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The Difference We Make: New Feature Highlights Alumni

AASCU has launched *AASCU Graduates: The Difference We Make*, a project that showcases the contributions that graduates from our colleges and universities make to the world around us. For information submitting your outstanding alumni visit www.aascu.org/members/graduates



Congratulations to George Cooper, Former AASCU Senior Fellow

President Obama names former AASCU Senior Fellow, George Cooper, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. [Read more](#)



Celebrating Its 20th Anniversary!

Celebrating its 20th year as the nation's premier conference devoted to higher education state advocacy and policy advancement, the 2013 Higher Education Government Relations Conference will feature a rich array of programming and networking opportunities for campus and state system government relations and public affairs professionals. [Register Today!](#)



University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Celebrates 50 Years!

Founded in 1963, the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford is one of four regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. It was established to provide quality education to residents in Northcentral Pennsylvania. Now, students from all over the state, the country and the world call themselves Pitt-Bradford students. [Read more](#)

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Programs

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Bloomsburg University's Center for Community Research and Consulting is conducting an economic impact assessment of the 158th Bloomsburg (Pa.) Fair. The goal is to bring more tourists to the fair while giving BU students experience in conducting research. The study is funded by the Bloomsburg Fair and the Columbia-Montour Visitor's Bureau. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

President Obama has been pushing for a new rating system for colleges that, among other

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things, would judge schools on performance, including the success of their graduates. While political pundits debate what that means, a pair of California State University, Northridge faculty members in the College of Business and Economics have developed what they believe is a fair way of measuring the success of college graduates using state employment and tax data to track how much alumni earn one year, five years and even 10 years after they graduate from an institution. Their method takes into account students who drop out or transfer to another institution, and tracks the success of students who go on to graduate school. **Read more**

Ferris State University (Mich.)

Ferris State University's Kendall College of Art and Design recently completed a merger with the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Michigan's largest venue devoted to contemporary art. The UICA is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kendall. When Kendall became a part of Ferris in 2000, it had a single building, about 500 students, and a budget of \$4 million. Today, Kendall has three buildings for instruction, exhibition and administration, enrolls more than 1,400 students, and a budget in excess of \$19 million. **Read more**

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

SIUE Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ann Boyle has signed a three-year cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) for the School of Engineering to work with the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) at Scott Air Force Base. The collaboration will facilitate investigation of innovative technologies and techniques in multiple disciplines to provide new opportunities and understand potential solutions to address USTRANSCOM information technology capabilities and supply chain needs, while providing SIUE with diverse and complex research problems facing the management of worldwide logistics. **Read more**

State University of New York Oswego

When SUNY Oswego began developing its Global Laboratory network of partnerships five years ago, one goal was to give its science students access to leading scientists and facilities around the world. With the opening of its new science buildings this fall, Oswego takes its place in the network as a destination for international scientists and students. **Read more**

University of Illinois Springfield

The University of Illinois Springfield Computer Science Department is collaborating with next generation cyber-security firm Global Velocity (GV) to improve its cyber test range. UIS's cyber test range will be used for student training and faculty research. **Read more**

University of Northern Iowa

The Creative Life Research Center has opened its doors for the 2013-14 academic year at the University of Northern Iowa. The center offers students the latest research tools, opportunities for interdisciplinary and faculty-student collaboration, and exposure to renowned scholars, educators, inventors, artists and entrepreneurs. **Read more**

West Chester University (Pa.)

In a unique partnership with the Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania (WEDnetPA), West Chester University helps local companies to assess their training needs, develop training plans, submit funding applications, and find qualified training providers. **Read more**

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CASE Education Fundraising Awards

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recently announced this year’s winners of its Education Fundraising Awards, which recognize overall performance and overall improvement in educational fundraising programs based on data submitted to the Council for Aid to Education’s Voluntary Support of Education survey. A number of AASCU members were honored. [Read more](#)

Military Friendly Schools

The 2014 Military Friendly Schools lists several AASCU colleges and universities in the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools. [Read more](#)

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Grants and Gifts

Angelo State University (Texas)

- Kirk Braden and Loree Branham, faculty in Angelo State University’s Agriculture Department, have been awarded a three-year, \$270,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a new meat and food science student research and outreach project. [Read more](#)
- Angelo State University’s Office of Student Services has been awarded a two-year, \$35,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to expand campus efforts in education, awareness and prevention of violence and sexual assault. [Read more](#)

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Twelve students at California State University, Dominguez Hills majoring in computer science/computer technology with emphases in areas such as homeland security and information security are receiving close to \$8,000 each for tuition, fees, and books for the year thanks to the newly formed nonprofit STEM Advantage. The university was selected as its inaugural partner to pilot their scholarship program, which also includes paid internships and ongoing mentoring by professions in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

While celebrities like Nicole Kidman, Jonah Hill, Blair Underwood and alumna Eva Longoria looked on, California State University, Northridge was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association to support students working on their senior film projects. The grant comes on the heels of a recent decision by the association’s leadership to create a \$25,000 endowed scholarship at the university to support students in the department’s film option. [Read more](#)

Emporia State University (Kan.)

