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What's New at AASCU

Testimony on Improving College Affordability: A View from the States
 President Howard recently testified before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions (HELP) Committee. [Read testimony and watch the video from the HELP website](#)

Registration still open for AASCU's Annual Meeting!
 Don't miss an opportunity to mingle with your peers during AASCU's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, October 29-31. [Register Today!](#)

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 Remember to submit news via this [user-friendly submission form](#) (*please note, we no longer accept email submissions*). **We're eager to share your school's exciting news!**

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Programs

Dalton State College (Ga.)
 Dalton State College officials have developed a plan to produce more college graduates to meet current and future workforce needs within the next eight years. The campus plan is Dalton State's response to Governor Nathan Deal's Complete College Georgia initiative launched a year ago. [Read more](#)

Millersville University of Pennsylvania
 With a desire to create a culture shift at Millersville University of Pennsylvania and in Lancaster County, a new institute has been established on campus. The Sexuality and Gender Institute (SGI) aims to create a culture at Millersville that openly and intellectually explores sexuality and gender. [Read more](#)

San Francisco State University
 A new study by San Francisco State University Psychology Professor David Matsumoto has found that leaders' emotional cues may predict acts of terror or political aggression. For a study funded by the Department of Defense's Minerva Initiative, Matsumoto analyzed speeches delivered by government, activist and terrorist leaders over the past century. He found that leaders' expressions of anger, contempt and disgust spiked immediately before their group committed an act of violence. [Read more](#)

San Francisco State University
 San Francisco State University economists have found that smart growth approaches to urban planning could substantially reduce the number of miles that residents drive in a year. Sudip Chattopadhyay, professor and chair of economics, conducted a behavioral economics study and found that a 10 percent increase in a city's smart growth features—including housing density, jobs per capita and public transit infrastructure—would lead to a 20 percent decrease in the number of vehicle miles traveled per household, per year. The research was published in The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy. [Read more](#)

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Grants and Gifts

California State University, Dominguez Hills
 California State University, Dominguez Hills has been awarded a \$500,000 endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation to establish the Osher Scholarship for students transferring from California community colleges. Ten scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded annually, with the first awards being given in fall 2013. [Read more](#)

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California State University, Dominguez Hills has been awarded the first installment—\$288,800—of a five-year \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to continue the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program at the university, which provides financial support and academic guidance to prepare under-represented, first-generation juniors and seniors for graduate studies. [Read more](#)

California State University, Fresno

The Bernard Osher Foundation awarded Fresno State with \$500,000 to establish a scholarship endowment benefiting students transferring to Fresno State from a California community college. [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

The School of Nursing at California State University, Los Angeles was recently chosen to receive a two-year, \$300,000 grant to help create a “smooth and timely” progression from the associate to baccalaureate degree in nursing. The grant is awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s (RWJF) Academic Progression in Nursing (APIN) program through the California Institute of Nursing and Health Care (CINHC). [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

Linda Dozoretz loved the rock ‘n’ roll of the 1960s and was a skilled public relations professional with a knack for corporate and crisis communications. She was also a proud California State University, Northridge alumna. When Dozoretz died two years ago, she bequeathed more than \$65,000 for the creation of a scholarship endowment at her alma mater. The scholarship—established in the memory of Dozoretz and her parents, Eileen and Ralph Dozoretz—will support an aspiring artist, actor or creative writer. [Read more](#)

California State University, Northridge

A \$50,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is creating opportunities at California State University, Northridge for financially challenged students to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing. The grant is funding a New Careers in Nursing Scholarship, which targets those students interested in enrolling in CSUN’s Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. [Read more](#)

Colorado State University-Pueblo

The Veteran’s Upward Bound (VUB) Project at Colorado State University-Pueblo has been selected to receive a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to assist low-income, first generation military veterans in Pueblo and El Paso counties. [Read more](#)

Dalton State College (Ga.)

