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### AASCU Annual Meeting Program Update

Plan to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Check out the updated program at [aascu.org/meetings/annual12/](http://aascu.org/meetings/annual12/). **Register Today!**

### New First Generation Voices

The new edition of AASCU's First Generation Voices features students from the University of Southern Maine, Minot State University and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

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## Programs

### San Francisco State University

A new study by San Francisco State University biologist Karen Crow finds that the American paddlefish – a bizarre looking fish that provides us with affordable caviar -- duplicated its entire genome about 42 million years ago. It's a find that may add a new twist to the way scientists study how fins evolved into limbs since the paddlefish is often used as a proxy for a more representative ancestor shared by humans and fishes. **Read more**

### Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Twelve Shippensburg University undergraduate students and 12 faculty members are sure to have an interesting summer thanks to the S.U.R.E. program. S.U.R.E. stands for "Summer Undergraduate Research Experience," a pilot program that enhances the university's already strong student-faculty undergraduate research program. **Read more**

### University of Central Florida

A mobile system that manages patients' medical records with iPads hums throughout a small town in the Dominican Republic this week, thanks to the ingenuity and can-do attitude of a few University of Central Florida students. **Read more**

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## Grants and Gifts

### East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Prevention Services (ATOD) received a \$16,028 grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to support alcohol and drug awareness programs on campus. **Read more**

### California State University, Dominguez Hills

California State University, Dominguez Hills has received the first award of a three-year \$749,000

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grant from the U.S. Department of Education Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program to offer professional development and support to algebra teachers in middle and high schools that serve a large minority population in the Los Angeles area. [Read more](#)

**California State University, Fresno**

California State University, Fresno's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs reports that the university was awarded more than \$41 million in 246 grants during fiscal year ended June 30 – the highest grant income in nine years and second greatest ever at Fresno State. [Read more](#)

**California State University, Fresno**

California State University, Fresno and a local community college district are sharing a \$100,000 grant to increase recruitment, retention and matriculation of underrepresented students preparing for engineering and construction management careers. [Read more](#)

**California University of Pennsylvania**

The Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania has been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on agricultural lands and in young forest areas in Pennsylvania. The conservation work will be executed by the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program at Cal U, which is recognized as a state and national leader in developing techniques to restore habitat for wildlife. [Read more](#)

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Megan Knoch, Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Department of Biology, received funding in the amount of \$572,359 from the National Science Foundation for her project, "MRI: Acquisition of an iMIC Digital Microscope." [Read more](#)

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

A team of faculty from Indiana University of Pennsylvania's anthropology and history departments have received \$243,439 in funding from the National Science Foundation for the "Acquisition of Instruments for 3D Digital Mapping of Historic Structures and Archaeological Sites." [Read more](#)

**Towson University (Md.)**

Towson University is the recipient of a \$2,093,834 National Science Foundation Scholarship for Service grant to provide scholarships for students pursuing studies in computer science with a concentration in computer security. [Read more](#)

**University of Memphis (Tenn.)**

Dipankar Dasgupta, University of Memphis computer science professor, and John R. Williams, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have been awarded a one-year \$853,289 grant to develop a biologically inspired way to secure computer information and networked systems. The funding from the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) will support development of a novel "Negative Authentication System," which is expected to immunize password-protected information systems from cyber-attacks. [Read more](#)

**University of Wisconsin-La Crosse**

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse received at \$150,000 grant from the National Endowment for Humanities to host a Summer Institute for Teachers allowing K-12 teachers from throughout the country to find out more about archaeology. Activities included an archaeological dig, cleaning artifacts and visiting destinations ranging from an Amish farm to the Effigy Mounds National Monument. [Read more](#)

**University of Wisconsin-La Crosse**

A \$60,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant will help University of Wisconsin-La Crosse researchers further investigate high levels of lead in the La Crosse River marsh and partner to educate the community about the marsh ecosystem. [Read more](#)

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

The legacy of late social worker Ernestine "Pete" Player '55 will live on through future generations of Winthrop students seeking graduate degrees in social work. Player's \$25,000 bequest will establish

the Ernestine C. Player Endowment for Graduate Studies in Social Work with scholarships, graduate assistantships, and discretionary funds to benefit students enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at Winthrop. [Read more](#)

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## Presidential Honor

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### **Salisbury University (Md.)**

Salisbury University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach has been named one of Maryland's Most Admired CEOs for 2012. Created this year by The Daily Record, a Baltimore-based business newspaper, this inaugural award recognizes 30 Maryland leaders who have excelled professionally and in service to their communities. The only university president honored, Dudley-Eshbach was spotlighted in the category of "Non-profits with More than \$10 Million in Annual Revenue." [Read more](#)

