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Arkansas Tech University

- The Arkansas Tech University Department of Nursing and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Russellville have developed an innovative way to enhance the student experience and ensure patient care. [Read more](#)
- Fifteen bachelor's degrees at Arkansas Tech University are more accessible to students at South Arkansas Community College following the adoption of a memorandum of understanding on Tuesday, Feb. 5. [Read more](#)

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Slippery Rock University's partnership with the Butler VA Health Care System is to grow stronger thanks to a new Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership initiative. Through VITAL, Butler VA representatives will make regular campus visits to better serve student veterans and refer them to VA services. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- The Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC), based at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, continues to be an economic driver for the state. ASBTDC helped clients secure more than \$90 million in capital funding and create 891 jobs in 2018. Current and prospective small business owners who worked with ASBTDC obtained loans and other capital investment totaling \$90,513,828, a record for the program. [Read more](#)
- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock will run a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for the second year in a row to assist members of the public and the campus community file their taxes free of charge. [Read more](#)

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50-State Report Card on Black Undergraduates Enrolled at Public Colleges and Universities

Several AASCU institutions have received high marks in a national study of how well America's public colleges and universities are enrolling and serving African-American students. The University of Southern California (USC) Race and Equity Center published the report. [Read more](#)

Top Producers of Fulbright U.S. Scholars and Students

A number of AASCU institutions have been listed among the nation's top producers of Fulbright Students for 2018-19, as highlighted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The Fulbright program is run by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. [Read more](#)

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Grants and Gifts

Arkansas State University

A former member of the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees has completed a \$1 million gift to Arkansas State and announced the commitment toward a new \$1 million gift to support agricultural research. Through the Judd Hill Foundation, Trustee Emeritus Mike Gibson of Osceola is establishing the Judd Hill Student Research and Innovation Endowment, which complements his previous Judd Hill Agricultural Faculty Excellence Fund. [Read more](#)

Arkansas Tech University

It was almost 20 years ago when Joanne Taylor was selected to study China's school system and curriculum through a grant from the Freeman Foundation. Now, as her 43-year career in education comes to a close, Taylor is donating the teaching materials she obtained in China so that students at Arkansas Tech University may benefit from them. [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles has been awarded a grant to establish an Innovation and Design Center that will foster a learning community focused on design and manufacturing. With a \$325,000 grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation, the center will provide project-based learning for more than 1,000 undergraduate students annually in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology. The goal of the three-year grant project is to prepare students for success in STEM fields. [Read more](#)

Farmingdale State College (N.Y.)

Dr. Erwin Cabrera, associate director the RAM program at Farmingdale State College, has won a five-year, \$300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. The funds will be used to bring minority Ph.D. students in the STEM fields to the college, where faculty will mentor them as teaching assistants, with the goal of hiring them as full-time faculty. [Read more](#)

Northwest Missouri State University

The family of a Northwest Missouri State University staff member who found her passion assisting student teachers with their field experiences has established a scholarship in her honor to aid future student teachers at the university. The family of Joyce Luke established an endowed scholarship, the Joyce Luke Education Scholarship. Luke had served as the assistant director of field experiences since 2009 when she passed away last November at the age of 54. [Read more](#)

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Slippery Rock University has received an award of \$138,735 from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust through the PNC Charitable Trusts to expand its University's Growing Together aquaponics program. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock