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Programs

Armstrong State University (Ga.)

Consul General of Mexico Javier Díaz de Leó visited Armstrong State University to sign a memorandum of understanding with Armstrong President Linda M. Bleicken. The Hispanic Outreach and Leadership at Armstrong program is a recipient of the Mexican Consulate's 2016-17 IME-Becas Scholarship Program, which benefits Mexican and Mexican-American students. [Read more](#)

Austin Peay State University (Tenn.)

High school juniors and seniors from across Tennessee can now get a jumpstart on their college careers, and potentially save more than \$7,000 on tuition for a four-year degree, thanks to Austin Peay State University's statewide, dual enrollment program, GovNow. [Read more](#)

Columbus State University (Ga.)

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, an outreach center of Columbus State University, recently visited a local middle school to "take over" the seventh grade curriculum. Educators taught five STEAM-based lessons, each tied to a specific state teaching standard. [Read more](#)

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Grants and Gifts

Angelo State University (Texas)

- The James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation of Midland has awarded a grant of \$1 million to Angelo State University to establish a new endowed chair position in the Department of Physical Therapy, a component of ASU's Archer College of Health and Human Services. **Read more**
- Dr. Marva Solomon of the Angelo State University teacher education faculty has been awarded a \$20,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Education through the National Writing Project to expand the scope of ASU's Pearl of the Concho Writing Project. **Read more**

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

Black Hills State University and Sanford Underground Research Facility have been selected to receive a SD EPSCoR Education/Workforce Development Grant to create, improve and innovate classroom programs that will provide students with hands-on opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. **Read more**

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles has been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the federal government to research the exercise needs of wheelchair users, specifically those with traumatic spinal cord injuries. Cal State LA received the funding from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. **Read more**

California State University, Northridge

The National Institutes of Health has awarded California State University, Northridge biology professor Jonathan Kelber \$1.46 million over the next four years to support his research group in their ongoing studies of the cancer "support wall" gene called PEAK1. His research has implications for future treatment diagnosis and treatment practices for breast and pancreatic cancer patients.

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Georgia College

Georgia College faculty members Drs. Nicole DeClouette and Chesley Mercado helped the Baldwin Life Enrichment Center write and secure a \$100,000 grant from Benchmark Human Services. The longstanding partnership between Georgia College and the Life Enrichment Center, which serves adults with disabilities living in Baldwin County, established the Creative Enrichment Center. **Read more**

Sacramento State (Calif.)

Sacramento State's Sustainable Interdisciplinary Research to Inspire Undergraduate Success (SIRIUS) program received a \$250,000 Keck Foundation grant Jan. 1 to expand its offerings of research opportunities for undergraduates. **Read more**

Tarleton State University (Texas)

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board announced the award of more than \$650,000 to four public institutions, including Tarleton State University, for expansion of the Texas Affordable Baccalaureate program. **Read more**

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock TRIO program received a five-year Educational Opportunity Grant worth nearly \$1.2 million to help Arkansans in the Delta region enroll in postsecondary education programs. TRIO will receive \$235,997 a year from 2016 to 2021 to provide services to 1,000 participants in the Arkansas Delta. **Read more**

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- Diana and Paul Nolte have pledged \$30,000 to create an endowed scholarship for single parents at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. [Read more](#)
- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock has raised nearly \$500,000 for endowed scholarship funds for art and design students. The new Windgate Center of Art + Design is funded by a \$20.3 million gift from the Windgate Charitable Foundation. The university launched a \$3 million endowed scholarship campaign to make art and design education more affordable. [Read more](#)

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Presidential Honors

Colorado State University-Pueblo

President Lesley Di Mare received the Adult Hero Award from the American Red Cross of Southeastern Colorado at its Pueblo Hometown Heroes Dinner, which honors everyday ordinary people who perform extraordinary acts of compassion. Di Mare was honored for her leadership, as well as her dedication and service to the community. [Read more](#)

California State University Stanislaus

Stanislaus State President Ellen Junn has been selected by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* as one of 25 women who have made a difference in the world by exhibiting leadership while tackling higher education's toughest challenges. As president of Stanislaus State, Junn has made student success and diversity a priority. [Read more](#)

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Awards and Honors

Armstrong State University (Ga.)

- The Marketing and Communications Department at Armstrong State University recently won the Grand Award in the TV Commercial/Public Service Announcement division at the 2017 Council for Advancement and Support of Education Southeast District III Conference, held in Nashville, Tenn. [Read more](#)
- Armstrong State University Director of International Education, Dorothee Mertz-Weigel, Ph.D., was recently knighted by the French Ministry of Education in a ceremony held at Armstrong. [Read more](#)

Columbus State University (Ga.)

Jennifer Brown, associate professor of educational foundations at Columbus State University, was awarded the 2017 Regents' Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Award by the University System of Georgia based on the wide dissemination of her tested instructional strategies, evaluations and assessments. Brown will be presented the award and a check for \$5,000 at the USG Foundation Gala in Atlanta in March. [Read more](#)

West Chester University (Pa.)

- WCU kinesiology professor John Helion received the Elmer B. Cottrell Award, the highest award granted by the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. [Read more](#)

- *Ten Ways Teachers Tame Twitter*, the first multi-touch book from WCU's Office of Distance Education, has won Best iBook of the Year under the Education (School Activities) category at the annual iBooks Author Conference. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Winthrop University senior faculty member, history professor Jason Silverman, is finishing his career with continued accolades for his insights on Abraham Lincoln and the 16th president's thoughts on immigration. In January, Silverman was appointed to the editorial board of the premier Lincoln studies journal in the country, *The Lincoln Herald*, among other honors. [Read more](#)

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Spotlight

Angelo State University (Texas)

Peyton LaBauve, a senior biology major at Angelo State University and president of the ASU Student Government Association, received the 2016-17 Student Government Student Leader of the Year Award at the 36th annual Conference on Student Government Associations at Texas A&M University. [Read more](#)

Austin Peay State University (Tenn.)

