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What's New at AASCU

New Publication! Creating a New Compact Between States and Public Higher Education

The report by the Task Force on Making Public Higher Education a State Priority is now available online. [Read more](#)

Funding Competitiveness Conference Scheduled for August

For more information and to register visit www.aascu.org/meetings/GRC/fcc13/

Congratulations to the University of Missouri-St. Louis!

University of Missouri-St. Louis celebrates its 50th year anniversary. [Read more](#)

Diversity in Higher Education Remains an Essential National Priority

AASCU and 36 other higher ed associations highlight diversity as essential national priority. [Read more](#)

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Programs

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

Four Black Hills State University students spent a week recently collecting and analyzing DNA of a rare plant as part of a summer science program designed to engage students and create interest in field and lab sciences. The program was part of a more than \$5,000 seed grant from the South Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCOR) geared toward promoting Native American interest in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. [Read more](#)

Cleveland State University (Ohio)

Cleveland State University has announced a new plan to rebate 2 percent of tuition cost plus \$100 per semester in book expenses to undergraduate students who complete their academic year in good standing with at least 30 credit hours. [Read more](#)

Northern Arizona University

Northern Arizona University was one of two universities recently selected to serve as a site for the Suder Foundation's First Scholars program, an innovative initiative aimed at bolstering support for first-generation students. [Read more](#)

San Diego State University (Calif.)

A San Diego State University research team has discovered autism in children affects not only social abilities, but also a broad range of sensory and motor skills. The study is the first of its kind, combining functional and anatomical magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) techniques and

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diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) to examine connections between the cerebral cortex and the thalamus. [Read more](#)

SIU Edwardsville

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has entered into an agreement to bring more Asian students to campus through a dual diploma program with Tongmyong University in Busan, South Korea. [Read more](#)

University of Central Florida

Starting this fall, incoming freshmen at the University of Central Florida's Burnett Honors College will be eligible for a 4+4 program that paves the way for their admission into the College of Medicine. [Read more](#)

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California State University, Northridge

California State University, Northridge has received a \$290,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the creation of a digital database of the university's African-American photography collection, which contains more than 550,000 images by pioneering black photographers Harry Adams, Guy Crowder and Charles Williams. [Read more](#)

Edinboro University (Pa.)

Edinboro University has received a \$100,000 grant from the Dr. & Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust that will be used to replace the Adult Human Patient Simulator in the Department of Nursing. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

A \$1 million gift to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith from the Pendergraft family -- long-time philanthropists and loyal supporters of UAFS -- is designed to have an impact on the nursing shortage in the Fort Smith region. [Read more](#)

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Alcorn State University (Miss.)

Alcorn State University President M. Christopher Brown II was named Male HBCU President of the Year by the Center for HBCU Media Advocacy's annual HBCU Awards. [Read more](#)

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California State University, Fullerton

California State University, Fullerton Shelly Arsneault, professor of political science at Cal State Fullerton, is this year's recipient of the Harry Scoville Award for Academic Excellence by the

Southern California Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. [Read more](#)

California State University, Los Angeles

G. Shizuko Herrera, professor of theatre at California State University, Los Angeles, has been awarded a Japan Studies Institute (JSI) Fellowship by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) for "incorporating Japanese Studies into the undergraduate curriculum." [Read more](#)

James Madison University (Va.)

Liliokanaio Peaslee, assistant professor of political science at James Madison University, is one of the six finalists for the 2013 Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty. [Read more about the award](#)

University of Central Florida

Five University of Central Florida leaders were named to Orlando Magazine's 2013 list of the region's 50 most powerful people. [Read more](#)

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Angelo State University (Texas)

Donald "Trey" Moore, a junior in Angelo State University's Honors Program, has been selected as a 2013-14 Presidential Fellow by the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress (CSPC). [Read more](#)

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

- Black Hills State University student Joe Geyer's photograph "Windswept" was one of 100 honorable mentions chosen from nearly 17,000 entries in the 33rd The top 5 percent of entries submitted were chosen as finalists. From those photographs, the judges chose the top 100 submissions for honorable mentions. [Read more](#)
- A group of nearly 20 Black Hills State University faculty, staff and recent graduates marked their place in history recently by hiking up a local mountain and taking a panoramic photo at the same moment Landsat 8, the newest Earth observation satellite, took its first official flight over Spearfish, S.D. [Read more](#)

Buffalo State (N.Y.)

Tomás Henriques, Buffalo State assistant music professor director of the college's Digital Music Program, invented a therapeutic device that can be used to treat speech and hearing disorders and memory loss. [Read more](#)

California State University San Bernardino

Enrique Murillo, a professor of education at Cal State San Bernardino and executive director of the university's Latino Education and Advocacy Days, has been named president of the Southern California Consortium of Hispanic Serving Institutions. The consortium is made up of colleges and universities in Southern California that have been designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions by the federal Department of Education. [Read more](#)

University of Central Florida

Nine students from the University of Central Florida have spent part of the summer studying

technology, business and medicine in St. Kitts and Nevis. [Read more](#)

Winthrop University (S.C.)

"Advancing the Higher Education Agenda," a blog by Jayne Marie Comstock, has a new home -- <http://blogs.winthrop.edu/president/>. Comstock is the new president of Winthrop University.

"Advancing the Higher Education Agenda" has contributed to the national conversation about access to quality higher education since 2011. Comstock has called access the key civil rights issue of our time and has written extensively on the subject. [Read more](#)

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