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News and Notes

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NAC&U's Year in Review

The end of an academic year is a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past several months. Near the beginning of the 2017-18 year, NAC&U welcomed two new members -- **Calvin College** and **Queens University of Charlotte**. In addition, we added another attractive U.S.-based study away option for students with [Manhattan College's New York Semester](#).

In January we [presented the 8th annual Ernest L. Boyer Award](#) to Goucher College President **Jose Antonio Bowen**. We also selected **Drury University's Brian Lanigan '18** as the recipient of the 2nd Annual Award for Student Excellence. Lastly, the faculty ambassadors launched a pilot program for collaborative grants, which led to [three cross-institutional planning grants for NAC&U faculty](#), and two of our members -- [The University of Scranton](#) and the University of New Haven -- held Congressional Briefings to raise awareness of the integrated approach to education that is a hallmark of NAC&U members.

Our newsletter analysis tells us that many of these stories were your favorites as well, but there were a few others that garnered a lot of attention, as measured by click-throughs. Presidential retirement announcements from the **University of Evansville's Tom Kazee** (Summer 2017) and **Wagner College's Richard Guarasci** (Feb. 2018) were among the most clicked-on stories. Many of you also showed interest in [our story on Belmont University's digital Shakespeare archive](#) (Feb. 2018).

Other stories that rose to the top in terms of clicks include **North Central College's** Center for Social Impact (April 2018), **Samford University** Professor Steven Chew's article on Inside Higher Ed (Dec. 2018), and a story of interdisciplinary collaboration at **Valparaiso University** (Summer 2017). [For these and other stories, visit our newsletter archive.](#)

Not surprisingly, announcements and calls for submissions for the new CGI grant and the Student Excellence Award were also popular. Interestingly, a call for proposals for book chapters from one of our members was also a popular news item, which is a good reminder to keep your NAC&U colleagues -- and the NAC&U newsletter -- in mind for these types of opportunities.

Roger Williams University President to Retire in June 2019, Concluding Transformational 8- Year Tenure

Roger Williams University President Donald J. Farish is planning to retire when his current contract expires in June 2019, concluding an extraordinary eight-year tenure as RWU's president.



Since his arrival in 2011, President Farish has set RWU on a course to "build the university the world needs now," resulting in groundbreaking progress in the crucial areas of community engagement, college affordability and equity. While his retirement will conclude an impressive 51-year career in academia, he will continue to serve as a thought leader in higher education, striving to provide the educated workforce needed to bolster the nation's economy. [Read more.](#)

Civic Engagement Stories from NAC&U Members

[Calvin Awards Associate Degrees to First Cohort in Calvin Prison Initiative Program](#)

[Roger Williams University Graduates its First Class Commissioned as Civic Scholars](#)



Photo credit: Calvin College

[AAC&U Awards Grant to Sage to Advance Civic Learning and Social Responsibility for Chemistry & Mathematics](#)

[St. Edward's University Writing and Rhetoric Major Secures \\$20K in Funding for Nonprofit](#)

[Manhattan College Students Recognized by NYC Council Member for Neighborhood Relations Work](#)

[Ohio Northern University Students Reach Out to Empower Young Girls](#)

[Drury Enactus Team Launches Online Platform to Connect Consumers with Fresh Produce](#)

[Widener Students Provide Tutoring and Mentoring at Chester High School](#)

[Samford University's PACT Partners with Alabama Possible to Host Poverty Simulation](#)

Campus News

[Hampton University President Dr. William R. Harvey Writes Chapter for Prestigious Higher Ed Leadership Book](#)

[University of Evansville Announces the Creation of a New Center for Innovation & Change](#)

[John Carroll University Receives \\$15 Million to Create Business College and Two New Schools](#)

[Nazareth College to Launch Leadership and Change Management Grad Degree This Fall](#)

[\\$1 Million Gift from Alumnus Bob Barker to Bolster Drury's Animal Studies Program](#)

The University of New Haven will soon announce the establishment of its School of Health Sciences which will include Dental Hygiene, Healthcare Administration, Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Paramedicine.

Fulbright Awards for NAC&U Students

Announced This Month:

[North Central College \(2\)](#)

Belmont University (2): [Khadija Ali Amghaiab](#) and [Erin Sanislo](#)

[The University of Scranton](#)

[California Lutheran University](#)

From last month:

[Valparaiso University \(8\)](#)

[John Carroll University](#)

[Nazareth College](#)



Belmont's Khadija Ali Amghaiab

A Music Festival for Credit? Belmont Students Prep for Unconventional Study Away Program

A new Belmont Abroad program took students from Nashville to nearby Manchester, Tennessee this week for the Bonnaroo Maymester experience, a unique academic immersion into festival culture and in-depth music research.

Led by faculty members Dr. Sarita Stewart (music business) and Dr. Ken Spring (sociology), the program consists of two co-curricular classes "Research Methods and Festival Culture" and "Sociology of Music." During May, enrolled students spent time in the classroom studying the role of music in society and the various attributes surrounding its meaning. They also learned about various quantitative and qualitative methodologies used in research study designs.

This week the students are applying what they've been learning by attending and conducting a research study at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival from June 7-10 in partnership with Bonnaroo leadership. [Read more.](#)

The New American Colleges & Universities

[Belmont University](#) [California Lutheran University](#)
[Calvin College](#) [Drury University](#)
[Hamline University](#) [Hampton University](#)
[John Carroll University](#) [Manhattan College](#)
[Nazareth College](#) [North Central College](#)
[Ohio Northern University](#) [Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Queens University of Charlotte](#) [Roger Williams University](#)
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