



Integrating Liberal Arts,  
Professional Studies, and  
Civic Responsibility

## News and Notes

### *November 2017*

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#### Faculty Ambassadors Strengthen Collaborations with New Grant Program

The NAC&U Faculty Ambassadors have accomplished much in three years, including the recent creation of a planning grant for cross-institutional collaborations known as the **Collaboration, Growth, and Innovation (CGI) Grant Program**. This new program comes on the heels of the successful NAC&U Award for Student Excellence that was implemented last year by the Faculty Ambassadors. [Read more.](#)



*NAC&U Ambassadors at the Summer Institute 2017*

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#### Call For Proposals: 2018 NAC&U Summer Institute

NAC&U has opened the call for proposals for the **2018 Summer Institute** from June 19-21, 2018 at **Pacific Lutheran University** in Tacoma, Wash.

With a theme of "**Engaging Civility: Leading Dialogue In and Beyond the University**," the Summer Institute will focus on fostering skills to improve civic engagement, with particular emphasis on the role of civil dialogue.

The need for an engaged campus community crosses disciplinary and geographic borders. This boundary crossing reflects NAC&U's commitment to the integration of professional studies and the liberal arts within the context of purposeful civic engagement, and places that commitment within a

frame of purposeful civic engagement.

Presentations may describe existing tools/strategies/approaches useful for leading dialogue, or they may engage conference participants in working sessions to develop new projects at their home institutions.

**Submissions due January 29, 2018.**

[For more on submission guidelines, please go here.](#)

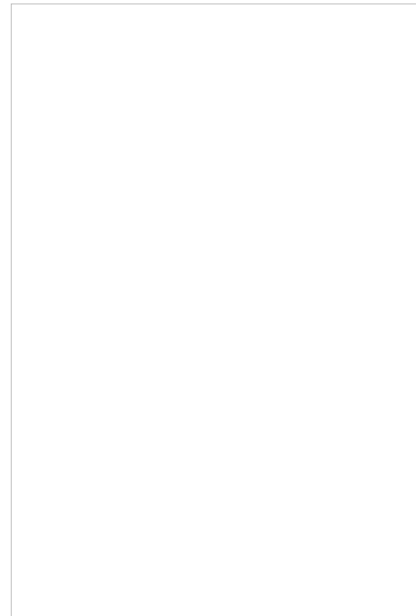
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## Dr. Christopher Ames Inaugurated as 10th President of The Sage Colleges

**The Sage Colleges** inaugurated **Dr. Christopher Ames** as its 10th President. The Inauguration Ceremony was attended by more than 300 students, faculty, staff, and members of the board of trustees, as well as community leaders and political officials.

"The Sage Colleges has seen its share of changes," said Ames, referencing Sage's founding as a women's college (Russell Sage College), the addition of the co-educational Sage Junior College of Albany, which later became the four-year Sage College of Albany, and growth resulting in the Sage Graduate Schools offering master's degrees and doctorate programs.

"What remains constant in our make-up is a dedication to liberal learning combined with the tools to apply that learning in the workplace and in active participation in democratic society," he continued. "What also has endured is a sense of scale at Sage. Learning unfolds on a human scale through the interaction of teacher and student, and student and student. Our faculty are active scholars for whom teaching is a top priority." [Read more.](#)



President Christopher Ames

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## NAC&U Attends Conference That Promotes Faculty Diversity

**NAC&U** recently hosted a table at the **Southern Regional Education Board's Institute for Teaching and Mentoring** which is the nation's largest gathering of minority doctoral scholars in the country.

Representatives from **Nazareth College** and **North Central College** attended as part of the NAC&U table, and **Belmont University** was also in attendance.

The conference, which was held in Atlanta, gives NAC&U members an opportunity to speak with minority doctoral scholars and raise awareness of the consortium members.



Lisa Durant-Jones of Nazareth College speaks with a doctoral scholar.

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## Innovative Programs and Teaching to Improve Student Learning

[New Teaching Integration and Innovation Lab Helps Nazareth Faculty Improve Learning](#)

[Westminster Expedition Trades Classrooms for a Road Trip Across the West](#)

[Unique Program Offers Ohio Northern Students Inside Look at Prison Life, Corrections System](#)

[Pacific Lutheran Students, Local Inmates Share Storytelling Experience](#)

[Roger Williams Launches New Experiential Learning Research Vessel with NSF Grant](#)

[Acute Care Simulation Provides Interprofessional Experience for Samford Students](#)

[Calvin LifeWork Provides Co-Curricular Program to Address Vocation, Career Readiness, Financial Literacy and Life Skills, and Leadership Development](#)

[On-Campus News Bureau Will Provide Opportunities for U of New Haven Students](#)

[Student-Led Experiences Enhance Learning in Valparaiso's Meteorology Program](#)

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### Student Opportunities: Award for Excellence Call, Short-Term Study Abroad Programs

The **2018 Award for Student Excellence Call for Submissions** is 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.](#)



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