



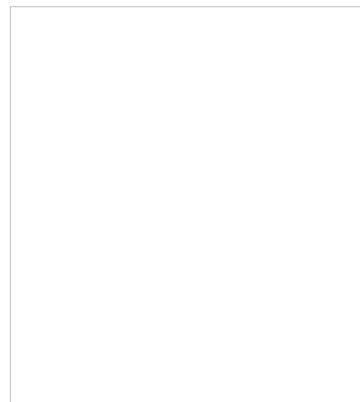
News and Notes

April 2015

Nazareth's CGI U Membership Paves Way for Students' Social Justice Projects

As a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) University Network Member, **Nazareth College** commits \$10,000 in annual seed money to fund student projects and defray the cost of travel to the annual CGI U conference.

Adam Lewandowski, associate director for Nazareth's Center for Civic Engagement, said that its CGI U commitment gives Nazareth a clear path to launching student-run social enterprises. This year eight Nazareth students went to the CGI U conference in Miami to get started with projects that include a mental health smartphone app, a traveling library, and a documentary on body image, among others. [Read more.](#)



Danielle Mensing, Nazareth student and CGI U participant

NAC&U Celebrates 20th Anniversary

In his landmark essay in 1990, "The Ugly Duckling of Higher Education," **University of Redlands Provost Frank Wong** explored the identity and distinctive characteristics of comprehensive colleges and universities. His provocative thinking caused a group of chief academic officers from private colleges and universities to create a study group to explore the distinctive characteristics of their institutions. In 1994 **Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching**, called for a "**New American College**" that would renew the tradition of higher education service to society that he associated with the colonial liberal arts college and the land grant university system founded during the Civil War. In 1995 the Associated New American Colleges (now NAC&U) formed. Founding members included **Hamline University, North Central College, University of Redlands** and **Valparaiso University**. We hope you can join us in June to celebrate 20 years of



NAC&U at our annual Summer Institute.

[To read Frank Wong's speech that led to NAC&U's establishment, please go here.](#)



The poster for the NAC&U Summer Institute 2015 features a central collage of images showing students in various settings: a lab, a field, a classroom, and a graduation. Above the collage is the NAC&U logo, which includes a stylized sun and the text "CELEBRATING 20 YEARS" and "New American Colleges and Universities". Below the collage is the title "CONVERGENCE: DEVELOPING THE HOLISTIC UNIVERSITY" and the event details "JUNE 17-19, 2015 • HAMLINE UNIVERSITY SAINT PAUL • MINNESOTA". The Hamline University logo is also present on the right side of the collage.

NAC&U Summer Institute 2015

"Convergence: Developing the Holistic University"

June 17 - 19

Hamline University

The 2015 NAC&U Summer Institute at Hamline University will focus on the many ways the traditional boundaries of higher education have become blurred. Faculty work has significantly changed and the distinction between teaching, research, and scholarship no longer exists. The work of faculty and student affairs officers also has merged in some areas. The Summer Institute will explore possibilities to enhance the educational experience through a holistic approach for educating undergraduate students.

Plenary speakers include:

- **Ira Harkavy**, associate vice president and director of the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania
- **Scott Jaschik**, editor of Inside Higher Ed
- **Satyan Devadoss**, professor of mathematics at Williams College and North Central College alumnus
- **Rebecca Frost Davis**, director for instructional and emerging technology at St. Edward's University.

[Learn more about our speakers.](#)

[For the complete schedule, including pre-conference activities, please go here.](#)

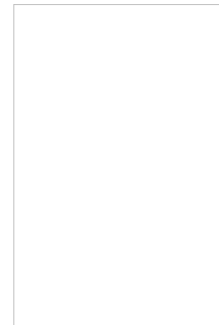
Optional baseball-themed excursions on Wednesday night include your choice of a Minnesota Twins v. St. Louis Cardinals game at Target Field in downtown Minneapolis or a production of "Damn Yankees" at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts Center in downtown St. Paul.