The Dalton State Foundation has received a pledge of \$2.5 million from the John Willis Mashburn Charitable Foundation, which will be used to support Dalton State’s new intercollegiate athletics department and the college’s new academic building. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Counseling Professor Dr. Michelle Bruno has received a \$45,000 grant from the FISA Foundation to continue the Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX) empowerment program for adolescent girls in local schools. Bruno, working with school counselors, has conducted the 22-week ROX program with seventh-graders in Connellsville Area School District and fifth-graders in Ligonier Valley School District. With the new funding, Bruno will continue the program in these school districts and hopes to bring ROX to the Indiana Area School District. [Read more](#)

Northwest Missouri State University

The USDA has awarded \$37,340 to Northwest Missouri State University in support of the university’s Market Opportunities for Regional Entrepreneurs (MORE) project, an interdisciplinary initiative aimed at supporting regional meat producers interested in making their products more accessible to local consumers. [Read more](#)

Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.)

Saginaw Valley State University accepted a substantial donation from General Motors Saginaw Metal Casting Operations facility Tuesday, Sept. 11. SVSU will use the gift—1,000 pounds of aluminum—to advance the learning of its engineering students and enhance its metal-casting research by students and faculty. [Read more](#)

Slippery Rock University (Pa.)

Slippery Rock University’s Student Health Services program has received a maximum \$17,500 grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to aid in funding programs designed to help reduce underage and dangerous drinking. [Read more](#)

SUNY Oswego

The National Science Foundation recently awarded SUNY Oswego a five-year, \$872,523 grant to boost the retention of freshmen and sophomores in STEM majors. The grant will enable the college to increase support services—especially in math and chemistry—and research opportunities for all

science, technology, engineering and math majors, with a particular eye to helping younger students avoid academic disqualification, switches to non-STEM majors and other departures from science and math disciplines. [Read more](#)

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Dr. Kay Lindgren, department of nursing at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, received \$21,010 from the Health Resources and Services Administration to continue the Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship program. [Read more](#)

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Dr. Loren Hayes (biological and environmental sciences at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga) received \$50,280 from the National Science Foundation via the University of Louisiana at Monroe to study the social behavior of Chilean rodents. [Read more](#)

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Drs. Kay Lindgren and Susan Davidson, department of nursing, received \$291,365 from the Health Resources and Services Administration to continue the BSN Gateway program. [Read more](#)

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Dr. Hunter Huckabay received \$624,281 from the U.S. Department of Education to continue the work of GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. GEAR UP works with sixth and seventh grade students at five local urban schools to increase students' academic preparation for high school and participation in postsecondary education. [Read more](#)

The University of Texas-Pan American

The University of Texas-Pan American has received a \$3.1 million award from the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE Program that will support its development as an exemplary Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) in attracting and nurturing women, especially Hispanic women, in the STEM fields and careers. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

The University of Arkansas - Fort Smith will receive \$1.3 million over five years from the U.S. Department of Education to fund the university's Upward Bound Math and Science program. [Read more](#)

University of Northern Iowa

For the past three years, the University of Northern Iowa Department of Biology has been awarded a Carver Trust grant to enhance students' understanding and knowledge of biology. This year, new equipment purchases cater to students pursuing interests in pre-health professions, and will be used in many of UNI's biology courses. Using the cutting-edge equipment, students will gain real-life experience and knowledge in areas of the biomedical sciences. [Read more](#)

University of Illinois Springfield

The Illinois Innocence Project, based at the University of Illinois Springfield, has been awarded \$589,638 from the U.S. Department of Justice to be used for post-conviction DNA testing. [Read more](#)

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

The National Science Foundation granted nearly a million dollars in funding to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville for the creation of a College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science Recruitment and Retention Center. [Read more](#)

West Texas A&M University

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded Dr. Shiquan Tao, the Ross W. Wilson Chair in Chemistry at West Texas A&M University, a \$148,999 National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant for his research on food safety inspection using fiber optic sensor technologies. [Read more](#)