At Austin Peay State University, the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology has reworked its degree offerings to help supply businesses and governments with the skilled employees they need to counter growing cybersecurity threats. [Read more](#)

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

- The Black Hills State University Dennis Kirk Jacket Ride, an annual event during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that supports veteran scholarships, was recently featured on the Travel Channel's *Secret Eats* television series. Adam Richman, the star of *Secret Eats*, visited the Black Hills in August during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. With 58 bikes and 79 total riders, \$4,000 was raised through the event for veteran scholarships at BHSU. [Read more](#)
- Black Hills State University accounting students are providing free tax preparation services to eligible individuals and families through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This is the 26th year BHSU students have provided this service to the community. [Read more](#)
- Black Hills State University student Chihiro Oseki, a tourism and hospitality major from Japan, participated in the Student Peace Exchange in Hawaii to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

Marina Forain admits she can get emotional when she thinks about the progress her six-year-old daughter Isabella has made in the two years she has taken part in the children's programs at California State University, Northridge's Center of Achievement Through Adapted Physical Activity. Isabella, who has a rare genetic disorder that leaves her non-ambulatory, has learned to float in the center's pool. [Read more](#)

California State University Stanislaus

Stan State business students Nate Straubinger and Logan Martinez are the recipients of the second annual Mayor's Award for Public Policy Research, a contest established and overseen by Turlock Mayor Gary Soiseth. Their plan to further bridge the gap between Stan State students and Turlock's

businesses will focus on stimulating local businesses, growing the downtown area, and showing Stan State students what's in their own backyard. [Read more](#)

Columbus State University (Ga.)

The Saber, Columbus State University's student-run newspaper, won three Georgia Press Association awards for outstanding achievement in the journalistic profession, including best editorial and best entertainment feature. [Read more](#)

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

East Stroudsburg University junior Ashlyn Jackson strives to be the kind of person who makes the world a better place. Her current community involvement has earned her awards from the Boys and Girls Club, the YWCA and ESU's prestigious MLK Award. [Read more](#)

Frostburg State University (Md.)

Frostburg student Jake Lichtenberg presented an exciting discovery at a recent American Astronomical Society meeting in Texas. Lichtenberg's peer-reviewed research identified a rigidly rotating spiral density wave in the central region of NGC 3184, a disk-shaped galaxy in the Ursa Major constellation. [Read more](#)

Georgia College

Eight Georgia College students presented their research at the Academy of Economics and Finance Conference, with two tying for the top prize. Competing against students from across the country, senior business management major Chadwick O'Neal and senior economics major Justin Suda tied for first place for the Best Undergraduate Research Paper Award. Dean of the College of Business Dr. James Payne was designated as an AEF Fellow. [Read more](#)

James Madison University (Va.)

James Madison University is a top producer of Fulbright scholars, according to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for masters-level institutions. Three scholars from James Madison University were awarded Fulbright grants for 2016-17. [Read more](#)

Kennesaw State University (Ga.)

This March, a delegation of Kennesaw State University graduate students and faculty members representing programs in three academic colleges will tour some of Japan's historic sites and meet with government officials and business leaders during a visit paid by the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. [Read more](#)

Lock Haven University (Pa.)

Lock Haven University communication students recently partnered with local television station WBRE to produce a "Hidden History" segment featuring the LHU Gospel Choir. The segment, which aired February 25, highlighted the choir's proud history on campus while providing communication students an opportunity for experiential learning. [Read more](#)

Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.)

Saginaw Valley State University will expand its commitment to supporting students and increasing educational attainment in the Great Lakes Bay Region by providing new scholarships for Bay County students who are Bay Commitment scholarship recipients. [Read more](#)

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Dr. Edward Westermann continues his tour for his recent book, *n*(Campaigns and Commanders Series). [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- For the second time in three years, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Trojans women's basketball team has won the Sun Belt championship. [Read more](#)
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock biology professor Mariya Khodakovskaya, her collaborators, and her graduate students are among a handful of scientists around the world pioneering

research on the potential benefits of nanotechnology for crops. Their research was recently published in a book by Springer International Publishing, *Plant Nanotechnology: An Overview on Concepts, Strategies, and Tools*. [Read more](#)

- A cyber security team from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock will advance to the second round of the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition. UA Little Rock and seven other teams will compete in the Southwest regional this March. [Read more](#)
- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock will host an international exhibit of handcrafted books created by Cuban artists. *Binding Communities: Cuba's Ediciones Vigía and the Art of the Book and Entrepreneurism* will feature 71 artists' books created by the Cuban publishing house, Ediciones Vigía, from 1985 to 2016. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

- A random encounter in statistics class turned into a harmonious union for Gary Gaulin ('79) and his wife, Jody Guy Gaulin ('78). The couple has established a new endowed scholarship to celebrate that 40-year connection and their shared love for Winthrop. [Read more](#)
- Approximately 50 Winthrop University students will spend their spring break helping others. From constructing a new hiking trail to helping those in need to working with non-profit agencies, students will engage in meaningful community service through the Alternative Spring Break program. [Read more](#)

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