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### Programs

#### Black Hills State University (S.D.)

Nearly 6,000 miles apart, a common thread of training educators unites Black Hills State University (BHSU) and its newest international partner, Mongolian National University of Education (MNUE). Dr. Mandakh Dashdorj, president of MNUE, visited Spearfish recently to meet with BHSU leaders. Dashdorj and Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., president of BHSU, signed a historic memorandum of understanding providing a framework for continued collaboration. [Read more](#)

#### Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Malick Coly was only a few days into his first semester as an instructor of modern languages and cultures at Slippery Rock University (SRU) when he reached out to the local community with an idea of starting a film series. Showing movies is not a novel idea at SRU, as many student organizations and academic departments host film presentations. But Coly wanted to involve the community as well, so he approached the Slippery Rock Community Library. [Read more](#)

#### University of West Florida

University of West Florida's Division of Continuing Education and Career Educational Services are teaming up to ease the financial burden on students who were in Virginia College's certified clinical medical assistant program. Continuing Education is offering students a discounted tuition rate to complete the program and special pricing is available to complete externships, covering the fee to take the National Healthcare Association exam. [Read more](#)

#### Western Illinois University

For the second year, the Illinois Corn Marketing Board is partnering with the Western Illinois University School of Agriculture on a program to benefit high school agriculture classes across Illinois. [Read more](#)

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### Grants and Gifts

#### Arkansas State University

- Arkansas State University recently opened the Hytrol Materials Handling Laboratory, made possible thanks to a gift from Hytrol Conveyor Co. that equipped the facility with a fully-functional conveyor system, along with instrumentation and controls. The lab is the first of its kind in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The conveyor system is a working version of one of Hytrol's most popular models and one that is currently used by industrial giants such as Amazon, FedEx and Walmart. [Read more](#)

- Officials gathered for a construction launch ceremony for the disaster training pavilion facility in Imboden in the lobby of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Health Sciences on the campus of Arkansas State University. The construction of the pavilion is made possible by a grant from the Delta Regional Authority. The grant is for \$150,000 and provides the cost of the pavilion, parking lot and materials for constructing the road from the gate to the pavilion. [Read more](#)

#### Arkansas Tech University

The home of Arkansas Tech University (ATU) baseball has a new name. Previously known as Tech Field, the Wonder Boys' baseball diamond will henceforth be referred to as Baswell Field following approval by the ATU Board of Trustees and a \$250,000 estate gift from the late Col. Carl Franklin Baswell. [Read more](#)

#### California State University, Los Angeles

California State Los Angeles has received a grant of \$1 million from noted international modern and contemporary art gallery Hauser & Wirth to support the undergraduate program in the Department of Television, Film and Media Studies. The grant is the latest development in a partnership that began in fall 2017 with a new semester-long course titled Community Impact Media. This innovative course provides student filmmakers with hands-on experience in media production and offers storytelling mentorship. [Read more](#)

#### California State University, San Bernardino

California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) is collaborating with Riverside City College (RCC) for the recently funded National Science Foundation grant project, STEM en familia: Guiding Critical Transitions to the Baccalaureate, to provide 400 incoming RCC student STEM majors supports to increase retention within the STEM disciplines while they are at RCC, and subsequently increase transfer rates to CSUSB and the University of California, Riverside. [Read more](#)

#### Eastern Connecticut State University

Eastern Connecticut State University is going the extra mile to ensure that African American and Hispanic students who end up on academic probation are provided the support they need to succeed. The new PASS (Promoting Academically Successful Students) program is funded through a \$75,000 grant from the Connecticut State Office of Higher Education. [Read more](#)

#### Georgia College

Georgia College's Call Me MiSTER (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role models) Program received a \$10,000 grant from Georgia Power. It's part of a growing relationship with Georgia Power to support a more diverse cadre of educators, particularly black males. The money will primarily fund scholarships for MiSTERS in the program by helping offset costs for tuition and other fees associated with enrollment. [Read more](#)

#### Millersville University (Pa.)

"It's on Us" was created by Barack Obama, the White House Task Force to Prevent Sexual Assault, and the White House Council on Women and Girls in an effort to promote the conversation of ending sexual violence. Millersville University's (MU) It's on Us team was awarded a grant of \$30,000 by the state to continue these efforts. They plan on using this grant to continue to support the It's on Us program; develop a Title IX peer education program; host speaker events; offer training for staff, faculty and students at MU regarding sexual assault; participate in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators' (NASPA) Culture of Respect Collaborative; and much more. [Read more](#)

#### Northern Arizona University

Northern Arizona University is one of six other universities receiving a grant of \$1 million from The