Western Washington University

The Elementary Education Department at Western Washington University's Woodring College of Education will partner with Washington Elementary School in Mount Vernon, Wash., in a pilot program intended to improve student achievement and better prepare current and future teachers and school administrators to meet the needs of diverse students, many of them English language learners. Western, one of only three statewide chosen for funding, will receive \$425,680 over the next year for program planning via the Collaborative Schools for Innovation and Success (CSIS) grant. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

A Winthrop education became a family tradition for Susan Boudreaux ('84), whose mother, Carolyn Brunson Boudreaux, graduated in 1957. The newly established Carolyn B. and Susan L. Boudreaux Scholarship will offer students the opportunity to realize their dream of a Winthrop degree. Susan Boudreaux created the Carolyn B. and Susan L. Boudreaux Scholarship in honor of her mother, who earned a B.S. in business administration and went on to work for the late Sen. Strom Thurmond in

Washington, D.C. This scholarship will be funded annually during Susan's lifetime and will become fully endowed through a generous estate gift. [Read more](#)

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Awards and Honors

Angelo State University (Texas)

Angelo State University teacher education student Heather Watson has been named an "Exceptional Teacher Candidate" by the statewide Quest for Quality program. [Read more](#)

Angelo State University (Texas)

Dr. Detelin Elenkov of the Angelo State University business faculty was named the "Outstanding World Researcher 2012" by the International Association of Multidisciplinary Research (IAMURE) at the group's World Research Festival held Aug. 22-25 in Cebu City, Philippines. [Read more](#)

California State University, Fresno

California State University, Fresno librarian emeritus Michael Gorman will be among the 10 inaugural inductees to the California Library Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the California Library Association conference Nov. 2-4 in San Jose. Gorman joined the Fresno State faculty in 1988 and retired in 2007. As the leader of the campus' Henry Madden Library, he expanded its use by the community as a research resource and also as a meeting place. [Read more](#)

California State University, San Bernardino

Cal State San Bernardino has received a pair of major honors from the Information Systems Security Association as part of the 2012 ISSA International Awards Program. Each year, ISSA, the community of choice for international cyber security professionals, recognizes individuals, chapters and organizations for their contributions to protect cyberspace and advance the cyber security profession and ISSA. Cal State San Bernardino was selected as the Outstanding Organization of the Year, and Javier Torner—the university's interim associate vice president of information resources and technology and chief information security officer—was named to the ISSA honor roll.

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Columbia College (S.C.)

Columbia College is among five universities and colleges nationwide chosen to receive the 2012 Washington Center and New York Life Foundation Higher Education Civic Engagement Award. Honorees were chosen based upon leadership, innovation and support of community programs and projects. Columbia College will be presented with the award during The Washington Center's annual awards luncheon in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 1. Columbia College won for its initiative to promote healthy lifestyles and raise awareness of diabetes through a partnership with St. John Baptist Church. The school developed a series of programs, including providing information on access to health care, offering cooking lessons, and organizing a community walking group and free health screenings.

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Troy University (Ala.)

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. was honored with the Air Force's Distinguished Public Service Award on Sept. 6 during a presentation at the Pentagon. [Read more](#)

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Dave Meinhardt, who teaches in the UW-Platteville Media Studies Department, has earned a Wisconsin Regional Artists Association (WRAA) award. The WRAA sent Meinhardt's video/mixed /multi-media installation art piece, "Future Teacher," to the WRAA state exhibit in Madison, where it won the "Berk Award." This award is funded by an endowment established in 1985 by Harold C. Berkholz of Fond du Lac, Wis. and is given for creative achievement, excellence in execution and demonstrated artistic creativity. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Mark Dewalt shows off his expertise on one-room schools in an Emmy nominated documentary "Country Schools – One Room, One Nation." Directed by filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle, the documentary faces two others—"August Light: Wilson's Creek and the Battle of Missouri" and "Celebrate the Ozarks on Route 66"—in the historical documentary category of the 2012 Mid-America Emmy Awards. "Country Schools" shows the strengths and weaknesses of one-room schools in the Midwest region through photographs and interviews with former students, teachers, farmers and families about their connection and experiences with the schools. [Read more](#)

