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What's New at AASCU

National ADP/ The Democracy Commitment National Meeting
 The 2013 American Democracy Project/ The Democracy Commitment national meeting is scheduled for June 6-8 in Denver, Colorado. The theme for this year ADP/TDC National Meeting is "21st Century Citizens: Building Bridges, Solving Problems". [Register Today!](#)

Salute Exemplary Teaching
 AASCU is a supporter of the CASE and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Professor of the Year program. It is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. **The deadline for entries is April 15.** For more information or to nominate an outstanding teacher go to www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org

Leading for Students
 Read how presidents' view exercising the power inherent in their office to nurture student development and success. [Read article](#)

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Programs

Indiana State University
 Indiana State University will partner with the Terre Haute Children's Museum and local schools in a new financial literacy program for K-12 students and their parents. Old National Bank Foundation committed \$250,000 to make the program possible. [Read more](#)

Longwood University (Va.)
 Longwood University is using a 3D animated video to educate students and the public about the campus' biomass heating plant and demonstrate their commitment to sustainability. [Read more](#)

Millersville University of Pennsylvania
 On January 31, 60 6th graders from the Huron Middle School visited their field research site. The Millersville University students gave tours and presentations of each of the instruments that are being used at the site, and the students all participated in launching a weather balloon. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)
 Winthrop University is hosting 17 high school teachers from around the world this semester through the U.S. State Department's Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA). This is the second year for the program. Education faculty member A.J. Angulo authored the \$177,070 grant proposal to renew the first federally-funded cultural and educational exchange program of its kind at Winthrop. [Read more](#)

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Grants and Gifts

California State University, Dominguez Hills
 Ericka Verba, associate professor of history at California State University, Dominguez Hills, has been awarded a Fellowship grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to write the biography of 20th century Chilean artist Violeta Parra, the culmination of decades that Verba has dedicated to the study. [Read more](#)

California State University, Dominguez Hills has received a \$200,000 grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation to support a unique chemistry lab model aimed at addressing barriers to the sciences for part-time, working students. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

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California State University, Los Angeles

The Student Health Center at California State University, Los Angeles has recently been awarded a \$113,000 California Mental Health Services Authority grant, as part of the California State University Student Mental Health Initiative, to focus on suicide prevention strategies and mental health services for college students. [Read more](#)

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Jack Lisco, Slippery Rock University associate professor of parks and recreation, has received a \$39,711 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to lead a statewide training program. Lisco will provide 20 law enforcement managers from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and Bureau of State Parks with 120 hours of park law enforcement training. [Read more](#)

The College at Brockport, SUNY

Joseph Makarewicz, Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Biology at The College at Brockport, State University of New York, was awarded a two-year, \$189,884 research grant by the US Geological Survey (USGS) to further his research on the ecosystems in Lake Ontario. [Read more](#)

University of South Carolina Upstate

The University of South Carolina Upstate received a \$200,000 leadership gift from the J M Smith Foundation that will enable the Mary Black School of Nursing Simulation Center to purchase technology equipment to help achieve the goal of becoming the Simulation Center of Teaching Excellence in the Upstate of South Carolina. [Read more](#)

University of Wisconsin-Stout

A digital fabrication laboratory, or fab lab, was dedicated Feb. 4, at University of Wisconsin-Stout. UW-Stout received a \$520,000 Growth Agenda grant from the UW System to equip the lab and join the worldwide fab lab network spearheaded by MIT. [Read more](#)

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Awards and Honors

California State University, San Bernardino

California State University, San Bernardino has been ranked as the top public university in the state for the services it offers to military personnel and veterans, according to Military Advanced Education's 2013 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities. [Read more](#)

Emporia State University (Kan.)

Dr. Kalyan Chakraborty, an Emporia State University economics professor and native of India, received the 2013 Hind Rattan - or Jewel of India - award on Jan. 25, the eve of Republic Day, at the 32nd International Congress of NRIs sponsored by the NRI (Non-Resident Indians) Welfare Society of India. Dr. Manmohan Singh, prime minister of India, presented the 2013 award, which honors the outstanding contribution, services, achievements and accomplishments of Chakraborty in keeping the flag of India high in the world. [Read more](#)

Salisbury University (Md.)

