NAC&U to Hold 22nd Annual Summer Institute

Conference Theme to Address Difficult Dialogues

The New American Colleges and Universities (NAC&U) will host the 22nd Annual Summer Institute from June 21-23, 2017 at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. Administrators and faculty will gather for the three-day conference to discuss best practices, share challenges, and learn about successful programs at peer institutions. This year’s theme, “Dialogue and Understanding: Conversations Across Difference,” will help participants become more comfortable engaging in difficult conversations.

In addition to keynote addresses from Frederick Lawrence, CEO and secretary of Phi Beta Kappa and an attorney, and Libby Roderick, associate director of the Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence at the University of Alaska-Anchorage, leaders at Valparaiso will discuss their Civic Reflections program, which uses readings, images and videos to engage people in deep, productive conversation about issues that impact their communities and work in the world.

The Summer Institute will also feature panels and presentations from faculty and administrators at Belmont University, Hamline University, Nazareth College, North Central College, The Sage Colleges, and Wagner College, including sessions on “Developing a Strategic Plan for Diversity,” “Resolving Conflict in the First-Year Classroom,” and Creating Inclusive Communities by Having Hard Conversations.” NAC&U will also present the inaugural NAC&U Award for Student Excellence to Amy Ontai of St. Edward’s University, Rebecca Carman of Ohio Northern University, and Samantha Tirrell of The Sage Colleges. Full story.

Interim Presidents Announced for John Carroll University, Pacific Lutheran University, The University of Scranton

John Carroll University has appointed Jeanne Colleran, Ph.D., as interim president, effective June 1, 2017. The University’s Board of Directors recently made the announcement following the retirement of Rev. Robert L. Niefhff, S.J., who served as president of John Carroll for 12 years. Colleran most recently served as John Carroll’s provost and academic vice president, a position she had held since 2014. Read more.
Pacific Lutheran University announced Allan Belton - who currently serves as senior vice president and chief administrative officer - to the post of acting president, effective June 1. Belton will continue to lead the division of Administrative Services and he will be tasked with the duties and authorities set forth in the faculty constitution and bylaws for the president of the university. Read more.

In April, The University of Scranton appointed Rev. Herbert Keller, S.J. H'06, Rector of the Scranton Jesuit Community, to serve as interim president from June 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. He will be succeeded by Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. H'15, president-elect, who is concluding his service as president of Georgetown Preparatory School. Read more.

Widener University Announces New Provost
Widener University President Dr. Julie E. Wollman announced the appointment of Dr. Dale Scalise-Smith as the next provost of the university.

Scalise-Smith, who currently serves as dean of the College of Health Professions at Northern Kentucky University, will begin her new position in August. As provost, Scalise-Smith will be the chief academic officer across the university, which encompasses programs on the main campus in Chester, Pa., Commonwealth Law School in Harrisburg, Pa., and Delaware Law School in Wilmington, Del. She will be a central figure in implementing the university’s strategic plan, and play a key role in Widener's continued evolution as a vibrant, thriving university that delivers high-quality academic programs across a diverse range of fields and platforms.

As a dean at Northern Kentucky University, Scalise-Smith has served as the chief academic, financial and strategic operations administrator of the College of Health Professions since 2015. Full story

Member News

Teaching, Learning, & Student Research
Belmont University Learning Community Courses Link Fitness with Creative Writing

Thirty-Six Hamline University Students Present at NCUR 2017

University of La Verne Students Selected for Prestigious Summer Research Programs

University of Evansville DPT Student Janae Wagler Presents Research Post at National Conference

Civic Engagement
Roger Williams University Architecture Students’ Design for Outdoor Classroom to Be Built this Summer at Nearby Elementary School

2015-16 Community Engagement Report Finds Strong Partnerships Between Samford University and the Region

Film Shows Impact of Joplin Tornado Healing Garden Created by Drury University Students
Awards & Honors

Hampton University Professor to be Inducted into the Langley Research Center NACA and NASA Hall of Honor

Fulbright Awards (Students from John Carroll and Nazareth announced in May):
Paulina Ochoa-Figueroa, Manhattan College, will teach English.
Sydney Otey and Alexandra Dreher, Pacific Lutheran University, will teach English in Mexico and Germany, respectively.
Taylor Williams, Valparaiso University, will teach English in South Korea.
Albena Ivova Gesheva, University of Scranton, will conduct research on the effect of light intensity on echolocation behavior in tropical bats at the University of Ulm's Institute of Evolutionary Ecology and Conservation Genomics in Germany.

University Of Scranton Goldwater Scholar Is Model Scientist Of The Future

Westminster College Student Receives Newman Civic Fellows Award: Widener University Sophomore Iman Elkhashab Named Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact (Others were announced in May.)

Campus News

University of Evansville Reduces Tuition on Newly Announced Adult Degree Completion Program

William Randolph Hearst Foundation Donates $100K for New Simulation Lab at Sage College

Nearly Thirty Roger Williams University Faculty and Staff Participate in Two Days of Uninterrupted Writing

Nazareth College Hosts First President's Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Awards to Recognize Efforts Toward an Inclusive Campus Community

North Central College Successfully Acquires Shimer Great Books Program

Ohio Northern University College of Law Extends Reach Through Unique Program to Improve Instruction in International Classrooms

Duane Bailey Named Associate Vice President, Director of Athletics and Recreation at the University of New Haven

Wagner College Named 1 of Only 50 Nationwide 'Colleges That Create Futures' by Princeton Review

Arcadia University Appoints Hank Brown as Interim President
Congratulations to the California Lutheran University Kingsmen baseball team which defeated Washington and Jefferson to become the NCAA Division III national champions for the first time in the program’s history!