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**California State University, Long Beach**

Lynwood High School ethnic studies students toured California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); sat in on a history class; received student support advice; and talked with CSULB students about African-American and Latinx student life as part of the inaugural College Bridge: An Ethnic Studies Exchange. [Read more](#)

**California State University, Los Angeles**

The renowned Ballet Hispánico visited the Southeast-Rio Vista YMCA in Maywood on March 20, bringing arts education to Southeast LA County residents as part of an initiative with California State University, Los Angeles. Community Arts Partnership LA is a collaboration between Cal State LA and Ballet Hispánico, the nation's premier Latino dance organization. [Read more](#)

**Governors State University (Ill.)**

If you are seeking partnerships with community colleges that go well beyond articulation agreements, consider forming a team with a community college partner to attend this Kresge-sponsored institute at Governors State University, June 3-7. The Summer Institute brings together five self-paired teams consisting of community college and 4-year college/university campus leaders to learn how to create a structured pathway for transfer students. [Read more](#)

**Slippery Rock University (Pa.)**

Slippery Rock University (SRU) created the President's Commission for Veteran and Military Affairs, which will advocate on behalf of student veterans and service members in all aspects of university life and further enhance SRU as a military-friendly institution. [Read more](#)

**Southeast Missouri State University**

- Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, are forming a partnership on aerospace and related technologies, including unmanned aerial/aircraft systems (UAS) initiatives in the areas of education, workforce training and development, and applied research. [Read more](#)
- Southeast Missouri State University announced a corporate degree partnership with TG Missouri March 23 offering TG supervisors and managers the opportunity to complete Southeast stackable credentials online under the new Industrial Management Program for TG. [Read more](#)

Awards & Honors **California State University, Stanislaus****Central Michigan University****Kennesaw State University (Ga.)****Southeast Missouri State University****University of Arkansas at Little Rock****University of Central Oklahoma****University of Houston-Clear Lake****University of West Alabama****University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

A doctoral student in applied bioscience will run a new tutoring center created this semester to help biology students at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Azure Yarbrough, 40, of Conway, will staff the new tutoring center. [Read more](#)

**University of West Alabama**

University of West Alabama will join with AT&T to present the Alabama Summit on Rural Technology on April 13. The event features a broad slate of statewide officials and technology experts who bring unique perspectives to address rural Alabama's need for an enhanced technology infrastructure. Event coordinators expect the program and expertise that will gather to be a tremendous step forward in economic development, education and overall quality of life for rural Alabamians. [Read more](#)

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## Worth Noting

**2018 Global MBA Rankings**

Several AASCU member schools have been recognized in CEO Magazine's 2018 Global Executive MBA Rankings as having exceptional MBA programs. [Read more](#)

**Top Values for Online Degrees**

Five AASCU institutions—Eastern Kentucky University, Central Michigan University, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Northern Kentucky University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock—have been ranked in the Top 10 Best Value Fast Degrees Online for 2018 by Collegevaluesonline.com. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is also part of AASCU's Frontier Set, a diverse group of six high-performing, high-potential postsecondary institutions identified as leaders in transformational change for student success. Frontier Set's purpose is to identify, understand and share what works to accelerate student success, especially for low-income and first generation students, students of color, and working adults. [Read more](#)

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## Grants and Gifts

**California State University, Long Beach**

Cal State Long Beach assistant professor of history Michiko Takeuchi has been awarded a \$50,400 fellowship for advanced research on Japan from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

[Read more](#)**California State University, Stanislaus**

Stan State has received \$105,000 in grant funding from the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office as part of the CSU-wide effort to eliminate hunger on California's college campuses. [Read more](#)

**Eastern Connecticut State University**

Matthew Graham, a biology professor at Eastern Connecticut State University, is currently one of three university professors across Connecticut with a research grant from the NASA Connecticut Space Grant Consortium. Working closely with fellow biology professor Barbara Murdoch, their team is conducting a research project titled "Knock, Knock, Who's There? A Diversity Discovery Mission of Unculturable Bacteria in Scorpions." [Read more](#)

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#### **East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania**

The PPL Entrepreneurship Across the Colleges program is helping some innovative projects at East Stroudsburg University. A recent grant from The PPL Foundation supported two creative faculty initiatives and five grants for student internships/externships in science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). With the goal of developing an entrepreneurial workforce for the 21st century, the program fosters entrepreneurial approaches across academic disciplines. [Read more](#)