[For details about travel and accommodations, please go here.](#)

[To register for the Summer Institute, please go here.](#)

Hamline University Names Dr. Fayneese Miller as 20th President

Dr. Fayneese Miller, dean of the College of Education and Social Services and professor of leadership and developmental sciences at the University of Vermont, has been named the **20th president of Hamline University**. She will be the first African American president in the history of Hamline University and the university's second female president. Dr. Miller will assume office on July 1, 2015. [Read more.](#)



Dr. Fayneese Miller

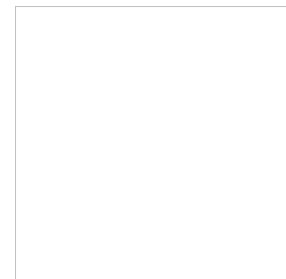
Westminster Announces Dr. Lisa Gentile as New Provost

Westminster College has selected **Dr. Lisa Gentile** as the new provost for the college. Dr. Gentile, Westminster's former dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, will begin her position on March 30.

[Read more.](#)

NSF Awards Grants to Manhattan, Westminster to Support STEM Students

Manhattan College was recently awarded nearly \$600,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund engineering scholarships for college freshmen. [Read more.](#)



Westminster College received a grant of \$605,000 from the National Science Foundation to implement a scholarship and support program for students pursuing majors in Computer Science, Physics or Mathematics (CSPM). [Read more.](#)

Fulbright News

Wagner Professor Mohammad Alauddin Wins Fulbright Grant in Bangladesh

Wagner College chemistry professor **Mohammad Alauddin** has won a Fulbright Specialist grant in Chemistry Education at Independent University's Life Sciences Division in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

[Read more.](#)



Dr. Mohammad Alauddin

Redlands, Wagner Announce Fulbright Recipients

Three **University of Redlands** students have been selected as Fulbright scholars, continuing a strong showing of Fulbright scholars at Redlands that now numbers 20 scholars awarded over the past seven years. All three will conduct research. Two are headed to Mexico, and one will travel to Germany. [Read more.](#)

Alexandria Sethares '15, a business administration major at Wagner College, has been selected for a 2015-16 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to South Korea as an English Teaching Assistant.

[Read more.](#)

More Student Awards

Manhattan, Widener Students Named as Newman Civic Fellows

Campus Compact has honored 201 students from colleges and universities nationwide as 2015 Newman Civic Fellows, including **Manhattan College junior Freda Tei** and **Widener University senior Viraga Perera**. The Newman Civic Fellows award honors inspiring student leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to finding solutions to challenges faced by their communities. Read more:

- [Manhattan College Junior Freda Tei Honored as Newman Civic Fellow](#)
- [Widener Senior Viraga Perera Named Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact](#)

Two Ohio Northern University Students Selected as Goldwater Scholars

Ohio Northern University student Steven Blake, a fourth-year pharmacy major, has been selected to receive a Goldwater Scholarship, the premier undergraduate award in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. **Michael Potter**, a senior earning a dual degree in mechanical engineering and applied physics with minors in exercise physiology and astronomy, has received honorable mention accolades. [Read more.](#)

Opportunity for Summer Field Study in Peru

Please pass along this opportunity to students who would be interested learning osteological methods and analyzing skeletal remains in Peru this July.



The MOCHE-Wagner College Bioarchaeology

Field School provides beginning students with the opportunity to learn the basics of human osteological methods and provides advanced training for students with previous experience. In addition, students will receive instruction on the prehistory of the north coast of Peru. The program begins with workshops on osteological methods and the prehistory of Peru, after which, students are prepared to work five days a week in the lab, inventorying human remains, estimating age-at-death and sex, as well as collecting health data. We spend a few hours on Saturdays touring local archaeological sites including Huaca del Sol and Chan Chan, and Sundays are free days in Huanchaco, a colonial fishing village and world class surfing destination. **Program dates are July 2 - July 26, 2015.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

USNews Ranks NAC&U Members' Graduate Programs among Best in Nation

U.S. News & World Report ranked several of **The University of Scranton's** master's degree programs, including education and nursing, among America's "Best Graduate Schools" in its 2016 guidebook.

