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AASCU responds to Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin Ruling

Read AASCU President Muriel Howard's statement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin. **Read statement**

George Mehaffy's Talks About Higher Ed and Civic Education

Read George Mehaffy's Huffington Post commentary on the vital role higher education plays in civic education. **Read commentary**

Student Achievement Measurement (SAM) Project Launched

Visit website to learn more and to sign up at www.studentachievementmeasure.org

Still Time to Nominate an Alumnus for the DAA

AASCU is still accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. To learn more about eligibility and the nomination process go to www.aascu.org/daa/nominationform

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Programs

California State University San Marcos

Leading a decade-long research initiative with a team of 75 international scientists, California State University San Marcos' Betsy Read has documented the first-ever algal pan-genome after sequencing 13 strains of the marine phytoplankter *Emiliana huxleyi*. The findings address the alga's ability to survive in diverse oceanic environments, which opens avenues for new research on climate change, global carbon cycling, biomineralization and the design of novel materials with biomedical applications. **Read more**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Joanne Migyanka, associate professor in IUP's Department of Special Education and Clinical Services, and her team have just released ACT for Autism: Assess, Communicate and Treat, the second in a series of training videos for hospital emergency department personnel. The team is working to increase preparedness of first responders and emergency department professionals in Pennsylvania and across the nation when working with individuals with autism. **Read more**

Southern Polytechnic State University (Ga.)

SPSU recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Ghana Technology University College (GTUC) in Accra, Ghana, committing the two institutions to working together on a range of programs and ensuring that students can transfer from GTUC to SPSU with minimal loss of credit. **Read more**

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University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

The University of Arkansas - Fort Smith has received one approval and is moving to the second step in requesting a role and scope change. Successful completion of the approval process will allow UAFS to offer master's degree programs. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

In an elementary school in Beijing, Chinese school officials are creating a replica of a classroom found in India Hook Elementary School in Rock Hill, S.C. India Hook's principal, two India Hook elementary teachers and three Winthrop administrators will travel to Beijing to teach in that classroom. The Beijing school officials have purchased similar desks, iPads and other instructional materials for the Rock Hill group to use.

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Grants and Gifts

Angelo State University (Texas)

Christopher E. Hobbs, an assistant professor in Angelo State University's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been awarded a \$50,000 grant by the American Chemical Society (ACS) to fund his research project on aspects of petroleum processing. [Read more](#)

California State University, San Bernardino

The Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, housed in Cal State San Bernardino's Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship, has received a three-year grant for \$150,000 from the Union Bank Foundation. The IESBDC provides a number of programs and services on campus and in the community to help support the development of entrepreneurs and small businesses.

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Indiana University of Pennsylvania

- IUP's Center for Career and Technical Personnel Preparation has received a funding award in the amount of \$1,146,121 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project, "Career and technical Education Professional Development Centers." [Read more](#)
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Mine Mapping, Archival Procedures and Safety (IMAPS) received a funding award in the amount of \$30,000 from the Marcellus Shale Coalition. [Read more](#)
- Mac Fiddner, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Department of Political Science, has been awarded a \$20,000 grant by the IBM Center for the Business of Government to organize two expert roundtables at IUP on "Decision Making Implications of Defining and Understanding Cyberspace." The roundtables will bring together interdisciplinary experts to define and delineate cyberspace in order to understand the security challenges it poses now that cyberwar is a reality. [Read more](#)

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

- Slippery Rock University's Storm Harbor Equestrian Center will use a \$10,723 grant from the Snee-Reinhardt Charitable Trust to build a greenhouse along the center's "sensory trail." The sensory trail provides special-needs riders ages 14-21 with educational and life-skills training. The "accessible greenhouse" will enable participants to grow and take care of plants, said

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Courtney Gramlich, Storm Harbor director, who obtained the grant. [Read more](#)

- Slippery Rock University has received a \$4,000 grant from the U.S. Tennis Association to purchase rackets and balls in order to add tennis to the June 17-28 Camp ROCK program and provide hands-on learning opportunities for SRU students. Betsy Kemeny and Wendy Fagan, SRU instructors of physical education, obtained the grant. [Read more](#)

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Presidential Honors

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles President-Designate William A. Covino was named the recipient of the 2013 William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement. The award is given by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in recognition of exemplary leadership in advancing civic learning through a variety of programs and activities.

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Western Washington University (Wash.)

Western Washington University dedicated the Karen W. Morse Hall, the university's Chemistry Building renamed in honor of Western President Emerita Karen W. Morse. Karen Morse served as Western's president from 1993 to 2008. During her tenure, campus infrastructure markedly improved: new facilities were constructed, essentially creating the South Campus as it is known today. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

The S.C. Commission on Higher Education honored Winthrop University President Anthony DiGiorgio for his 24 years of distinguished service at Winthrop. Commissioner Hood Temple presented DiGiorgio a copy of the CHE resolution. DiGiorgio will retire as president on June 30. He arrived at Winthrop in 1989 and is the longest-serving public university president in the state.

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Awards and Honors

Angelo State University (Texas)

Angelo State University teacher education graduates Lauren Couch and Michelle Hamilton have been named "Exceptional Teacher Candidates" by the statewide Quest for Quality program.

