

European College of Liberal Arts Selected to Become Model Campus for Liberal Education

Together with 45 U.S. institutions the European College of Liberal Arts will form a Leadership Coalition, committing its campus to becoming a model for what liberal education can offer—and most effectively deliver.

The Coalition is part of the Bringing Theory to Practice Project (BTtoP), an independent project in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities with the generous support of the S. Engelhard Center, the Charles Engelhard Foundation, the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation, and the Lumina Foundation.

The objective in forming the Coalition is to encourage and support those institutions which are committed to providing successful models of how a campus culture focused on actively engaging students in learning, and evaluating their success in doing so, can address the full dimensions of the intellectual, emotional, and civic flourishing of students.

In addition to receiving grant support, the participating institutions agree to:

- Hold relevant internal conversations regarding the institution's commitment to a call for a "campus culture for learning", what that will mean for their campus, and what strategies they may employ.
- Establish a leadership/planning team that would initiate plans to fit their own institutional culture. The plans they develop will be presented at a national workshop session in 2009.
- Put into practice their plans beginning in calendar year '09. A retrieval and dissemination conference will occur 2010. The campus projects will constitute the examples that will become the central features of a nationally distributed publication, promulgating the institutions as models of successful, effective and affordable "Strategies for Change in Creating and Sustaining Campus Cultures for Learning".

The Leadership Coalition includes renowned American Liberal Arts Colleges such as Bates College, Bennington College, Bryn Mawr College, Franklin and Marshall College, Hampshire College, and Sarah Lawrence College.