

OHIO NORTHERN JOINS NAC&U



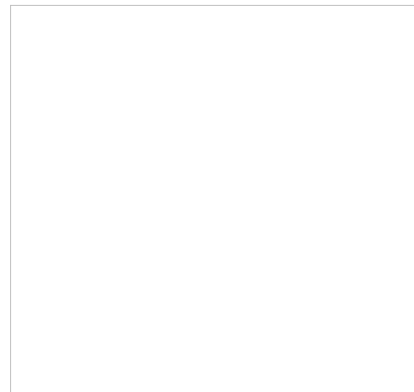
Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, recently joined The New American Colleges and Universities (NAC&U), bringing the total number of members to 23. [Read more](#) about Ohio Northern and what impact NAC&U president Nancy Hensel hopes it will have.

STEM Grants, Awards, Outreach throughout NAC&U

The **Hampton University First in the World** Partnership (HU-FITWP) was awarded a **\$3.5 million grant** from the U.S. Department of Education to increase the access to and affordability of a university education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines (STEM) for underrepresented, and or low-income students. [Read more.](#)

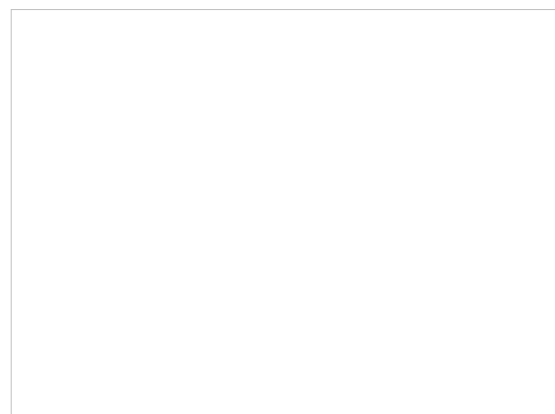


Westminster College computer science professor **Dr. Helen Hu** received the Education Excellence Award at the 2014 Women in Tech Awards. Dr. Hu was awarded a **three-year \$800,000 National Science Foundation grant** to improve computer science education in Utah high schools. Through the NSF grant, Hu introduced a new high school course "Exploring Computer Science" to over 50 Utah schools. The program already has **better gender equity** than any other Utah high school computer science course. [Read more.](#)



The **University of Evansville** was only **one of only six colleges** to receive a 2014 National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Education. For their entry, UE's civil engineering senior design team worked with faculty, residents of Fairfield, Illinois, and licensed professional engineers on the Fairfield Reservoir and Dam project in Fairfield. [Read more.](#)

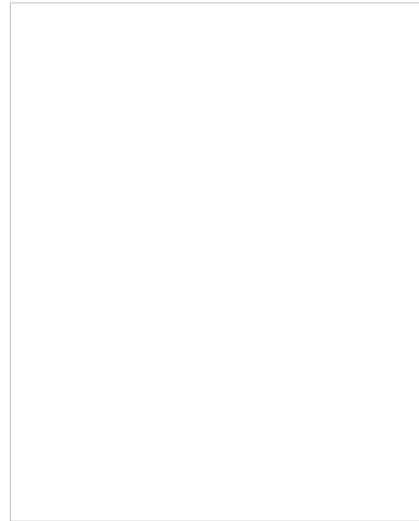
Three **Manhattan College** students and their professional mentor traveled to the village of Mbirbua in Cameroon on the first of five trips to build a bridge for the community. [Read more.](#)



Manhattan College students & mentor with Cameroon residents

Sage President Susan C. Scrimshaw Helps to Author Report on the Future of Global Health

The Sage Colleges President Susan C. Scrimshaw co-authored the report "Investing in Global Health Systems: Sustaining Gains, Transforming Lives" which was published by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. The report examines the value of American investment in health systems in low- and middle-income countries. [Read more.](#)



NAC&U Campus Trivia: Orange Bowl, Peach Bowl...Why Not a Popcorn Bowl?

