



Integrating Liberal Arts,  
Professional Studies, and  
Civic Responsibility

# News & Notes

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September 2014

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## NAC&U Reflects on the Passing of Bobby Fong

NAC&U members were saddened to learn of the passing of Bobby Fong who was a vibrant contributor to our organization when he was president of Butler University.

Former NAC&U Board Chair and current Wagner College President Richard Guarasci knew Fong well. He reflected:

"Bobby was a man best characterized by intellectual elegance, professional grace and personal warmth. You always felt welcomed in Bobby's presence. He believed deeply in the liberating power of a broad and deep education that was global in scope and personal in impact. Bobby was a dear friend and advocate for NAC&U and all of its institutions. We need to build on his legacy."

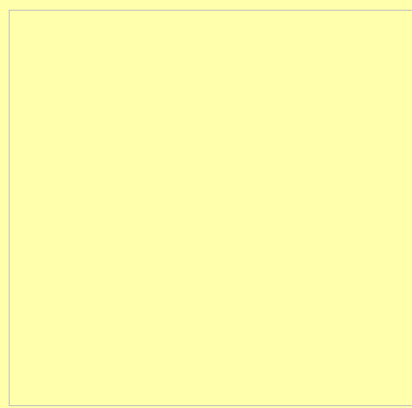


Fong had served as president of Ursinus College since July 1, 2011. He passed away at his home in Collegeville, PA on Monday, September 8.

Ursinus College has a page dedicated to remembrances and condolences. To visit, [please go here](#).

## Widener's Civic Engagement Portal Facilitates Students' Connection to the Community

When **Liz Housholder**, assistant dean for civic engagement, began working at **Widener University** in November 2011, she became overwhelmed with the opportunities available to students in the Chester, PA area where Widener is located. Housholder fielded inquiries via voicemail, email, live over the phone, and in person, and then manually entered them into an internal website. The site allowed students to access the list of opportunities without the ability to sort or search them; students hardly used the site.



Housholder was inspired by Cities with Service, a website which allows cities to link residents to volunteer opportunities. She contacted the website's host, interactive design studio Cloudred, to see if something similar existed for universities, as she had found that building a site from scratch was well beyond her budget. Cloudred CEO Alan Yee quickly replied to say that the product did not exist, but he believed that higher education could be a potential market for his company.

[Read more.](#)

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## College Rankings Round-up

**It's that time of year.**

New American Colleges and Universities were mentioned in several rankings and listings this month, including U.S. News & World Report, Washington Monthly, Money Magazine, Chronicle's Best Places to Work For, Princeton Review's Best 379, and others.



[Read our college rankings round-up.](#)

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## Nominations for NAC&U Boyer Award Due September 16

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.](#)

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## Manhattan College Receives Grant to Study Higgs Boson

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded **Manhattan College** a grant in the amount of \$226,446 to conduct research during the next three years on Higgs boson, the subatomic particle that accounts for the creation of mass, essentially allowing human life to exist. **Rostislav Konoplich, Ph.D.**, professor of physics and a member of ATLAS, one of the two international teams that collaborated to pinpoint the Higgs boson in 2012, will spearhead the research with undergraduate students at the College. [Read more.](#)

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## Hampton University Awarded \$1.5 Million to Prepare Students for Biomedical Research Careers

The **Hampton University** Department of Biological Sciences has been awarded a five year \$1.5 million dollar grant from the **National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)** to fund the Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) program at Hampton University. This program addresses the need to reduce the disparity in the number of individuals from underrepresented backgrounds in biomedical research careers and therefore addresses the needs for the U.S. to remain optimally competitive and productive in the 21st century. [Read more.](#)

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## *Hirings & Appointments*

[St. Edward's University Welcomes New Deans, VP for Financial Affairs](#)

[John Carroll Appoints University's first Assistant Provost for Diversity and Chief Diversity Officer](#)

[John Carroll Appoints Vice President for University Mission and Identity](#)

[Hampton Appoints New Deans and a Director](#)

## *Enrollment News*

[Belmont Reaches New High of 7,301 Students for Fall 2014 Enrollment](#)

[Total Enrollment Increases for Three Consecutive Years at Valparaiso University](#)

[Scranton Welcomes its Largest Freshmen Class to Date](#)

[University of Redlands Welcomes Most Diverse Class in its](#)

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[Westminster Welcomes Freshmen Class with Highest GPA in Recent History](#)

### *Achievements & Awards*

[Nazareth College Student Awarded Gilman International Scholarship](#)

[Samford's Stanley Named National Student Teacher of the Year](#)

[Samford Exceeds Campaign Goal More than Four Months Early](#)

[Stetson CFO Wins National Business Award](#)

[La Verne College of Law Dean Gilbert Holmes to be Awarded by State Bar of California](#)

[Hampton Professor Receives National Science Education Award](#)

[Hampton Professor Receives International Young Scientist Award](#)

### *A Unique Start to the Year...*

[Drury Students Settle in with Dinner at Faculty Homes](#)

### *Publications*

[Kenneth Pobo Releases Chapbook with Widener Colleague James Esch as Publisher](#)

[Wagner Professor's Groundbreaking Book Explores Music of C.P.E. Bach](#)

[Arcadia Professor and Recent Alum Co-author Paper in 'Evolutionary Psychology'](#)

### *Undergraduate Research*

[North Central's Summer Undergraduate Research Colloquium Allows Students to Develop Research Skills](#)

[New Program Allows Drury Undergrads to Conduct Research While Getting Paid](#)

[Summer Research at PLU Opens Doors for Students](#)

[Scranton Student Completes Highly Competitive Summer Research Experience; Additional Scranton Students Complete Summer Research](#)

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## **NAC&U Campus Trivia: Is Space the Next Frontier for PLU Study Abroad?**

Did you know that **Pacific Lutheran University** is the first American university to have study abroad programs **on all seven continents** at the same time?



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### **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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