



Integrating Liberal Arts,
Professional Studies, and
Civic Responsibility

News and Notes

September 2016

NAC&U Adds Two New Programs to Signature Experiences for Students

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 consortium has added two additional programs - the **Dinosaur Semester at Westminster College** and the **Publishing Semester at Belmont University** - to the original semester-long offerings in **entertainment and music business, history of civil rights, meteorology and geography**.

To learn more about these programs or how to apply, [please go here](#).

Members' Guide to NAC&U Available for Download

Do you have questions about participating in NAC&U programs? Are you looking for a guide that lists all of our programs and member benefits?

The **NAC&U Members' Guide**, [available for download here](#), offers an overview of NAC&U's mission, membership benefits, student programs, constituency groups, events, campus job listings, contact information, and social media accounts. It is intended as a handy reference, and we hope it will be especially useful to those who are unfamiliar with NAC&U.

Member News

Top News

Commentary: ["Free tuition would create more inequities than it solves"](#)

By Richard Guarasci, written for InsideSources.com, published September 5, 2016

In the News

[The Chronicle of Higher Education Recognizes Contributions from Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey](#)

Teaching & Learning

[Reflections from Dr. Stephen Caliendo of North Central College after attending both political party conventions with students](#)

[Ohio Northern Students Also Attend Both Political Party Conventions with Professor](#)

Civic Engagement

[Widener Physical Therapy Students Lead Conference on Student-Run Pro Bono Clinics](#)

Research & Grants

[California Lutheran University Awarded \\$1.2 Million Grant to Provide Ventura County's Only Federal TRIO Program Serving Middle School Students](#)

[Five-year, \\$1.94 Million Grant Will Help Drury Improve Access to Higher Education for Migrant Workers and Their Families](#)

[Hampton University School of Pharmacy Receives a \\$2.6 Million Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration For Scholarships to Increase Diversity in Health Workforce](#)

[Hamline University Receives Nearly \\$500,000 in Grants for Citizen Assemblies Project](#)

[W.M. Keck Foundation Grants \\$300K for Student Research Program at U of La Verne](#)

[University of Evansville Professor Kristy Miller Receives Award from Dreyfus Foundation to Support Lectureship and Undergraduate Research in Chemical Sciences](#)

[Samford University's Nursing School Receives Grant to Prepare Family Nurse Practitioners Committed to Practicing in Underserved Areas](#)

[University of La Verne Professor's Study Reveals that Gut Instinct Might Not Help Us Understand Others](#)

[Westminster Chemistry Professor Awarded \\$100k Grant to Solve Mercury Mystery in Great Salt Lake](#)

[Hamline Science Students Handle Diverse Research Projects](#)

[Summer Research Scholars at Manhattan College Take On Both Lasallian and Technical Challenges](#)

[U of Scranton Students Study Prisoner Recidivism](#)

Programs & Endowments

[Business Analytics Becomes Individual Major at Manhattan College](#)

Appointments

[Belmont University Names Dr. Mary Clark as Director of Multicultural Learning and Experience](#)

[Nazareth College Names Yousuf George as New Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences](#)

Awards & Honors

[North Central Named a '2016 Great College to Work For'](#)

Campus News

[University of Scranton President Kevin Quinn S. J. Resigns Effective June 2017](#)

[Westminster Welcomes the Class of 2020 with Revamped Curriculum](#)

[Belmont Tops 7,770 Students for Fall 2016](#)

[California Lutheran University Welcoming its Largest Freshman Class, including 30 Percent Latino](#)

[and 40 Percent First-Generation College Students](#)

[Drury Boosts Incoming Class Enrollment by Nearly 40 Percent](#)

[Roger Williams University's School of Continuing Studies Formalizes Partnership with RI Latino Civic Fund](#)

[Strategic Growth Brings Campus Enhancements at St. Edward's](#)

Faculty News

[University of La Verne Professor Gains UNESCO Designation for Micronesia Ruins](#)

[University of Scranton Professor Awarded Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant](#)

[Wagner College English Professor to be a Fulbright Scholar at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia](#)

[Manhattan College's Mark Pottinger Among Only 23 Scholars to Receive Berlin Prize for 2016-17 Academic Year](#)

[Hampton University Professor Wayne Dawkins Named National Journalism History Teaching Excellence Winner](#)

[Media Significantly Influences Public Opinion on Issues of Immigration, Says New Book Coauthored by University of New Haven Professor](#)

[University of Evansville Professor Matthew Knoester Presented on "Global Struggles for Critical Democratic Education" in Beijing](#)

[Arcadia's Drs. Noakes, Guertin-Martin, and Lee Conduct Research at RNC, DNC](#)

In the eighth episode of "[Open to Interpretation](#)," a podcast from Pacific Lutheran University, faculty members discuss Pokémon, the presidential election, parenting and the meaning of "civility."