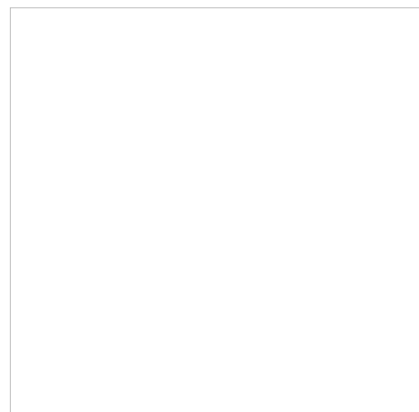
In 1979, as part of the inaugural Valparaiso Popcorn Festival, **Valparaiso University** hosted Wittenberg University in the first Popcorn Bowl football game. At halftime Orville Redenbacher presented a commemorative trophy to Valpo's President Robert V. Schnabel, Ph.D.



Congratulations!

Samford University reported a sixth consecutive year of record fall enrollment. [Read more.](#)

Fourteen NAC&U members were named as 2015 Military Friendly Schools. They are **Arcadia University, Belmont University, Drury University, Hamline University, John Carroll University, Nazareth College, North Central College, Ohio Northern University, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Evansville, University of La Verne,**



Valparaiso University, Westminster College, and Widener University.

University of La Verne Chief Financial Officer Avedis "Avo" Kechichian was named "CFO of the Year" by the Los Angeles Business Journal. [Read more.](#)

Belmont University's Mike Curb College of Entertainment & Music Business continues to be recognized as one of the world's top colleges and universities to learn about the music industry according to a recent survey on music business education conducted by **Billboard Magazine**. Also, **In Tune Magazine**, a publication for students in grades 7-12, listed Belmont University on its list of Best Music Schools for 2015. Meanwhile, **Belmont's Black Student Association members Keayana Robinson, Cameron Bryant and Kristoff Hart** were featured in **The Huffington Post** for their song and video "I Dig the Skin I'm In," an empowering testament to their refusal to be anything less than comfortable in their own skin despite the things that have been said to them. [Read more about the students.](#)

Partnerships, Grants Promote Real-World Learning

As entry into professional health and medical schools becomes more competitive, a new partnership between **Drury University** and Jordan Valley Community Health Center (JVCHC) gives undergraduates the chance to experience and work in a real-world medical setting well before they take that next step in their academic careers. [Read more.](#)

The Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology (IGCP) at Widener University was awarded a grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to begin a Center for Integrative Medicine Internship Program, which will offer students internship opportunities in health psychology for the 2014-15 academic year. [Read more.](#)

Being Green, Seeing Green in NY

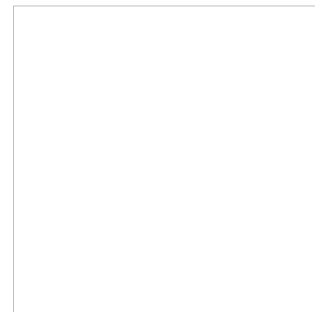
Nazareth College is taking energy savings to a new level by becoming one of the first colleges nationwide to complete an overhaul of its campus lighting. The 150 acre, tree-lined campus, will soon be lit by more than 600 energy-efficient LED lights,

reducing the College's electricity needs by more than 70% and cutting the equivalent carbon emissions by more than 350 tons a year. It is one of the largest projects of its size in the nation. [Read more.](#)

According to PayScale's annual rankings of alumni salaries and return on investment for American colleges and universities, **Wagner College** graduates ranked **#14** in New York State for salary potential of bachelor's degree graduates (out of 183 four-year colleges and universities in NYS). [Read more.](#)

Student Perspective: "The Beauty of Math"

Studying mathematics at **Arcadia University** is allowing **Jessica Mallepelle '16** to truly understand how diverse and inspiring math can be. [Read more.](#)



In other student news...

A group of **St. Edward's University** students in The Bill Munday School of Business succeeded in helping Conley Sports Productions, the production company for the Austin Marathon, to develop an economic impact study for the Austin Marathon. The students also developed a tool for Conley Sports to use going forward to measure the impact of each marathon it organizes. [Read more.](#)

Hamline University graduate **Hannah Lindahl '14** recently became one of only 12 paid interns at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. [Read more.](#)

University of Redlands' students reflected on their summer research in the sciences. [Read more.](#)

New Degrees, Programs, Departments

The University of Scranton will offer a Doctorate of Nursing

Practice. [Read more](#). Also, **Valparaiso University** recently began an accelerated physician assistant program.

John Carroll University launched the Mike Cleary Program in Sports Studies. [Read more](#).

North Central College launched a new Media Studies Department. [Read more](#).

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