NAC&U Announces 2018 Ernest L. Boyer Award Recipient

The New American Colleges and Universities will present its 8th annual Ernest L. Boyer Award to José Antonio Bowen, president of Goucher College (Baltimore, MD) at the AAC&U Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018, in Washington, DC.

The Ernest L. Boyer Award pays tribute to Boyer's legacy by honoring others who are making significant contributions to American higher education.

Following the award presentation, President Bowen will deliver the 2018 Boyer Lecture, titled "Technology, The Liberal Arts and the New Learning Economy." [Read more.]

NAC&U Members Recognized in Washington Monthly

Since 2005, the Washington Monthly has released an annual College Guide and rankings, where institutions are rated based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: Social Mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), Research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs), and Service (encouraging students to give something back to their country).

Seven NAC&U member institutions were ranked among the top 100 master's universities. One – Valparaiso University – was in the top 10. The others are Pacific Lutheran University, Hamline University, Nazareth College, The University of Scranton, Manhattan College, and Westminster College. Three of our members were among the top ranked bachelor's institutions. They are Ohio Northern University ($6), University of Evansville (#7), and Calvin College (#11).

[Washington Monthly Honors Valparaiso University for Contribution to Public Good]

[University of Evansville Named Number 7 Baccalaureate College in the Nation and a 'Best Bang for the Buck' school by Washington Monthly]
Hamline Ranked First in Minnesota, 26th in the Nation by Washington Monthly

Nazareth Ranks in Top 50 of 2017 Washington Monthly College Guide Rankings for Master’s Universities

University of Scranton Ranked for Contribution to Public Good

Wagner Named a ‘Best Bang for the Buck’

Student Opportunities: Award for Excellence Call is Open; Short-Term Study Abroad Programs Added

The NAC&U Faculty Ambassadors announced that the 2018 Award for Student Excellence Call for Submissions is now open. Submissions are limited to one per campus and are due by February 5, 2018. Read more.

Several short-term study abroad programs during J-term, Spring Break, and May term are open to NAC&U students. Check out the listings here.

Enrollment News Across the Consortium

University of New Haven Welcomes Largest Class in History

Calvin College Exceeds Enrollment Goal for 2017-18

Belmont Draws 8,080 Students for Fall 2017

Nazareth Welcomes Record Class

Hamline University Welcomes Second Largest Class in Its History

California Lutheran Undergrad Numbers Hit High

Samford Announces Ninth Consecutive Record Enrollment

Enrollment and admissions professionals from NAC&U member institutions met while attending the NACAC conference in Boston in September. Pictured (l-r): Bill Bisset, VP of enrollment management, Manhattan College; Nygil Likely, director of pre-college programs, Calvin College; Shane Davidson, VP for Enrollment & Marketing, University of Evansville. Bisset is the chair
Campus Initiatives & Improvements

**Belmont Launches Campus-Wide Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, 'The Belmont State of Mind'**

**University of La Verne to Offer DACA, Undocumented Student Support at LEAD Conference on Campus**

**St. Edward's University President Unveils University's 2022 Strategic Plan**

**Drury University Launches Comprehensive Hazing Prevention Effort**

**Roger Williams Launches Year-Long Series: "Talking About Race, Gender and Power"**

**Student Success Center Opens for Hampton University Students**

**Student Veterans Build Community Centered Around Success at Manhattan College**

**Pacific Lutheran Invests in Continued Accessibility Improvements With Help from Student Advocates**

**John Carroll Opens New "Creativity and Entrepreneurship Classroom" in its Library.**

**Valparaiso University Establishes Innovation Hub**

**California Lutheran Launches Building Campaign for Science Education**

**Samford University Launches First Center for Sports Analytics**

**Queens Receives Largest Gift in its History, Will Support Student Scholarships**

**Ohio Northern Transforms its Dining Services**

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**University of Evansville President Thomas A. Kazee Announces Departure**

The University of Evansville's 23rd president, Thomas A. Kazee, will step down on May 31, 2018, after an eight-year tenure at the institution. Since his inauguration in June 2010, Kazee has led UE as it has developed new programs, enhanced and expanded its physical facilities, and extended its reach as an international institution.

Under his leadership, UE has implemented a facilities master plan that includes new student townhouses as well as renovations and additions of key academic buildings, such as the Bower-Suhreinrich Library. Hyde Hall, the most heavily used classroom building on campus, will undergo a major renovation in May 2018 following the recent completion of the first $5 million fundraising milestone for the project. The largest gift in UE history was secured during Kazee's presidency after donor and longtime friend to the University, William L. Ridgway, left UE $39 million from his estate. [Read more.](#)

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**President Stephen R. Morgan to Retire After 37 Years at Westminster College**

After serving nearly 37 years at Westminster College...
College, President Stephen R. Morgan announced that he will retire at the end of the academic year, June 2018. The college’s board of trustees will begin a national search for Morgan’s replacement, whom they expect will be in place by the summer of 2018.

President Morgan came to Westminster as an auditor and quickly became part of the college’s fabric-serving as treasurer, executive vice president and vice president for institutional advancement. Morgan’s versatile leadership style made him a key asset to the college’s executive team. He advised six past presidents on almost every major campus decision since 1981. He has been instrumental in shaping Westminster into the institution it is today. Read more.