Student News



Alpha Alpha Sigma, the Russell Sage College chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, has sent four boxes of books (about 160 books) for middle-school students to Rural America Initiatives in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The non-profit group's mission is to partner with whole families to help American Indian children and youth acquire tools to thrive in the contemporary environment and to support Native culture values. Their goal is to develop a new society of Indian men and women who work within the community to strengthen families by practicing the values of respect, honesty, language, generosity and courage. They work with families in Rapid City and on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Their website is <http://www.ruralamericainitiatives.org/>

The current president of Sigma Tau Delta at RSC is Kelly Shanahan; the faculty advisor is Dr. David A. Salomon, who previously taught in South Dakota.

Also, congratulations to the [Valparaiso Men's Golf Team](#) which was honored by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) as the Division I Academic National Champion, posting the top team GPA among all Division I programs. The 11-man Crusader roster combined for a team GPA of 3.755 over the 2015-16 academic year.

Rankings Round-Up

Washington Monthly

Several NAC&U members were listed in these rankings based on social mobility, research, and service. Five members were in the top 50 of masters' level institutions, including [Valparaiso University](#) (#4), Pacific Lutheran University (#15), [Hamline University](#) (#27), [The University of Scranton](#) (#38) and [Nazareth College](#) (#44). The University of Evansville and Ohio Northern University were ranked in the top ten of baccalaureate institutions. These and other members were listed among the 'Best Bangs for the Buck' in their respective geographic regions. They include: Valparaiso University, Manhattan College, Ohio Northern, Hamline University, Drury University, The University of Scranton, Nazareth College, University of La Verne, Pacific Lutheran, U of Evansville, John Carroll University, Samford University, St. Edward's University, California Lutheran University, and [Wagner College](#).

Princeton Review 2017 'Best 381 Colleges'

The following institutions were ranked among Princeton Review's best 381 in the nation: [Manhattan College](#), [Nazareth College](#), Ohio Northern University, The University of Scranton, [University of New Haven](#), [Wagner College](#), and [Westminster College](#).

Princeton Review 2017 'Regional Best' Colleges

Princeton Review also ranked colleges according to their regions. The list includes institutions from the 'Best 381' as well as others.

Midwest: [Hamline University](#), Drury University

Northeast: Manhattan College, Nazareth College, [The University of Scranton](#), University of New Haven, Wagner College

Southeast: Belmont University

West: Westminster College, Pacific Lutheran University

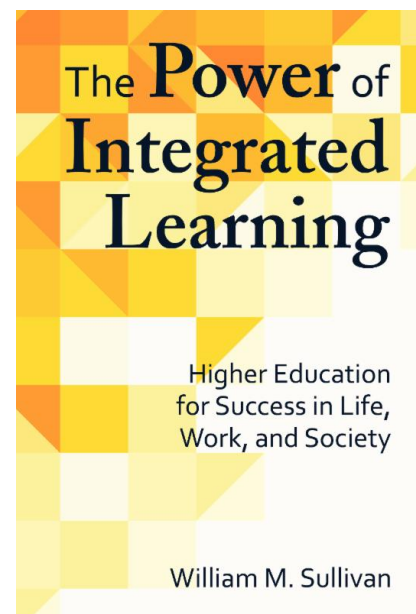
Forbes

Forbes.com ranked its top 600 colleges. The list included: Belmont University, California Lutheran University, [Hamline University](#), John Carroll University, Manhattan College, North Central College, Ohio Northern University, Pacific Lutheran University, Roger Williams University, Russell Sage College, St. Edward's University, Samford University, The University of Scranton, University of Evansville, University of La Verne, [Valparaiso University](#), and Wagner College. [See the rankings](#).

Recommended Reading: The Power of Integrated Learning

In "**The Power of Integrated Learning**," published by Stylus Publishing on July 1, 2016, author **William Sullivan** draws on examples from **NAC&U members** to make the case for an approach that combines the strengths of the liberal arts, professional studies, and civic responsibility in order to give students the combination of skills and experience that will prepare them for success in all aspects of life after graduation.

"**The Power of Integrated Learning: Higher Education for Success in Life, Work, and Society**" is available in paperback for \$25 and as an e-book format for \$19.99. It is available for order on the Stylus Publishing website [at this link](#). It is also available on Amazon.com.



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
Valparaiso University Wagner College
Westminster College Widener University

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