From research in the Brazilian Amazon to sustainability efforts on the Delmarva Peninsula, Dr. Jill Caviglia-Harris of Salisbury University's Economics and Finance and Environmental Studies departments has been an environmental leader for many years. Recently, Stanford University's Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment selected her as one of this year's prestigious Leopold Leadership Fellows. Honorees are mid-career academic environmental researchers from around the world, based at North American institutions of research or higher education. [Read more](#)

Troy University (Ala.)

The Confucius Institute at Troy University has been named one of six Confucius Institutes of the Year in the United States. TROY's Confucius Institute is the state's only such institute with a statewide mission of providing the people of Alabama with knowledge of China that will serve business, educational, cultural, and public interests. [Read more](#)

West Chester University (Pa.)

WCU men's golf coach Harry Hammond has received the prestigious national Bill Strausbaugh Award from the PGA for leadership and service to the Philadelphia Section of the PGA. A 50-year member of the PGA of America, he was recognized for emulating the same leadership, education and mentoring principles of the late Bill Strausbaugh, for whom the award is named. [Read more](#)

Kevin Dean, director of the West Chester University Honors College and professor of communication studies, was awarded the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. The award recognizes faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching; develop courses based upon innovative concepts; or create innovative methods of teaching. Dean, who is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, was previously recognized with the WCU Council of Trustees citation for service to student leadership development through forensics. [Read more](#)

Western Washington University

Western Washington University is No. 1 on the Peace Corps 2013 Top Colleges rankings among medium schools with 73 undergraduate alumni currently serving. This is the first time WWU has ranked No. 1 on the list. [Read more](#)

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Spotlight

Angelo State University (Texas)

Two Angelo State University biology students won top prizes for their research presentations at the annual meeting of the Texas Society of Mammalogists (TSM) Feb. 15-17 at the Texas Tech University Center at Junction. [Read more](#)

For the 16th straight year, Angelo State University students have maintained a 100 percent passing rate on the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) teacher certification test for secondary mathematics. The perfect passing rate streak began in 1998 and since then, all 158 of the ASU students who have taken the exam after completing the mathematics program have passed. [Read more](#)

Belia Maria Reyes Godoy and Marcus Nellums, students in Angelo State University's Russian language program, have received scholarships coordinated by the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) to continue their studies in Moscow this summer. [Read more](#)

Angelo State University's Wool Judging Teams placed first and third at the 2013 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Collegiate Wool Contest on Feb. 9 in San Antonio. ASU's Gold Team earned 2,251 points to take first place ahead of nine other teams, all from Division I universities. Texas Tech University's Red Team placed second with 2,234 points, and ASU's Blue Team placed third with 2,227 points. [Read more](#)

California State University, San Bernardino

A Cal State San Bernardino drive to collect pajamas for at-risk children, ages six months to 18 years in the San Bernardino foster care system, gathered more than 1,200 pajama sets and raised nearly \$15,000 in donations. Last October, under the theme, "Uniting for Social Justice," the CSUSB-based Educational Counseling Graduate Student Association launched its second annual drive in partnership with the San Bernardino County Children's Fund. [Read more](#)

Frostburg State University (Md.)

A comprehensive study looking at the economic impact of Frostburg State University's operations, employees and students on the state of Maryland and its immediate region determined that FSU has an impact conservatively estimated to be \$173 million across Maryland, \$121 million in Allegany County alone. The study examined both the direct and induced impacts of money spent by students and employees, as well as purchases made by the institution within the local and regional economy. [Read more](#)

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

On December 31, 2012, the Soar to Greatness Capital Campaign officially closed, reaching \$88 million—an achievement which will propel Millersville University forward to its next stages of success for years to come. Employees contributed with 648 current and retired faculty and staff contributing more than \$3.65 million to the campaign. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Campus Activities Magazine has once again nominated Winthrop University's DiGiorgio Student Union (DSU) as one of the top five campus activities program boards in the United States. Winthrop's

DSU is up against Florida Gulf Coast University, Quinnipiac University, California State University-Chico and Cazenovia College for the title in the magazine's reader's choice awards. DSU has won the award three times and been nominated more than 10 times. [Read more](#)

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