#### **Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania**

Lock Haven University has been awarded \$30,000 in It's On Us PA grant funding administered by the Department of Education to help combat sexual violence on campus. [Read more](#)

#### **Millersville University of Pennsylvania**

The Governor's Office and the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved Millersville University's application for funding through the 2017-18 It's On Us PA Grant Program. The \$29,958 grant will support work at Millersville to prevent, address and respond effectively to sexual violence at postsecondary institutions. [Read more](#)

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### Awards and Honors

#### **California State University, Stanislaus**

Stan State's Endangered Species Recovery Program, coordinated by Zoology Professor Patrick Kelly, received the 2018 Conservationist of the Year Award from the Western Section of The Wildlife Society at its annual meeting in Santa Rosa on Feb. 7. [Read more](#)

#### **Central Michigan University**

- Jim Wojcik—who directed Central Michigan University (CMU) student media from 1972-2001, helped start the CMU Sports Network on radio and now is an instructor and internship coordinator in the journalism department—will be inducted April 15 into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. [Read more](#)
- The Sports and Recreation Law Association has named Adam Epstein, a professor of business law and regulation in CMU's Department of Finance and Law, a research fellow. Epstein received his award March 1 at the association's annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. [Read more](#)

#### **Kennesaw State University (Ga.)**

Kennesaw State University biology professor William Ensign has been honored with the Council on Undergraduate Research Biology Division Mature Career Mentor Award. The distinction is reserved for scientists with greater than 19 years of experience mentoring undergraduate researchers. [Read more](#)

#### **Southeast Missouri State University**

The Arrow, Southeast Missouri State University's award-winning student newspaper, picked up another national honor March 10 when it was awarded third place in the David L. Adams Apple Awards contest at the College Media Association's Spring National College Media Convention in New York City. The recognition, which is part of the convention's best-of-show competition, was for Best Homepage and reflected excellence in online website development. [Read more](#)

#### **University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock construction engineering team took third place at the TEXO/Associated Schools of Construction Region 5 competition on Feb. 19 in Dallas. The team,

led by Larry Blackmon, faculty coach, represented the UA Little Rock Department of Construction Management and Civil and Construction Engineering. [Read more](#)

- Blackboard Inc., a leading education technology company for teaching, learning and student engagement, selected Dr. Amar Kanekar, graduate program coordinator of the Health Education and Promotion program, as a recipient of the 2017-18 Blackboard Exemplary Course Program Award. [Read more](#)
- Dr. Aryn Amlani has been named the new section editor for Hearing Economics for Hearing Health & Technology Matters. As section editor, Amlani and guest contributors share their opinions and perspectives every week on a wide range of subjects impacting the business management aspects of the hearing industry. [Read more](#)
- Michael Tramel, chair of the Department of Construction Management and Civil and Construction Engineering at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, has been named the 2018 recipient of the Champion of Construction Award. [Read more](#)

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

- The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) School of Music's Jazz Ensemble I, directed by Brian Gorrell, earned first place at 48th Annual Next Generation Jazz Festival, in Monterey, Calif. The ensemble tied with the University of Denver Lamont Jazz Orchestra and beat out the University of Miami's Frost School of Music Studio Jazz Band, in second place, and the Sacramento State Jazz University Ensemble, in third place. This year was UCO's first visit to the festival. [Read more](#)
- Gov. Mary Fallin has appointed Nicole Willard, director of archives, special collections and library development for UCO, as the new chair of the Archives and Records Commission for the state of Oklahoma. The commission has the exclusive authority, with few exceptions, for the arrangement and placing of all public records and archives of state officers, departments, boards, commissions, agencies and institutions. [Read more](#)

#### **University of Houston-Clear Lake**

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Assistant Professor of Psychology Christine Walther, Professor of Psychology Robert Bartsch and Associate Professor of Educational Foundations Carol Carman have been named winners of the prestigious American Education Research Association's Michael Pyryt Collaboration Award, presented by its Special Interest Group for Research on Giftedness, Creativity and Talent for the team's joint research. [Read more](#)

