



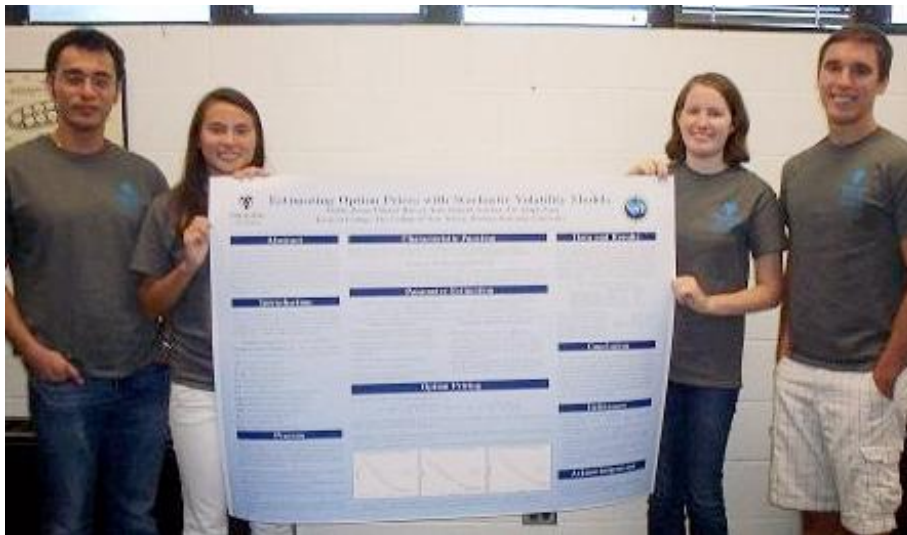
The New
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Integrating Liberal Arts,
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Civic Responsibility

News and Notes

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Valparaiso's Math REU Helps Students Make Informed Choices about Their Futures



Lara Pudwell, associate professor of mathematics and statistics at Valparaiso University, recalled Mike, a rising sophomore when he applied to The Valparaiso Experience in Research by Undergraduate Mathematicians (VERUM), the university's NSF-funded math REU. Mike's application was filled with uncertainty about his professional future as a math major. Although many students apply to REU programs confident that they want to go on to graduate school, Pudwell said that "blank slate" applications such as Mike's are not necessarily a bad thing.

[Read more.](#)

NAC&U Team Attends LEAP Summit

Administrators and faculty from **Belmont University, Nazareth College and the University of La Verne** gathered at the recent **AAC&U LEAP States Summit** in Milwaukee, WI, to talk about liberal arts, high-impact practices, inclusivity, and theory to practice in the context of working together as a consortium. The NAC&U team -- **Thomas Burns and Beverly Schneller (Belmont University) Keith Koster (Nazareth College), and Kat Weaver (University of La Verne)** -- made recommendations for several potential initiatives which the CAO constituency

group will review.

Upcoming Events:

The **Digital Scholarship Workshop** planning committee -- **Rebecca Frost Davis of St. Edward's University, David Salomon of The Sage Colleges, and Mary Isbell of the University of New Haven** -- look forward to welcoming nearly 40 faculty, librarians and technologists to **St. Edward's University in Austin, TX, on October 19-21**.

Nazareth College, St. Edward's University, and the University of La Verne will represent NAC&U and their respective institutions at the **Southern Regional Education Board Institute on Teaching and Mentoring** in late October in Tampa, FL. They join **Belmont University** which has attended this conference independently for the past several years.

The **NAC&U Enrollment Management Officers' constituency group** will gather for a meeting on **Thursday, November 17, at Hamline University**. To RSVP, [please go here](#).

Signature Experiences Can Enhance Study Away

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 through hands-on learning in a cross-cultural setting. Current offerings include:

- Birmingham Civil Rights Semester (Samford University, Birmingham, AL)
- Dinosaur Semester (Westminster College, Salt Lake City, UT)
- Entertainment and Music Business Semester (Belmont University, Nashville, TN)
- Geography Semester (Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN)
- Meteorology Semester (Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN)
- Publishing Semester (Belmont University, Nashville, TN)

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

NAC&U to Award Prizes for Student Excellence

NAC&U has announced its inaugural Prize for Student Excellence in which it will recognize up to three undergraduate seniors at its member campuses for their knowledge and experience in liberal arts, professional studies and/or civic engagement.

Each member campus is invited to submit one compelling artifact that represents an undergraduate student's work as it pertains to:

- Their knowledge and experience in the liberal arts, or
- Their knowledge and experience in professional programs or experiential learning (study abroad, fieldwork, or other related experiences), or
- Their knowledge and experiences in civic engagement.

