On November 1st the Sioux Falls campus relocated to a brand new building at 5801 South Corporate Place which is conveniently located in a business development park at the corner of I-29 and I-229. Sioux Falls was the first branch campus to be established in 1974.

The new building and facilities were created according to the needs and specifications required by the university, and at least in part to provide for the laboratories in nursing, medical assisting, pharmacy technology and massage therapy.

Work is continuing to establish other NAU operational facilities and staff in other areas including Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Omaha (Belleview), Nebraska. These additions require approvals by the state and the accrediting body as well as suitable buildings with adequate parking and the hiring of educational and support staff. In more long range terms, additional interest areas include those in Minnesota, Texas, Missouri and Oregon. Significant changes such as these are described in the university’s strategic plan. Implementation of these plans is the responsibility of the university board of governors. The board met in the central administration board room on October 25, 2010, where the discussion of expansion of operations was an item of significant interest for this board.

"With the growth we have experienced at the Sioux Falls campus, we now have a new larger beautiful campus that will allow us to expand our student population and offer our students a cutting edge education.”

~ Lisa Houtsma, Campus Director

Happy Holidays from NAU
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
Lori Colbeck has accepted responsibility for the system’s coordinator for academic operations and learner services. • Cody Reynolds is a new IT support technician. • Tyler Wolf has joined the Aurora Creative staff as a marketing specialist.

ONLINE CAMPUS
During October, Drs. Salome and Cristina Nasica of Cumbre Private University in Bolivia visited the DL location. During the visit, NAU staff members and the visitors were joined by six Bolivian students (Eduardo Armendaris, Luis Menacho, Carlos Rodriguez, Boris Vargas, Miguel and Stephany Linares) who are currently attending the Rapid City campus as part of the Best of Both Worlds IDPTM program.

SCHOOL OF NURSING
Victoria Nelson is the BSN chair in Wichita and Dr. Noreen Redding is the chair for Austin (both programs pending approval). Dodie Serafini, LPN, AND, BS and MSN is the associate dean for the school. • Dr. Kelli Smith, PhD, RN, the nursing program chair at the Bloomington campus recently attended a professional development conference which included RealCare Baby infant simulators. An important part of nursing training, before students work with real patients, takes place in skills laboratories. Smith decided to incorporate RealCare Baby in a health promotion course, to provide students with true-to-life interaction with infants they will eventually experience in a nursery. In addition to the feeding, burping, soothing and diaper-changing, students also practice taking vital signs and measurements. The learning is magnified when students see skills demonstrated and then they do it, said Smith, noting that newborn physical assessments can be studied from a video, but come to life with infant simulators.

GRADUATE SCHOOL
Dr. Mary Dereshiwsky has been named as the associate dean of the Harold D. Buckingham Graduate School.

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE EXTENSION
Larry Lettau is the new academic dean for the EAFB extension.

RAPID CITY CAMPUS
Dr. John Quinn, executive director of the campus, addressed the national convention of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling in Minneapolis during October. He was also an election night commentator on a local television station.

SIOUX FALLS CAMPUS
A simulation component was developed specifically for the Strategic Management class where student teams compete against other teams and universities. Over 350 teams from 30 colleges and universities entered the competition. The top score was 110 points and the Sioux Falls campus scored in the top 12 with 109.5 points.

WATERTOWN EDUCATION CENTER
The NAU-Watertown Education Center was recently chosen as the Watertown Business of the Year by the Watertown Chamber of Commerce. The Watertown Chamber has over 700 members. Front (L-R): Laura Greenfield (Director of First Impressions), Tim Oviatt (Chamber of Commerce Board Chair), Heidi Schooley (Campus Director), Megan Olson (President of Watertown Chamber of Commerce), Lisa Cape (Financial Aid Representative). • Back row (L-R):
Rachel Hammer (Admission Representative), Tracie Maag (Financial Aid Representative), Trevor Mischke (Academic Coordinator), and Anna Oswald (Admissions Representative).

**Roseville Campus**

Chris Slagle is the assistant director of admissions. • A winter career and community resource fair was held in November as a tool to prompt students to think about their long-term career goals and to serve as a reminder that high academic achievement can create a competitive advantage in the job market. The fair featured businesses, government agencies and non-profit organizations.

**Southwest Region**

**Albuquerque Campus**

Mike Smith, Strategic Management class instructor, reports that in a global business competition, his class is tied for first place in the later stages of the game. In this category there are 2000 teams from 100 universities and colleges.

**Austin Campus**

The Austin staff and student government association participated in a fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. • Andrew Njenga was the student of the quarter, and Viviana Vera was chosen as the instructor of the quarter.

**Southeast Region**

**Zona Rosa Campus**

Terrie Simons is the program coordinator and the system chair for the new clinical laboratory technician program which will debut at the Zona Rosa campus for winter quarter 2011 (pending final approvals).

**Wichita Campus**

Qualified Wichita campus students are being invited to a “Dinner with the Dean” at the close of each term. Invitations are based upon a CGPA of at least 3.5, perfect attendance for the term and two or more quarters of enrollment. The last two events were very successful, involving about 45 attendees. Students are taking pride and are encouraging others to strive toward this goal. • The campus celebrated a Fall Festival during September. There was lots of food and a talent show!

**Wichita West Education Center**

Pamela Throckmorton has been promoted to the assistant director of admissions.

**Lee’s Summit Education Center**

The “Summit” just celebrated its first anniversary and has served over 200 students since they opened. • A trick or treat event for students and neighbors was held and they are also collecting food and coats for local charities. • Amanda Oppel has been promoted to director of admissions.

