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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL – PEER EXAMPLES

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AASCU, SIX MEMBER INSTITUTIONS ANNOUNCE PARTICIPATION

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Programs

Arkansas State University

Eleven students from Arkansas State University presented their recent work during the Arkansas State Capitol event in Little Rock. More than 110 students from 15 institutions participated. The purpose was to promote understanding and participation in the STEM disciplines. Legislators, state officials and the public were invited to attend and interact with the students. [Read more](#)

Clarion University (Pa.)

This year, Clarion University is recognizing a very important topic for our entire campus community: anti-bullying. Clarion has joined hundreds of colleges and universities nationwide who have come together through the Tyler Clementi Foundation to end online and offline bullying in schools, workplaces and faith communities. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

A new dual-enrollment program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) will give high school students the opportunity to get a jump on earning college credits in the STEM fields—and at significant savings. The IUP College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics' STEM Academy, which begins with a pilot program in the spring 2017 semester, will include college-level courses and faculty/peer tutoring for high-achieving high school students. [Read more](#)

Southeast Missouri State University

Southeast Missouri State University will soon join the growing number of college campuses across

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the country taking action to help students who do not have enough to eat. The new Redhawk Food Pantry will be housed in the Textbook Rental area in the basement of Kent Library, and will provide non-perishable food items, as well as other necessities, to Southeast students and employees.

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University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The University of Arkansas (UA) at Little Rock and Easterseals Arkansas recently joined forces to launch a post-secondary education program on the UA Little Rock campus for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **Read more**

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Winthrop University’s “Call Me MISTER” (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) cohort began as a tuition assistance and support program for male students from diverse backgrounds and underserved areas who are interested in teaching. The program has evolved since then into a program that lends support to other groups as well, earning Winthrop’s chapter the 2016 Outstanding Partnership Award from Rock Hill Schools. **Read more**

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Grants and Gifts

Cal State East Bay

The Cal State East Bay Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has announced recent grant recipients. Fifteen East Bay professors are receiving grants for various projects and programming.

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California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles, and its partners the Biocom Institute and the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), have been awarded an i6 Challenge grant of nearly \$500,000 to fund LABioStart, a boot camp to train emerging bioscience entrepreneurs in the region and to prepare them to launch bioscience startup companies. **Read more**

Frostburg State University (Md.)

Frostburg State University’s Cultural Events Series was awarded a \$10,000 Challenge America grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support a five-day residency in March involving the visit of Buddhist monks. The event includes multiple free public events, including workshops and lectures on Tibetan meditation, philosophy, art and culture. **Read more**

Kennesaw State University (Ga.)

- The National Science Foundation has awarded \$358,803 to Kennesaw State University developmental biologist Marcus C. Davis for his research, which could ultimately lead to eradicating limb birth defects, and allowing humans to regrow limbs. **Read more**
- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded Kennesaw State University neuroscientist Martin Hudson \$378,561 to research how neuron shape affects function and behavior in the nervous system. **Read more**

Midwestern State University (Texas)

A Midwestern State University (MSU) sophomore has been selected to receive a \$75,000 scholarship from the George and Fay Young Foundation of Dallas. Carolyn Duque, an education major, is the first MSU student to benefit from the Young Scholars program. **Read more**

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Anthropology Professor Timothy Trussell received a \$90,000 grant from the Denver Foundation in support of the Lancaster Colonial Settlement Project, an archaeological dig that involves students,

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and aims to explore the role that Lancaster County, Pa., played in the settlement of the Pennsylvania colony. [Read more](#)

North Carolina Central University

North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees member Michael P. Johnson made a \$250,000 gift to the school of business, which became the catalyst for establishing a new \$1 million endowment. Johnson’s original donation was matched by a gift from the University of North Carolina General Administration. An additional match was also received—creating the \$1 million total endowment. [Read more](#)

Stockton University (N.J.)

Stockton University’s Atlantic City campus was recognized as one of New Jersey’s “Leading Infrastructure Projects” with an award from the New Jersey Alliance for Action. The campus is part of the \$220 million Atlantic City Gateway Project, which includes an academic building, residences for 530 students, a parking garage with over 800 spaces and a new office tower for South Jersey Gas. The campus, currently under construction, is expected to open in fall 2018. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- Emily Phillips, a junior majoring in anthropology and Spanish at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, received \$2,000 from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education’s Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship to transcribe the music and stylistic elements of “Fiddlin’ Banjo Billy Mathews.” [Read more](#)
- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock Children International facility, which serves 3,000 children and youth, is set to undergo renovations this spring. Certified as the only Children International site in the country, the nonprofit organization received \$400,000 from Children International to help enhance the appearance of the location. [Read more](#)

University of Central Oklahoma

The National Endowment for the Humanities recently awarded a \$6,000 Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions to help fund the preservation assessment of the historic fashion collection at the University of Central Oklahoma. The project, titled “University of Central Oklahoma Fashion Museum Collection,” contains more than 1,000 pieces of clothing, hats, shoes and accessories from the 1890s through the 1970s. [Read more](#)

Western Carolina University (N.C.)