A gift of a quarter-million dollars is making the decision to come to Emporia State University an easy one for 20 music students. They are the first recipients of the Fulhage Music Scholarships, made possible by a gift from the estate of an alumna, Mildred Fulhage. A schoolteacher for 41 years, Fulhage earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Kansas State Teachers College in 1936. [Read more](#)

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) has received a \$365,300 estate gift designated for the Chancellor’s discretion. The gift is the first contribution to a new Honors

Program Endowment that will directly support student research, creative inquiry and intellectual discovery.

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Lehman College (N.Y.)

The Lincoln Center Institute has donated a trove of education materials, many of them revolving around the arts, to the Leonard Lief Library at Lehman College – 8,000 items ranging from books, CDs, DVDs, and more. [Read more](#)

Pittsburg State University (Kan.)

The Pittsburg State University Department of Nursing is now the Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing. PSU officials revealed the name change at a ceremony in which they recognized Dr. Fay Bradley for a gift of \$1 million. The new name honors Dr. Bradley's mother. University officials also noted the elevation of the department to the rank of a school within the university, in recognition of the nursing program's growing size and complexity. [Read more](#)

Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.)

Saginaw Valley State University received a \$413,234 grant from the University of Michigan Water Center to support SVSU's Saginaw Bay Environmental Science Institute. The funds will support additional ecological studies of Saginaw Bay and the development of priorities to guide continued conservation efforts there. [Read more](#)

San Diego State University (Calif.)

Thanks to a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, San Diego State University and the SDSU-Imperial Valley campus are working to create a larger pool of diverse baccalaureate prepared nurses to serve the largely Hispanic population of Imperial County. With the Health Resources and Services grant, the School of Nursing at SDSU-IV will bring together organizations from around Imperial County to provide an opportunity for 70 SDSU-IV nursing students, who come from a minority background, to get a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

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St. Cloud State University (Minn.)

St. Cloud State will offer broadened collaborative support for those from low-income backgrounds and who may be first in their family to attend college thanks to a \$299,999 College Success grant from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. The university's initiative was funded based on the support services it provides to help students overcome obstacles that prevent them from completing college. [Read more](#)

University of Illinois Springfield

The University of Illinois Springfield's Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon has been awarded a \$148,210 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to study the impact of record Illinois River flooding on The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon and Merwin restoration project sites. [Read more](#)

University of Northern Iowa

The National Science Foundation awarded a grant of \$750,000 to the University of Northern Iowa for a project run by Andrey Petrov, assistant professor in the Department of Geography. As the leader of the project, UNI will serve as the national focal center of sustainability science research in the Arctic for the next five years. The research is specifically aimed at improving health, human development and the well-being of Arctic communities. [Read more](#)

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Presidential Honors

Frostburg State University (Md.)

Frostburg State University President Jonathan Gibraltar was appointed to the 2013-2014 Steering Committee for the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. "I consider being involved with the ACUPCC one of the most important parts of my work, and I'm honored to continue working closely with them in emphasizing higher education's role in addressing climate change," Gibraltar said. [Read more](#)

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Awards and Honors

Angelo State University (Texas)

Angelo State University's Teacher Education Department has been honored by the Texas-based Quest for Quality program for its joint initiative with the San Angelo Independent School District (SAISD) that involves ASU students in the local Head Start/Early Head Start program. [Read more](#)

Lehman College (N.Y.)

The new Science Hall on Lehman College's Bronx, NY campus earned a LEED Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the first City University of New York (CUNY) building to be awarded the highest green building ranking. [Read more](#)

University of Texas-Pan American

Six faculty members at The University of Texas-Pan American were selected by The University of Texas System Board of Regents to receive the prestigious 2013 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award (ROTA), one of the nation's largest monetary teaching recognition programs in higher education. The annual awards are presented to faculty members who have demonstrated extraordinary classroom performance and dedication to innovation. Each faculty honoree received an unrestricted check for \$25,000. [Read more](#)

West Chester University (Pa.)

