

## **Engaged Students and Successful Outcomes Distinguish ANAC Members**

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Eleven New American Colleges and Universities, which is half of the organization's membership, were listed in the 2008-09 "Colleges of Distinction" guidebook. The book recognizes four areas of distinction among those listed: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities, and successful outcomes.

All members of The New American Colleges and Universities are committed to these values and are known leaders in student engagement, integrating curricular and co-curricular programs, community service, and in demonstrating their impact on student learning. The "Colleges of Distinction" guidebook recognized the following ANAC members: Arcadia University, Belmont University, Hamline University, Ithaca College, Quinnipiac University, Samford University, Simmons College, Susquehanna University, University of Evansville, Wagner College, and Westminster College.

Institutions in the "Colleges of Distinction" guidebook are focused on teaching undergraduates through small classes and dedicated faculty while offering innovative, hands-on programs such as study abroad and service learning. In addition, extracurricular activities that foster a sense of community are a trademark of these institutions. Lastly, those on the list have reputations for successful graduates, as measured by employers, graduate schools, and graduate satisfaction.

Approximately 40 colleges in each of the country's six geographical regions were selected as meeting the guidebook's four key criteria. For more on the guidebook, please visit <http://www.collegesofdistinction.com/>.