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**California State University, Long Beach**

Ceramic art, once written off as mere craft, wins a brighter spotlight in the L.A. scene. California State University, Long Beach has become a leading incubator of talent in the field and this fall will inaugurate its Center for Contemporary Ceramics. [Read more](#)

**Georgia College**

For 15 years, Georgia College students have had the opportunity to learn firsthand from the state's top leaders in business, politics, law, education and healthcare. The Georgia Education Mentorship (GEM) Program—a one-of-a-kind partnership between the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and Georgia College—pairs leaders from the Chamber with juniors and seniors. This year marks not only 15 years, but also the 500th student participant in this highly successful program. [Read more](#)

**Slippery Rock University (Pa.)**

Incoming freshmen at Slippery Rock University have the opportunity to enroll in a new University Seminar for the fall 2018 semester, which is part of a pilot program to revise the university's liberal studies program and engage students in critical thinking with varied subjects outside of their majors. [Read more](#)

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law has started Arkansas's first law firm incubator program to address the shortage of attorneys in the state. [Read more](#)
- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock College of Social Sciences and Communication is making the transition from college life to professional life a little easier for graduating seniors by starting a new mentoring program. The new mentoring program pairs graduating seniors with College of Social Sciences and Communication alumni as well as career professionals. [Read more](#)

**Western Illinois University**

High school seniors from west-central Illinois can get a jump-start on their college career during the 2018-19 academic year through Western Illinois University's Special Admission High School Program. [Read more](#)

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## Worth Noting

### America's Best Value Colleges

Forbes has recognized several AASCU institutions as "best value colleges." [Read more](#)

### Early Childhood Education Programs

Bestvalueschools.org has recognized several AASCU institutions as having early childhood education programs that are top in the nation. The rankings are based on the cost of attendance, the variety of online offerings, student resources and student success, and other factors. [Read more](#)

### Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative

The Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative is a joint project of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities and The Democracy Collaborative that is designed to develop and share new strategies for deploying higher education's intellectual and place-based resources to enhance the economic and social well-being of the communities they serve. Over one-third of the 31 institutions involved in the project are AASCU members. The institutions will collaboratively work to identify resources and develop new tools for implementing, expanding and evaluating anchor mission practices. [Read more](#)

### Online Emergency Management Programs

College Choice has recognized a number of AASCU institutions for having the best online master's degree programs in emergency management (MSEM) in the nation. [Read more](#)

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## Grants and Gifts

### Arkansas State University

Arkansas State University (ASU) alumnus Neil Griffin made a \$10 million gift to his alma mater. In recognition of the largest individual gift to an academic program, the ASU Board of Trustees approved naming the Neil Griffin College of Business. The gift will endow a range of scholarships, professorships and enhancement funds for the operations of the college. Griffin has made provisions for a follow-on estate gift that will provide significant future enhancements. [Read more](#)

### California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles has been awarded a nearly \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to increase degree completion and career readiness among students in engineering and computer science majors. The grant is funded through the NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S-STEM) Program. [Read more](#)

### Lock Haven University (Pa.)

Lock Haven University Health Science Professors Beth McMahon and Jennifer Rudella recently co-wrote a grant with input from over 50 high school students to aid local students in combating the root causes of the opioid epidemic. The grant award of \$16,650 will provide the funding to expand their Find Your Anti-Drug and Find Your Worth mass media campaign. [Read more](#)

### University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock has received an \$800,000 gift from Dr. Bruce Murphy, president and chief executive officer of the Arkansas Heart Hospital. Murphy's gift supports the Student Success Initiatives Fund within the College of Education and Health Professions. [Read more](#)