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[Consultant briefs IBHE, other agencies on public agenda process](#)

Development of a Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education: Planning for College and Career Success got underway this week with a briefing by consultants for members of the Board of Higher Education and state education agencies on the master planning process. The Board has retained the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), a nonprofit consultancy that is recognized nationally as the premier consultant on state plans, to assist with the public agenda project, which was directed by [House Joint Resolution 69](#). Dennis Jones, president of NCHEMS, presented a [framework](#) for creating the public agenda, including data analysis to determine state educational needs and a policy audit to examine how well the state is presently equipped to meet those needs.

[Latino students find 'oasis' at Truman College](#)

A program aimed at giving promising, but at-risk, Latino students a chance at college has shown encouraging results, according to an article in the Winter 2008 publication, Student Access and Success News, published by the Lumina Foundation. The Transitional Bilingual Learning Community (TBLC) at Harry S Truman College, one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago, has shown success in assisting Latinos with limited English-speaking skills and even more limited means have a shot at college. An evaluation by the University of Illinois reported that among the 187 students in the first cohort of the program, 87 percent completed one year and stayed at Truman.

[Report offers recommendations for study abroad programs](#)

NAFSA: Association of International Educators this week released a new report, "Strengthening Study Abroad: Recommendations for Effective Institutional Management" that sets out 14 recommendations for the management of study abroad in four major categories: institutional commitment; infrastructure; resources; and clarity and accountability. Prepared by a panel of university presidents and provosts, the report is endorsed by six leading higher-education associations. Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Vice President of Adult Education and Institutional Support at the Illinois Community College Board, was the sole member of the task force to represent the community college perspective.

[Illinois average in Quality Counts report](#)

Illinois earned an overall grade of C in Education Week's 12th annual Quality Counts report published this week. In the 6 categories for grading, Illinois received a B- in chance for college; D+ in K-12 achievement; C+ in standards, assessment, and accountability; C- in transitions and alignment; D+ for the teaching profession; and a C in school finance.

UPCOMING

January

22

School Leader Task Force
Springfield

25

ISAC meeting, Loyola
University Chicago

28

ICCB meeting, Springfield

February

5

IBHE meeting, Springfield

Election Day

NAMES IN THE NEWS

[Zerrie D. Campbell](#), the first woman president of Malcolm X College has announced she is retiring in March after serving in the job since 1992.

[Carla Knorowski](#) has been appointed Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Northeastern Illinois University Foundation. Dr. Knorowski will oversee development operations as well as the areas of alumni affairs, marketing, publications, and public relations.



[Paul Vallas](#), the former CEO of the Chicago Public Schools, will give two presentations Thursday, Jan. 31, at Northern Illinois University. Vallas, now the superintendent of the New Orleans Recovery School District, will speak on issues of school funding, educational opportunity for all students, the politics of schools, and teacher education.

CAMPUS NEWS

[C.O.D. Receives Grant to Support Tech Prep Consortium](#)

College of DuPage will receive \$66,000 from the DuPage Area Occupational System (DAOES) to support activities in the Tech Prep Consortium, which is funded by the Illinois Community College Board.

[WIU Joins National Teach-In on Global Warming](#)

Macomb -- Students and faculty at Western Illinois University will join more than 1,000 other educational institutions nationwide Thursday, Jan. 31 that are participating in "Focus the Nation Global Warming Solutions: A National Teach-In."

[SIU Med School Symposium Features Experts on Managing Cancer](#)

The annual cancer symposium, sponsored by the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine on February 1, will feature updates by national and local experts. The program, "Your Patient Has Cancer . . . Now What?" is an interactive, care-based look at managing cancer.

[Student Film on Subway Minstrels to Air on Chicago Public TV](#)

University of Illinois at Chicago student Pavan Bapu was once an impassive commuter on the Chicago Transit Authority, wearily strap-hanging his way from his Skokie home to the UIC campus and back. But he was changed by the artistry of the myriad subway performers he encountered during his daily trip.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Secretary Margaret Spellings has unveiled national and state-by-state "[dashboards](#)" displaying information on student achievement, graduation rates, highly qualified teachers, and other information designed, she noted, to "help parents and policymakers understand how each state is performing."

NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION

[Colleges Brace for Cuts as State Economies Take a Turn for the Worse](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

This was supposed to have been the "year of education" in California, a designation proclaimed last year by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as he looked ahead to 2008.

[Bill would offer financial help to colleges to install sprinklers in dormitories](#) (Herald & Review)

SPRINGFIELD - Four years after a new state law ordered sprinkler systems to be installed in all college dormitories by 2013, Illinois universities still are trying to find money to pay for the changes.

[A College Cuts Tuition — and Ends Hagglng](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Yale University will capture the headlines on college costs today, but an announcement from a small college in Illinois may point to a strategy that could affect many more institutions — and especially those without überendowments.

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