**Programs**

Eastern Connecticut State University

Students and staff recently expanded their law enforcement knowledge through an extensive program offered by the Willimantic Police Department (WPD). Eight students as well as Christopher Ambrosio, interim director of the Office of Student Conduct, completed the WPD’s Citizen’s Police Academy this past November.

Jacksonville State University (Ala.)

Jacksonville State University is partnering with neighboring communities to create Alabama’s first multi-city bike sharing program. The goal is to inspire local tourism, good health and natural conservation.

Millersville University (Pa.)

Millersville University is giving students an opportunity to receive on-the-job training through the new Workforce Traineeship Program. Funded through a grant from Lancaster County Community Foundation’s BB&T Economic Growth Fund, the program began with a cohort of 10 trainees in Fall 2017.

University of West Florida

The Florida Small Business Development Center at the University of West Florida is playing a critical role in helping small business owners recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Consultants are working extended hours at two emergency response mobile assistance centers and several business recovery centers in Northwest Florida. The state has received 466 emergency bridge loan applications requesting nearly $20 million. As of Dec. 5, $14.8 million in loans have been disbursed, with an additional $2 million in requests being reviewed.

**Grants and Gifts**

Arkansas State University

Mathematics majors at Arkansas State University now have a new educational space and a new scholarship opportunity because of a donor’s generosity. A tutoring lab in the Computer Science and Mathematics Building will be known as the Katherine Overstreet Logan...
The Arkansas Research Alliance (ARA) and Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced the appointment of six new ARA Fellows, including Dr. Xiuzhen Huang, professor of computer science at Arkansas State University. The ARA Fellows program, launched in 2014, recognizes research leaders who are currently working in Arkansas at one of the state’s research campuses, including A-State. The ARA Fellows receive a $75,000 grant to support their work. Read more

California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) has been awarded a five-year, $500,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide biomedical and behavioral sciences research opportunities to undergraduates. The grant, from the NIH’s Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, will establish the Summer Program of Research Opportunities for Undergraduate Training at Cal State LA to offer firsthand research experience to students, along with a paid stipend for the summer. Read more

California State University, San Bernardino
Cal State San Bernardino (CSUSB), along with 15 other nonprofit community partners, will receive a portion of a $6 million grant from Kaiser Permanente Southern California to improve mental and behavioral health services in under-resourced Southern California areas. The grant is part of a five-year Community Mental Health and Wellness Initiative with an immediate Local Partnership Grant allocation of $1.28 million. CSUSB will receive $80,000 to cover a two-year period. Read more

California University of Pennsylvania
Partners for Fish and Wildlife, a conservation collaborative based at California University of Pennsylvania, will restore hundreds of acres of fish, wildlife and pollinator habitat thanks to a two-year, $800,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation. Habitat restoration is designed to support “species of concern,” including the golden-winged warbler, American woodcock and Appalachian cottontail, among others. Read more

Northern Kentucky University
The Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corporation’s Entrepreneurship Council (NKYEC), in partnership with the Northern Kentucky University’s Institute of Health Innovation and St. Elizabeth Healthcare, was awarded a $731,250 grant to build the Northern Kentucky Health Innovation Initiative (NKY-HII) by the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Read more

• Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and its partner institution in France, Université de Rennes 1 (UR1), have received funding from the European Union for exchange student scholarships. UR1 received the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility to provide opportunities for staff and students to study, teach and train in countries outside Europe. The established exchange program with NKU was highlighted in UR1’s proposal. Read more

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Little Rock Athletics is pleased to announce a number of recent legacy gifts to the Trojan Athletic department. These generous donations, which total nearly $1 million, will greatly enhance the student-athlete experience for all 15 Trojan Athletic programs. Read more

• Dr. Nitin Agarwal, a distinguished professor of the Information Science Department and head of the university’s Collaboratorium for Social Media and Online Behavioral Studies (COSMOS), was one of six new Arkansas Research Alliance (ARA) Fellows announced Thursday, Dec. 13, during a