#### **University of West Alabama**

University of West Alabama's (UWA) Dr. Brian Keener received a conservation award at the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Alabama state convention. Keener is assistant dean of the School of Graduate Studies, assistant professor of biology and curator of the UWA Herbarium. The award is presented by the DAR Conservation Committee, which is dedicated to preservation of natural resources of the nation, its soils, minerals, forests, waters and wildlife, and it recognizes outstanding achievement for environmental awareness. [Read more](#)

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## Spotlight

#### **Arkansas Tech University**

- Helping others through military service and medicine is a family tradition for Arkansas Tech University senior Gideon Singleton. A pre-medicine biology major from Little Rock, Singleton

has been chosen to receive a health professional scholarship from the U.S. Army that will allow him an educational delay to complete medical school before beginning his service to his country. [Read more](#)

- Arkansas Tech University dispatched a group of 12 students and one full-time staff member to Houston, Texas, for the 2018 Alternative Spring Break trip sponsored by the ATU Office of Campus Life. While in Houston, the ATU students volunteered at Emergency Aid Coalition; The Women's Home; the Nehemiah Center; Houston Pet Alive; Bread of Life, Inc.; and the Children's Museum of Houston. They also toured the University of Houston. [Read more](#)

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

- Black Hills State University (BHSU) student Keely Kleven, political science major from Williston, N.D., embarked on Semester at Sea last semester. In 106 days, she visited 10 countries, 13 cities and four continents. [Read more](#)
- Dr. Jambalmaa Khainzan from Mongolia is learning from leaders and administrators at BHSU as the school's first international Presidential Fellow. The Presidential Fellowship program at BHSU began in 2015 under the tenure of Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., president, BHSU. The goal of the program is to foster collaborative relationships with other universities and to advance the skills and knowledge of up-and-coming leaders in higher education. [Read more](#)
- Middle school students from Spearfish and Belle Fourche and BHSU students had the rare opportunity take part in an underground robotics competition at the world-class Sanford Underground Research Facility this week. On March 21, these students left their classrooms to compete in the third annual BHSU Underground Robotics Competition at Sanford Lab in Lead. [Read more](#)

#### **California State University, Long Beach**

Ghosting—the practice of silently ending a relationship by suddenly leaving all communication unanswered—may be a particularly cruel way to go about a breakup, but it's also a popular one. Ebony A. Utley, a professor of communication studies at California State University, Long Beach who studies relationships, says that shoving down your feelings of anger or frustration won't help them fade. [Read more](#)

#### **Central Michigan University**

Spring 2018 is the inaugural semester of Queer Fashion, created and taught by fashion merchandising and design faculty member Michael Mamp. The undergraduate course examines LGBTQ experience through the lens of fashion and dress. Apart from a Queer Fashion, Styles and Bodies course at Iowa State University, Mamp said he knows of no similar university courses anywhere. [Read more](#)

#### **Frostburg State University (Md.)**

Frostburg State University (FSU) sophomore Benjamin Forrest has been honored as a 2018 Newman Civic Fellow by the Campus Compact. Just 268 outstanding students were selected nationwide from 1,000-plus Campus Compact institutions. Forrest, the Student Government Association (SGA) president-elect, is FSU's second Newman Civic Fellow. Senior James Kirk, the current SGA president, was named a 2017 Fellow. [Read more](#)

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

Students in Geography and Regional Planning chairman Dr. John Benhart's spring 2018 Technical Issues in GIS class are reconstructing the urban geography of Indiana, Pa., using historical maps and geographic information systems (GIS). [Read more](#)

#### **Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania**

- The geology program at Lock Haven University has a powerful new educational tool to help students learn geologic and hydrologic concepts, such as landscape topography, how to read contour lines on a topographic map, and watershed processes. The hands-on augmented reality (AR) sandbox is combined with 3-D visualization applications that allow students to create topography models augmented in real time by a color elevation map with topographic contour lines. [Read more](#)
- Last semester, 13 Lock Haven University recreation management students presented grant-writing projects—some with the potential to become fully funded. Through their projects, the students not only learned how challenging the process of grant writing can be, but were given the opportunity to go through the entire process—working directly with local agencies in need and writing an application for a grant. [Read more](#)

#### **Louisiana Tech University**

The College of Business at Louisiana Tech University recently made the initial investment of \$150,000 from the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF). Managed by undergraduate finance students, the SMIF provides real-world experience in managing a long-term investment portfolio.