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## Awards and Honors

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### **AASCU Members: Great Places to Work**

A number of members of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities were named in the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* recent "Great Colleges to Work for 2011." [To find out more go here](#)

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

Klaus Tenbergen, director of Fresno State's Culinology® program, has received Modern Baking magazine's 2012 Leadership Award for Industry Service for "serving the baking industry as a teacher, association leader and mentor." Tenbergen was one of only two people recognized by the magazine, which is the largest-circulation publication of its kind to professionals throughout the industry. [Read more](#)

### **CSU Channel Islands**

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Kathryn Leonard has earned one of the highest national recognitions for new or pre-tenure math faculty -- the Mathematical Association of America's Henry L. Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Beginning University Mathematics Faculty Member. The award recognizes "beginning college or university faculty whose teaching has been extraordinarily successful and whose effectiveness in teaching undergraduate mathematics is shown to have influence beyond their own classrooms." [Read more](#)

### **Salisbury University (Md.)**

From creating an organic farm and field station to integrating research on Amazon deforestation into the classroom, Michael Lewis and Jill Caviglia-Harris have big plans for Salisbury University's new Environmental Studies Department. They have garnered the prestigious Wilson H. Elkins Professorship from the University System of Maryland (USM). The honor includes an \$80,000 award. Based on their proposal, the on-campus farm will supply food to SU Dining Services and provide teaching opportunities for college and K-12 students. [Read more](#)

### **University of Houston-Victoria**

June Lu, a University of Houston-Victoria management professor, and Chun-Sheng Yu, a UHV associate professor of management, were honored with a 2012 Emerald Management Reviews Citation of Excellence Award for their paper, "Determinants of Accepting Wireless Mobile Data Services in China." [Read more](#)

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## Spotlight

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

The Fresno State Winery and the College of Arts and Humanities have released a limited edition special wine blend to honor Philip Levine, U.S. Poet Laureate and an emeritus professor of English who taught at Fresno State for 34 years. Levine named the commemorative wine "Picaresque." [Read more](#)

### **California State University Los Angeles**

The Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs (PBI) at Cal State L.A. recently awarded mini-grants for unique research in Boyle Heights to three CSULA faculty members—Kathryn Hillstrom, Enrique Ochoa, and Ellen Shiau. The grants will support the faculty members' applied research on issues and topics involving the Boyle Heights community. [Read more](#)

### **California State University, San Bernardino**

Louie F. Rodriguez, professor of education at Cal State San Bernardino, was one of 27 fellows selected to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture's 2012 E. Kika De La Garza Education Fellowship in July. Rodriguez is the principal researcher for the project Participatory Research Advocating for Excellence in Schools in the Inland Empire. [Read more](#)

### **Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Ben Ford a faculty member in Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Department of Anthropology and archaeology graduate student Adam Burke recently participated in an excavation at the Page-Ladson Site in Florida. The Page-Ladson Site, located in the Aucilla River, is among the earliest archaeological sites in North America and contains such oddities as preserved mammoth feces. [Read more](#)

### **Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania**

Shippensburg University's Theta Gamma Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha won the "Best Chapter" award for the just completed 2011-2012 academic year. Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, is the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the United States. The group has more than 740 chapters on campuses in every state and one in Canada. [Read more](#)

### **Southeast Missouri State University**

Southeast Missouri State University senior Patrick Vining won the Cyril F. "Duke" Flad Outstanding Undergraduate Award with his fraternity, the Delta-Phi Zeta Southeast chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, at the Lambda Chi Alpha 54th General Assembly July 20 in Phoenix, Ariz. The award is considered the greatest honor an undergraduate Lambda Chi Alpha member can receive and is presented to the most outstanding undergraduate member each year. [Read more](#)

### **University of Central Florida**

What a University of Central Florida student thought was a failed experiment has led to a serendipitous discovery hailed by some scientists as a potential game changer for the mass production of nanoparticles. [Read more](#)

### **University of Central Oklahoma**

The University of Central Oklahoma cheer and pom squads took top honors recently at the National Cheerleading Association/National Dance Association summer camp. Central's pom squad swept every dance award, including the "Best All Around Team" and "Most Collegiate" awards. [Read more](#)

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

Thanks to an ambitious program specifically designed to coincide with the Democratic National

Convention in Charlotte N.C., Winthrop students will be able to savor firsthand the unique insights of some of the most important participants or observers of the political scene. [Read more](#)

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

For a fourth consecutive year, Winthrop Athletics has been declared the winner of the Big South Conference Kallander Cup Challenge for completing nearly 3,200 hours of various community service projects during the 2011-12 academic year including a year-long project with the York County Boys and Girls Club. [Read more](#)

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