Hoodini!*

**New Hires**  
Visit our [website](#) to see how you can start your career with WGUV Nevada.



Photos of WGUV Nevada celebrating Nevada Flowing Week with students and "Tape Face" at The Axiom Foundation.



### WGUV Nevada Springs into Action

#### Wise Words from Chancellor Spencer Stewart



#### Q&A

**Todd F. Sklamberg, Chief Executive Officer of Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center and Sunrise Children's Hospital**  
*Advisory Board member of WGUV Nevada*

#### What is your favorite thing about Nevada?

I am proud to call Nevada home for the past 10 years. We are a young community in a relatively nascent state. This presents tremendous opportunity from a business and leadership perspective to create an environment that is attractive to future generations. We are still building the infrastructure needed to sustain growth beyond the tourism industry. I believe we can grow in the space of technology and innovation.

Perhaps as a result of my community involvement, I am attracted to Nevada's civic, community and charitable causes because they afford me an opportunity to personally invest in what I am interested in - primarily healthcare and education. They are key elements in our backdrop that showcase how we diversify our economy and our workforce.

I am honored to be the champion of growing a community in Las Vegas that is dedicated to healing. As the largest acute care hospital in the state, we require the clinical expertise of an experienced and talented workforce to meet our mission. We are an importer of business - the business of healing. We attract patients across a broad region and are included among the 43 million visitors who come to the Silver State. I am passionate about seeing that Nevada is fully loaded with high tech/high touch healthcare professionals who are meeting this regional need for exceptional healthcare.

#### Who was your role model growing up & why?

I am the son of a self-employed legal professional - Marvin Sklamberg. He demonstrated his work ethic to me and taught me that life is a balancing act. I recall visiting his law practice and was extremely aware of his finesse in managing his assets: career, community and family. He was there for me through little league, educational pursuits and was always prepared with sound, fatherly advice. I consulted him on major life decisions all along - and do to this day.

#### What advice would you give to those seeking higher education degrees?

Education and the pursuit of learning, at its best, is a life-long love affair. I would encourage anyone to never stop learning. As a community, we should cultivate a constant drive to question, learn and contribute. This steady pursuit is what makes a community great - and by extension, our entire state. WGUV is that wonderful community resource that meets a need beyond "formal education." It takes advantage of the life-long learner but gives him or her something extremely credible and relevant in exchange - competency based learning. WGUV's model is designed to drive education forward in a way that leverages the learner's current knowledge. This is not one-size-fits-all education that was common in my formative years. It's highly relevant to Nevada's workforce and allows the learner to balance family and career. For the person seeking higher education, I would say Nevada has the answer - WGUV.

#### Why are you a great supporter of WGUV Nevada?

WGUV Nevada's strong suit is in meeting the advanced education goals of our community's mainstream. The pursuit of higher learning bolsters the individual and the community in which they chose to live and work. Family, career and life-long learning are the total package. This is how the American Dream plays out in real time. Their mutual pursuit builds community, business and the economy.



WGUV Nevada representatives outside the legislative building in Carson City.

### Tech Corner: New Study by Gallup Shows WGUV Leads Way in Developing Engagement and Helping Graduates Achieve Goals

Gallup has released the results of a new study that compares the satisfaction and overall well-being of Western Governors University (WGU) graduates with graduates from other institutions in the United States. For the third year, the results demonstrate that WGU graduates are more likely to have the jobs they want, feel engaged at work, and have an emotional attachment to the university.

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WGUV Nevada during Legislative Day in Carson City.

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