**Overland Park Campus**

The ASN students participated in a health fair for the residents of Cathedral Towers, which is a residential home for low income and disabled residents in the Kansas City area. Health information and guidance was provided, including immunizations, safety, eating, smoking, etc. • Tyre Smith is the new assistant director of admissions.

**Denver Campus**

Dr. Julia Bronner announced that 93.33% of the ASN nursing students (14/15) recently passed the NCLEX certification exam. • Josephine Ssenkungo (pictured), a nursing faculty member and native of Uganda, spoke at a celebration event for the United Ugandan Association of Colorado.

**Centennial Education Center**

The build out of this new location in south Denver is complete. Kyle Sheldon, regional vice president for the west region, is the interim campus director and Jill Jewison is the associate director of admissions.

**Colorado Springs South Education Center**

Courtney Hansen is the new associate director of admissions.
It would be impossible to overemphasize the importance and value of the selection and retention of high quality teachers-instructional staff-faculty members at NAU. Effective teaching is based on combinations of: skill, commitment, personal values, experience, background, education and training, a sense of humor, character, preparation, attitude, understandings, applications, concern for others, and several other individual and personal qualities. The academic relationships and interaction of students and faculty members is specifically “Where the rubber meets the road!” at National American University. What follows are responses from current faculty to a request regarding their teaching experience at NAU.

Linda Devine teaches humanities and English courses for Online and the New Mexico campuses. She also participates in general education assessment and is a member of the curriculum committee. “Teaching can be quite challenging. Student skills vary greatly and a constant flow of papers to score can feel endless. It is worth it. I get to experience student’s “aha” moments, and watch them build confidence about their writing, and see their papers improve immensely. I love what I do!”

Alexander B. Yonly is a former student (NAU-Roseville Graduate 2001) and now an online instructor. He is also certified as a global career development facilitator in Greensboro, North Carolina. “NAU students, you have definitely chosen a great institution, where all faculty, staff and administrators care about the students. I have been affiliated with NAU for seven years and am very proud to be part of the NAU family. Both online and classroom teaching is challenging and a great learning opportunity. There is a great support system available for both the faculty and the students.”

Mary Jo Titus teaches Intro to Humanities. “Participating in the learning process is a motivational element for the student as well as the professor. Each term I am astonished by the student’s observations, challenged by their queries, and encouraged by their self actualization. Teaching has become an essential part of my personal growth and professional development.”

A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others.

~Author Unknown
Daniel Stanton, a Rapid City campus MBA graduate, 2006 is currently a member of the staff at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). He has interests in MIT supply chain management. Stanton’s formal education also included the University of South Dakota, South Dakota’s School of Mines and Technology and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Steve Drobny, a 1992 Rapid City campus graduate has joined the IT staff in NAU’s Central Administration facility in Rapid City. He is an applications developer.

Michele Costa, an alumna who among other things was an honored All American in NAU’s women’s soccer (1997-2001), is an assistant coach-women’s soccer and a member of the staff at Shattuck-St. Mary’s School in Faribault, Minnesota.

Kenneth M. Anaya, a 2006 graduate- Albuquerque is employed as a veteran’s service representative in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Nancy E. McKimm, a 2010 Practical Nursing graduate-Overland Park is working as a practical nurse for Omega Health Care in Lee’s Summit, Missouri.

Samantha M. Turner is a recent Bloomington campus graduate-pharmacy technology, and she is currently employed at Abbot Northwestern Heart Hospital in Minneapolis.

Holly Hoebelheinrich is the associate director of NAU’s Allen, Texas Service Center and a 2004 NAU graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. She is currently pursuing NAU’s Master of Management degree and she is participating in the university’s leadership development program.

Elizabeth Carter, a 1998 Albuquerque graduate and valedictorian has recently repeated academic success in her Master’s in Public Administration degree from California State University-Long Beach. While a student at CSULB, she worked as an assistant transportation manager and the ADA para-transit program administrator in Los Angeles.

Christopher Self, a 2010 Rapid City graduate with a BS in Business Administration - international business emphasis, and Peggy Schlechter, the campus dean of student success, were recently interviewed by South Dakota Public Broadcasting as a follow up to college graduates and a tough job market. The broadcast was aired across the USA. Self has taken a managerial position in Omaha, Nebraska with a trucking company he had worked for as a student and describes this as his “dream job”.

Martin Mohammed is a bachelor’s degree graduate of NAU’s Roseville campus. Mohammed is the president and founder of the United States African Chamber of Commerce. He is an executive member of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, a member of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, an elected board member of the U.S. Department of Peace, and an Advisory Committee Member of the Office of Refugee Resettlement Agency in Washington, D.C. In 1999 he founded an economic development service organization in Minnesota for African immigrants. He has provided leadership, inspiration and management in these areas for sometime.

Rick Walton has been promoted to highway maintenance supervisor for the South Dakota Department of Transportation in the northwest portion of the state. He graduated from National’s survey course several years ago.

Joel P. Sippel, 2003 Albuquerque - NAU graduate is currently a product leader for GE Health Care Technologies, and a manager for product introduction, which includes medical imaging in all of North America. He and his wife live in Los Lunas, N. Mex.
NAU’s Foundation Academic Excellence (Scholarship) Awards 2010 have been awarded. The most senior and successful applicant is designated as the Alumni Academic Excellence (Scholarship) Award recipient. There are 12 of these awards for the academic year 2010-2011 and six of these are listed below. The first six were listed in the Fall issue of the National News.

- Independence - Tammie Hill
- Rapid City, undergraduate - James Bachand
- Rio Rancho - Michelle Foster

- Roseville - Susan Maher
- Sioux Falls - Jane Blind
- Zona Rosa - Debbie Ayers

Tammie Hill, Academic winner from Independence

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