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Professional Studies, and  
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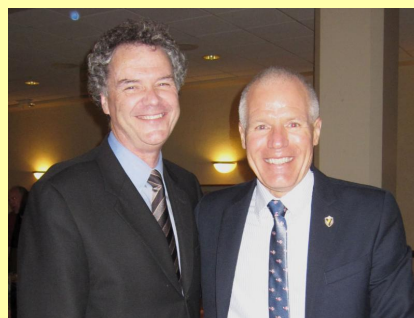
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## NAC&U Members

Arcadia University  
Belmont University  
Drury University  
Hamline University  
Hampton University  
John Carroll University  
Manhattan College  
Nazareth College  
North Central College  
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

## NAC&U Seeks New Ways to Collaborate at Summer Institute 2014

In addition to welcoming a new member, the **University of La Verne**, to the consortium, NAC&U applauded its first group of campus ambassadors at the 2014 Summer Institute held June 25 - 27 at the **University of Redlands** in Redlands, CA.



*University of Richmond President and NAC&U 2014 Boyer Award recipient Edward Ayers delivered the opening plenary at Summer Institute. He is pictured (l) with Valparaiso University President and NAC&U Board Chair Mark Heckler (r).*

The theme was "Creating Community through Collaboration" as NAC&U unrolled its new initiative aimed at promoting optimal collaboration within the consortium. NAC&U's operational assumption that "my student is your student"

is the key to its success, for it enables members to leverage their collective assets to the benefit of all students - and thus all institutions. By introducing campus ambassadors - one or two key faculty from each member campus - to the consortium, NAC&U hopes to facilitate increased collaboration between its members, for the benefit of institutions, their faculty and their students.

[Read more](#), [view plenary presentations](#) from Summer Institute, and check out the [photo album](#) on Facebook.

## University of La Verne Becomes Newest NAC&U Member

University of Redlands  
Valparaiso University  
Wagner College  
Westminster College  
Widener University

NAC&U welcomed the **University of La Verne**, La Verne, California as its newest member on July 1, 2014.

[Read more.](#)

## Call for Nominations: NAC&U Boyer Award

In 2011 NAC&U established a national award to honor the legacy of Ernest L. Boyer by recognizing an individual whose achievements in higher education exemplify Boyer's quest for connecting theory to practice and thought to action, in and out of the classroom.

If you know an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to integrating liberal arts, professional studies and civic engagement, consider nominating them for the 2015 Boyer Award.

For more about criteria or the nomination process, [please go here.](#)



**Save the Date:**  
**The 19th annual Summer Institute will  
be held at Hamline University on  
June 17-19, 2015.**

## Memorable Words from NAC&U Commencement Ceremonies

"Somehow by the grace of God I finally realized what I wanted and need most out of my college years. It can be summarized in

one word - community."

-- Clara Jane Hallar, Westminster College Class of 2014

For more memorable quotations from NAC&U members, [please go here](#).

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## Liberal Education, Soft Skills, and Success

The Huffington Post published a blog written by **University of Evansville President Thomas Kazee** in which he wrote about how liberal education teaches 'soft skills' necessary for success in career and life. [Read the blog post](#).

## Young African Leaders Study Civic Leadership at Wagner

A group of 25 young African leaders from 19 sub-Saharan countries is studying community and nonprofit organizations at **Wagner College**. The Wagner College cohort is part of President Barack Obama's Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, which has placed 500 men and women in programs at 20 colleges and universities across America this summer. [Read more](#).

## Arcadia Class Makes Headlines in Sierra Leone

by Christopher Sarachilli, Arcadia University, '14

In late spring, the Ministry of Youth Affairs in Sierra Leone hosted **Arcadia University** students in Freetown, the nation's capital, garnering notice in local newspapers such as The Exclusive and The Awareness Times, as well as on the country's national television station. Students traveled to the West African country from May 25 to June 5 as part of Beyond Conflict in Sierra Leone, a Global Field Study course taught by Associate Professor Dr. Jennifer Riggan and Fodeba Daboh '11M, a graduate of Arcadia's International Peace and Conflict Resolution program. [Read more](#).

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## Campus News

[Hampton University Named 2014 HBCU of the Year](#)

[Hampton University Administrators Travel to China with U.S. Secretary of State](#)

[Manhattan College Launches Campus-Wide Energy Conservation Project](#)

[Westminster Awarded Grant to Diversify STEM Education](#)

[Samford Nursing Receives \\$1.3 Million Grant to Prepare Nursing Educators](#)

[Pacific Lutheran to Offer MS in Marketing Research Degree](#)

## Hirings & Appointments

[Barbara Nodine to Serve as Provost, VP for Academic Affairs at Arcadia for 2014-15](#)

[Dr. Perry Moulds Appointed Vice President of Development, External Relations at Belmont](#)

[Keith Brower Joins Manhattan College as the New Dean of the School of Arts](#)

[Stetson Appoints Associate Provost](#)

[Stetson Appoints Associate Dean of Undergraduate Business Programs](#)

[Tropello Named Spiro Nursing School Dean at Wagner](#)

[Westminster College Announces Dr. Lucille Sansing as Interim Provost](#)

[Hamline Names Sr. VP for Business, Finance and Technology](#)

[Arcadia University Names Dean of Health Sciences, Chair of Physical Therapy](#)

[Samford Announces Three New Administrative Appointments](#)

### *Publications*

[Hampton Professor's Book Focuses on STEM](#)

[Widener Professor and Student Team Up to Publish Anthology of Writing from Graterford Prisoners](#)

[Widener's Sarah Roth Releases New Book Examining Gender and Race in Antebellum Popular Culture](#)

[Widener's Shana Maier Releases New Book on the Experiences and Perceptions of Rape Investigators](#)

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[University of Evansville Civil Engineering Students Win 2014 NCEES Engineering Award for Fairfield Reservoir and Dam Project](#)

### *Student Research*

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[University of Redlands Students Partaking in Summer Research Alongside Faculty](#)

### *Student Blog*

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### *Student Civic Engagement*

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[Drury Students Help Missouri Hotel Residents Unlock Expressive Potential](#)

[University of Scranton Graduates Commit to Long-Term Service](#)

[La Verne MBA Students Barter for Community Engagement](#)

### *Alumni Success Stories*

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[Two Drury Architecture Alumni Recognized as Emerging Leaders By the AIA](#)

### *K-12 Outreach*

[Drury Scholars Prepares African-American Students for College](#)

## **NAC&U Campus Trivia: Which northern campus was the first in its state?**

Established in 1854, **Hamline University** is Minnesota's first university, and among the first coeducational universities in the nation.



*This statue depicts Bishop Leonidas Lent Hamline, the university's founding benefactor. A bishop of the Methodist Church, Hamline's interest in the frontier led him to give \$25,000 toward the building of an institution of higher learning in what was then the Territory of Minnesota. Hamline died without having the chance to visit his namesake university.*

## NAC&U Student Programs: Study Away, Online Courses

NAC&U students have many opportunities to expand their horizons, whether abroad, at another campus, or online.

For a list of **Study Abroad** programs, please go [here](#).

For NAC&U **Student Exchange** programs, please go [here](#).

For our **Online Course Inventory**, please go [here](#).



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