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Programs

Alcorn State University (Miss.)

Alcorn President Alfred Rankins Jr. is serious about customer service; he formed the Alcorn State University Customer Service Task Force comprised of students, alumni, faculty and staff. They are charged with identifying opportunities to improve performance and demonstrate value as well as recognize employees and offices that go above and beyond to provide exceptional customer service. **Read more**

Arkansas State University

Arkansas State University became the first college or university in the state to receive the League of American Bicyclists recognition as a Bicycle Friendly University. Arkansas State's recognition as the state's first BFU coincides with a renewed campus effort to promote increased usage of bicycles on campus through the PAC Paths and associated programs. **Read more**

Cal State East Bay

California State University, East Bay has been selected as one of eight CSUs to spearhead CSU STEM Collaboratives, a program designed to retain more of the students who declare science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors. **Read more**

Georgia College


A group of 19 students and faculty members are taking part in a medical mission to Honduras in the Agalta Valley. Packed in their suitcase are medical supplies from ointments to vitamins, examination tools to aspirin, blood pressure cuffs to suturing equipment and family health kits. The group will be treating medical problems such as chronic issues, fungal diseases, tropical diseases and even common issues like ear infections, allergies or asthma. **Read more**

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Military Friendly Schools

Several AASCU member schools have been listed as Military Friendly Schools by Victory Media.

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2014-2015 CollegeNet and PayScale College Salary Report

A number of AASCU member schools are ranked in the top 10 list of public schools nationwide in terms of salary potential upon graduation. [Read more](#)

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Grants and Gifts

Adams State University (Colo.)

A \$2.9 million grant awarded to the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC) will enable Adams State University's Boettcher Teacher Residency (BTR) program to serve more Colorado school districts and add a focus on training teachers for STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).

[Read more](#)

Cal State East Bay

Cal State East Bay has received \$276,500 from AT&T to expand the Hayward Promise Neighborhood (HPN) initiative, a program that aims to improve the lives and academics of more than 10,000 residents and 3,000 students in the ethnically diverse, low-income Jackson Triangle neighborhood.

[Read more](#)

California State University, Fresno

- California State University, Fresno was awarded a \$1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation. These funds will support the Robert Noyce Scholars program, which provides scholarships, fellowships and academic support for STEM majors interested in becoming science or mathematics teachers for grades 7-12. [Read more](#)

- A \$606,226 grant will help train California State University, Fresno social work students to serve Spanish-speaking children, adolescents, transitional aged youth (ages 16-25) and their families in areas where Latinos are a majority of the population. [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

The Charter College of Education at California State University, Los Angeles has been awarded an \$11 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to train new teachers to help close the achievement gap of students in high-need urban schools. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded California State University, Northridge nearly \$22 million over the next five years to make a nationwide impact on enhancing the diversity of the country's biomedical workforce. The grant will fund BUILD@CSUN, an ambitious attempt to change the way traditionally underrepresented minority students are mentored and trained as they set off on a career path as biomedical researchers. [Read more](#)

Emporia State University (Kan.)

- Nearly 40 wireless computer systems with i5 processors, high definition flat screen televisions, a short throw projector and a writable wall are several of the new leading-edge features found in The Thomas Learning Space at the School of Business at Emporia State University. The space

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was established through a \$50,000 gift made possible by School of Business graduate Diane L. (Thomas) Beatty. [Read more](#)

- Emporia State University's Department of Art will receive a six-figure gift from the estate of David W. Kasitz. Described as a "Renaissance man," the bulk of his estate will endow the David W. Kasitz Donor-Advised Fund to support Emporia State's engraving arts, printmaking and painting programs and provide scholarships for art students. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

- Jeffery Larkin, Department of Biology, received a funding award in the amount of \$141,932 from the American Bird Conservancy for his project, "Golden Winged Warbler Breeding Ground Coordinator." [Read more](#)
- Timothy Runge, Department of Educational and School Psychology, received a funding award in the amount of \$45,561 from PaTTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network) for his project, "School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports." [Read more](#)
- Hank Knerr, director of Lively Arts, received a funding award in the amount of \$85,621 from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for his project, "Arts in Education Partnership 2014-2015." [Read more](#)

Midwestern State University (Texas)

- Midwestern State University's College of Science and Mathematics has received a substantial gift in honor of the late David Kimbell Sr. The endowment established by the Kimbell family will provide scholarships, equipment, and curriculum development for the Bachelor of Science degree program in geosciences. [Read more](#)
- The Midwestern State University Board of Regents approved the naming of the Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School in recognition of the MSU alumna's \$2 million gift to the Graduate School. From the gift, \$1.8 million has been placed in endowment with the remaining sum available for immediate use in marketing, promotional purposes, scholarships, enrollment support, and expenditures related to and benefiting the McAda Graduate School. [Read more](#)

SUNY Cobleskill

- The State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill has received a \$1,000,000 commitment from New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo toward the development of a dairy processing center. [Read more](#)
- The Schopinsky Family Foundation has committed more than \$1,000,000.00 over the next 10 years, to fund the "Schopinsky Scholars" scholarship program, the family's second scholarship initiative at the College. This extraordinary grant is part of the Schopinsky Family's on-going commitment to the College. [Read more](#)

University of Central Oklahoma

The University of Central Oklahoma recently received a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs for \$134,494 under the Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces Program. The grant will help fund three vital programs on Central's campus – the UCO Endeavor Games, Adventure Therapy and USA Para-Powerlifting. [Read more](#)

West Texas A&M University

The great state of Texas is home to everything from snakes and lizards to birds and bats, and a