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SURVEY SAYS . . .
This Spring, NAU’s alumni services department circulated a survey for alumni only. The survey told us that there was strong support for the alumni benefits in place, such as our newsletter, mentoring, webinars, career services, and NAUConnect.com, among those who knew about the benefits, but that awareness of these benefits could improve. For a copy of survey highlights or to learn more about alumni benefits, please contact alumni@national.edu.

NEW BOOK FEATURES NAU ALUMNI INNOVATORS
A new book has been released telling the stories of 24 NAU alumni who are innovators in their communities and careers. They share advice for those aspiring to affect change. The book, The Innovators: National American University, is available on Amazon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED THE 2017 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ALUMNI AWARD:

Legacy Alumni (1941-1950 graduates): Rapid City, SD
Daren Anderson, MSIS: Sioux Falls, SD
Terry Morgan, MBA, FAC-PPM: Bellevue, NE
Patti McKenzie: Dallas-area
Jesse Robinson: Denver-area
Lana Diaz and Brian Brunt: Wichita-area
Michelle Schock, MM, MBA, BSHCM, AASMA: Kansas City-area
Christy Lewis: Austin-area
Gayle Porter: Albuquerque-area
Lori Haskell: Minneapolis-area

SYSTEM UPDATES
NAU LAUNCHES COLLEGE OF MILITARY STUDIES
NAU has proudly served military students since its founding in 1941. Building upon the University’s commitment to exceptional student service, the College of Military Studies, launched on June 1, brings military students and NAU’s general academic programming together to allow NAU to better serve their specific academic and support needs. The new college was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting in August in Rapid City, South Dakota.

ANNUAL RESEARCH PAPER AWARDS ANNOUNCED
Eight students were recognized in our 2016-2017 Research Paper Scholarship competition for demonstrating excellence in research and in writing a paper as a result of that research. Our congratulations go to these students for their hard work!

Top Awardee ($2,000): Kathryn Dempsey (Albuquerque West)
Meritorious Awardees ($1,000 each): Eric Lyons (Colorado Springs, South), Jodi Green (Online), and Katherine Kokesh (Rapid City)
Honorable Mention Awardees ($500 each): Amber Schiller (Georgetown), Anna Alday (Bellevue), Kelly Lazar (Garden City), and Owen Melgar (Mesquite)

NAU RECOGNIZES SPRING 2017 FACULTY OF THE QUARTER
Congrats to Carol Dantzler-Harris and Michele Sanchez for being named Faculty of the Quarter for Spring 2017. Ms. Dantzler-Harris teaches online Healthcare Information Technology and Healthcare Coding classes. Michele Sanchez teaches English at NAU’s Rapid City and Ellsworth campuses. Congratulations!
CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

RAPID CITY GRADUATION FEATURES SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR

Dennis Daugaard, the Governor of South Dakota, addressed Rapid City graduates at the school’s 75th graduation. He designated June 3, 2017 as National American University Day in South Dakota and urged graduates to have “grit,” never give up and be encouraging to others.

INDEPENDENCE CAMPUS SUPPORTS STUDENT

Jeana Hand, a pharmacy technician student at NAU’s Independence campus in Missouri, was at her externship when her locked bicycle, her only form of transportation, was stolen. When campus staff learned of the incident, they sprang into action. In less than a week, staff and faculty, along with Sandy Mullins at the College of Military Studies, donated enough money to purchase Jeana a new bicycle, a gel seat cover, a lock, and a light/horn set.

NAU BROOKLYN CENTER ENJOYS OUTREACH AND NETWORKING AT COMMUNITY EVENT

NAU-Brooklyn Center in Minnesota was represented at the 2017 City of Brooklyn Center Kick-Off Party. Diana Igo, Campus Director, and Danielle Heinert, Director of Enrollment and Completion, met with prospective students, business leaders and key representatives from several Hennepin County Service Organizations.

