



Press Release

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Williamsburg, VA - The Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) has recognized the American Academy of Arts & Sciences with its 2014 Arts & Sciences Advocacy Award. The announcement was made November 7 at the organization’s 49th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The CCAS Arts & Sciences Advocacy Award honors an individual or organization demonstrating exemplary advocacy for the arts and sciences, flowing from a deep commitment to the intrinsic worth of liberal arts education.



Program Director John Tessitore accepted the award on behalf of the Academy. In presenting the award, CCAS President Nancy A. Gutierrez, Dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, announced that CCAS was honoring it for issuing *The Heart of the Matter: The Humanities and Social Sciences for a vibrant, competitive, and secure nation* (2013) and for its long-standing commitment to recognizing outstanding scholars and sponsoring meetings, lectures, and informal gatherings to address critical challenges facing our global society. Gutierrez said further that with the issuance of this report and other initiatives such as the Humanities Indicators project, “the American Academy has launched national conversations, international projects, and agendas for universities throughout the country.”

In accepting the award, Tessitore thanked the Council for the recognition on behalf of the Academy and the Chair of the Board, Don M. Randel, and noted that the Academy has been gratified by the overwhelming response to *The Heart of the Matter*. He told the 500 assembled deans that the Academy “was committed to the recommendations in the report and to other related initiatives for the long haul,” and that it welcomes the continued involvement of CCAS deans.

Learn more about the American Academy of Arts & Sciences at <https://www.amacad.org>.

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