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#### **Millersville University of Pennsylvania**

- Due to the record-breaking snowfalls of 2018, Millersville University meteorologist Eric Horst has garnered quite the following on his weather-based Twitter account. Horst accumulated a total of 809,000 views on his Twitter feed over seven days in March, contributing to a monthly total of @MUweather tweet views of over 1.7 million. [Read more](#)
- The 31-year tradition of nurturing young women's interest in science, mathematics and technology continues in early April with Millersville University's annual Glenna Hazeltine Women in Mathematics, Science and Technology Conference. Qualified local students will have the opportunity to attend the conference, which features networking events, information sessions, activities and speakers including a NASA scientist, for free. [Read more](#)
- The Energy Management Dashboard, which Millersville University implemented in the spring of 2017, has proven to not only educate students about how to be mindful consumers, but it has also saved the university valuable money through the analysis of ways to cut down building energy consumption. Students and community members can access the online dashboard to view how much energy buildings on campus at Millersville are using. [Read more](#)

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

Salisbury University junior Lauren DeLong has been selected for a prestigious summer research internship in Germany to work on a project related to cardiovascular disease. Through the Research Internships in Science and Engineering program administered by the German Academic Exchange Service, DeLong will spend three months at Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences in Rheinbach. [Read more](#)

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

Slippery Rock University (SRU) communication majors are pitching proposals to 13 clients as part of an SRU senior capstone course, where 67 students develop marketing and communication campaigns for local businesses and organizations. [Read more](#)

#### **Southeast Missouri State University**

- In the pre-dawn hours of early morning while most students are still snoozing, Southeast Missouri State University student Lindsey Grojean has already started her work day as host and producer at KRCU, southeast Missouri's NPR station broadcasting from Southeast's campus. [Read more](#)

- Soon-to-be Southeast Missouri State University graduate Kelli Sargent may count herself a Millennial, but her heart is set on providing comfy and efficient living spaces for aging Baby Boomers. Her interest in designing senior living spaces drew her to a recent internship opportunity with Spellman Brady & Company (SBC), a design firm in Clayton, Mo. The company specializes in senior living, healthcare and higher education design. [Read more](#)

#### **University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock Anderson Institute on Race and Ethnicity will honor the legacy of Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller and nine other individuals at the 2018 induction of the Arkansas Civil Rights Heritage Trail honorees April 4. Established in the summer of 2011, the Arkansas Civil Rights Heritage Trail honors those who made significant contributions to civil rights in Arkansas. The trail raises public awareness of the long and rich legacy of Arkansas's civil rights history. [Read more](#)
- Christopher Stephens, president of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Kappa Sigma fraternity, was named by the national fraternity as the fifth-highest fundraising undergraduate in the nation for his contribution during the 2018 Weekend of Giving. [Read more](#)
- Rebecca Bishop, a Donaghey Scholar whose research interests lie in the health of diseased coral reef, will use her Signature Experience Award funds this summer to travel to San Salvador, an island in the Bahamas, to collect and analyze coral reef samples at the Gerace Research Centre. [Read more](#)
- Thanks to her Signature Experience Award, Nicole Ursin, a junior double majoring in history and anthropology, will present her research at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference in Philadelphia, April 3-7. [Read more](#)
- A group of researchers from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are studying how the mass migration of refugees from Middle Eastern and North African countries into Europe has created a shift in the migrant narrative in online communication. The paper, "Analyzing Shift in Narratives Regarding Migrants in Europe via Blogosphere," has been accepted in the Text2Story18 workshop at the 40th annual European Conference on Information Retrieval. [Read more](#)
- Tusty ten Bensel, graduate coordinator in the Department of Criminal Justice at UA Little Rock, recently completed the Women in Education Leadership program conducted by the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The Women in Education Leadership program convened senior leaders interested in strengthening their leadership skills in education initiatives. [Read more](#)
- Two University of Arkansas at Little Rock students won first place in their respective categories during the National Association of Teachers of Singing 2018 spring conference. [Read more](#)

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

University of Central Oklahoma senior Kalen Russell, a strategic communications major from Muskogee, Okla., recently earned recognition as one of Campus Compact's 2018 Newman Civic Fellows. Involved across campus, Russell won the 2017 Martin Luther King Enterprise Oratory Competition for her speech about the importance of harmony in diversity and also spoke to legislators at the Oklahoma Capitol during the 2018 Higher Ed Day. [Read more](#)

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