Register for the 2016 NAC&U Summer Institute

*Early Bird Rates End on April 30*

NAC&U's 2016 Summer Institute will take place on June 22 - 24 at Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY. This year's theme is "Supporting Student Success through Undergraduate Research" and a main focus will be student development through undergraduate research.

Highlights of this year's Summer Institute and Pre-Conference Meetings include:

- Specialized tracks for student affairs officers, civic engagement professionals, and engineering faculty
- A meeting for CAOs and SSAOs led by Yohuru Williams, associate VP of academic affairs at Fairfield University and author of Black Politics/White Power: Civil Rights Black Power and Black Panthers in New Haven (Blackwell, 2006) and Teaching U.S. History Beyond the Textbook (Corwin, 2008). ([Read more about Dr. Williams.](#))
- Faculty workload workshop with Jeffrey Osborn, Dean of Science, The College of New Jersey
- Full day of networking and discussions for NAC&U Ambassadors on June 21
- Convenient access to Manhattan via the #1 train from Manhattan College
Early bird registration (by April 30, 2016) is $325 per person (housing and transportation are separate). After the early bird period ends, registration will be $375 per person. Registration closes on May 25, 2016.

For more about the conference, including speakers, schedule, and travel and lodging, please visit our website.

To register for the Summer Institute, please click here. (Provosts, ambassadors, CEC members, and NAC&U board members should use the links sent to them via email since they will register for pre-conference meetings.)

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**NAC&U and Widener University Interviewed for Article on Balancing Practical and Theoretical Skills**

Reporter Corinne Ruff interviewed NAC&U President Nancy Hensel, Widener University Associate Professor of Political Science and NAC&U Ambassador J. Wesley Leckrone, and Widener student Nicole Crossey (who also served on an NAC&U panel in Washington DC earlier this year) for an article on how professors can address students' interest in acquiring technical, rather than theoretical, skills. Her article, "3 Ways Professors Can Balance Teaching Practical and Theoretical Skills," first appeared on the Chronicle's website yesterday. Read the article.

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**CFOs, Enrollment Management Officers, and CEC Groups Connect**

March was a productive time for NAC&U constituency groups. The CFOs held their annual meeting, this year at the University of La Verne. For the third time, the enrollment management officers joined them. Enrollment management officers of NAC&U have found these meetings helpful and have decided to establish their own constituency group. Bill Bisset, vice president of enrollment management at Manhattan College, will serve as the first chair of the EMO group. A few members of the Civic Engagement Collaborative (CEC) caught up with each other at the Campus Compact meeting in Boston. For more about these meetings, please go here.

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**Member News**

John Hoffman Named Provost
and VP for Academic Affairs at Arcadia University

After a national search, Dr. John Hoffman, founding dean of Arcadia University's College of Arts and Sciences, has been named provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, effective June 1.

As a faculty member and chair in the Department of Biology, Dr. Hoffman maintained an active research program and received more than $800,000 in extramural funding. He mentored 63 Arcadia undergraduate students in the completion of empirical research-based senior thesis projects and published seven peer-reviewed articles with Arcadia students as co-authors. Arcadia students were co-authors on 17 of his abstracts presented at national or international scientific meetings. In 2001, he received the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Read more.

Top News

Stop Blaming Colleges for Higher Education's Unaffordability: Commentary from Roger Williams University President Donald Farish from The Chronicle of Higher Education (March 23, 2016)

Westminster Revamps General Education Classes with Introduction of WCore

Is Our College Right for You? Get on This Bus to Find Out: An article by reporter Becky Supiano on the University of Evansville's Road Trip event for accepted students

Civic Engagement

Roger Williams Launches Stay Break with Local Service Opportunities during Spring Break

Drury's Student Entrepreneurship Team Partnering to Help Launch Healthy Food Subscription Service, Bike Rental Shop, Worm Farm for Community

Roger Williams Engineers without Borders Travels to Dominican Republic to Address Open-Fire Cooking Issue

Research & Grants

Wagner Publishes Spring 2016 (the 28th issue) of its Undergraduate Research Journal

Arcadia Students Present Research in South Africa and at Math Conference

Pacific Lutheran Professor, Local Archaeologist Team Up with Students to Study Prehistoric
Artifacts from Mount Rainier

Programs

Valparaiso University Introduces Data Science and Statistics Degrees

Westminster Adds New Minors in Entrepreneurship and Data Science, Also Education Studies Major for Those Interested in Environments Outside of K-12 Schools

Drury Launches New Degree in Game Development

Cal Lutheran to Launch New MBA for Experienced Professionals Program

Manhattan College Launches New Online M.B.A. and M.S. in Applied Mathematics-Data Analytics; Manhattan College Will Also Offer New Master's Program in Marriage and Family Therapy

University of Evansville Announces New Masters Level Program in Public Health

Nazareth College to Offer Museums, Archives, and Public History Major

Appointments

Keith Elder Named Dean of Samford University's School of Public Health

Melanie Agnew Named Dean of Westminster's School of Education

Jayati Ghosh Named Dean of Widener's School of Business Administration

Awards & Honors

Pacific Lutheran's MediaLab Receives National Prize for Documentary about Higher Education

Hampton U Architecture Department Named One of Six Design Studios Forming a National Resilience Initiative Network

University of La Verne Cited as Exemplary School in Increasing Graduation Rates Among Pell-Eligible Students

Rankings & Recognition

Manhattan College ranked among the top 100 colleges in the United States on Forbes' list of Best Value Colleges 2016: The 300 Schools Worth the Investment. The University of Scranton, Wagner College, John Carroll University, University of Redlands, Valparaiso University, California Lutheran University, Ohio Northern University, Pacific Lutheran University, and Samford University were also named to the list.

John Carroll's Part Time MBA Program Ranked Top 10 in Ohio

Russell Sage Online Named as a Top Ten Online School in New York

Campus News
Valparaiso University Receives $1 Million Commitment for Unrestricted Endowment

Hamline President Fayneese Miller Highlighted in TV Segment as a "Minnesotan to Meet"

Belmont’s Masters of Science in Nursing Graduates Achieve 100 Percent Pass Rate

Strategic Growth Brings Campus Enhancements at St. Edward's University

University of New Haven Enrollment Professional Publishes Book about His Tour of the Ivy League

Endowed Scholarship for Wounded Veterans Established at Valparaiso University

**Students & Alumni**

Ferishta Sahar, an international business student at Nazareth College, has received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Sahar will study abroad in Akita, Japan. [Read more.]

**Ohio Northern Technology Education Students Present Research Posters, Win Robotics Competition in D.C.**

**First-year Student Helps Introduce Religious Diversity to Pacific Lutheran U through Lecture Series**

**Three Ohio Northern University Students Named University Innovation Fellows by the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation**

**North Central Alumnus Earns Prestigious National Science Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowship**

**Samford Physics Major Selected for NC State Research Program**

**Redlands’ Alumnus Wins Fellowship to Work at State Capital**

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The New American Colleges & Universities

Arcadia University   Belmont University
California Lutheran University   Drury University
Hamline University   Hampton University
John Carroll University   Manhattan College   Nazareth College
North Central College   Ohio Northern University
Pacific Lutheran University   Roger Williams University
St. Edward's University   Samford University   The Sage Colleges
The University of Scranton   University of Evansville
University of La Verne   University of New Haven
University of Redlands   Valparaiso University
Wagner College   Westminster College   Widener University