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The Teagle Foundation is doing all it can to ensure that today's students have access to challenging, wide-ranging, and enriching college educations. We provide intellectual and financial support for liberal education, through grantmaking and other programs that we hope will enhance—and generate new knowledge about—teaching and learning. This newsletter is just one of a number of ways in which we are committed to disseminating this knowledge throughout the higher education community. Please feel free forward this newsletter to a friend or colleague.

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NEW GRANTS—The Teagle Foundation recently announced approximately \$1.4 million in new grants to promote and strengthen liberal education:

- \$500,000 will fund five Teagle Working Groups in Liberal Education for college-based projects at Calvin College, College of Saint Benedict / Saint John's University, Lawrence University, Mount Holyoke College, and Wheaton College. Read more about these [grants](#) and the [Teagle Working Groups](#).
- \$300,000 will support the Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Associated Colleges of the South, and the Great Lakes College Association's major assessment of study abroad programs. Read more about their [grant](#) and the Foundation's [assessment initiatives](#).
- \$40,000 will go to the Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media for a primer on value-added assessment. Read more about the [primer](#).
- \$600,000 will assist two universities in New Orleans in their hurricane recovery: \$500,000 to Dillard University for student assistance and \$100,000 to Tulane University for its collaborative recovery work with other New Orleans institutions. Read more about these [grants](#).

NEW PROGRAM INITIATIVES

- "Big Questions"—Last September, the Foundation held a [Listening](#) on "Religious Work" and then a [Virtual Listening](#) on "Big Questions." Building on these extended discussions and inquiries, the Foundation has designed a new program and issued a [Request for Proposals](#) to discover more about the connection between students' interest in issues of value and meaning and their engagement with liberal education. For more information on how we're thinking about our "Big Questions" initiative, see the [reports](#) on our "Religious Work" Listening, Foundation President Bob Connor's essay, "[Big Questions?](#)", and his

talk to the Mid-Atlantic chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, "[Morality and Other 'Big Questions' in Liberal Education.](#)"

- College-Community Connections—This soon-to-be-launched program allows New York City-area colleges and universities to partner with community-based organizations in the development of rigorous liberal arts programming for high school students at those organizations. The program's goal is to help those students prepare for college, encouraging them to set high academic goals, and then to achieve those goals. The Foundation will also continue to support the college preparatory programs at community-based organizations involved in this program. Grantees will be announced in early March. Read more about this [program](#).
- Read more about how the Foundation [develops and implements programs](#).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- [Annual Report 2005](#)—At the heart of the Foundation's latest annual report is Bob Connor's essay, "From Dollar-based to Knowledge-based Philanthropy." Read it online, download it from our website, or listen to a podcast of the essay.
- "[From Foxes to Hedgehogs: Taking Liberal Education to the Next Level—Valuing our Values](#)"—Read Bob Connor's recent talk to the American Conference of Academic Deans.
- Read Bob Connor's two recent essays: "[Where have All the Big Questions Gone?](#)", published by *Inside Higher Ed* and "[Give Majors an Overhaul](#)", which appeared in *Slate* magazine's "College Week" issue.
- [Liblog](#)—Updated weekly, Bob Connor's "liberal arts web log" or "liblog," for short, is his informal blog on liberal education. Read and respond to his musings.
- "[Exploring the Relationships Between Spirituality, Liberal Learning, and College Student Engagement](#)"—Read this report prepared for the Foundation by George Kuh and Richard Gonyea from the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University.
- See our [Resources](#) page for articles and essays concerned with strengthening liberal education.

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