Western Carolina University (WCU) was the recipient of a grant from the North Carolina General Assembly that will help prepare educators to become school principals, and in turn, strengthen the quality of educational leadership in public schools. The two-year grant is providing WCU with \$400,561 for its North Carolina School Executive Leadership Program. [Read more](#)

Western Washington University

Western Washington University (WWU) has been awarded \$1.6 million in funding to expand capacity for students seeking computer science degrees, as well as develop a new program offering computer science teaching certification. WWU will receive the funding from the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS), which supports low- and middle-income students pursuing STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and healthcare degrees. [Read more](#)

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Presidential Honors

Governors State University (Ill.)

Governors State University (GSU) President Elaine Maimon contributed an article to the most recent

issue of *Trusteeship*, the magazine of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. [Read more](#)

Salisbury University (Md.)

Baltimore's *The Daily Record* has named Salisbury University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach to its 2017 list of "Influential Marylanders." This is her second year on the list. [Read more](#)

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Awards and Honors

California State University Stanislaus

At the California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) meeting in Santa Clara held last month, a study on the development of yeast strains for brewing presented by Stanislaus State students was judged the best of the conference by attendees. [Read more](#)

Eastern Connecticut State University

- The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) has selected Chris Drewry as assistant director of the Academic Services Center at Eastern Connecticut State University for its 2017 Excellence in Advising award. Drewry was the sole recipient in region 1 for the "Advisor Primary Role" category, standing out among thousands of NACADA members from numerous colleges and universities within the U.S. and Canada. [Read more](#)
- Pioneering ecologist Carmen Cid, dean of the school of arts and sciences at Eastern Connecticut State University, has been elected a 2017 Fellow of the Ecological Society of America (ESA). The lifetime achievement award honors ESA members who have made outstanding contributions to the field of ecology—the study of how organisms interact with their environments—through research, education and outreach. [Read more](#)

Keene State College (N.H.)

Christopher Brehme, associate professor of geography at Keene State College, received a Fulbright Scholar Award to conduct research in Yorkshire. Brehme surveyed visitors of North York Moors National Park to determine how they experience tranquility in the park. The research will assist park planners and tourism managers in decision-making about future uses. [Read more](#)

Salisbury University (Md.)

- The U.S. Green Building Council's Maryland chapter recently named Salisbury University's Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons as the winner of its prestigious 2016 Wintergreen Award for Excellence in Green Building in Education. Sustainable features include a 20,000-square-foot "green roof," covered with plants that collect and filter rainwater, reducing runoff and buffering the sun, creating an internal cooling effect. [Read more](#)
- Maarten Pereboom, dean of Salisbury University's Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts, was selected for the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar. Bolstering connections abroad, Pereboom will travel to India in March with just 10 other representatives of U.S. higher education for a first-hand look at Indian higher education. [Read more](#)

Southeast Missouri State University

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International has recognized

Catapult Creative House, Southeast Missouri State University's groundbreaking creative arts and industries incubator, as one of 35 innovations driving innovation in business education worldwide. The award recognizes Southeast's Catapult Creative House as a champion of change in the business education landscape. [Read more](#)

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

- Changfu Chang, professor of communication, received an Angel Film Award at the Monaco International Film Festival for his film *The Confucius Village*, which also won awards for Best Feature Documentary Director, Best Feature Documentary and Best Producer Feature Film. It is also an official selection of the Asia Rainbow TV Awards film festival in Macau. [Read more](#)
- Micheál Houlahan and Philip Tacka, professors of music, were awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards from the International Kodaly Society at the 2016 OAKE National Conference. The award recognizes their career of innovation and enduring dedication to music education and music theory. [Read more](#)

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University of Arkansas—Fort Smith

The Student Veterans Organization at the University of Arkansas—Fort Smith was recently recognized as one of the top student veteran groups in the nation during the Student Veterans of America national conference in Anaheim, Calif. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Each year, NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Frank P. Ardaiole, vice president for student life at Winthrop University, was selected as the recipient of the 2017 Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean. Ardaiole will be honored in March at the 2017 NASPA Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. [Read more](#)

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Spotlight

Angelo State University (Texas)

- The Angelo State University Agriculture Department's student Wool Judging Team won both the team and individual titles at the 2017 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Collegiate Wool Judging Contest this month in San Antonio. [Read more](#)
- Sean Czarnecki, an Angelo State University senior pursuing a triple major in geoscience, mathematics and physics, won the Outstanding Student Paper Award at the annual fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco, Calif. [Read more](#)

Bloomsburg University (Pa.)

