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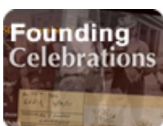
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AASCU HIGHLIGHTS



New Additions to Photo Gallery

Check out the new photos from the **2017 Emerging Leaders Program** and the **Millennium Leadership Initiative Institute**.



Milestone Anniversaries

Is your school celebrating a milestone anniversary this year? Let us know and we'll feature your institution in our Founding Celebrations project. **Submissions accepted on a rolling basis.**

Programs

University of North Georgia

The University of North Georgia (UNG) has partnered with several agencies to provide thousands of meals to children across multiple counties in northeast Georgia. UNG's Summer Food Program includes partnerships with Georgia Mountain Food Bank, Legacy Link-Area Agency on Aging, Forsyth County Schools Nutrition Program, the United Way of Hall County, Georgia Department of Early Care & Learning, Georgia Department of Education and meal service host sites throughout the region. **Read more**

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Grants and Gifts

Arkansas State University

Arkansas State University Museum has received a \$43,490 grant from the Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation, enabling the museum to provide informal learning opportunities of artistic, cultural and historical significance to regional school-age children and their families. The grant is for extending membership in the Arkansas Discovery Network, which is supported by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. Programs emphasize science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). **Read more**

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

Black Hills Energy donated \$7,500 to the South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity (SD CEO), South Dakota's only Women's Business Center, at Black Hills State University (BHSU). The donation will support business training sessions, addressing topics such as financing, marketing, taxes, human resources, leadership, business development, investing, procurement and/or legal issues. SD CEO's mission is to assist entrepreneurs to foster economic development in South Dakota. **Read more**

Austin Peay State University (Tenn.)

Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

University of North Georgia

University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

Winthrop University (S.C.)

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California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) has been awarded a \$380,000 grant from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to conduct research designed to improve cyber security. Cal State LA will collaborate with NATO experts and scientists from Italy, Israel and Pakistan on the project. Marina Mondin is the grant's principal investigator and an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at Cal State LA. [Read more](#)

Central Michigan University

Ben Swarts, an assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Central Michigan University (CMU), will receive \$660,000 over five years to do bacteria research. Swarts, completing his fourth year at CMU, recently received the National Science Foundation's highly competitive Faculty Early Career Development Program award, open only to pre-tenured professors. [Read more](#)

Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.)

Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) has won federal funding to improve health care delivery for residents in rural areas. A grant of nearly \$1.4 million will support an innovative approach that will place graduate students in SVSU's nurse practitioner program into the field to provide patient care, and will prepare them for careers in rural settings. [Read more](#)

Salisbury University (Md.)

The Salisbury University (SU) Nursing Department has received nearly \$4 million from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop two new programs. About \$2 million will go toward creating web-based leadership and communication toolkits for SU nursing students and practicing nurses at several hospitals on the Eastern Shore. An additional \$1.8 million will create an online Maryland nurse educator career portal to better connect potential instructors with the state's nursing schools. [Read more](#)

Tarleton State University (Texas)

Tarleton State University is recipient of a nearly \$350,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund a Research Experiences for Undergraduates program. [Read more](#)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The Arkansas Economic Development Institute at UA Little Rock has received a grant from the Simmons First Foundation to assist efforts to revitalize the city of Pine Bluff. The Go Forward Pine Bluff initiative, led by Simmons First Foundation, aims to implement a blueprint to address systemic problems and challenges in the city. [Read more](#)

Western Carolina University (N.C.)

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has awarded a \$25,000 grant in support of a contemporary Native American art exhibit scheduled for display at the Western Carolina University Fine Art Museum from Monday, Aug. 21 through Friday, Dec. 8. It is the first NEA grant awarded to the museum in its 12-year history, after opening in 2005 with a mission to serve Western North Carolina. [Read more](#)

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Awards and Honors

Black Hills State University (S.D.)

BHSU will name a residence hall and a center in honor of two influential American Indian leaders. Crow Peak Residence Hall will be named Lionel R. Bordeaux Residence Hall, recognizing the accomplishments of a BHSU alumnus who is one of the longest-serving college presidents in the United States. The naming of the Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies honors DeCory's commitment to students and his role as an educator in the American Indian community. [Read more](#)

California University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Joseph Heim, a professor in the Department of History, Politics and Society at California University of Pennsylvania, has been selected as a visiting fellow at Oxford University in the United