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June **2008** NOTES

With the help of your communications departments, ANAC has worked this year to publicize the accomplishments of its institutions, both within the membership and to a broader audience. ANAC students, faculty and coaches were recognized throughout the spring for significant achievements on playing fields and courts, in classrooms, concert halls and theatres, at regional and national academic competitions, and in local and international community service. I have mentioned some of these achievements in this newsletter, but accomplishments are far too extensive to capture them fully. One of the benefits of membership in a small consortium is the pleasure we feel when another member is publicly recognized. There have been many occasions to feel good this spring.

Lynette Robinson, Executive Director

SUMMER INSTITUTE 2008 *Designing Learning Spaces*

Designing optimum environments – to learn, to teach, to grow – is the theme at the ANAC Summer Conference at Belmont University in Nashville, June 18-20, 2008.

Once each year, teams of faculty and administrators from ANAC institutions come together to discuss the common denominators of educating students who attend the 21 New American Colleges and Universities and to share best practices of teaching and learning. Participants become better acquainted with individuals from their own campuses, away from the routine demands of campus life. They also have an opportunity to meet colleagues in similar roles from across the consortium. Belmont has put together an exceptionally well-balanced institute of presentation, discussion, and fun, all in the country music capital of the world.

This year's keynote speakers are:

Susan Painter, PhD, Design Psychologist and Urban and University Campus Planner

Dr. Painter has served as a campus planner for a variety of large and small campuses in Southern California. Her background as a specialist in human behavior and her twelve years as a university professor provide her with a unique perspective on the design of the university campus, and the impact of the campus plan and its buildings on students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Along with other colleagues in the fields of psychology, architecture and design, she has pioneered the new field of Design Psychology.

Dr. Painter's ideas linking cognitive development with the design of learning spaces will help ANAC institutions think about "integrative learning" with new paradigms and propose ways to consider the relationships between social, private, and learning spaces on campuses.

Barbara Walvoord, PhD, Professor Emerita at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana

Dr. Walvoord has established and directed teaching and learning centers at Notre Dame and three other institutions. Her research focus includes assessment and effective grading. Her books, "Effective Grading: A Tool for Learning and Assessment" and "Assessment Clear and Simple: A Practical Guide for Institutions, Departments, and General Education" are highly recommended reading.

"Barbara Walvoord is one of the smartest, most practical people writing about teaching in higher education today. I keep her book, "Effective Grading," near my desk because I refer to it so often. Her workshops always are helpful and inspiring, even though I've read nearly everything she's written. I recommend her with great enthusiasm to my faculty colleagues at Elon and throughout ANAC." (Peter Felten, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, Elon University)

Stuart Dorsey, Ph.D., President of University of Redlands

A labor economist and the former Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Evansville, Dr. Dorsey was named ninth president of the University of Redlands in June 2005. He will conclude the ANAC Summer Institute with an overview of the issues, opportunities, and challenges facing institutions like ours. His address will enable

participants to consider their particular roles on campus in light of these larger concerns.

In addition to member institutions, we are delighted to welcome guest teams from Samford University, Oklahoma City University, Mount Mercy College, Nazareth College, and Otterbein University.

For full information on the Summer Institute and to register online, go to www.anac.org

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

14 campuses to pilot student exchange program

At its February 4, 2008 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the creation of a program that will allow students to study at other ANAC campuses without the exchange of tuition. Materials will be sent to participating campuses this summer so that the program can be promoted to students in the fall. First exchanges could begin as early as Spring Semester 2009.

Participating campuses:

Arcadia · Belmont · Drury · Elon
Hamline · Ithaca · North Central · Simmons
Sage · Scranton · Evansville · Valparaiso
Wagner · Westminster

Bridget Guarasci, a doctoral student in anthropology at the University of Michigan, is the new part-time Director of Special Programs at ANAC. Her responsibilities include launching the new Student Exchange program, expanding ANACSA, and identifying funding possibilities for the consortium. Any campus interested in participating in the student exchange program that has not yet indicated so, should contact Bridget as soon as possible. Based in Manhattan and at Wagner College, Bridget can be reached at bguarasci@newamericancolleges.org.

