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COMMIT NOW TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL!

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Programs

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

- Black Hills State University (BHSU) connects international students with local families through the Family Connection Program, which matches students with a family for an academic school year. This program seeks to build lasting relationships and to create rewarding international experiences for both students and families. [Read more](#)
- BHSU continues to strengthen its global presence through a partnership with the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia, a central-European country, that has already resulted in several successful student and faculty exchanges. The partnership has also lead to the launch of a joint-research project comparing recent demographic changes in South Dakota and Slovenia's rural areas. [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti recently joined California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) and YMCA officials to launch Achieve LA, an initiative to create pathways to higher education for local youth. Achieve LA will leverage existing Cradle to Career Success Initiative programs at four YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles locations. Youth who participate in the initiative and meet minimum university requirements will be guaranteed admission to Cal State LA. [Read more](#)

Grants and Gifts

Arkansas State University

- Arkansas State University recently announced the creation of the Spades Family Endowed Scholarship, founded to help deserving pre-dental students finance and fulfill education priorities at Arkansas State. The scholarship, which is the first created for a pre-dental student at A-State, was established following a commitment of \$30,000 by the Spades family of Jonesboro to the Arkansas State University Foundation. Drs. William and Joseph Spades, both A-State alumni, are dentists in Jonesboro. [Read more](#)
- In recognition of a \$5 million contribution by First National Bank to the Red Wolves Foundation, the Arkansas State University's multi-purpose facility previously known as the Convocation Center will become "First National Bank Arena." First National Bank's gift of \$5 million, one of the largest in A-State Athletics history, guarantees it the naming rights to the facility through Dec. 31, 2029. [Read more](#)

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**Southeast Missouri State
University**

**State University of New York at
Oneonta**

**Texas A&M University-San
Antonio**

**University of Arkansas at Little
Rock**

**University of Arkansas - Fort
Smith**

A \$1.3 million federal grant will allow Arkansas Tech University to take its support for students who are veterans to a new level. [Read more](#)

Buffalo State College, State University of New York

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded \$2.1 million to State University of New York (SUNY) Buffalo to support the Patricia H. and Richard E. Garman Art Conservation Department and the two other U.S. art conservation graduate programs—the Conservation Center at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, and the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation. The award is intended to further a collaborative project in the area of library and archives conservation education. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded California State University, Northridge's College of Health and Human Development a \$1 million, four-year grant to support undergraduate and graduate students and to enhance their education experience as they prepare for careers as registered dietitians. [Read more](#)

California State University, San Bernardino

- California State University, San Bernardino's (Cal State San Bernardino) Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math have been awarded \$4,023,440 in federal funding for their programs to help students in San Bernardino and Rialto graduate from high school and to enroll and graduate from college. The five-year funding starts in 2018, and offers outreach and program services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including low-income, first-generation students and individuals with disabilities, to advance through the academic pipeline. [Read more](#)
- The Cal State San Bernardino Community-based Art (CBA) initiative has been awarded a three-year contract with the California Arts Council. The contract's funding of more than \$1.6 million will allow CBA to significantly increase its programming inside California state prisons, expanding its partnerships with other California State University campuses and growing jobs in the region. [Read more](#)

Colorado State University-Pueblo

One of eight recipients of a 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund grant, Colorado State University-Pueblo, the Colorado State University Todos Santos Center, and Autonomous University of Baja California Sur (UABCS) will collaborate to establish an Institute of Ecotourism Studies in Baja California Sur, Mexico, by providing education around the role and impacts of tourism on local cultures and communities. [Read more](#)

Frostburg State University (Md.)

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan recently announced a \$300,000 state investment to establish the new Office of Regional Development and Engagement at Frostburg State University (FSU). The office will integrate FSU's resources with regional partners in Western Maryland to help communities and companies be competitive and meet the unique challenges of development in rural regions. [Read more](#)

Georgia College

The Georgia College School of Nursing has begun a yearlong exploration into developing a school-based health clinic at the Montessori Academy at the Early Learning Center in Milledgeville. Development comes after Georgia College received a \$10,000 planning and assessment grant from Emory University. [Read more](#)

Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.)

Saginaw Valley State University is poised to accelerate improvement in student retention and graduation rates after receiving a \$3 million, five-year Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Only seven universities in the nation were selected to receive funding. [Read more](#)

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Salisbury University (Md.)

A Salisbury University (SU) program to help create jobs throughout the mid-Atlantic will continue another five years, thanks to a new \$1 million gift from the Philip E. and Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation. The Ratcliffe Shore Hatchery entrepreneurship competition in SU's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, established with the foundation's initial \$1 million contribution in 2013, will continue through at least 2024 under the new agreement. [Read more](#)

Southeast Missouri State University

The Department of Agriculture at Southeast Missouri State University has been awarded a \$15,741 Organic Fertilizer and Soil Health Management for Specialty Crops grant from the Missouri Department of Agriculture to evaluate polysulfate as an organic fertilizer for selected early-season and full-season vegetables and as a soil conditioner to improve soil health. Funding comes from the USDA's Specialty Crop Block Grant program. [Read more](#)

Western Carolina University (N.C.)

Western Carolina University's (WCU) Rapid Center, a regional source for business and entrepreneurial assistance, will gain some assistance itself in the form of a U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. An EDA University Center Economic Development Program allocation of \$118,000 will support WCU's role in advancing entrepreneurship, innovation and business expansion in Western North Carolina and is the first installment of an expected five-year grant total of \$590,000. [Read more](#)

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Awards and Honors

Angelo State University (Texas)

The Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center recognized the ongoing Range Reclamation Project conducted by Angelo State University's Department of Agriculture and Department of Physics and Geosciences with the 2017 Bruno Hanson/Midland College Environmental Excellence Award at the annual Executive Oil Conference in Midland. [Read more](#)

Arkansas Tech University

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) has recognized Arkansas Tech University for its support of educational opportunities for students of Hispanic descent. [Read more](#)

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) recently named Black Hills State University as the recipient of the Campus Sustainability Achievement Award. BHSU was honored by AASHE for the Black Hills Food Hub, a program launched by BHSU in October 2015 to increase local food production. The Black Hills Food Hub aims to increase the number of food producers in the area while increasing local food access to people of diverse economic and health status. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

California State University, Northridge biology professor MariaElena Zavala has been named the first Latina Fellow of the American Society of Cell Biology (ASCB) in its 57-year history. The ASCB is an international community of biologists studying the cell, the fundamental unit of life. Its members are dedicated to advancing scientific discovery, advocating sound research policies, improving education, promoting professional development and increasing diversity in the scientific workforce. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

The Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Center for Creativity and Change was named as the 2017 recipient of the Professional Service Award of the Association for Creativity in Counseling. The