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Cleveland State University (Ohio)

The rapid growth of the private space industry has increased the demand for lawyers trained in the complex international and domestic aspects of space law and policy. Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is at the cutting edge of this growing field and is expanding its space policy initiatives through the creation of the Global Space Law Center. It is the first research center in the United States dedicated exclusively to the study of the law of outer space. [Read more](#)

Worth Noting

Higher Education Civic Engagement Award

AASCU members make up three of the five institutions from across the country selected for The Washington Center's Higher Education Civic Engagement Award. The award recognizes the schools—Keene State College (N.H.); Northern Arizona University; and State University of New York, College at Plattsburgh—for achieving breadth and depth of civic engagement through mutually transformational community partnerships that define and address issues of public concern at any level from the local to the global. [Read more](#)

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Grants and Gifts

Arkansas State University

Steve Green, professor of soil and water conservation at Arkansas State University, hopes to show how the use of cover crops can result in reduced expenses for fertilization and irrigation. Dr. Green will analyze the result of integrating cover crops into Arkansas Delta row crop systems with support from a grant of more than \$300,000 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) has been awarded a \$464,977 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to help develop a diverse workforce in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The three-year NSF award will be used to expand Cal State LA's first-year experience program for undergraduate students in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology. [Read more](#)

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California University of Pennsylvania

A four-year, \$1.9 million grant-funded project will prepare California University of Pennsylvania (Cal U) students to serve rural communities as school counselors, mental health counselors and social workers. The project is funded by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. It includes \$300,000 annually to provide stipends for Cal U graduate students as they complete the field placements required to earn a master's degree. [Read more](#)

Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University President George E. and Elizabeth Ross have presented a \$1 million gift endowing three scholarships to benefit vocal music, accounting and medical school students. [Read more](#)

Dakota State University (S.D.)

Dakota State University (DSU) has received a transformational gift that will bolster DSU's cyber security education and research programs. The \$60 million in donations and state and federal funding will be an engine that will move DSU's status from a recognized cyber security education leader to the nation's best. [Read more](#)

Frostburg State University (Md.)

Frostburg State University (FSU) has been awarded a \$9,000 Maryland Department of Health grant to support the university's sexual assault prevention programming throughout the fall semester. The grant will fund four distinct programs through Frostburg's Office of Gender Equity, each designed to actively create a culture of respect at FSU. [Read more](#)

Northwest Missouri State University

Beginning with the fall 2017 freshman class at Northwest Missouri State University, the University's American Dream Grant covers 100 percent of the tuition and fees for Pell-eligible students. Northwest launched its American Dream Grant program in 2004 as a need-based financial aid initiative to assist undergraduate students who might otherwise find a college education beyond their financial reach. [Read more](#)

Pittsburg State University (Kan.)

Industry ties are paying off for Pittsburgh State University's Plastic Engineering Technology program. For instance, manufacturing companies such as Engel are loaning the program state-of-the-art equipment. In October the program will receive a new piece of equipment: a \$200,000 machine from Krauss-Maffei manufacturing. [Read more](#)

State University of New York at Oneonta

State University of New York (SUNY) Oneonta has been awarded a prestigious \$205,438 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal and Oceanic Climate Applications Program for a project under the direction of Dr. Daniel Stich of the Biology Department. With this project, Stich seeks to understand climate impacts on the recovery of American shad stocks in the Northeast United States, fisheries management, and the influence of dams. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock has been named a priority partner in a new Department of Homeland Security-funded national consortium. The Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate will award the consortium a \$3.85 million grant for its first operating year in a 10-year grant period to create the Center of Excellence for Criminal Investigations and Network Analysis. [Read more](#)

University of Central Oklahoma

The National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health recently awarded Wei Chen, Ph.D., professor of biomedical engineering and dean of the College of Mathematics and Science at the University of Central Oklahoma, with a five-year Research Project Grant (R01), totaling \$1,374,355, to support the continuation of his long-term work on his unique cancer treatment method, laser immunotherapy. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

- The Hill-Kay Scholarship is a new endowed fund that will provide an annual award for a Winthrop student who has secured an internship with an insurance/financial services firm for which the student will receive official academic credit toward an undergraduate degree. The scholarship, which awards for the first time in fall 2018, will assist with travel, lodging and additional support necessary during the student's internship. [Read more](#)
- Winthrop University is part of a \$20 million National Science Foundation award for Research Infrastructure and Improvement to be given to 10 South Carolina institutions. This project is for development of intelligently designed optical and magnetic materials, polymers and stimuli-responsive materials. These advanced materials will benefit commercial applications such as lasers, water treatment and regenerative medicine. [Read more](#)

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Four recent graduates of Salisbury University have earned Fulbrights for 2017-18. Brittany Bursa won an English Teaching Assistantship to work with university students in Brazil via a special summer competition for the disbursement of additional funds. Three others won earlier this year: Hannah Ennerfelt is conducting research at a neuroscience lab in Sweden, and Katherine Potvin and Matthew Jones are teaching English to students in Mongolia and Thailand, respectively. [Read more](#)

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Southeast Missouri State University announces its 2017-2018 Speakers Series with an outstanding lineup of engaging individuals who will share their personal stories, challenges, triumphs and visions with the campus and regional community. Speakers this year include: U.S. tennis icon Venus Williams; Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, president of The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC); and Former First Lady Laura Bush. All events will be held in the Show Me Center. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The Center for Arkansas History and Culture at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock has created a virtual exhibit to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock's Central High School and the legacy surrounding the historic events. On Sept. 2, 1957, Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus called the National Guard to prevent nine African American students, known as the Little Rock Nine, from integrating Central High School. [Read more](#)

University of Houston-Victoria (Texas)

The University of Houston-Victoria recently saw an all-time high in employee giving as part of a campaign to support a wide variety of programs, scholarships and initiatives at the university. A total of 189 faculty, staff and administrators participated in the university's 2016-17 One For All, All For One employee giving campaign. Their total contributions brought in \$78,919, a 27 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. [Read more](#)

University of North Georgia

A University of North Georgia (UNG) graduate student will be part of a select group of students invited to a Fulbright symposium to discuss Canada's role on the world stage. Lauren Billet, 22, from Columbus, Ga., is working on her master's degree in international affairs and will travel to Ottawa and Quebec City as part of a group of 20 American and Canadian students selected to attend Youth Institute on Canada in the World. **[Read more](#)**

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