OUR NAME, OUR IDENTITY

A potential name change for ANAC

Are we an association, consortium, or group? What do we have in common? Is our hallmark integrative, innovative education or the combination of programs we offer? How often does your institution refer to itself as a 'New American College'? With the help of a brand marketing team from The Reason, ANAC is exploring a possible name change for the consortium. Surveys have been distributed; the results will be shared and recommendations

made at the Summer Institute at Belmont. A decision will be made this summer.

FEATURE STORIES

What makes a New American College?

Since December, Michelle Apuzzio, ANAC communications consultant, has written feature stories reflecting the distinctive attributes of New American Colleges. Many of the feature stories are crafted into media pitches in an effort to publicize ANAC and boost the independent PR efforts at each institution. The April 25, 2008 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* featured a story on "the mathematics of square dancing" at **North Central College**. This course was one of those described in an ANAC 'featured story' that ran on the Web site in February. The latest feature, focused on preparing students for career success, is posted on the ANAC homepage. All feature stories are archived on the ANAC Web site in the News section.

TRANSITIONS

Congratulations and Farewell to...

President Jeanne Neff, founding member of ANAC, on her retirement from **The Sage Colleges**. We deeply appreciate Jeanne's sustained and enthusiastic commitment to ANAC at both **Susquehanna University and Sage**. After 13 years as president at Sage, Jeanne and her husband Ed will relocate to their home at Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland. Jeanne will assist Sage with fundraising initiatives through the end of 2008 and work as a consultant in higher education while pursuing several writing projects. **Susan Scrimshaw**, President at **Simmons College**, will become Interim President at The Sage Colleges, on August 1.

As noted in the Fall ANAC notes, Presidents Alan Harre (**Valparaiso**) and Peggy Williams (**Ithaca**) are both retiring in June as well. All three have been dedicated shapers and supporters of ANAC and will be deeply missed.

Kathleen McCourt, Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Quinnipiac University, on her retirement.

Congratulations and Welcome to...

Helen Drinan, Senior Vice President of Caritas Christi Health Care System, who will serve a two-to-three-year term as **Simmons College's** interim president. A member of the Simmons Board of Trustees since 2003, she has been Board Chair since 2007.

Mark A. Heckler, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs at the University of Colorado in Denver, who will become the 18th president at **Valparaiso University**.

Drury University alumnus **Todd Parnell**, inaugurated as **Drury University's** 16th president on April 26.

Thomas Rochon, **Ithaca College's** 8th president. President Rochon comes to Ithaca from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota where he has served since 2003 as Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer.

Jamie Comstock, Butler University's new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Comstock was recently Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Communications at Millikin University in Decatur, IL.

Mark Thompson, Dean of the School of Business at **Quinnipiac University**, has been named Senior Vice President for Academic and Student affairs.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ANAC SCHOOLS

NAFSA Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization **Valparaiso University** won the 2008 Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, the third year in a row that an ANAC institution has been the recipient of the award. **Arcadia University** and **Elon University** were honored with the award in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Graduate Rankings in US News

Pharmacy, physical therapy, and library science programs at several Associated New American Colleges continue to rank among the most distinguished graduate programs in the country. In *U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," **Drake University's** College of Pharmacy tied for fifth place among private institutions. **Arcadia University's** physical therapy program ranked seventh in the nation among the more than 200 graduate PT programs. **Simmons College's** library science program was ranked thirteenth.

Recognition for ANAC Business Schools

Elon University's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business was named one of the nation's top programs in "The Best B-Schools," a new book from *BusinessWeek*. The book

spotlights the range of resources in the part-time MBA program, such as an integrated curriculum, executive speakers and hands-on learning opportunities.

The **Simmons** School of Management was ranked 32nd on the Aspen Institute's 2007-2008 edition of "Beyond Grey Pinstripes." The book featured the top 100 business schools in the world that integrate social and environmental issues into research and curricula.