[Read more.](#)

For the first time, master's programs in **Samford University's** Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing were ranked among the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. [Read more.](#)

The nursing program at **Pacific Lutheran University** was also ranked in close proximity to those at The University of Scranton and Samford University. [Read more.](#)

Campus News

[Widener University Establishes Two Independent Law Schools](#)

[Samford University President Elected President of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities](#)

[University of La Verne Signs Collaboration Agreement with Mexican Consulate](#)

[Nazareth College Welcomes Dianne Oliver as College of Arts and Sciences Dean](#)

[Belmont Unveils Official Mobile App](#)

[St. Edward's University is Making the Most of SXSW 2015](#)

Faculty News

[University of Evansville Professor Jennie Ebeling Receives Prestigious Award](#)

[Valpo Professor Named President of American Society of Church History](#)

Student News

[Arcadia English Majors Present at Regional Conference](#)

[Pacific Lutheran Senior to Present Economics Capstone at National Conference](#)

[Hampton Biology Students Travel to Brazil to Conduct Research in Atlantic Rainforest](#)

[Scranton Student Among Just 123 in Nation Named as University Innovation Fellow](#)

[John Carroll Students Take First Place in CFA Research Challenge](#)

[North Central Students in The Physics of Music Learn to Apply Science Principles to their Music](#)

[Drury Student Earns Prestigious National Advertising Internship](#)

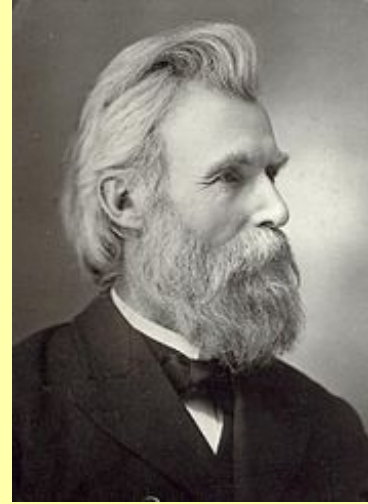
[Sage Interior Design Students Participate in CANstruction Design Competition](#)

[Stetson Student Newspaper Wins 3rd Place Best in Show Award at Annual ACP Convention](#)

NAC&U Campus Trivia: Before there were Alumni Giving Days...

In 1898, attempting to eliminate the debt plaguing the university, **Pacific Lutheran University's first president, Bjug Harstad**, and Otis Larson left for Alaska to search for gold. They spent one and a half years living in tents in subzero weather, dragging 3,000 pounds of gear by sleigh and traveling in a handmade boat through lakes and streams looking for gold to help secure PLU's future. However, no gold was found.

The only legacy of the Alaska trip is a rack of moose horns given to President Harstad by a Dr. Lee of La Crosse, Wis., who shot the moose near the Klondike River. The moose horns have a spread of over 5 feet with 14 points. After many years in the university archives, the horns now hang above the fireplace in the Nesvig Alumni Center.



PLU's first president,
Bjurg Harstad

Looking for More?

Looking for faculty and student opportunities? Check out our **Academic Collaborative page** where you'll find links to everything from **Study Abroad** and **Student Exchange** to the **Online Course Inventory**.

Looking for the NAC&U liaison on your campus? Visit our **Campus Ambassador page**.

Looking to move onward and upward? Search **Career Opportunities at NAC&U Member Institutions**.

Looking to connect with others in NAC&U. Search our **Member Directories**.

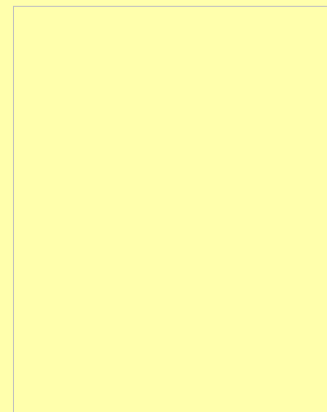
Looking for the home of all NAC&U News? Here's our **News page**.

Looking for us? We hope to see you at these **Upcoming Events**.

Looking for something else? Visit our **Home Page** or **Contact Us**.

NAC&U Student Opportunities Brochure Available for Your Campus

NAC&U has created a simple brochure that you can use to share opportunities with your students. You can [download it directly from our website](#) or we can send brochures directly to you. To request brochures be mailed to you, please [contact Nancy Hensel via email](#).



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Hamline University * Hampton University * John Carroll University *
Manhattan College * Nazareth College * North Central College *
Ohio Northern University * Pacific Lutheran University *
St. Edward's University * Samford University * Stetson University *
The Sage Colleges * The University of Scranton *
University of Evansville * University of La Verne *
University of Redlands * Valparaiso University * Wagner College *
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