What's New at AASCU

Check Out the Latest Issue of Policy Matters
Read the November issue of Policy Matters on Higher Education and the 2012 Election. Download pdf

Annual Meeting Audio
Listen to audio from several speaker presentations at the Annual Meeting. Visit podcast gallery

2013 AASCU Meetings Calendar
AASCU 2013 meetings are already lined up! Plan early and check out the 2013 meetings calendar at aascu.org/MeetingsCalendar/

Programs

Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Millersville University of Pennsylvania formed a partnership with three area companies in 1988 to enhance the educational future of Lancaster’s socioeconomically disadvantaged high school students. This program offers resources and support for students who graduate from high school, pursue a postsecondary education, and receive financial support if they attend Millersville University. Read more

Policies

Statistics from several groups in the U.S. say that approximately one in seven households are food insecure, a growing trend, and the highest number ever recorded in the United States. To ensure that Millersville University of Pennsylvania students don’t go hungry and are able to achieve their goals, the University and Campus Ministerium created the Campus Cupboard, a campus food bank developed to address concerns for hunger and nutrition among Millersville University students. Read more

Worth Noting

Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award
A number of AASCU members were among the 48 colleges and universities that have received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award (HEED) from Insight Into Diversity magazine. Read more

CASE National Professor of the Year and State Honorees
A psychology professor from AASCU member Dalton State College (Ga.) was one of four national professors of the year. In addition professors from several AASCU institutions were named state honorees. Read more

Grants and Gifts

California State University, Los Angeles
The School of Nursing at California State University, Los Angeles was awarded a four-year, $2.4 million Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant to alleviate the critical shortage of nurses in the surrounding communities and to support nursing students in completing their academic degrees. Read more
Slippery Rock University (Pa.)
Timothy Smith, Slippery Rock University professor of physical therapy, has been awarded $49,658 by the National Science Foundation to continue his research on “Collaborative Research: A Histological and CT Study of Midfacial Growth Trajectories in Subadult Primates.” Read more

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin System officials announced that UW-La Crosse will lead the development of a new “massive open online course” – MOOC – at the developmental math level, with a $50,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Read more

Presidential Honor
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Central Oklahoma President Don Betz received the state’s highest honor for leadership and significant contributions to the arts with his selection as a recipient of the 2012 Governor’s Award, part of the Oklahoma Arts Council’s Governor’s Arts Awards. Read more

Awards and Honors
California State University, Long Beach
A professor of Asian and Asian American Studies at California State University, Long Beach is being honored this week by the American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) as the recipient of its 2012 AATJ Teacher Award in recognition of her demonstrated excellence in innovative teaching, advocacy and leadership in Japanese education, and service to the profession. Read more

Dakota State University (S.D.)
Dakota State University recently was named a recipient of the 2012 Minority Access Role Models Award for its commitment to enhancing the diversity mission throughout the DSU campus. DSU is one of only 27 institutions nationally to achieve the designation this year. Read more

Pittsburg State University (Kansas)
The Kansas Conference of the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) has selected Pittsburg State University as the first recipient of its Sound Governance Award. The award was based on scores PSU received in a recent “Indicators of Sound Governance” survey. PSU not only scored the highest on the survey but also received the highest percentage of positive remarks. Read more

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)
Slippery Rock University has made the green honor roll, moving up from a Bronze to Silver ranking in the new Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System. STARS, developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, is a self-reporting framework that enables institutions to measure their sustainability performance. Read more

University of Houston-Clear Lake
The NASA Human Health and Performance Center at Johnson Space Center recognized two University of Houston-Clear Lake professors for their contribution to STELLAR (Science, Technology, Engineering and Life Science Lessons for Assembly and Reasoning), an education outreach program teaming NASA with academic universities and industry to help ignite interest in space exploration among young students. Read more

University of Wisconsin-Stout
University Housing at University of Wisconsin-Stout was presented the 2012 Assessment Award recently at the annual conference of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International. Read more

Valdosta State University (Ga.)
Valdosta State University's innovative efforts to improve access and college completion for adults have earned the university national recognition from the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). VSU President William J. McKinney officially accepted the 2012 CAEL Institutional Service Award at the organization's annual conference in Washington, D.C. Read more
**Spotlight**

**Angelo State University (Texas)**
Angelo State University’s student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) received an Honorable Mention Award and was named a Green Chemistry Chapter by the national ACS. The ASU chapter was also highlighted as a “Spotlight Chapter” in the November/December 2012 issue of inChemistry, the ACS student member magazine. Read more

**California State University, San Bernardino**
For the third consecutive year, volunteers from the planning and organizing committee for Cal State San Bernardino’s Latino Education and Advocacy Days Summit will receive the prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award from President Obama’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. Read more

**Millersville University of Pennsylvania**
Two students from Millersville University’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) accepted the “Star Chapter Award” at this year’s national conference. The “Star Chapter Award” is a distinction that chapters of any size can be recognized with by meeting specific chapter and professional development goals. Read more

**University of Illinois Springfield**
The University of Illinois Springfield is part of a nationwide study that will examine the academic potential of massive open online courses (MOOCs). The research is being coordinated by the American Council on Education (ACE) with financial support provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Read more