KUDOS to ANAC STUDENTS

Fifteen 2008 and three 2007 graduates from **Belmont University, Drake University, Elon University, Hamline University, Ithaca College, Pacific Lutheran University, Simmons College, University of Redlands, University of Scranton and Valparaiso University** will travel and study on **Fulbright scholarships** during the 2008-09 academic year.

Teams from **Belmont, Drury, Drake** and **North Central** were finalists or runner-ups in the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) national competition in Chicago, May 13-15. SIFE is an international organization that mobilizes university students in 48 countries to make a difference in their communities while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders.

Geoffrey Lynn, (**Elon University** 2007), was accepted into the National Institutes of Health Oxford/Cambridge Scholars Program, a doctoral training program for outstanding science students committed to biomedical research.

Elizabeth Thompson, a sophomore meteorology major at **Valparaiso**, is one of approximately 100 undergraduate students in the United States to receive a Hollings Scholarship and a paid summer internship with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Michael Steffen, a 2007 **Valparaiso University** engineering graduate, won a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. Steffen was one of only five computer engineering students in the country to win an NSF Fellowship.

Drake University's team finished third in the national Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Competition at the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) annual meeting in San Francisco. The Drake team was one of eight finalists in the national competition and has

been among the top eight finalists twice in the past four years, finishing first in 2004.

A team of ten students from the **University of Evansville** topped the competition at the NASA Moon Buggy competition in Huntsville, Alabama, marking the first time a UE team has won the competition. NASA started the Moon Buggy competition as a way for engineering students across the country to face a real-life design challenge.

For the second time in three years, **Valparaiso University's** student-operated radio station, WVUR 95.1, was named "Radio School of the Year" from the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters. The student newspaper, The Torch, was named Indiana Division II Newspaper School of the Year by the Indiana Collegiate Press Association.

Based on its performance in five events — cryptography, Web-site design, programming, robotics and hardware/software integration — a **Hampton University** computer science team won the Spelman College Computer Science Olympiad.

Butler University computer programming students finished fourth in the Carnegie Mellon Spring Programming Contest held in Pittsburgh. The competition includes approximately 35 teams from universities around the country.

Students from 11 ANAC institutions had abstracts published at the National Council on Undergraduate Research Conference held this year at Salisbury University.

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<http://www.newamericancolleges.org/anacnews.xml>.

AFFINITY GROUP MEETINGS

Student Life Officers Meet at Simmons

On Saturday March 8, 2008, prior to the annual NASPA meeting, seven student life officers from Drake, Drury, Elon, PLU, North Central and Simmons were hosted by Simmons Dean of Student Life Sheila Murphy.

CFOs and CAOs Meet at Wagner

Twenty-six chief financial and academic officers from 14 ANAC campuses met at Wagner College in late March. Held for only the second time in ANAC history, the two-day workshop included time for the two groups collectively to discuss issues of common concern (higher education reauthorization, net tuition revenue, benchmarking) and to meet within their respective groups. Wagner Vice President Tom Carroll and Provost Devorah Lieberman were excellent hosts as were President Richard Guarasci and his wife Carin, who opened their home to the entire group for a closing dinner Friday evening. ANAC CFO's will next meet on July 12 prior to the NACUBO Meeting in Chicago. Academic Officers will meet next at the Summer Institute.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Career Services at NACE in New Orleans, and at the Summer Institute at Belmont
 - ❖ ANACSA in Washington, D.C., May 30, at 9:00 at the CIC Office, One Dupont Circle.
 - ❖ IREPS at Belmont University, June 18 at 8:00 a.m.
 - ❖ Presidents (and spouses) at Belmont University, June 19, at 8:00.
 - ❖ Board of Directors at Belmont University, June 19, at noon.
 - ❖ Chief Financial Officers -Saturday, July 12, 9:00 at the Hilton Chicago (NACUBO Meeting)
 - ❖ AAC&U Annual Meeting, January 21-24, Seattle
 - ❖ Summer Institute 2009 – University of Redlands – June ~~28-30~~
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