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Gates Foundation to Show Excellent Teaching

By: Dennis Pierce – *eSchoolNews.com*

Microsoft chairman says economy won't slow his philanthropic efforts, including posting video clips of exemplary teachers in action.

Billionaire philanthropist and Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates says his foundation hopes to post online videos of exemplary teachers plying their craft as a way to inspire other educators and help students learn. He also says the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will increase its giving in 2009, despite the sinking economy.

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School Leaders Target Salary Reform Toward Newer Teachers

By: Stephen Sawchuk – *Education Week*

Leaders in a handful of school districts are pondering the idea of “front-loading” teacher compensation by paying novices more than they would typically earn under traditional salary schedules.

Boosting new teachers’ salaries, officials in Denver, the District of Columbia, and New York City contend, would increase the applicant pool and help school systems recruit higher-caliber talent. Coupled with other changes designed to improve teacher effectiveness, the practice also could help reduce costly attrition rates among rookies, they say.

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Cellular Colleges: The Next Small Thing

By: James Martin and James E. Samels – *universitybusiness.com*

We know automakers are in trouble-they paid attention to what once was, instead of what will be. Could American higher ed suffer the same hubris or will we now witness a new generation of cellular teachers and learners?

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CUNY Plans New Approach to Community College

By: Mark Santora – nytimes.com

Students would be required to enroll full time, taking at least 12 credits a semester. Majors would be limited to about a dozen fields with robust job opportunities, including health care and environmental technology. Admission would still be open to anyone with a high school diploma or G.E.D., but face-to-face interviews would be required.

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TUESDAY BUZZ: NACUBO Studies Outline Endowment Losses

Source – acenet.edu

The 2008 NACUBO Endowment Study (NES), conducted by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and TIAA-CREF, provides data from 796 institutions in the U.S. and Canada and indicates that average endowment returns for fiscal year 2008 declined 3 percent.

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Tenure Helps Transfers, Research Shows

Source: aaup.org

Articulation agreements designed to help community college students transfer to four-year institutions don't raise transfer rates, according to research presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. What does help: having a higher percentage of tenured faculty members at community colleges.

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Share and Share Alike

By: Elizabeth Millard – universitybusiness.com

WIDELY USED IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, "SHARED SERVICES" is based on the idea that one organization can implement a solution internally as well as extend access to other organizations. The solution might be anything from excess computing power, to enterprise resource planning or customer relationship management systems, to utilities that include power or phone systems.

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