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**SIMMONS COLLEGE TO HOUSE NATIONAL OFFICE OF  
ASSOCIATED NEW AMERICAN COLLEGES**

BOSTON (Oct. 19, 2007) – Simmons College will house the national office of the Associated New American Colleges (ANAC), a consortium of 21 selective, independent colleges and universities dedicated to the integration of liberal education, professional studies, and civic engagement in undergraduate and graduate education.

ANAC is often cited as a model of the intentional integration of teaching and learning, scholarship, and service.

Beginning Nov. 1, the new office will be located at Simmons College, Main College Building, 300 The Fenway in Boston. ANAC Executive Director Lynette Robinson, former vice chancellor and deputy secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, may be contacted at 617-521-2025, or [lrobinson@newamericancolleges.org](mailto:lrobinson@newamericancolleges.org).

It is the first time the ANAC will reside on the campus of one of its member institutions. The ANAC serves a combined total of more than 80,000 students nationwide.

“I am delighted we will become the new national headquarters for this progressive consortium of distinguished colleges and universities that are leading the way in the integration of liberal arts with professional studies and civic engagement,” said Simmons College President Susan Scrimshaw. “Simmons is an excellent example of a new model in higher education, one that not only enriches our campuses, but helps our communities, and highlights the importance of service along with learning.

“We look forward to working with our ANAC colleagues, all of whom are committed to the purposeful integration of the liberal arts and sciences and professional studies, the theoretical and the applied, in and out of the classroom, in both undergraduate and graduate education.”

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Established in 1995 to improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching and learning among its institutions, ANAC sponsors projects and conferences, administrator and faculty affinity groups, surveys and data benchmarking, and international study programs.

Simmons College ([www.simmons.edu](http://www.simmons.edu)) is a nationally recognized, small private university with an undergraduate college for women and graduate programs for women and men in social work, health studies, management, library and information science, education, and liberal arts.

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