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Cleveland State University (Ohio)

Nine public colleges and universities in Northeast Ohio have teamed up to create a consortium agreement to improve efficiency and effectiveness, strengthen educational offerings, provide collaborative pathways to degrees and support the region's workforce. The agreement brings together CSU, Tri-C, Kent State, Lakeland Community College, Lorain County Community College, NEOMED, Stark State College, Akron & YSU. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's (IUP) Opera Theater program had its first mini-opera tour during spring 2018. IUP faculty and students performed for over 450 students in local, rural high schools, offering most of the students a first exposure to opera. [Read more](#)

Northwest Missouri State University

Knacktive, a Northwest Missouri State University program for advanced undergraduate students, will partner with the city of Maryville and its Tourism Committee next spring to help advance tourism initiatives. Now entering its ninth iteration, Knacktive partners with a professional client each spring to replicate the creative demands and intense teamwork atmosphere of a technology-oriented, professional marketing communications agency. [Read more](#)

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Slippery Rock University (SRU) faculty, students and administrators are learning from an international exchange program with the University of Physical Education (UPE) in Budapest, Hungary. SRU's partnership with UPE dates back to the 1990s, but only recently have the institutions entered into an agreement that is unlike traditional exchange programs through the Erasmus Plus program, a grant funded by the European Union that pays all travel and living expenses. [Read more](#)

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**University of Illinois
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University of North Georgia

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- Leon Foust, an Arkansas State University alumnus and retired bank president, has established a scholarship endowment to benefit graduates of high schools in four area communities where he had personal or career connections. Agri and music majors are eligible to apply for the Foust Family Scholarship. [Read more](#)

- Arkansas State University announced that Greenway Equipment has established an additional two scholarships in the College of Agriculture. The scholarships were created following a commitment of \$115,000 from Greenway, the second such gift from the company since 2014. The gift creates additional Greenway Agriculture Systems Technology Scholarships, and Greenway Crop Production and Agronomic Services Minor Scholarships, and will be used in the recruitment of students majoring in agriculture. [Read more](#)

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

Black Hills State University is a project partner in a grant of \$13,000 to The Matthews Opera House & Arts Center to host the NEA Big Read in Spearfish, S.D. A national initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read grant supports a community reading program. The NEA Big Read in Spearfish will focus on Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. Activities will take place January 12 through March 30, 2019. [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) received a \$1 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) to train faculty to better engage with students from all backgrounds who study science. The grant will establish the Science Faculty for Inclusive Excellence and Transformation project at Cal State LA to support students from historically underrepresented communities, students who are the first in their families to attend college, and students who are working adults with families. [Read more](#)

Columbus State University (Ga.)

Sixteen middle school and high school students are enhancing their STEM skills at Columbus State University Coca Cola Space Science Center summer camps, thanks to a generous donation from local business, Pratt & Whitney. The camps—"Space Robotics" for ages 10-13 and "Drone Engineering" for ages 14-16—provide youth with the hands-on STEM experiences to equip them with practical problem-solving skills that make them more competitive for the technical workforce. [Read more](#)

Farmingdale State College (N.Y.)

The Infrastructure, Transportation and Security Center at Farmingdale State College has won a \$100K grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, and joined University Transportation Centers (UTC), based at Rutgers University (N.J.). The grant is good for an additional three years, with amounts to be determined annually. The UTC Program advances state-of-the-art in transportation research and technology, and develops the next generation of transportation professionals. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

The Indiana University of Pennsylvania Special Collections and University Archives was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation for Smaller Institutions Grant of \$5,995 that purchased archival supplies to re-house several important humanities collections. [Read more](#)

Midwestern State University (Texas)

The Department of Music at Midwestern State University has begun replacing most of the university's piano inventory and the department's electronic piano lab thanks to the generosity of the Perkins-Prothro Foundation and Dale and Joe Prothro, longtime donors to the fine arts programs. [Read more](#)

Northern Arizona University

Native Americans have the lowest rate of university enrollment and graduation rates of any group in the United States—and in STEM fields, they represent 0.5 percent of students nationwide. Those

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who live on tribal lands also experience environmentally-associated health issues. Thanks to a \$2.6 million grant from the National Institute of Health, Northern Arizona University researchers will work to combat these issues and provide Native American students with unique opportunities to work with world-class researchers. [Read more](#)

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Slippery Rock University's Troops to Teachers initiative has received a five-year extension thanks to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, which recently received a \$1.6 million federal grant to support the program. [Read more](#)

State University of New York at Geneseo

Faculty member Glenn McClure has received a \$50,000 National Science Foundation Innovation Corps-National Innovation Network Teams grant to explore the interpretation and representation of large amounts of data through non-speech audio such as music. Titled "Music in the Numbers," the project employs novel software to produce sound by translating numerical sequences of data, applicable to industries that would benefit from the ongoing interpretation of big data using non-speech audio. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- The Sequoyah National Research Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock has received nearly \$58,000 to create an interactive history of the Trail of Tears in Arkansas utilizing touch-screen technology. [Read more](#)
- Two professors at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock have received nearly \$50,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study how proteins accumulate in corn seeds. The hope is that the research will ultimately lead to corn strains that produce more nutrients, specifically proteins, thus helping to better feed the world's population. [Read more](#)

University of Illinois Springfield

Three faculty members from the University of Illinois Springfield recently traveled to Colima, Mexico, to discuss research collaborations and academic exchanges with faculty at the University of Colima. The trip was made possible by a Discovery Partners Institute International Travel Grant aimed at building bridges with universities in Mexico and Israel. [Read more](#)

University of Southern Indiana

In recognition of the leadership of retiring president Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, the University of Southern Indiana (USI) Foundation has announced the establishment of the Amy MacDonell and Randall Shepard Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship. MacDonell, a USI trustee from 2006 to 2018, and her husband Shepard, retired Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice, endowed the scholarship that will provide \$8,500 per year in scholarships to assist students with the costs of participating in a study abroad program. [Read more](#)

Western Carolina University (N.C.)

Western Carolina University's School of Nursing has received a \$2.7 million grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to support a new post-baccalaureate nurse residency program and to further develop community-based primary care clinical experiences. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Winthrop University Assistant Professor of Biology Matt Stern will investigate how stem cells and cancer cells behave in different three-dimensional microenvironments along with two other South Carolina professors as part of a \$50,000 federal-state-university grant partnership. [Read more](#)

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