The Amazon Center for Environmental Education and Research (ACEER), established by and headquartered at West Chester University, has received Peru's National Award of Environmental Citizenship for promoting conservation of the Amazon rainforest. For more than 20 years, ACEER has offered environmental education programs, supported basic and applied research, and protected unique tracts of land from its offices throughout the Peruvian Amazon. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Winthrop University will participate in a national initiative on civic learning and democratic engagement in the 2013-14 academic year. The university has been named one of 70 institutions nationally to participate in the Lead Initiative by NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, the leading voice for the student affairs profession. [Read more](#)

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Spotlight

California State University, Los Angeles

Ten Cal State L.A. graduate students—focusing on doctoral studies ranging from forensic

anthropology to molecular genetics—were selected for the 2013-14 Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar awards. This is one of the largest contingents in the California State University system to receive the prestigious awards. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

Joining a national effort to prevent sexual assaults and rape on college campuses, a team of California State University, Northridge television students have developed a short film to draw attention to the issue. The 10-minute documentary, "1000 Times No: Giving Voice to a Silent Epidemic," is screening this fall at more than 200 colleges across the country as part of a yearlong effort by the Clery Center for Security on Campus, a national nonprofit organization working for safer campuses, to educate students about what they can do about sexual assaults on their campuses. [Read more](#)

California State University, Sacramento

In the first survey of its kind, Sacramento State researchers have found that Californians are poorly informed about local politics and have unrealistic expectations when it comes to government spending in their communities. [Read more](#)

California State University, San Bernardino

Hoang Tran's, the son of immigrant parents from Vietnam, is determined to make a better life for himself and his family by being the first in his family to go to college and earn a degree. His drive, diligence and hard work have led him to receive one of the California State University system's highest honors: the prestigious CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement, and the initial recipient of the newly established Kenneth Fong Scholarship for his outstanding achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. [Read more](#)

Dakota State University (S.D.)

HealthPOINT at Dakota State University was started in 2010 through an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant to help healthcare providers adopt Electronic Health Records (EHR) and guide providers and hospitals to Meaningful Use. In recognition of National Health Information Technology (IT) Week, HealthPOINT announced that the organization has 96 percent of its target number of 700 primary care providers live on EHRs and over half to Meaningful Use.

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Georgia College

Beginning fall 2014, Georgia College will offer a new concentration for chemistry majors that will better prepare students for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and medical school. "Next year we will offer chemistry majors the opportunity to graduate with a concentration in biochemistry," said chemistry professor Chavonda Mills. "We received a \$2,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to purchase equipment for a new biochemistry lab." [Read more](#)

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

A provisional patent has been filed by Abdullah Eroglu, associate professor of electrical engineering, and three undergraduate electrical engineering students, who graduated in May. The title of the invention is the RF Signal Meter which is a hybrid power and impedance measurement device, also called "Integrated scalar power meter and reflectometer." [Read more](#)

St. Cloud State University (Minn.)

St. Cloud State University opened its innovative Integrated Science and Engineering Laboratory Facility (ISELF) to students this fall. "Education plus business collaboration — that's the idea behind ISELF," was the message from the Minneapolis Star Tribune's editorial about the new facility. Read the Star Tribune editorial at www.startribune.com/opinion/editorials/221400761.html

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University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

The total came to \$56,895,040, but the real message isn't about dollars. The real message is one of impact. That's what donors and members of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith campus community heard this week when the UAFS Foundation celebrated the end of the Giving Opportunity campaign, one in which the original goal was surpassed by almost \$7 million. [Read more](#)

University of Central Florida

UCF College of Medicine professor Dr. Saleh Naser soon will participate in a clinical trial to test whether a new antibiotic therapy acquired by RedHill Biopharma can be used to treat Crohn's disease patients. [Read more](#)

University of Houston-Clear Lake

University of Houston-Clear Lake recognized 11 university faculty and two staff members through the creation of the Million Dollar Club, a special honor for those who have been awarded one or more grants totaling a million dollars or more during the past 10 years. [Read more](#)

West Chester University (Pa.)

West Chester University Honors student Dan Hinderliter is one of only 12 students in the United States and Canada to be selected for the Pearson Student Advisory Board. He is providing the world's leading education company with feedback on its existing and future products. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

- Winthrop University English Professor Gregg Hecimovich's detective work in identifying the author of the first novel written by an African-American woman is outlined in The New York Times. The newspaper reported that Hecimovich, chair of the Department of English, has spent a decade scouring government documents, diaries and other private family documents to deduce that the author was Hannah Bond, a fugitive slave who escaped in 1857 from her N.C. owner, John Hill Wheeler. [Read more](#)
- What's one more mile for Winthrop University's Frank Rizzo? On Sept. 7, Rizzo led cyclists on an 82-mile ride throughout York County to commemorate his 82nd birthday. Proceeds from the ride supported the Student Veterans of Winthrop and then to the Wounded Warrior Project. Rizzo, who is a veteran of the Korean Conflict, works at the information desk of the DiGiorgio Campus Center. [Read more](#)

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