Michael Shepard, PhD, contributed his research on an asteroid that may open windows on our early solar system. [Read more](#)

California State East Bay

- Alumnus Martin Hoang brings the legendary Bay Bridge Troll back to life at Cal State East Bay. [Read more](#)
- Aspiring neurosurgeon looks to diversify medicine. [Read more](#)
- Cal State East Bay professors investigate one of the fastest-growing youth sports in America. [Read more](#)
- Cal State East Bay's Tisha Ortiz shares difficult past to help change the future for others. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Shotwell, a student in the IUP Curriculum and Instruction doctoral program, was selected for the inaugural class of William Penn Fellows. Only 10 students were chosen for the program. The William Penn Fellowship was created last year by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf. [Read more](#)

Frostburg State University (Md.)

According to Marketwatch.com, a report from the Council for Aid to Education's Voluntary Support of Education survey listed Frostburg State University first among universities, and third among all colleges for directing the largest percentage of contributions toward financial aid in 2016.

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Lock Haven University (Pa.)

LHU student awarded Lotze Physics Scholarship for the second year. [Read more](#)

Millersville University (Pa.)

- Tyler Bagi, a secondary education major in his last semester at Millersville University (MU), is preparing for the biggest challenge of his life. Bagi learned about the Peace Corps during his sophomore year. He departs in September for his Peace Corps assignment, and will be serving for a period of 27 months, co-teaching English in secondary schools in Macedonia. [Read more](#)
- Millersville University (MU) senior Brittany Feichtel of Lewisberry is the latest student to attend The Harrisburg Internship Semester. Feichtel is working in the office of House Majority Leader Dave Reed as part of the 15-week internship sponsored by Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. [Read more](#)

Salisbury University (Md.)

- According to a new study from the Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON) at Salisbury University (SU), SU's annual Sea Gull Century bike ride has a regional economic impact of \$7 million annually. That includes direct, indirect and induced spending by the thousands of cyclists who attend each year from across the U.S. and beyond. [Read more](#)
- Salisbury University teacher education Professor Teena Ruark Gorrow and Craig A. Koppie of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service tell a patriotic story in their third book, Mr. President and The First Lady: The DC Eagle Cam Project. In cooperation with the American Eagle Foundation, the co-authors documented the two raptors that became an international Internet sensation in 2016. [Read more](#)

Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.)

Saginaw Valley State University student Jarrod Eaton, a health science major from St. Johns, has a genuine interest in the health of college students, and has pursued research in this regard. He has been invited to present his research at the 2nd World Congress on Public Health and Nutrition in Rome, Italy. [Read more](#)

Southeast Missouri State University

The Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents revised a policy, making the university a smoke-free tobacco-free campus beginning in the fall 2017 semester. The new policy prohibits smoking and using tobacco products by students, faculty, staff and visitors on all university properties. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock employees gave more than ever during the university's 2016 annual giving campaign. The \$362,702 donated broke the 2015 campaign total, \$347,000, by more than \$16,000, making 2016 the largest amount of money raised during the university's employee giving campaign. [Read more](#)
- The Communication Skills Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock recently opened a satellite location in Ottenheimer Library with the hope of helping more students easily access its resources. [Read more](#)
- Sara Small, a senior at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, has signed a professional contract to play for UMF Sindri in Iceland. Small will become the first Trojan women's soccer player to play the sport professionally. [Read more](#)

University of Central Oklahoma

A group of University of Central Oklahoma students placed second in the EdVenture Partners Peer to Peer: Challenging Extremism competition, which challenges college students to confront extremism through social media, sponsored by Facebook and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The team earned a trip to Washington, D.C., to present their project, the uDefy Project, and received a \$3,000 scholarship. [Read more](#)

University of Illinois Springfield

Researchers at the University of Illinois Springfield are using a new method of digital photography to help us view microorganisms on a larger scale. The technique—focus stacking—uses computer software to combine multiple photographs taken at different focus distances. The result is a single picture with greater sharpness or depth of field throughout the image. [Read more](#)

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Mikayla Williams earned a four-year merit scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and is pursuing her dream of becoming a trauma surgeon. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

- State whistleblower laws are meant to protect private employees who report wrongdoings, whether it's a health and safety violation or harassment, at their respective companies. But do they actually work? Winthrop University Assistant Professor of Accounting Adriana Cordis and business student Elizabeth Lambert say yes, they do, in their new research paper. [Read more](#)
- Winthrop University's International Organ Series will bring two German musicians, who share a Leipzig connection, to campus for "Bach and Beyond — the Leipzig Organ Tradition." The two virtuosos will delight and inform organ and music enthusiasts during a master class, lecture and recital on the famed D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ. [Read more](#)
- Winthrop University captured the top award for special events at the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District III conference for its First in the South Democratic Presidential Candidate Forum. The 2015 event was hosted by Winthrop and sponsored by MSNBC with the S.C. Democratic Party. The day also included a visit by Republican U.S. Sen. Rand Paul as part of U.S. Sen. Tim Scott's Town Hall tour. [Read more](#)

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