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The Illinois Higher Education community joins the citizens of Illinois in deepest condolences to the Northern Illinois University family, and extends heartfelt prayers to the families and friends of the victims of the tragedy they have experienced.

[Board honors Seymour Bryson](#)



[Dr. Seymour Bryson](#), Associate Chancellor for Diversity at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, was honored recently by the IBHE for his leadership in promoting diversity in higher education. Bryson recently stepped down as Chairperson of the Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Higher Education (DFI) program, which he led since 2005. "Students and faculty,

colleges and universities, the Board of Higher Education, and the state owe a debt of gratitude to Seymour Bryson for his contribution to the DFI Program and to higher education in Illinois," stated the resolution of the Board, read by Vice Chairman Lucy Sloan.

UPCOMING

February

- 20 Governor's Budget Address, Springfield
- 21 House Higher Education Committee Hearing
- 20-22 House, Senate in session
- 22 House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee Hearing
- 26 2008 Statewide [CAS](#) meeting, Decatur
- 27 Higher Education Legislative Coalition Reception for Legislators, Springfield

March

- 14 Illinois Community College Presidents Council, Oak Brook
- 14-15 Illinois Community College Trustees' Association, Oak Brook

- 20 Task Force on **A Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education**, Chicago

- 31 ICCB meeting, Sugar Grove

April

- 1 IBHE meeting, Bloomington-Normal
- 9 Higher Education Lobby Day, Springfield

[Lucy Sloan joins program to honor vets](#)



IBHE Vice Chair Lucy Sloan was among the speakers at a special luncheon this week at Southern Illinois University Carbondale paying respects to students, faculty, and staff who are military veterans. The SIUC Disability Support Services hosted the event, which also served to connect veterans to volunteer mentors under the university's Transition Program for Veterans with Service-Related Injuries.

[IEPA announces internships for students in environmental fields](#)

College students with at least a junior standing are eligible for a summer internship program through a partnership of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois corporations. Students in such fields as engineering, geology, chemistry, biology, communications and law are encouraged to apply.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

[James B. Kaler](#), a professor emeritus of astronomy at the University of Illinois, has been awarded the American Astronomical Society 2008 Education Prize. The prize recognizes Kaler for his outstanding contributions to the education of the public, students and the next generation of professional astronomers.



[Darcie Shinberger](#) has been named director of University Relations at Western Illinois University. She began in the University Relations office as a public information specialist and editor. Prior to joining the WIU staff she was a reporter for the Peoria Journal Star and the Macomb Journal.

University of Illinois at Chicago Professor [Christine D. Wu](#) is being honored by the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Foundation of Women for her accomplishments in dental research.

[Nick Holonyak Jr.](#), a John Bardeen Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Physics at the University of Illinois, will be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

CAMPUS NEWS

[Loyola receives \\$1.5 million grant for consumer antitrust institute](#)

The Loyola University Chicago School of Law's Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies has received a \$1.5 million cy pres award in connection with the settlement of a Tennessee state court class action suit involving price fixing claims in the rubber chemical industry.

[In new book, NIU political scientist touts less-is-more approach to American democracy](#)



Northern Illinois University Political Scientist Matthew Streb says the presidential primary season need not be as long and grueling as a Chicago winter. His solution: Do away with individual state primaries, Super Tuesday and the entire current system in favor of a national single-day primary election.

[DePaul University Launches School of Public Service](#)

DePaul University has—since 1970—provided management education for hundreds of professionals who have made a mark in the nonprofit, non-governmental and public sectors. DePaul is now expanding its commitment to public service by elevating its distinguished program to the School of Public Service.

[Sept. 11 Terrorism Continues to Impact Mental Health of Americans](#)

Long after Sept. 11, 2001, Americans' terrorism-related thoughts and fears are associated with increased depression, anxiety, hostility, posttraumatic stress and drinking, University of Illinois at Chicago researchers have found.

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NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION

[2-Year-College Leader Has Advice and Criticism for Peers at 4-Year Institutions](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Colleges could play a far greater role in improving the educational attainment of Americans if they focused their efforts on classroom instruction, better measurements of learning, and new methods to finance institutions, Gail O. Mellow, president of City University of New York's LaGuardia Community College, told college leaders here on Sunday evening at the opening session of the American Council on Education's annual meeting.

[UI's Rare Book Library to close to deal with mold problems](#) (News-Gazette)

URBANA – The Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Illinois holds such treasures as the papers of Carl Sandburg and H.G. Wells, a collection of 16th and 17th century German emblem books, Audubon folios, collections of John Milton and Marcel Proust, and early editions of Shakespeare.

[Aviation school in Rockford seen as a major coup](#)

(Rockford Register Star)

The “Harvard of the Skies” could help local aerospace companies grow, help their workers get better jobs and make the region a bigger name in that industry.

[U. of I. to get an all-green dormitory](#)

A \$23 million residence hall under construction in Champaign will be the first at the University of Illinois to be certifiably green.

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