FOUNDATION TO OFFER "MY PLAN FOR THE FUTURE" SCHOLARSHIP TO RAPID CITY YOUTH

This fall, the NAU Foundation in partnership with Andy Bartling, Modern Woodmen, will be offering a Rapid City middle student the opportunity to earn a $250 scholarship and title of honorary “NAU President for a Day.” The “My PLAN for the Future” scholarship will challenge students to write an essay on where they see themselves after high school and their plan for achieving this vision. The Foundation is considering expanding this scholarship across the system with opportunity for students to be “Campus Director for a Day” in their local communities.
In October of 2016, National American University launched a new mobile app, NAU Mobile for both iOS and Android devices, replacing the existing app with the intention of refining and expanding the mobile offerings.

One of the changes made was to split the application into multiple "personas," each with features tailored to a particular segment of the NAU population: future students, current students, military students, and NAU Alumni are each represented.

The Alumni Persona has various areas of information, as well as links to additional alumni interests and resources. NAU alumni social media is brought together in a single location, links to commonly used resources are available in the "More" section, and new features are being continually developed.

For example, on August 25th, the Alumni Legacy Walkway Ribbon Cutting and Dedication was live-streamed through YouTube and NAU Mobile. Traditional notifications were sent out through e-mail and social media before the event and, leveraging NAU Mobile, we were able to send a push notification, reaching over 2500 users just before the event to provide a direct link for our NAU population to join us remotely.

The alumni information is updated as new content is added to social media, the alumni website and NAU Connect and we are continually adding new features to the app. For current students, we recently launched an integration with the student portal, bringing academic records and financial aid information to the app for a convenient means of accessing on the go.

In addition, the new OneStop and Career Services websites were added over Labor Day weekend. An events calendar, to include the Alumni Webinar Series and alumni events, is being developed which will provide notifications of upcoming events and a method to add these to your device calendar with a single click.

We are always looking for new features to better serve you. Recommendations and requests are eagerly welcomed through the app feedback located in the top menu, or e-mail feedback to alumni@national.edu.
THE NAU FOUNDATION
AWARDS MORE THAN $127,000 IN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

149 deserving undergraduate, master’s and doctoral students have received scholarships so far in 2017.

In late-Spring, 70 students received the academic excellence scholarship. Offered each year, this scholarship rewards students who have demonstrated a commitment to success and persistence in their education.

Several targeted scholarships, many being offered for the first time, have also been awarded.

Our 68 doctoral scholarships were awarded for the Spring, Summer and Fall Trimesters. In addition, the Guy Tillett Maverick Pride Scholarship, which recognizes students approaching graduation, and the Kaitlyn English Memorial Scholarship for NAU-Wichita West nursing students, were recently awarded.

New scholarships in 2017 included the David Donnelly Memorial Criminal Justice Memorial Scholarship, the Linda Buckingham Copper Memorial Scholarship, the Bill Tschetter Paralegal Studies Scholarship, the Colorado Heights University Partnership Scholarship and the Business Career Scholarship.

NAU Foundation scholarships consider grade point average and persistence, and include a writing component.

Congratulations to our deserving scholarship recipients!

For a list of all 2017 recipients, please visit the Foundation website at naufoundation.org/AmazingScholarshipRecipients.

Your Education Legacy

Planned giving – such as will bequests and trusts – is a great way to create a lasting legacy through the gift of education. Contact Tamie at foundation@national.edu or call 605-394-4976 to find out how you can support the NAU Foundation, a 501(c)(3), with a legacy gift.

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Scholarship Recipients on Billboards

Thanks to Generous Donations

Thanks to Lamar Advertising, the NAU Foundation was able to feature two outstanding scholarship recipients on two billboards, one in Sioux Falls and one in Rapid City, South Dakota. The billboards feature scholarship recipients Royce Gay and Sarah Machan Feit. A special thanks also to Tyler Thompson of @JakePhotographySF who helped with Sarah’s pictures.

Dean Gives Scholarships To Honor Mom

Elizabeth Winkelmeyer, a NAU-Centennial student pursuing her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Occupational Therapy Assisting at NAU’s Centennial, Colorado location, and Sarah Machan Feit, a nursing student at NAU-SiouxFalls, received the first Dean’s College of Health and Science Academic Excellence Scholarship. Dr. Marilyn Holmgren sponsored these scholarships in honor of her mother, Leona Smith. “My mom was 100 years old when she passed away last fall,” said Dr. Holmgren. “Her love of learning never ceased, and I really credit her for instilling in me an appreciation for education, and, in particular, healthcare education, when I was quite young.”
ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI!
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