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Appalachian State University (N.C.)

Internationally renowned researcher and Appalachian State University professor David C. Nieman has been honored by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) with the Citation Award for his extensive work in health and exercise sciences. He received the award at the ACSM annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., May 31. [Read more](#)

California State University, Fullerton

The American Psychological Association will present its 2013 William James Book Award to

Nancy L. Segal, Cal State Fullerton professor of psychology and twins studies scholar, for her latest book, "Born Together—Reared Apart: The Landmark Minnesota Twin Study" (Harvard University Press, 2012). [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

Vice President of Information Technology Services and Chief Technology Officer Peter Quan of California State University, Los Angeles, was recently presented the 2013 CIO Lifetime Achievement Award by the Los Angeles Business Journal during its CIO/CTO Awards celebration.

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Colorado State University-Pueblo

The renovation of the Library and Academic Resources Center (LARC) at Colorado State University-Pueblo has received a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Platinum rating, the highest possible certification from the United States Green Building Council. The Platinum LEED designation is the first for a building in the Pueblo community and among the first within the Colorado State University System. [Read more](#)

Edinboro University (Pa.)

An article by Lenore Barbian, associate professor of anthropology at Edinboro University, and two collaborators received the 2013 best article award from Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS). "Remains of War: Walt Whitman, Civil War Soldiers, and the Legacy of Medical Collections," co-authored by Barbian, Paul Sledzik, and Jeffrey S. Reznick, appeared in the January 2012 issue of Museum History Journal. [Read more](#)

University of Central Oklahoma

The University of Central Oklahoma Department of Design recently won 12 national Student ADDY Awards, the most the department has won. The American Advertising Federation (AAF) announced the awards at their annual national conference earlier this month in Phoenix. The ADDY Awards are the advertising industry's largest competition, attracting more than 50,000 entries every year in the local competitions throughout the nation. [Read more](#)

University of Northern Iowa

Graduates of the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Real Estate Program have gained another competitive edge after The Appraisal Foundation, the industry's federally chartered nonprofit organization, endorsed UNI's program. UNI is now the third university in the nation to receive this level of approval from the AQB and the only university in Iowa to offer a four-year real estate program. [Read more](#)

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's Biology Department received the 2013 University of Wisconsin System Regents Teaching Excellence Award for academic departments and programs. The prestigious award goes to one program in the UW System each year. [Read more](#)

Western Carolina University (N.C.)

For the second time in less than a year, events that faculty, staff and students helped plan, publicize and produce as part of Western Carolina University's partnership with the town of Dillsboro have won international awards from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals. WCU landed one of eight gold awards in AMCP's Hermes Creative Award special events category. [Read more](#)

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Spotlight

Angelo State University (Texas)

Angelo State University's master's degree in criminal justice program has been ranked one of the top programs in the country by MastersDegreeOnline.org for the 2013-14 academic year. Only 38 U.S. colleges and universities are featured on the website for having outstanding graduate criminal justice programs, and Angelo State is one of only five Texas institutions on the list. [Read more](#)

Appalachian State University (N.C.)

Geologist Ellen Cowan is part of an international team of scientists that will spend two months at sea studying climate change and earth systems in the Gulf of Alaska. Cowan, a professor in Appalachian State University's Department of Geology, is able to participate with funding from the U.S. Science Support Program, based at the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

The National Guard Civil Support Team's (CST) information management system, created by IUP and deployed to all fifty states and territories by the National Guard provides a common operating picture, promotes information sharing and real-time collaboration in an emergency situation, and supports the CST mission of assisting and advising first responders and facilitating communications with other Federal resources across the nation. [Read more](#)

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Students in the new Art of Entrepreneurship course at Millersville raise over \$2,000 through a service learning assignment for three different charities in the Lancaster area. [Read more](#)

San Diego State University

San Diego State University is installing a new \$1.5 million telescope up at Mount Laguna that will enable astronomers to more clearly see everything from the birth of stars to the texture of galaxies far beyond the Milky Way. [Read more](#)

Southern Polytechnic State University (Ga.)

Erich Schuler, a Southern Polytechnic State University junior majoring in new media arts and minoring in computer game design and development, is one of eight students nationwide to receive a 2013 scholarship from the International Game Developers Association (IGDA) to attend the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) – the premiere industry trade show for computer and video games and related products. [Read more](#)

Troy University (Ala.)

Thirty-five Troy University students will receive their diplomas in a special 1-2-1 Sino-American Dual Degree Program commencement in China. [Read more](#)

University of Central Florida

UCF supporters celebrated 50 years of university accomplishments with a milestone of their own ... the most successful fundraising event in the university's history. [Read more](#)

University of Central Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma student Taylor Egger won the highly competitive Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, worth \$5,000, for the 2013-14 academic year. The sophomore will spend a semester at Hanyang University in Seoul, South Korea. [Read more](#)

University of Illinois Springfield

University of Illinois Springfield Associate Professor of Astronomy-Physics John Martin is part of a group of scientists that will be studying the massive star Eta Carinae using the Hubble Space Telescope. [Read more](#)

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