



## December 2018 News & Notes

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### **NAC&U to Welcome Sean Creighton as its Next President**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Sean Creighton will assume the role of president of the organization beginning in March 2019. He will replace Dr. Nancy Hensel who is retiring after successfully leading NAC&U for the past seven years.

For the last 15 years, Creighton has held the position of president at the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE), a regional consortium of colleges and universities dedicated to creating an educated, employed, and engaged citizenry. [Read more.](#)



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### **NAC&U Summer Institute to Focus on Equity-Minded Curricular Reform**

Provosts, ambassadors, and faculty from NAC&U member institutions are invited to attend the **2019 Summer Institute** which will be held **Friday, June 14**, and **Saturday, June 15, 2019** in **Washington, DC**, at the **Hamilton Hotel**.



The theme for the 2019 NAC&U Summer Institute will be 'Equity-minded Curricular Reform,' and attendees will explore how NAC&U institutions are best suited to bring about equity in higher education, especially in the areas of student success and the co-curriculum; equity as a course design principle; and integration across majors, minors, and degree requirement programs.

This will be a working institute with integrated discussions among academic affairs leaders and faculty that will lead to concrete actions that attendees can bring back to their campuses. The planning committee is seeking recommendations for catalyst leaders within NAC&U who can facilitate these discussions.

[Click here for the call for catalyst leaders.](#)

[Click here for more details and registration information.](#)

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## NAC&U Welcomes Applications for Faculty Collaboration, Growth, and Innovation (CGI) Grants



The NAC&U Faculty Ambassadors are accepting submissions for the Collaboration, Growth and Innovation (CGI) Grant Program which is designed to facilitate connections across NAC&U institutions by funding planning projects in the areas of teaching, service, research, and scholarship.

Proposals for the CGI Grant Program must include faculty, administrators, or staff from two or more NAC&U institutions from either the same or different disciplines. The purpose of the CGI grants is to support the planning and development, and not the implementation, of collaborative projects. [Read more.](#)

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## NAC&U Welcomes Submissions for 2019 Award for Student Excellence

The NAC&U Faculty Ambassadors are accepting submissions for the 3rd Annual Award for Student Excellence which recognizes outstanding student contributions in the liberal arts, professional programs/experiential learning, and/or civic engagement. [Learn more.](#)



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## NAC&U Member News

### Wagner College Names Joel W. Martin as Next President

The Wagner College Board of Trustees has selected Joel W. Martin, provost and dean of the faculty at Franklin and Marshall College, as the 19th president of Wagner College. Martin will begin his tenure as president on July 1.

He succeeds Richard Guarasci, Wagner's longest-serving president, who retires on June 30. Guarasci began his tenure at Wagner in 1997 as provost, and was named Wagner's president in 2002.



Joel W. Martin comes to the Wagner College presidency with a distinguished record of teaching, service, and leadership at colleges and universities large and small. He has served since 2014 as provost and dean of the faculty at Franklin and Marshall College, a leading liberal arts college of 2,400 students located in Lancaster, Penn. [Read more.](#)

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## Call For Proposals: Manhattan College to Host Imagination, Inquiry, and Innovation Institute

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, Manhattan College and the Maxine Greene Institute will co-sponsor the fifth annual Imagination, Inquiry and Innovation Institute (I-4).

The theme of the 2019 event is “Look Again: The Art of Multiple Perspectives.”

The institute’s goal is to bring together innovative thinkers and practitioners who exemplify outstanding practice. This is an opportunity for presenters to share innovative work in a broad range of fields: fine and performing arts, media and communication specialists, humanities, education, sciences, technology, engineering, medicine, health care, and business. Anticipated attendees are educators, visual and performing artists, media and communication specialists, medical and health care professionals, members of the business, technology, engineering and science communities, and Manhattan College students and alumni.



[For information on potential topics and how to submit proposals, read more.](#)

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## **Calvin College, St. Edward's University and Valparaiso University Secure Funding from the National Science Foundation**

### ***Calvin College Receives \$1 Million NSF Grant to Increase Student Retention in STEM***

Nationwide research shows that retention levels of first-year college students pursuing a degree in a STEM-related field (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) varies significantly based on a few factors, namely their socioeconomic status and family’s college history. With that knowledge, Calvin College faculty are taking action—working on finding solutions that will even the playing field, giving every student an equal opportunity at success in STEM fields. [Read more.](#)

### ***St. Edward's Receives \$1.5 Million STEM Grant***

St. Edward’s University has received a five-year, \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to establish the Institute for Interdisciplinary Science (I4), which will prepare students for careers in the 4th Industrial Revolution — this revolution is marked by advancements in robotics, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, biotechnology, autonomous vehicles and other emerging technologies. [Read more.](#)

### ***National Science Foundation Awards TRIPODS+X Grant to Valpo Researchers to Advance Data Science Education***

Two Valparaiso University professors are partnering with colleagues from Brown University and Smith College to advance the field of data science education, thanks to a \$199,040 TRIPODS+X grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Valparaiso University will receive more than 50 percent of these funds and serve as the lead institution for the collaborative effort. [Read more.](#)

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## **California Lutheran University and Queens University of Charlotte Open New Centers**

### ***Center for Global Engagement at California Lutheran University***

An associate provost has joined the California Lutheran University staff to oversee a new Center for Global Engagement and expand efforts to offer students international perspectives. [Read more.](#)

### ***Center for Community Engagement at Queens University of Charlotte***

The new Wells Fargo Center for Community Engagement at Queens University of Charlotte will provide guaranteed opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in high-quality civic and community engagement experiences across all academic areas. The Center is part of a three-year, \$750,000 commitment from Wells Fargo. [Read more.](#)

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**Arena Named Vice President for Enrollment and Student Experience at Nazareth**



Nazareth College has named Meaghan Arena as the College's new vice president for enrollment and student experience. Arena comes to Nazareth with 16 years experience in higher education enrollment management and graduate and continuing education. She will begin her role on February 18, 2019. [Read more.](#)

**Roger Williams' Dunseath Elected President of North East Association for Institutional Research**



Congratulations to Jennifer Dunseath, assistant VP for Institutional Research at Roger Williams University, on her election as president of the North East Association for Institutional Research. Dr. Dunseath is a member of NAC&U's Institutional Research constituency group. [Read more.](#)

**Drury Dean Robert Weddle Named Among Top 25 Most Admired Educators in Architecture**

In a field that is evolving rapidly with the promise of new technology and the demands of a changing society, architecture professionals know it is more important than ever that professional schools prepare students for success. As a testament to Drury University's ability to meet these needs, Dr. Robert Weddle, dean of the Hammons School of Architecture, was recently named one of DesignIntelligence's Top 25 Most Admired Educators in Architecture. [Read more.](#)



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**The New American Colleges and Universities**

Belmont University California Lutheran University Calvin College  
Drury University Florida Southern College 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 St. Edward's University The Sage Colleges The  
University of Scranton  
Tuskegee University University of Evansville University of La Verne  
University of New Haven Valparaiso University Wagner College