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[5th Latino Legislative Conference highlights need to pitch college early](#)

Overcoming cultural barriers to build college aspirations for youngsters early in their schooling is a key to improving educational attainment for Latinos, said speakers at the 5th annual Latino Legislative Caucus Foundation Conference December 6 in Rosemont. More than 1,000 people attended the conference, and several speakers and participants noted that efforts to inform Latino students about financial aid opportunities and the college admissions process would be beneficial. State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia moderated a panel on strategies to improve Latino participation in higher education.

[Disabilities experts speak to Board](#)

IBHE members heard from two experts in the field of serving individuals with disabilities, noting ways to assist students to more fully take advantage of their educational opportunities. Tom Thompson, chair of the Board's Disabilities Advisory Committee, described projects undertaken with grant funds. And [disabilityworks'](#) Karen McCulloh explained the organization's partnerships with IBHE, ICCB, DePaul University, Southern Illinois University, and other education stakeholders to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

[Illinois State University Trustee Jay Bergman named IBHE Board Member](#)

Governor Blagojevich has appointed Jay Bergman to the Board of Higher Education. Bergman is a resident of Joliet and a Trustee of Illinois State University. Bergman is the president and CEO of Petco Petroleum Corporation in Hinsdale.

[Chicago Urban League officer named to DFI board](#)

[Leslie J. Drish](#), Director of Education for the Chicago Urban League, has been appointed by the Board of Higher Education as a member of the Program Board for the [Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Higher Education](#) fellowship program.

[Nurse Educator Fellowships approved](#)

The IBHE has awarded 15 Nurse Educator Fellowships to nursing faculty at 11 colleges and universities. Each award brings a \$10,000 salary supplement to the recipient. The intent of the fellowship program, which began in 2006 as part of an initiative by the Blagojevich Administration, is to reward exemplary faculty as an incentive to retain well-qualified faculty in nursing schools.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Northwestern University has named **Jake Julia** as assistant provost for academic initiatives and **John Margolis** has been appointed dean and chief executive officer of Northwestern University in Qatar.

Jane Mellow has been named Director of the Washington D.C., office for the state of Illinois. She has served as

UPCOMING

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Campus Safety Summit hosted by Attorney General Madigan, Northeastern Illinois University

Wind Energy Conference, hosted by Illinois State University, Peoria

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Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, Macomb

January

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ISAC Commission meeting, Loyola University Chicago

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ICCB meeting, Springfield

February

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IBHE meeting, Springfield

deputy director for two years and was director of federal relations for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges before that.

Kim Haugen, Director of Development and Staffing for Hospira, has been elected Chair of the governing board of the University Center of Lake County, succeeding Jim LaBelle, one of the board's founding members.

CAMPUS NEWS

[ISU Joins U.N. Initiative On Socially Responsible Business](#)

Illinois State University's College of Business is among the first business schools in the United States to be signatories to the United Nations-sponsored Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), a framework for academic institutions to advance socially responsible corporate behavior.

[Rock Valley College Library Renovations Make an Impact](#)

Rockford – A blank concrete wall. Last year, that was the face of the Estelle M. Black Library displayed to the Rock Valley College parking lot. Inside the library was dark and outdated: few windows, dim lighting, and the same red carpeting since the library was built in 1971.

[IBHE Approves Nursing Degree Program at WIU](#)

Macomb -- The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) today (Dec. 4) approved a Western Illinois University request to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

[Saint Xavier University signs Teacher Education Transfer Articulation Agreement with Joliet Junior College](#)

Chicago –The presidents of Saint Xavier University and Joliet Junior College signed an agreement yesterday that allows education majors from JJC to more easily transfer to Saint Xavier to earn an undergraduate degree and teacher certification.

[U. of I. guide book offers tips on buying books to give to children](#)

Champaign — If the part of your brain that controls gift-book-shopping for children hasn't clicked into gear yet, fear not. Experts in children's literature at the University of Illinois can jump-start the process with a comprehensive list of warm and fuzzy, cool and hip books for any kid on your list.

[More Campus News](#)

NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION

[Jay Hoffman Center dedicated](#) (Edwardsville Intelligencer)

Lewis and Clark Community college is making sure State Representative Jay Hoffman's commitment to the renovation of the N.O. Nelson Campus is always remembered.

[SIUE professor honored at Excellence in Teaching event](#) (Edwardsville Intelligencer)

An SIUE professor was among more than 100 educators recognized at the 19th annual Emerson Excellence in Teaching event

[Few illegal aliens use state break on tuition](#) (Bloomington Pantagraph)

SPRINGFIELD -- A four-year-old law that allows children of illegal aliens to pay in-state tuition rates at Illinois public universities appears to be drawing fewer students than predicted.

[US Parents Underestimating College Costs -Survey](#) (The Wall Street Journal)

Parents appear to be saving enough to cover the college costs they expect to pay, but they're likely underestimating

those expenses - and their ability to maintain their current savings rate - according to a new survey from Fidelity Investments.

[Universities' Revenue From Licensing Inventions Increases, Report Says](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The number of universities earning more than \$10-million annually from their licensing of inventions inched up in the 2006 fiscal year, according to survey results released on Monday.

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