For more details and submission instructions, [please go here](#).

Nazareth College's President Braveman Receives National Award for Excellence in Experiential Education



Nazareth College President Daan Braveman is the recipient of the 2016 William M. Burke Presidential Award for Excellence in Experiential Education.

Presented by the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), it recognizes a sitting college president who has made significant contributions to experiential education and exemplifies Burke's commitment to college students through support of experiential education on campus and the community. The award is funded by The Washington Center for Academic Internships and Seminars (TWC) in memory of TWC's founder, William Burke. [Read more.](#)

Member News

Top News

[Hamline's Yang Wins MacArthur Fellowship](#)

[Pacific Lutheran's New Provost Plans to Improve Faculty Diversity, Visibility and Accessibility of Campus Research](#)

[Wagner Now Offering Civic Engagement Minor](#)

Op-Ed Articles

["Preparing Students for Workplace Success,"](#) an opinion article written by Ohio Northern President Dan DiBiasio

Teaching & Learning

[Manhattan College Physics Professor and Student Contribute to Advanced Particle Research in Geneva](#)

[Roger Williams University Receives Grant to Expand and Enhance Innovative Work in Experiential Education](#)

[Forty New Students Join Drury's Revamped Honors Program](#)

Civic Engagement

[Common Theme Spurs St. Edward's Students to Take Action for Food Justice](#)

Research & Grants

[California Lutheran Receives \\$4.63M STEM Grant](#)

[Hamline Initiative for Inclusivity and Equity in Minnesota Communities Receives Grant](#)

[Grant Will Connect University of New Haven Community with Local Nonprofits through New](#)

[Nonprofit Institute and Shared Live Client Experience \(SLiCE\) Program](#)

[NIH Funds Training of Minority Pharmacy Students at Hampton University](#)

[North Central's Teach First Program Aims to Recruit and Retain First-Generation Students Aspiring to Teach](#)

Programs & Endowments

[Valparaiso University Receives Commitment For An Endowed Chair in Law](#)

Appointments

[Westminster appoints First-Ever Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#)

[Hampton University Welcomes Alumnus Paul C. Harris as Senior Vice President](#)

Awards & Honors

[Nazareth College's Durant-Jones Wins National Cultural Pluralism Award](#)

[Three Hampton University Students Have Been Named as 2016 White House HBCU All Stars](#)

[Widener University Receives National Award for Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion](#)

Rankings & Recognition

[USNews Recognizes NAC&U Members for Undergraduate Teaching and High-Impact Practices](#)

[John Carroll University Named Among Great Workplaces in Northeast Ohio](#)

[University of Scranton Named Among Nation's Top 26 Healthiest Colleges](#)

[Belmont Named as a Sierra Club 'Cool School'](#)

Campus News

[With New Downtown Providence Campus, Roger Williams Aims to Improve Access for Historically Marginalized Residents](#)

[University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman Participates in International Higher Ed Summit](#)

[University of Evansville Meets Teacher Shortage with Reduced Tuition](#)

[Nazareth Transforms Student Experience with The Center for Life's Work, Integrating Career Development into Student's College Experience from Day One](#)

[Samford Announces Eighth Consecutive Enrollment Record](#)

[University of Evansville Sees Increases in Enrollment and Retention for 2016-17 Academic Year](#)

[Sage Celebrates 100th Birthday by Raising More Than \\$100K in a Day](#)

Student News

[University of New Haven First-Year Student Campaigns for Equality in Literature](#)

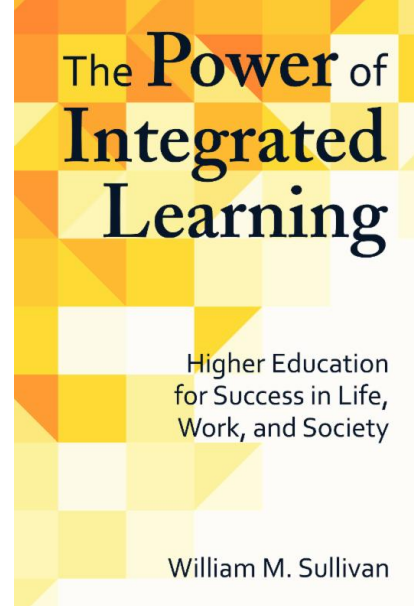
[Arcadia Student Receives National Genetic Counseling Research Award](#)

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](#).



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.

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