NAC&U Students to Discuss Integrated Learning at Washington, D.C. Events

In January 2016, nine students from NAC&U campuses will participate in panel discussions in Washington, D.C., to discuss how the consortium's mission to integrate liberal arts, professional studies and civic engagement has improved the quality of their college experience while preparing them with real-world skills. The panels will take place prior to and during the AAC&U Annual Meeting, one of the largest gatherings in higher education.

Read more.

University of Evansville Program Connects Multidisciplinary Student Teams with Real-World Business Needs
Developing a marketing strategy for an archeological dig in Israel, advising a global plastics manufacturer on a possible expansion into Indonesia, and improving pharmaceutical inventory management for a clinic in Guatemala sound like extracurricular or simulated class activities, but these are real-world projects completed by students in the GAP program at the University of Evansville (UE).

"We’re asking companies to give us a small piece of something that really matters to their organization and have our students tackle it and provide value on it," said Jill Griffin, director of the GAP program.

Read more.

Registrations and CFPs for Upcoming Events

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 event/lodging information and to access the registration form, please go here. Registration deadline: January 15, 2016

NAC&U 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 available. Presentations may
describe existing projects or may engage conference participants in working sessions to develop new ideas for collaboration. Find more information here. Submission deadline: January 17, 2016

Westminster Sophomore Studying at Belmont through NAC&U Study Away Program

Bernadette Zappoli, a current sophomore at Westminster College, is the first individual to enjoy the "Signature Experience" exchange to Belmont University.

Zappoli said, "I have absolutely loved it! I love to travel and explore a new city. I had never been to Nashville before and Belmont has helped me feel so welcome here. Getting to meet and interact with so many other students who share the same love of music as me has been so great. And Belmont's classes are centered on what I want to learn, so I feel like I'm getting so much valuable information from the classes I'm enrolled in rather than filler gen eds. I also enjoy my on-campus job as part of the work study program. It's helped a lot, and working in the Boulevard Music Shop has opened a lot of opportunities to me in addition to my schooling here at Belmont."

Read more from Belmont University.

For more information on NAC&U Signature Experiences and other domestic study away opportunities, please go here.

Dr. Julie Wollman Named 10th President of Widener University
The board of trustees of Widener University announced the appointment of Dr. Julie Wollman as the tenth president of Widener.

Wollman, who currently serves as the president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was selected unanimously by the board of trustees at a special meeting on October 30. Wollman will take office as president of Widener on January 19, 2016.

Read more.

Drury Solar Decathlon Team Finishes Strong

Congratulations to the Crowder-Drury Solar Decathlon team for placing 8th at the U.S. Solar Decathlon last month. The team also placed 2nd in the Commuting Contest in which they had to drive 25 miles in an electric car that was charged by their solar-powered house. Read more.

Read our story on this project.

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David Manuel to Retire as Drury President in May 2016

"When Shrinkage is Good": An Inside Higher Ed article on Wagner College's strategy to protect quality rather than chase volume

RWU President Blogs about the New American College

Research and Grants
Nazareth College One of Six Internationally to Earn Prestigious National Institutes of Health Grant

LaVerne Chosen to Participate in National Civic Learning Initiative

Scorching Science: Ohio Northern Faculty-Student Research Examines Physiological Response of Motorsports Drivers in Extreme Heat

Ohio Northern Technology Professor Working on NSF I-Corps Teams Project

University of New Haven Receives $200,000 NSF Grant to Purchase X-ray Diffractometer

Widener Receives $10,000 Grant from the Bringing Theory to Practice Project to Support Research on Student Well-Being

Manhattan Professor Selected for PRIDE Research Program

Hamline Awarded Grant For Second Time to Continue Paid Internships; John Carroll Also Receives Major Grant to Fund Internships

Honors, Rankings and Recognition
Sage President Susan C. Scrimshaw Receives Adam Yarmolinsky Medal for her Contributions to the National Academy of Medicine

Redlands Professor a Finalist for Campus Compact's Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award

Belmont's Part-Time MBA Ranked No. 28 in the U.S. by Bloomberg Businessweek

John Carroll Student -- Larissa Stefaniuk, a junior majoring in East Asian Studies -- Receives a Gilman Scholarship

Appointments
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Nazareth Names DaBoll-Lavoie as Dean of School of Education

Programs and Endowments
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Institute for Leadership and Service

Drury Launches Master of Nonprofit & Civic Leadership Degree Program

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PLU Physics Professor Writes and Illustrates Children's Book

Arcadia Professor's Book Nominated for Samuel Johnson Prize

Experiential Learning and Student News

Hampton Students Collaborate with ODU Students to Develop Flood Solutions

Samford Journalism and Mass Communication Students Work with ESPN3 on Football Broadcasts

Scranton Student Selected as Google Student Ambassador

Westminster's Flight Team Soars to National Competition

Alumni News

North Central Graduates Working in Nanotechnology Research; One Has Already Secured Three Patents

Food for Thought
"Can Pop Culture and Higher Ed Co-Exist?"
An article from St. Edward's University of how eight professors integrate pop culture into courses and the effect it has on learning

Please join us in welcoming the two NAC&U ambassadors from the University of New Haven.

Mary Isbell
Assistant Professor of
Join the NAC&U Group on LinkedIn

We've added a members-only group on LinkedIn so you can connect with NAC&U colleagues. Members can search by keywords to find experts by area at other institutions or post announcements or queries for the group.

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