Winter Break
Credit Hour will take a holiday break the week of Dec. 24 and will resume publication on Jan. 9, 2019.
Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

Programs

Arkansas Tech University
An international exchange of ideas is allowing professors from Arkansas Tech University to partner with visiting scholars from Turkey and to pursue personalized approaches to teaching and learning in higher education. Read more

Black Hills State University (S.D.)
Marketing and Management students at Black Hills State University (BHSU) are using concepts learned in their classes to help the community by working with local businesses. The Retail Management class was split up into groups at the beginning of the semester—each choosing from a list of local businesses that have reached out to BHSU professors for retail and marketing consulting. Read more

California State University, Long Beach
Holiday travelers shuffling through Long Beach Airport can catch a glimpse of what the city’s vibrant arts community has to offer now and through early next year. Currently on display are two installations by artists affiliated with California State University, Long Beach through a recent partnership between the airport and the university. Read more

Frostburg State University (Md.)
Frostburg State University (FSU) students from the FSU Chamber Singers and the FSU Chorale recently experienced the Maryland Symphony Orchestra (MSO) in a unique, thrilling way. Thanks to a new partnership, they entered the spotlight to perform alongside the acclaimed professional symphony under MSO conductor and musical director Elizabeth Schulze, gaining experience of the highest musical caliber. Read more

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)
Executives from Slippery Rock University (SRU) and Butler County Community College (BC3) signed articulation agreements that will pave the way for students to more efficiently transfer from BC3 to SRU and earn a bachelor's degree while saving time and money. Read more

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
The University of Arkansas at Little Rock Police Department is hoping to make long-lasting connections with the campus community and surrounding neighborhoods with the start of a community liaison officer program. The community liaison officers will provide safety and security programming, answer questions about law enforcement, anticipate community concerns, and address safety issues. Read more

University of Houston-Clear Lake (Texas)
The University of Houston (UH)-Clear Lake's Department of Healthcare Administration's prime location at the Texas Medical Center made it the optimal setting for a visit last summer from Chinese healthcare executives seeking an opportunity to learn more about the American health care system to help improve their own. The Center for Executive Education for the College of Business at UH-Clear Lake serves as the link between the university, local businesses and the community and offers numerous outreach programs. Read more
University of North Georgia
The University of North Georgia’s (UNG) connections to Asia keep growing. UNG signed its only current agreement with an Indian university Nov. 6, forming a science and business partnership with BML Munjal University. Read more

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Worth Noting
Excellence in Academic Advising
NACADA, a global association dedicated to enhancing the educational development of students in higher education, and the nonprofit Gardner Institute have formed the Excellence in Academic Advising comprehensive strategic planning process, which establishes aspirational standards for institutions to evaluate and improve academic advising and to acknowledge the central role of advising in promoting student learning, success and completion. Twelve U.S. institutions were selected to participate, including a number of AASCU member institutions. Read more

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Grants and Gifts
Arkansas State University
• Arkansas State University received a $450,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) under the Transportation Alternatives Program, which will fund the second phase of a planned campus-wide multi-use path. Read more

• Students at two particular Arkansas high schools will be the beneficiaries of an Arkansas State University alumnus’s generosity. Jim Smalley of Fayetteville has committed, through his will, a gift of $1.3 million that is expected to eventually provide hundreds of scholarships to graduates of the two high schools from which he and his late son, Beau, graduated. Read more

Arkansas Tech University
• Six Arkansas Tech University students tasked with solving a problem for Denali Water Solutions made their pitch to an audience that included nine members of the company’s leadership team on Thursday, Nov. 29. Read more

• Leave it to SpongeBob SquarePants to bridge the seemingly vast cultural gap between an Arkansas Tech University graduate student and an 8-year old Indonesian boy. Read more

California State University, Los Angeles
• California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) has received three grants totaling $3.7 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs. The five-year training grants will help prepare graduate students to pursue innovative approaches in working with children with disabilities. Read more

• Cal State LA has been awarded a $525,000 grant from the Weingart Foundation to accelerate the achievement of students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The three-year grant will allow Cal State LA to establish the Acceleration Initiative, which will prepare students from groups who are underrepresented to succeed in STEM. Read more

California State University, San Bernardino
• California State University, San Bernardino’s Department of Nursing has been selected to receive a prestigious grant from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to educate diverse communities about the federal All of Us Research Program, which was created to gather data from U.S. participants to accelerate research and improve health. Read more