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## What's New at AASCU

### Public Purpose Magazine

You can read select articles from the spring issue of *Public Purpose* Spring online. [Read more](#)

### AASCU Policy Twitter's Milestone



**@aascupolicy**, the Division of Government Relations and Policy Analysis' Twitter account, has reached 2,700 followers. The account

has posted over 5,400 tweets, and greatly increased the organization's visibility with the higher education community. @AASCU Policy tweets about a wide variety of government relations and policy issues at the state and federal level, and re-tweets relevant posts from other Twitter followers. [Follow at twitter.com/aascupolicy](#).

### Don't Miss the Meeting!

The American Democracy Project's 10th anniversary meeting is scheduled for June 6-8 in Denver. For more information and to register [go here](#)

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## Programs

### California State University, Northridge

California State University, Northridge President Dianne F. Harrison has announced the launch of myCSUNtablet Initiative, a partnership with Apple Inc., to reduce the cost and increase the quality of learning materials for CSUN students. The initiative includes courses in multiple disciplinary programs across the campus. [Read more](#)

### Millersville University (Pa.)

Thanks to a new program at Millersville University, students will now have the opportunity to work directly with business leaders in the area through the Entrepreneurial Academic Minor Program.

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### University of Central Florida

A mind-controlled vehicle that moves just by thinking it to move, shoes that charge electronic devices while walking, and "The Ultimate Tailgate Station" – a solar-powered, motorized cooler with GPS tracking, electronic-device charging and an Android app that controls it -- were among the 80 innovative projects showcased to the public at the 2013 Senior Design Day Showcase. [Read more](#)

### Winthrop University (S.C.)

Winthrop's chemistry program has been competitively selected to host an American Chemical Society Project SEED program in what is the university's first ever such award. Nick Grosseohme, assistant professor of chemistry, will direct the program; Winthrop Eagle STEM Scholars Program Director Rachel Law will be the assistant director of Project SEED. [Read more](#)

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## Worth Noting

### Peace Corp Honor

The Peace Corps' list of Top Volunteer-Producing Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) in the country includes a number of AASCU members. **Read more at [www.peacecorps.gov/resources/media/press/2218/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/media/press/2218/)**

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## Grants and Gifts

### California State University, Fresno

The just-concluded Campaign for Fresno State raised a total of \$214,222,190 in support of scholarships, faculty, programs and facilities at California State University, Fresno. The final figure is more than 7 percent above the \$200 million goal set in 2005. The Campaign was the first comprehensive fundraising campaign in the University's 102-year history and among the largest in the California State University system. **Read more**

### California State University, Los Angeles

Edison International has awarded a \$1 million scholarship endowment to the Honors College at California State University, Los Angeles. CSULA's Honors College students Yulan Lin and Francisco Sepulveda were the first two recipients of the scholarships awarded through the Edison Scholars program. **Read more**

### California State University, Northridge

California State University, Northridge has received a five-year, \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to spearhead a program designed to encourage undergraduate students from underrepresented communities throughout Southern California to pursue advanced degrees in the mathematical sciences. **Read more**

### Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Robert Arnhold, Slippery Rock University professor of physical education, has received a \$60,000 grant from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust in Pittsburgh to continue SRU's Classroom to Community Program. **Read more**

### Winthrop University (S.C.)

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) has awarded Winthrop University 1,500 recycling bins to be used in individual rooms of residence halls as part of its 2013 Coca-Cola/KAB College and University grant program, allowing the institution to further strengthen its commitment to recycling. **Read more**

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## Awards and Honors

### Appalachian State University (N.C.)

The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD), a non-partisan policy institute headquartered in Washington, D.C., has named Appalachian State University professor Matthew Robinson an academic fellow for 2013-14. Robinson will travel to Israel in June for an intensive

course in terrorism studies, and in particular, how democracies can defeat the worldwide terrorist threat. [Read more](#)

#### **California State University, Northridge**

The Student Recreation Center at California State University, Northridge has garnered another award for its innovative design, this time from the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The AIA's Committee on Architecture for Education has voted to award CSUN's recreation center its prestigious Education Facility Design Award at its national convention in June. [Read more](#)

#### **Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Communications Media Professor Luis Almeida and doctoral student Ahmed Yousof, assisted by a team of undergraduate students, won a top prize for their video game proposal at the 2013 Education Without Borders (EWB) conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. [Read more](#)

#### **University of Central Oklahoma**

For the third consecutive year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) named the University of Central Oklahoma a 2012-13 Individual Conference Champion of its College and University Green Power Challenge for using more green power than any other school in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association. [Read more](#)

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

Peers of Winthrop design faculty member Jennifer Belk believe that she embodies all that an educator should be. They nominated her for the 2013 Carol A. Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award by the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Education Foundation. And she won – recognition that she is an American educator who has a passion for and dedication to construction education. [Read more](#)

