Announcements

Global Perspectives Inventory (GPI):

Seven more ACA member institutions join the ten pilot institutions from 2010 in using the Global Perspectives Inventory. The seven new institutions are West Virginia Wesleyan College, Lindsey Wilson College, Milligan College, University of the Cumberland, Alderson-Broaddus College, University of Charleston and Johnson Bible College. Representatives from these institutions will meet in June to discuss GPI findings and discuss how the findings can guide program offerings.

Appalachian College Association - University of North Carolina - Asheville Undergraduate Research Institute:

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation just approved a new round of funding for the ACA-UNCA Undergraduate Research Partnership. Like the last round, the funding will be for projects in the Arts and Humanities as well as the Social Sciences.

Please save the dates for the ACA-UNCA Undergraduate Research Institute for faculty interested in working on developing undergraduate research at their institutions hosted by UNCA – July 5 – 7, 2011.

Student News/Opportunities:

If you know ACA students who are interested in studying abroad during the Summer, 2011, take a look at the ACA Faculty offerings through KEIAbroad on the ACA website at www.acaweb.org

NSF Scholarships for STEM Majors:

Through a generous grant from the National Science Foundation, the Appalachian College Association is pleased to offer scholarships of $6,000 a year (with possibility of a one-year renewal) to students studying the Sciences, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (or STEM) majors.

Eligibility requirements include being a U.S. Citizen, documented refugee or permanent resident, and being a full-time sophomore, junior or senior status at the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year. Applicants must qualify for federal financial aid and have a declared major in a natural science, technology or engineering discipline, or mathematics. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4-point scale). Some preference is given to graduates of high schools in the Appalachian region (as defined by the ARC, www.arc.gov).

Application available: www.acaweb.org
Application deadline: March 18, 2011
Award notification: April 15, 2011

Calendar of Events

NAFSA: Health and Safety in Study Abroad:

Presenter: NAFSA
Date: April 15, 2011
Location: Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV
Deadline for registration: April 1, 2011
To register for any of these workshops, contact Kim Gardner (kimg@acaweb.org).

2011 Teaching & Learning Institute:

June 6-10, 2011
Brevard College
Brevard, North Carolina.

The three tracks will include:

A) Pedagogical Strategies and Assessment Techniques (for first time participants)
B) Technology-enhanced Delivery Models (for returning participants)
C) Moving to Administrative Roles

All participants must be nominated by their respective chief academic officer. Please indicate your interest to your campus CAO.