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News and Notes

Summer 2017

Calvin College Joins NAC&U

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Calvin College, to NAC&U!

Calvin College, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was founded in 1876 and is a top-ranked liberal arts college with nearly 3,900 students from 46 U.S. states, 55 countries and six Canadian provinces. Its mission is to equip its students to think deeply, to act justly and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. Calvin offers 100+ majors and programs, including graduate-level offerings in accounting, education, and speech pathology and audiology.



"Joining with institutions of similar size and academic scope in NAC&U allows us to enrich faculty work and better prepare our students for meaningful work and fulfilling lives," said Michael Le Roy, president of Calvin College. "With our mission of equipping students to think deeply, act justly and live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world at the fore, we are excited to engage with NAC&U members in the important conversations in higher education."

[Read more.](#)

'Difficult Dialogues' Serve as Focus for Annual Summer Institute

Administrators and faculty from NAC&U's member campuses attended the annual Summer Institute hosted by Valparaiso University from June 21 - 23, 2017, to take part in sessions and workshops on engaging in difficult dialogues.

The overall goal of this Summer Institute was to allow participants to return to their campuses feeling more adept at having difficult conversations and thinking about how their institutions could move forward with these types of discussions.



[Click here for links to the plenary sessions and photo gallery as well as more about the event.](#)

If you attended the Summer Institute, please take a couple of minutes to [provide feedback on the event in this short survey.](#)

NAC&U Board Elects New Executive Committee Officers

At its recent meeting in June at Valparaiso University, NAC&U's Board of Directors elected the following slate of executive committee officers for the 2017-18 fiscal year:

- Chair: Daan Braveman, President, Nazareth College
- Chair-Elect: Troy Hammond, President, North Central College
- Secretary: Devorah Lieberman, President, University of La Verne
- At-Large Member: Fayneese Miller, President, Hamline University

President Braveman, previously chair-elect, succeeds University of Evansville President Thomas Kazee who served as board chair from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017. President Kazee will remain on the executive committee as immediate past chair.

In addition to the executive committee appointments, NAC&U's CAO/Provost Constituency Group also welcomed a new leader. William Clyde, provost and executive vice president of academic affairs of Manhattan College, will both chair the group and serve as its representative to the NAC&U Board of Directors. [Read more.](#)

NAC&U Faculty Ambassadors



Pictured above are NAC&U Faculty Ambassadors following their pre-conference meeting at Valparaiso University. At the meeting, Keith Koster, assistant professor of music at Nazareth College, was elected to serve as co-chair alongside Heidi Laudien, associate professor of English at Manhattan College.

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Congratulations to (l-r) Rebecca Carman (Ohio Northern University), Samantha Tirrell (Russell Sage College), and Amy Ontai (St. Edward's University)!

All three were the first recipients of the NAC&U Award for Student Excellence, which recognizes recent graduates for their knowledge and experience in liberal arts, professional studies or experiential learning, and/or civic engagement.

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