

Giving to A&T hits record-high; Z. Smith Reynolds tackles DACA impact

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Gifts to N.C. A&T State University grew 56 percent to a record-high \$14.7 million in fiscal 2017, boosting its total endowment \$55.2 million, an increase of more than \$23 million over the past five years.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, corporate and foundation giving to A&T totaled \$6.6 million, while alumni giving totaled \$6.3 million. Giving directly to endowments grew 26 percent to \$3.6 million.

Reynolds Foundation funds clinics for undocumented immigrants

Eight organizations throughout North Carolina are getting a total of \$100,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem to provide clinics to help undocumented young people renew their work authorization.

The grants also will support efforts to provide community education and emergency planning services through March 2018 for individuals and families affected by President Trump's plan to terminate Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA.

Termination of DACA "is antithetical to fundamental American values and exacts an enormous human toll, not only on DACA immigrants and their families, but on countless lives and institutions that these individuals have touched," the foundation said in a statement.

The foundation invited select groups across the state to submit proposals for funding, and in return it received 23 proposals requesting a total of nearly \$650,000.

Trump's termination of DACA rescinds work authorization and protection from deportation for nearly 800,000 undocumented young people. It is expected to affect nearly 27,500 DACA recipients in North Carolina, including an estimated 6,800 individuals whose legal status will expire on or before March 5, 2018, and who must renew their two-year period of legal status by Oct. 17. The CATO Institute has estimated that ending DACA could cost the state more than \$10 billion over the next 10 years.

Schools get funds to pursue tobacco-free campuses

Winston-Salem State University received \$7,500 and N.C. A&T State University received \$10,000 from the CVS Health Foundation, in partnership with the Truth Initiative, to advocate for, adopt and implement 100 percent smoke- and tobacco-free policies on their campuses.

The funds are part of a total of \$1.2 million in grants awarded to 126 U.S. colleges and universities to go tobacco-free. Other universities in N.C. that were awarded grants were: N.C. Central University; Fayetteville State University; Saint Augustine, Shaw University, Piedmont Community College, Bladen Community College, Pitt Community College and UNC-Wilmington.

According to a database maintained by the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, the following schools in the Triad are already 100 percent smoke-free (inside and outside): Bennett College, Davidson County Community College, Greensboro College, High Point University, John Wesley University, Randolph Community College, Rockingham Community College and Surry Community College.

Cone Health Foundation to give back to mark anniversary

To mark its 20th anniversary, Cone Health Foundation in Greensboro will underwrite meals for people in need at Greensboro Urban Ministry on Oct. 2, along with offering meals, free flu shots and health screenings at First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro on Oct. 3. And then, on Oct. 4, the foundation will cover the cost of all bus riders utilizing Greensboro Area Transit services.

Since 1997, the foundation has awarded more than \$86 million.