NAC&U Launch Signature Experiences for Domestic Study Away

The newly created NAC&U Signature Experiences offer domestic study away opportunities that allow students to take advantage of host campuses' unique locations and expertise to gain real-world experience in a cross-cultural setting. The first Signature Experiences are semester-long offerings in entertainment and music business at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., history of civil rights at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and two programs - meteorology and geography - at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind.

Read more.

Drury Students Collaborate to Build Solar Home that Can Stand Up to Tornados

Traci Sooter's excitement is contagious over the phone as she watches a crew unload the contents of three semi-trailer trucks in a massive parking lot in Irvine, California.
Together, the team of contractors and college students will carefully re-construct ShelteR3, a tornado-resistant, solar-powered house built for the US Solar Decathlon competition.

Officially ShelteR3's creation began two years ago as a collaboration between Drury University in Springfield, Mo., and Crowder College, 70 miles away in Neosho, Mo. Yet many would say its concept began in May 2011 when an EF-5 tornado ripped through Joplin, Mo., killing 161 and generating three million cubic yards of waste. Crowder College noticed Drury's extensive efforts in Joplin's recovery, including the students' work in ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and the creation of the Butterfly Garden Memorial Park in Joplin. Read more.

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**Upcoming Events**

**NAC&U in Washington, DC**  
**January 19 - 21, 2016**  
Please submit all student abstracts for panel discussions at the National Press Club Breakfast, Congressional Briefing, and AAC&U Meeting to Nancy Hensel by this Thursday, October 15.

**NAC&U Science Summit, Belmont University,**  
**February 10-12, 2016**  
NAC&U will host its first Science Summit, a two-day experience that will afford participants the opportunity to discuss potential grant collaborations while networking with other science faculty. For more information about the event and lodging or to access the registration form, please go here.

**NAC&U Annual Summer Institute, Manhattan College**  
**June 22-24, 2016**  
The Call for Proposals for next year’s Summer Institute, "Supporting Student Success through Undergraduate Research," is now available. Presentations may describe existing projects or may engage conference participants in working sessions to develop new ideas for collaboration. Find more information here.
Sage Professor David Salomon Recaps 'Schools for Tomorrow'

David Salomon, professor of English (and wearer of many other hats) at The Sage Colleges and co-chair of the NAC&U ambassadors, shared his thoughts on the Fifth Annual New York Times 'Schools for Tomorrow' Conference which addresses public policy and higher education.

Read more.

Presidential Inaugurations at Hamline, Westminster

Hamline University celebrated a historic event at Minnesota's first university when Fayneese Miller was officially installed as the university's 20th president. She is the first African American president in the history of Hamline and the university’s second woman president. Read more.

Westminster College celebrated a milestone in its 140 year history by formally installing Stephen R. Morgan as its 18th president. After devoting more than 30 years of service to the college in a variety of administrative roles, President Morgan's inauguration marked a special moment for the campus and Morgan's family. He grew up just blocks away and was a cheerleader at Highland High School. Read more.
North Central's New Vice President of Academic Affairs
Abiodun Goke-Pariola Has Vision for Building on Success

North Central College’s new vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, Dr. Abiodun "G-P" Goke-Pariola, talks about the College’s faculty talent pool, deploying technology appropriately, expanding the footprint of its graduate programs, and what he does in his spare time. Read more.

St. Edwards, John Carroll, Hampton, Valpo, Redlands Receive Significant Grants

St. Edward’s University has been awarded a five-year grant of more than $1.6 million from the National Science Foundation through the Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) Program to support freshmen students studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses at St. Edward’s University. This award is the largest grant the university has ever received from the NSF, and it is one of only ten expected awards from the IUSE program for the entire country in the Institutional and Community Transformation: Design and Development IUSE program category. The Living Learning Community/Active Learning (LLCAL) Project is designed to help first-year students by establishing science learning communities before classes start with a pre-college three-day bridge program. Read more.

The University of Redlands also received a grant from the National Science Foundation of almost $700,000 to educate and empower students for success in STEM courses and careers by improving their spatial thinking and computational skills at the elementary level. Redlands will lead a two-year pilot program, commencing Nov. 1, 2015, to develop and test spatial STEM+C (science, technology, engineering, mathematics plus computing) activities in K-5 classrooms. Read more.

Valparaiso University secured a $223,753 grant from the National Science Foundation under its Major Research Instrumentation and Chemistry Research Instrumentation and Facilities Program. With this award, Valparaiso University will acquire an ultrahigh performance liquid chromatography system with four detectors, used for analyzing samples by separating the components using...
The U.S. Department of Education has awarded John Carroll University a "First in the World" (FITW) program grant, totaling nearly $1.3 million. John Carroll is the only university in Ohio to receive the funding. "First in the World" grants are designed to develop innovative strategies with the goal of improving academic outcomes and retention rates for at-risk students at colleges and universities. John Carroll's project, "Linked Learning and Early Warning," directed by Terry L. Mills, Ph.D., assistant provost for Diversity and Inclusion and sociology professor at John Carroll University, integrates theories of student development and thriving into a program of block schedules and linked courses.

The Hampton University Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders has received a $1.2 million grant to train minority scholars to work in high poverty schools. The grant from the Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (DOE-OSEP), will provide tuition assistance to 24 highly-qualified communicative sciences and disorders graduate program candidates. According to Dr. Carla J. Jones, the grant’s principal investigator and associate professor, the demand for speech-language pathologists has exceeded the available supply for many years.

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NAC&U Member News

Wagner, Manhattan and Pacific Lutheran Cited by New York Times Columnist as Best 'Value-Added' Colleges Regardless of Major

The Washington Center and New York Life Foundation Honor John Carroll with Civic Engagement Award

University of Evansville Announces the "UE Guarantee" for Incoming Students
The University of Scranton Unveils New State-of-the-Art Facility for PT, OT, Exercise Science

Roger Williams University Implements Revolutionary New Core Purpose and Values

Arcadia President DeVille Christensen to Serve on ACE Commission on Global Engagement

La Verne President Unites with Other Area Leaders to Boost Diversity in Medical Workforce

Ohio Northern Pharmacy Outreach Prepares Students for Patient Interaction
(from the419.com)

Samford Professor Knighted for Service to French Education

Widener Student Gains Cross-Cultural Leadership Experience in Malawi

Alumni Commit $3 Million to Valparaiso University for Study Abroad Scholarships

Belmont University's College of Pharmacy Launches Early Assurance Admissions Program

UNH to Offer Nation's First Master's Degree in Forensic Technology

Manhattan College's Research Scholars' Presentations Highlight Student-Faculty Collaboration

Cal Lutheran Students Present Research

Drury Team Awarded 3rd Place in 2015 ACSA Design Competition

Nazareth Announces Established International Educator as New Director of English Language Institute

Sage Unveils State-of-the-Art M&T Bank Stock Trading Simulation Room

John Carroll University Provides 'Home Away from Home' for International Students
It can be daunting for students to travel to - many for the first time - and live in another country to study. To ease the transition to U.S. culture and norms, **John Carroll University** offers a host family program for its international students which now represent 48 different countries. The program, which formally started in 2013, is an integral part of the Enrollment division's broader Soft Landings program, which helps create a smooth transition to campus for international students. More than 20 volunteers who are JCU employees have agreed to be a host mom or dad. [Read more.](#)