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## Spotlight

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

Devin Lynn, a mass communications and biology major, was invited to present his project during the recent Clinton Global Initiative University Conference. Lynn's project focused on using social media to connect students and entrepreneurs in Uganda with BHSU students and faculty, creating a bridge of communication between the two continents. The Clinton Global Initiative through speaking engagements or other honors recognized only 75 of the 1,400 students attending the event. [Read more](#)

Black Hills State University student Anna Hafele's research was one of 60 projects selected to be presented at the recent Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR) Posters on the Hill event in Washington, D.C. Hafele's presentation was the culmination of the research she has been conducting with Dr. Andy Johnson, BHSU assistant professor of physics, which focuses on students' understanding of radiation and radioactivity and how to modify classroom instruction to enhance that understanding. [Read more](#)

#### **California State University, Fresno**

California State University, Fresno's Greek system is garnering international recognition. Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will receive the 2013 Chapter Award of

Distinction and student Michael Eberhard, the 2013 Undergraduate Award of Distinction. Both international honors are firsts for Fresno State. [Read more](#)

A new wine, created by students in the Fresno State Winery to commemorate the tenure of retiring California State University, Fresno President John D. Welty and his contributions to the university's viticulture and enology program, was unveiled April 19. It is called "Legacy – President's Reserve Classic Chardonnay 2012." [Read more](#)

#### **California State University, Northridge**

Giving back to the community is as natural to California State University, Northridge sophomore Travis White as breathing and eating. In the two years that he has been at CSUN, White has collected more than 16,000 articles of clothing, food and other items to be donated to the needy. He has organized fundraisers for research to combat cancer and spearheaded efforts to educate his fellow students on what it truly means to be poor. In addition to his volunteer efforts on campus, the psychology major also volunteers in the community and serves as a mentor to high school students interested in going to college. His efforts have been recognized by Campus Compact, which last month named White a 2013 Newman Civic Fellow. [Read more](#)

#### **Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Dr. Joe Townsend, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Department of Biology faculty member, and Melissa Medina, IUP Biology graduate student have coauthored a paper in the latest issue of Journal of Herpetology describing a new species of rare centipede snake from northern Honduras. The only known specimen of this distinctive new species was found in a deep, trench-like trail that leads high into the cloud forest of Texíguat. [Read more](#)

An Indiana University of Pennsylvania technology support and training student took first place at the second Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Student Business Plan Competition on April 15, 2013. Krutarth Patel of Harrisburg will receive \$10,000 to assist in the startup of his business plan, Dorm Discount (.com). Patel's plan was designed to help small businesses effectively market their promotions to college students. [Read more](#)

#### **Millersville University (Pa.)**

Six Millersville University students traveled to the Capitol along with President Dr. John Anderson for Advocacy Day on April 16. Millersville was one of several Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities represented. Students, accompanied by the president, administrators, trustees and alumni, met with more than 70 legislators to express one unified message – support for higher education is essential to the future of the Commonwealth. [Read more](#)

#### **Slippery Rock University (Pa.)**

Supporters of Slippery Rock University's 2012-13 Campus Family Campaign are pleased the campaign raised \$158,170 - a 3 percent increase over the previous year. [Read more](#)

The Slippery Rock University 2012 "Up 'til 2" campaign for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., raised \$52,096. [Read more](#)

#### **University of Central Florida**

A University of Central Florida student who has volunteered more than 600 hours to the

community and who started his own program to tutor local kids in math has been honored for effecting positive change in the community. [Read more](#)

**University of Central Oklahoma**

The University of Central Oklahoma's cheer and pom squads have proven they're the best in the nation – for the 10th time in 11 years. The all-girls and stunt squads placed first at the 2013 National Cheer Association/National Dance Association Collegiate Championships in Daytona Beach, Fla., with Central's pom squad placing third. [Read more](#)

**University of Illinois Springfield**

Members of the University of Illinois Springfield men's baseball team shaved their heads in support of pediatric cancer research following their game on April 20. The team has been raising money through online donations to benefit the SIU School of Medicine's Camp COCO and the Vs. Cancer Foundation. Watch the video news story. [Read more](#)

**West Chester University (Pa.)**

The Crime Victims Center (CVC) of Chester County has honored the students of the West Chester University service societies the Friars and the Abbés for raising money, purchasing, delivering and setting up furniture and household items that helped a family who had been victimized by crime. The CVC recognized the students with the John J. Crane Allied Professional Award for Excellence in Service to Victims, especially children.

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Twenty West Chester University student volunteers connected with two New York City organizations over spring break to help Staten Island's victims of Hurricane Sandy. The group worked with The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation and Guyon Rescue to rebuild homes. They stocked shelves at a food pantry, processed intake forms and removed trash and debris. [Read more](#)

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