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News and Notes

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SUMMER INSTITUTE

Dialogue and Understanding:
Conversations Across Difference



June 21-23

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

Pre-Conference Meetings: June 20-21

This year's Summer Institute will help participants become more comfortable engaging in difficult conversations. Participants will hear from national experts and learn about successful programs and initiatives happening at peer institutions in NAC&U. There will be sessions dedicated to small group discussions on a variety of topics and time for campus teams to discuss which conversations need to happen on their own campuses and the next steps for moving forward.

For complete information and to register, please visit [our event page](#).

CFOs and EMOs Meet at Ohio Northern University

NAC&U's chief financial officers' and enrollment management officers' constituency groups met at Ohio Northern University in Ada, OH, from March 12 - 14. The event included presentations from Matt Hamill of NACUBO and Bill Hall and Brad Griesbach of Applied Policy Research. For more on the combined meeting, [click here](#).



Humanities and Science Databases Aim to Connect Faculty Across Campuses

NAC&U has two online databases to help faculty connect with others throughout the consortium.

Science Database

The science database connects those who wish to collaborate on research, writing proposals, and connecting students through undergraduate research.

To add your information to the database, please [click here](#).

To view the database, please [click here](#).

Humanities Database

The humanities database is intended to connect faculty who want to collaborate on projects, connect their classes (including through online co-teaching), and share syllabi and resources.

To add your information to the database, please [click here](#).

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Reverend Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., To Serve Again As President Of The University Of Scranton

The University of Scranton's 24th president, Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., 'H15 will return to Scranton beginning in July to serve as the Jesuit University's president again. Father Pilarz is president of Georgetown Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., the nation's oldest Jesuit educational institution. His accomplishments at

Georgetown Prep include leading the community in a celebration of the 225th anniversary of its founding, guiding the development of a comprehensive strategic plan and working to secure the largest gift in the school's history. [Read more.](#)



Nazareth Hires New Vice President of Academic Affairs

Nazareth College has named Andrea Talentino as its vice president of Academic Affairs.

Talentino previously served as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Norwich University in Vermont. She has worked at a number of colleges including Drew University, Tulane University, Princeton University, and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Talentino earned her bachelor's degree in political science at Yale University, before completing a master's and doctorate in Political Science from UCLA.

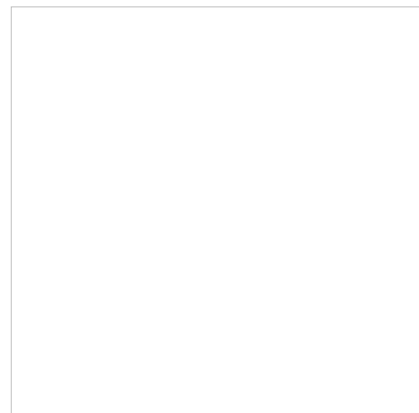
She began her role at Nazareth in March of 2017.

[Read more.](#)



University of Evansville Selects Donna Teague as New Vice President for Fiscal Affairs

Donna Teague has been named the new vice president for fiscal affairs and administration at the University of Evansville. She has been serving in that position in the interim since January 2017. Teague came to UE in 2004 in the position of controller and was later promoted to assistant vice president for fiscal affairs. She was named the University's Administrator of the Year in 2014. [Read more.](#)



Blogs & Contributed Articles

A series of posts on "Rebuilding the American Economy" from "Higher Ed in Crisis," a blog by Donald Farish, President, **Roger Williams University**:

[Part 1: Optimists vs. pessimists](#)

[Part 2: The leaky pipeline](#)

[Part 3: Focusing on success](#)

Teaching and Learning

[Assessment Drives Transformation Across Departments at **The University of Scranton**](#)

Civic Engagement

[Community-based Learning Helps Grow Culture of Service at **Manhattan College**](#)

[Belmont University Community Partnership Benefits Students, Local Ballet Students](#)

[Hampton University is Peace Corps' No. 4 Top Volunteer-Producing HBCU](#)

Research & Grants

[Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education \(CGEE\) Awarded \\$457,000 from Minnesota Department of Education's Math and Science Partnership Program](#)

[Hampton University Professor Named Lead for NASA Mission Design Study](#)

Programs

[North Central College to Offer Unique Nonprofit Degree Online](#)

Appointments

[JD Yoder Named Dean of College of Engineering at **Ohio Northern University**](#)

Rankings & Recognition

[John Carroll University Accountancy Program is #1 in Ohio and #23 Nationally](#)

[Widener University Law Commonwealth Listed as a Top Law School by U.S. News & World Report](#)

Campus News

[Pacific Lutheran University Holds First Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)

[California Lutheran University President Attends First Higher Education Summit of the United States and Mexico](#)

[University of La Verne, Liaocheng University in China Agree to Educational and Cultural Exchange](#)

[Cultivating a Diverse Community: A Conversation with **University of New Haven** VP of Enrollment Walter Caffey](#)

[St. Edward's University Announces \\$100 Million Campaign Goal Exceeded and Creation of George E. Martin Presidential Scholarship Endowment](#)

[Valparaiso University Alumni Commit \\$1 Million to University Writing Center and College of Engineering](#)

Westminster College has joined the Institute of International Education's (IIE) Generation Study **Abroad initiative** to help more Americans gain international experience through study abroad programs which was launched in February 2016. To date, 11 NAC&U members have signed onto

the initiative. [Read more.](#)

Faculty News

[Wagner College Art Historian Awarded NEH Stipend for Book on Art Exhibitions in Nazi Vienna](#)

[University of Evansville Professor Mohammad Azarian Receives Mathematical Association of America-Indiana Award](#)

[University of New Haven Health Sciences Chair Finalist for Innovation Award](#)

Student & Alumni News

[University of Evansville's Project Ace Team of Engineering Students Successfully Complete Rocket Test Flights](#)

[Drury University's Debate Team Earns Three National Titles in First Year of Competition in IPDA](#)

[Samford University Students Participate in Unique Opportunity with Talladega Superspeedway](#)

[Pacific Lutheran University Alumnus Serves as a Top Paleontologist for Department of the Interior](#)

North Central College Cuts Ribbon on Interdisciplinary Science Center

With sustainable, cutting-edge technology and space that transforms the way students and faculty collaborate, the approximate 125,000-square-foot Science Center is the embodiment of the College's commitment to maintain its leadership in undergraduate science and research in a manner true to its liberal arts foundation.



From left: Kelsey LaMartina '18, Ill. Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti, U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, President Troy Hammond, Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico, Professor of Chemistry Jeff Bjorklund

For the first time in its history, the College will bring together biology, biochemistry, chemistry, computer science, neuroscience, mathematics, physics and psychology in the new facility. The building also allows for additional programming.

According to Dr. Jeffrey Bjorklund, professor of chemistry and faculty shepherd for the Science Center initiative, "What we want this building to do is to showcase the interdisciplinary nature of science. People do not always remember that science, along with humanities and the arts, is a critical part of the liberal arts tradition."

In addition, the new facility will provide "dedicated research space for students, making it easier for them to carry out projects throughout the school year," said Bjorklund, adding that the design of the facility will also provide "a system where more students can work together and talk about their projects."

[Read more.](#)

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