



The New
American
Colleges &
Universities

Integrating Liberal Arts,
Professional Studies, and
Civic Responsibility

News and Notes

May 2017

NAC&U To Present First Award for Student Excellence to Recipients from St. Edward's, Ohio Northern, and Sage



Pictured (l-r): Amy Ontai, Rebecca Carman, Samantha Tirrell

The New American Colleges and Universities are proud to announce the recipients of the inaugural NAC&U Award for Student Excellence, recognizing students for their knowledge and experience in liberal arts, professional studies or experiential learning, and/or civic engagement.

The 2017 recipients are:

Amy Ontai

St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas

Fly Sci with Miss Ontai: An interactive science web-series to engage middle school students

Rebecca Carman

Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio

Design for Good

Samantha Tirrell

Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y.

Ugwu's Biafra: Individual and national modes of sovereignty and resistance in Chimamanda Adichie's Half of a Yellow Sun

The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 21, at Valparaiso University during the NAC&U Summer Institute. [Read more.](#)

2017 New American Colleges and Universities

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](#).

Member News

Top News

[North Central College Finds a Way for Open Dialogue on Tough Issues](#) (*Featured session at NAC&U Summer Institute 2017*)

[St. Edward's University Students Co-Found Non-Profit to Help Students Navigate Immigration Process](#)

Blogs & Contributed Articles

A series of posts on "Rebuilding the American Economy" from "Higher Ed in Crisis," a blog by

Teaching, Learning & Research

[Westminster College](#) Junior Presents Concussion Research at Pro Bowl

[Valparaiso University](#) Establishes Innovation Hub

[California Lutheran University](#) Festival of Scholars Showcases Research, Creative Work and Projects That Apply Theory to Real-Life

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

[Samford University's](#) College of Health Sciences' Disaster Simulation Provides Interprofessional Experience

Programs

[Belmont University](#) Introduces New Innovative Three-Year Dual JD/MBA Degree

Appointments

[University Of Scranton](#) Board Of Trustees Appoints Herbert Keller, S.J. As Interim President To Precede President-Elect Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.

[Ame Lambert](#) Joins **Roger Williams University** as First Chief Diversity Officer

Awards & Honors

The following awards were given to students at NAC&U institutions.

Fulbright Awards: [Ricardo Caraballo, John Carroll University](#), to conduct research in Japan; [Natalie Burrows, Nazareth College](#), to teach English in Germany

Newman Civic Fellows: [Hamline University](#), [Manhattan College](#), [Nazareth College](#), [Ohio Northern University](#), [Roger Williams University](#), [University of La Verne](#)

State Campus Compact Award: [Hamline University](#)

[University of La Verne](#) Recent Grad Receives National Kinesiology Award

[University of Evansville](#) Choir Program Receives National Distinction

Rankings & Recognition

Best College Reviews Ranks **Sage College** 12th for Best Small Colleges in the Nation

[Wagner College](#) Named 1 of Only 50 Nationwide 'Colleges That Create Futures' by Princeton Review

Campus News

[Pacific Lutheran University](#) Announces Leadership Transition

[Nazareth College](#) Announces New Jewish-Muslim Prayer Space; **Nazareth** Breaks Ground on Music Performance Center

NYC Design Firm Cooper Robertson to Lead Campus Master Planning Process at **Drury University**

[Widener University](#) Partners with City of Chester to Provide Discounted Tuition for City Workers

Faculty News

[University of New Haven's](#) National Security Professor's Analysis Featured in Forbes

Student & Alumni News

[Hampton University Alumnus Becomes First African-American Nurse to Serve as U.S. Surgeon General](#)

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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