

## Illinois Higher Ed *The Friday Memo*

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### [IBHE to act on new approach to state funding of higher ed](#)

A what-you-get-for-your-money spending plan that lays out a series of "investment options" for funding colleges and universities, student aid, and operations and grants programs in fiscal 2009 will be considered by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

### [ICCB awards FBI for homeland security project](#)



ICCB Chairman Guy Alongi (on left) and President and CEO Geoff Obrzut (on right) with FBI Supervisory Special Agent James Thurston and Counterterrorism Analyst Rebecca Miller

A collaboration between the FBI and the community college system produced a series of presentations for college trustees, administrators, and staff to heighten awareness about tactics used by terrorist organizations to recruit postsecondary students in Illinois. At its January 28 meeting, the ICCB awarded the FBI an award of excellence for its role in the partnership.

### [IBHE to act on grants for nursing, NCLB, deafness and the arts](#)

The Board of Higher Education will consider grant allocations for three programs at its meeting February 5 in Springfield:

- [Nursing School Grant Program](#) – \$1 million for three Expansion Grant Renewals and three Improvement Grants for fiscal 2008. The program's purpose is to increase the number of nurses graduating from Illinois institutions prepared for careers as registered nurses.
- [NCLB - Improving Teacher Quality](#) – \$2.9 million for 10 projects, including a new partnership between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy to create an innovative model to reach mathematics and science teachers in high-need districts

### UPCOMING

#### February

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IBHE Student Advisory Committee, Carbondale

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[IBHE meeting](#), Springfield

ELECTION DAY

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[Illinois College Access Network](#), Chicago

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Governor's Budget Address, Springfield

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2008 Statewide [CAS](#) meeting, Decatur

#### March

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Illinois Community College Presidents Council, Oak Brook

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Illinois Community College Trustees' Association, Oak Brook

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ICCB meeting, Sugar Grove

across the state with online professional development opportunities.

- [International Center on Deafness and the Arts](#) -- \$300,000 to support education in and appreciation for the arts among deaf and hard of hearing children and adults. A new initiative is a training program to supply teachers in Chicago, where 80% of deaf children in Illinois reside.

### [Former SIU president, current trustee named Lincoln Laureates](#)

Kenneth A. [“Buzz” Shaw](#), who served as president of the Southern Illinois University System from 1979 to 1986 has been named one of six Laureates of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Another of the 2008 Laureates is [William Norwood](#), the first African American quarterback at SIU-Carbondale, and a member of the university’s Board of Trustees for 27 years. The Order of Lincoln Medallion is the highest honor for outstanding achievement bestowed by the state.

### NAMES IN THE NEWS



[Karen Baldwin](#), a nursing professor at Northern Illinois University, has received a prestigious Nurse Educator Fellowship Award from the Illinois Board of Higher Education. She joins fellow NIU faculty, Judith Hertz and Donna Plonczynski, in the program created to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing educators.

“I’ve invested in a new wardrobe,” joked [David Brownell](#) after Prairie State College Board of Trustees unanimously approved his appointment as interim president.

**Tiffany McClarence** of Frankfort has been selected as the student commencement speaker for the winter graduation ceremony at Governors State University. She is earning her Master of Arts in English.

### CAMPUS NEWS

#### [Dealing with Difference Institute](#)

Macomb – Raising multicultural awareness will be the central focus of Western Illinois University’s 15th annual Dealing With Difference Institute (DWDI), May 20-21.

#### [SXU and Chicago PD celebrate 10-year anniversary of partnership](#)

Chicago – As of this January, approximately 1,000 Chicago Police Department Officers and employees have participated in an MBA program or degree completion program offered by Saint Xavier University's Graham School of Management at the Chicago Police Department Education and Training Division.

### [Ex-Illini, Globetrotter gives \\$2 million to UI](#)

Former Illini and Harlem Globetrotters basketball player Mannie Jackson and his family have donated \$2 million to the University of Illinois to help students achieve success on and off campus.

[More Campus News](#)

## **NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION**

### [Calling Out Colleges on Student Learning](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Two major higher education associations released a statement Wednesday designed to make clear (to Margaret Spellings and whoever else might be listening) that college leaders are fully committed to meeting the call for collecting and making public more and better information about how and what students learn.

### [Community Colleges Are Key to Shoring Up the U.S. Economy, Report Says](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Community-college students need more financial aid, the colleges themselves need more money, and both need to achieve higher standards of success. Meeting those demands is key to improving the competitiveness of the American work force in today's global economy, says a report by the College Board.

### [UI composition class forsaking paper, turning to video, blogs](#) (News-Gazette)

In a world of YouTube, podcasts, Web logs, Facebook and the like, "communicating" and "composition" have taken on new forms for sure and, potentially, new meanings.

### [Community colleges covet casino capital cash](#)

(Bloomington Pantagraph)

SPRINGFIELD -- Community college officials are backing a long-shot bid to bring casino gambling to Danville as a way to generate money for campus upgrades.

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