



Your Walden Degree: Make an Impact



"Never listen to other people's negativity."

Marvin Kelly
M.B.A. Graduate

A Walden education can enhance your knowledge *and* make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Since our founding in 1970, Walden University has attracted a community of students and scholars committed to applying their knowledge to address the challenges in their communities and professions. We embrace the idea that, with focused action and well-developed strategies, our students and graduates can lead positive social change in the world around them while inspiring others to do the same. These efforts are supported through a learning experience that is built on the belief that knowledge is most valuable when it is put to use in the interest of the greater good.

Members of the Walden community can be found leading research, conferences, and service initiatives and projects that are making a difference. In a recent survey, almost 80% of Walden alumni felt that their program helped them to advance positive social change.* Walden alumni also have a 63% average rate of volunteerism, compared to the national average among college graduates of 50%.*

*These results were gathered by Walden University in 2010–2011 from current students, recent graduates, alumni, and employers who responded to our surveys. For additional survey details, visit www.WaldenU.edu/DATA.



Meet Walden Scholars of Change

Erin Manzanares has opened a school in one of the nation's poorest counties. She credits her **M.S. in Education** for giving her the confidence to make La Puerta a reality. The school integrates arts, sciences, and agriculture with a curriculum grounded in research-based instruction.

As a board member of the nonprofit organization Camillus House, Raymond Kayal Sr. is working to give the homeless a second chance. The **Ph.D. in Management** student cites his Walden experience in helping him to understand that transformation is possible at any stage of life.

Jeff Lubsen, an **M.S. in Mental Health Counseling** student, is advocating for the LGBT community by providing local mental health workers with training and resources.

Watch the winning videos from Walden Scholars of Change at www.WaldenU.edu/scholarsvideos.

"My job impacts the health of the nation, and at Walden, I related my course projects to my profession. Walden showed me how to evaluate our progress to monitor potential implementation and impact failure points. I am now able to give management the information they need to make decisions about program funding."

Hilda Sheppard, Ph.D.
Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration Graduate

At Walden, you will be encouraged to question assumptions, address problems, and collaborate with your peers to better develop your critical-thinking skills and your understanding of what it takes to have a positive impact on those around you. We also supplement your academic experiences with a wide range of social change initiatives, including:

Social Change Conference

Walden's Social Change Conference invites leading authors, policymakers, social entrepreneurs, and others to share their real-world insights as change agents with members of the Walden community. This conference, founded in 2005, is designed to inspire and challenge participants to lead positive change in their areas of interest.

Global Day of Service

While members of the Walden community volunteer throughout the year, the university's annual Global Day of Service is an opportunity for the entire Walden community to come together and make an impact in neighborhoods around the world. On the first Saturday of October, Walden volunteers contribute to projects serving schools, food banks, community centers, and more.

Walden Service Network

The Walden Service Network is an online community that helps connect volunteers with service projects nationwide and potentially around the world. Since its founding in 2010, members of the Walden community have tracked more than 600,000 volunteer hours through the network.

Scholars of Change

Walden Scholars of Change are students and graduates who share their personal stories of how a Walden education is helping them make a positive difference in their lives and the lives of those in their communities.

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