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Spotlight

California State University, Fresno

Volunteer service by California State University, Fresno students, faculty, staff and administrators exceeded 1 million hours for the third straight year in 2011-12. Service hours totaled 1,129,004, up from 1,053,481 in 2010-11. The volunteer work was done by 16,405 members of the Fresno State community who volunteered time with nonprofit community benefit organizations, churches and community events. [Read more](#)

California State University, San Bernardino

During her childhood in Peru, Tessy Pumacchahua thought going to college was the last thing that would be in her future. Now 23, Pumacchahua is closer than ever to that goal. A graduate student in Cal State San Bernardino's master's degree program in psychology, Pumacchahua's hard work and determination in spite of her circumstances has led to her receiving one of the California State University system's highest honors: the prestigious William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustee's Award for Outstanding Achievement. Pumacchahua is one of 23 students from the CSU system to receive the honor. [Read more](#)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Indiana University of Pennsylvania biology professor Dr. Josiah Townsend is the lead investigator on an international team of scientists studying cloud forest biodiversity in Honduras and has published two papers reporting a previously unknown hot spot for amphibians, reptiles and two new species of venomous pitvipers. [Read more](#)

University of Illinois Springfield

University of Illinois Springfield graduate student Danny Rosenkranz helps Emiquon earn international distinction. The Georgia native was approached by UIS biology professor and Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon Director Michael Lemke with an opportunity to help the Emiquon Complex, a 14,000 acre wetlands preserve and wildlife refuge in Fulton County, Ill, gain international recognition. [Read more](#)

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

In a whirlwind summer, Dr. DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld, lecturer in the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Department of Humanities and 2000 alumna of the UW-Platteville English program, published a short work of fiction in the new international literary journal *Muscle & Blood*; wrote a chapter focused on research for the fiction writer for the textbook *Teaching Creative Writing*; and attended the prestigious Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in Middlebury, Vt. [Read more](#)

Weber State University (Utah)

There are cool schools and then there are "Cool Schools," and according to Sierra Magazine's rankings, Weber State University is officially one of them. Institutions of higher education across the country were surveyed and ranked according to their sustainability efforts, taking into account everything from "waging war on emissions to serving sustainable foods to teaching a verdant curriculum." The survey, officially called the Campus Sustainability Data Collector, is a collaborative effort of four organizations: the Sierra Club, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, the Sustainable Endowments Institute and the Princeton Review. [Read more](#)

West Texas A&M University

Angelica Pallares, a graduate student in the Master of Professional Accounting program at West Texas A&M University, is the recipient of a \$10,000 Jorge Caballero Student Leadership Award sponsored by Deloitte LLP and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. Pallares will receive the award from Caballero at a conference in Washington, D.C., in October. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

What started as an offhand comment to a friend has turned into an annual event that raises money for Winthrop University's student veterans. Students, faculty and staff members participated in Frank Rizzo's 81st Birthday Ride, a tradition that began in 2006 when Rizzo, a staff member in the Office of Student Activities, told his riding buddy George Davis that he was nearing his 75th birthday. "I said something to the effect that since I was approaching three-fourths of a century, I want to ride 75 miles," Rizzo said. "George being George put together a group ride out of my home. It just grew from p there, and it did every year since." Last year, they turned the ride toward a charitable purpose, with about 40 riders raising approximately \$1,200 for the Student Veterans of Winthrop. The 2012 birthday ride goal is set for 81 miles with ample breaks in between. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

Winthrop faculty and students were among the thousands of people who participated in September in Dragon*Con, a four-day pop culture convention focusing on science fiction, fantasy, comics, gaming and more. Four Winthrop University professors and a student played a role in the convention through presentations related to gender roles in the graphic novel *Watchmen*; the rising popularity of comics

in the classroom; and the heroine predicament in best-selling trilogies, including The Hunger Games. A presentation on "Men in Masks: Traditional Masculinity and Violations Thereof in Watchmen" was given by student Mirielle Smith. [Read more](#)

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