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<p><b>California State University, Fresno</b>  <b>California State University, Northridge</b>  <b>University of Central Florida</b></p>	<p><b>Richard Stockton College of New Jersey</b> Adults in New Jersey view Garden State colleges and universities as having high quality and providing high value for the investment, with a majority saying colleges help in job and workforce development, according to a Stockton Polling Institute poll of over 1,000 individuals in New Jersey. "Cost is seen as a major barrier, and citizens expect state and college leaders to make needed reforms to boost college affordability and completion," said Dr. Darryl Greer, Ph.D., Senior Fellow at the Hughes Center and Director of the Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance Center. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>
<p>Presidential Honors </p> <p><b>California State University, Los Angeles</b></p>	<p><b>San Diego State University</b> If you're feeling better now that spring is here, it's not all in your head. A study led by San Diego State University Graduate School of Public Health Research Professor, John W. Ayers links a number of major mental illnesses, disorders and problems to the seasons. For some time, scientists have understood seasonal affective disorder (SAD), but new research by Ayers and his team — published by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine — finds that Google searches for information about all major mental illnesses and problems follow seasonal patterns. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>
<p>Awards &amp; Honors </p>	
<p><b>Governors State University (Ill.)</b>  <b>California State University, Los Angeles</b>  <b>Indiana University of Pennsylvania</b>  <b>San Diego State University</b>  <b>The University of Texas-Pan American</b></p>	<p><b>University of Illinois Springfield</b> The Illinois Innocence Project, based at the University of Illinois Springfield, has helped to secure the release of Peggy Jo Jackson. In 1987, she was convicted of first-degree murder in Jefferson County, Ill. for her indirect involvement in the death of her husband William Jackson. After serving 27 years of a life sentence without parole, Governor Pat Quinn issued an executive clemency order, which freed Jackson from the Logan Correctional Center on parole. <a href="#">Read more</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">top</a></p>
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<p><b>Angelo State University (Texas)</b></p>	<p><b>California State University, Fresno</b> The California Pistachio Research Board pledged \$1.5 million to establish an endowed faculty position at California State University, Fresno. The endowed Professorship in Pistachio Physiology and Pomology assures dedicated faculty expertise to help solve industry challenges, while training the next generation of agricultural professionals. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>
<p><b>California State University, Northridge</b>  <b>Emporia State University (Kan.)</b></p>	<p><b>California State University, Northridge</b> The energy-saving features of California State University, Northridge's Student Recreation Center have earned the facility a rebate from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).</p>


**Millersville University (Pa.)**

**University of Central Florida**

**University of Central Oklahoma**

**Winthrop University (S.C.)**

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LADWP representatives will present CSUN's University Student Union's board of directors with a check for \$226,225.80 for the way university officials incorporated the use of rooftop solar tubes and photovoltaic panels into the design of the year-old recreation center. **Read more**

**University of Central Florida**

UCF was awarded a \$55 million NASA grant to build and launch into space an instrument the size of a microwave oven that will provide unprecedented imaging of the Earth's upper atmosphere. The award is the largest single grant in UCF's history, and UCF will become the first Florida university to lead a NASA mission. **Read more**

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Presidential Honors

**California State University, Los Angeles**

For his more than three decades of unwavering commitment and service to the University, California State University, Los Angeles President James M. Rosser has recently been honored with the 2013 Golden Torch Award for Lifetime Achievement in Academia from the National Society of Black Engineers. **Read more**

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Awards and Honors

**California State University, Northridge**

The University Professional Continuing Education Association (UPCEA) has given California State University, Northridge its 2013 Outstanding Program Award, specifically recognizing the university's Master of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences: Speech-Language Pathology program for its innovative work in the field. CSUN's Tseng College and College of Health and Human Development collaborate in this fully online program, which draws students from around the country. **Read more**

**California State University, San Bernardino**

"Policing in America: Exam Cram," a study guide that accompanies the textbook co-written by Larry Gaines, professor and chair of the criminal justice department at Cal State San Bernardino, is the winner of a PROSE award from the American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence. **Read more**

**Pittsburg State University (Kan.)**

The National Association for Sport and Physical Education has named Scott Gorman, a professor in Pittsburg State University's Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation, the 2013 national mentor of the year for his record of support for students. **Read more**

**University of Wisconsin-Stout**

UW-Stout has received two Models of Efficiency awards from University Business magazine. One award is for improving the student transcript process and the other is for reducing the time required to send diplomas. **Read more**

**Winthrop University (S.C.)**

The Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) presented Boyd Jones, director of university programs at Winthrop University, with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the association's conference. APCA presents the award to those who have distinguished themselves in the campus programming field. **Read more**

A dance piece by Winthrop University Instructor of Dance Meg Schriffen was recently chosen for the competitive Southeast American College Dance Festival, the first time in nearly a decade that a Winthrop faculty member's work was selected for a performance in that venue. **Read more**

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Spotlight

**Angelo State University (Texas)**

Angelo State University's Epsilon Sigma chapter of the Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta) biology honor society was named the Outstanding Chapter in District 2 for the 2012-13 academic year at the Tri-Beta South Central Regional Convention April 5-7 at the Oklahoma University Biological Field Station in Kingston, Okla.

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Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society encompassing all academic disciplines has approved Angelo State University's application for a new chapter, effective immediately.

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**California State University, Northridge**

California State University, Northridge business students took home first prize at the 13th annual RISE (Redefining Investment Strategy Education) international student portfolio competition, held in conjunction with the RISE 13 investment forum. The CSUN team placed first in the value portfolio category, besting about 200 other teams. The group was also one of only 16 teams invited to present their portfolio strategy at the RISE conference, a coveted invitation that affords the opportunity to meet and discuss their work with some of the industry's top professionals. [Read more](#)

**Emporia State University (Kan.)**

Ryan Wash and Elijah Smith, competing as Emporia SW, won the National Debate Tournament defeating a team from Northwestern University. The win comes just a week after Emporia SW captured the Cross Examination Debate Association national tournament. Emporia State is the first program to have a team capture both titles in the same season. [Read more](#)

**Millersville University (Pa.)**

Williams-Mystic, the Maritime Studies Program of Williams College and Mystic Seaport, has announced the winners of the 2012 Joseph Conrad Essay Contest, including a Millersville University student. Ema Williamson '15 of Millersville University won \$500 for her short story "The Glass Trumpet," a piece which features careful observations of how human beings relate to each other in the presence of the sea. [Read more](#)

Dominique A. Didier, biology, has been working with colleagues on describing a fascinating fossil shark. This fish is called Helicoprion, and it is also known as a "whorl tooth shark" because it has a single blade of teeth (like a circular saw) in its mouth. People have wondered about this unusual shark for over 100 years.

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**University of Central Florida**

Bodhi is a 13-month-old Havanese and a member of UCF's counseling team. He joined the Counseling and Psychological Services team this past year, and he's in the process of being registered as a therapy dog. Many large universities use dogs and cats to help reach out to students. [Read more](#)

**University of Central Oklahoma**

The American College Health Association, a national nonprofit focused on the advancement of student's health on college campuses, recently honored University of Central Oklahoma student Sara Shipley with the Lewis Barbato Award for her contributions to Central's health and wellness programs. Shipley, a senior nutrition, dietetics and food management major, is a part of Central's Peer Health Leadership program, a group of students who provide health education programs for the campus. [Read more](#)

**Winthrop University (S.C.)**

Winthrop University social work faculty and students took three out of four state awards at the March 20 spring conference for the S.C. Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University economics major Aaron Eichelberger, a junior from Columbia, S.C., was recently named by Campus Compact to the 2013 Class of Newmark Civic Fellows. Eichelberger is a supreme example of the compact's future public problem solvers and civic leaders, the website notes. [Read more](#)

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