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The Friday Memo

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[Public Agenda Task Force holds second meeting](#)

More than 100 persons attended the second meeting of the Task Force on the Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education May 1 at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

[The Task Force agrees on major themes for the Public Agenda](#)

Task Force members reached consensus on 6 broad themes and needs that the Public Agenda will address: educational attainment for minority students; affordability; geographic educational and economic disparities; improved degree production; integrate innovation assets to regional economic development; and increasing educational participation and completion for adults.

[Downstate regional forums set for Public Agenda planning process](#)

Consultants from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems will be touring Illinois next month to conduct forums in each of the state's 10 economic development regions as a key component of the Public Agenda planning process. The forums, which will be held on community college campuses, will offer opportunities for local employers, labor representatives, civic leaders, and educators to discuss the educational and economic needs of the region and policies that foster or hinder meeting the needs and goals of the state.

[Chairwoman speaks out on FY09 Budget](#)



The Illinois Board of Higher Education took a different approach this year when submitting a budget request to the Governor and state lawmakers. The Board laid out five different funding levels that showed how each amount would impact colleges and universities. However... the Governor's spending plan would fund higher education at a flat rate. The institutions say without more money... tuition will continue to rise dramatically. WUIS's Sean Crawford spoke with Board Chair Carrie J. Hightman about budgeting for higher-ed.

UPCOMING

May

19 ICCB meeting, Lewis & Clark CC, Godfrey

20, 22 [Illinois Division of Mental Health Conference 2008](#), Chicago, Springfield

29-30 School Leadership Reform Conference, Bloomington

June

3 IBHE meeting, St. John's School of Nursing, Springfield

9, 17 [Academic Application E Submission Orientation](#)
Oakton Community College & Southwestern Illinois College

9-19 [Public Agenda Regional Forums](#)

20 **Public Agenda Meeting**
Robert Morris College, Chicago

27 **ISAC Commission Meeting**
Carl Sandburg College
Galesburg

[Science and Math teachers take center stage at annual Capitol Showcase](#)

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) joined dozens of classroom teachers, scientists, mathematicians, engineers, and experts from higher education from throughout Illinois at the Capitol Showcase for the Illinois Mathematics and Science Partnerships (IMSP) program this week. The annual event at the Illinois State Capitol showcases the professional development efforts by research partnerships statewide that work to help teachers grow, and in turn, improve student achievement.

[ISAC announces Byrd Honors Scholars](#)

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has announced the Illinois 2008-09 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholars. This year's honorees include 1,128 students selected from across the state, including 289 new scholars and 839 scholars who are renewing their award. Each student will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship for each of four years, with a 2008-09 appropriation of \$1.72 million for Illinois students.

[Museum exhibit national tour to honor Lincoln Bicentennial](#)

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich has announced that the "Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America" museum exhibits developed by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) will travel the nation during the next two years to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial. People across the country are encouraged to see these exhibits free of charge.

[Like father, like son](#)



Jason Goldfarb and his father, WIU President Al Goldfarb, the older guy on the right.

Al Goldfarb has witnessed many commencement exercises in his 31-year career in higher education, but it's safe to say that one at Eastern Illinois University on Saturday will rank among his favorite. Goldfarb, president of Western Illinois University, will deliver the commencement address during the ceremony, when his son, Jason Goldfarb, receives his master's degree in college student affairs from EIU

People in the News

[Anne Britt, Edward Klonoski and Melissa Lenczewski](#) are this year's recipients of the Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at

Northern Illinois University.

Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, has appointed [Angela Durante](#), to serve as University provost.

James Compton, who led the Chicago Urban League for 34 years, has been awarded the Vernon Jarrett Fellowship by the Great Cities Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine has named [Dr. Gary D. Kruh](#) as director of the UIC Cancer Center.

Daniel E. Marvin Jr., who served as Eastern Illinois University's fifth sitting president from 1977 to 1983, passed away April 28 at the age of 69.

[Richard Herman](#), the chancellor of the Urbana-Champaign campus of the University of Illinois, and [Jeffrey Moore](#), the Murchison-Mallory Professor of Chemistry at Illinois, have been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. [Samuel Dudley](#), professor of medicine and chief of cardiology at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, has been inducted into the American Society for Clinical Investigation, which is one of the nation's oldest and most respected medical honor societies.

Campus News

SIU Med School Sponsors Alzheimer's Disease Conference

Environmental risk factors, prevention measures and early intervention are the topics of a conference on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine on May 13 for health care professionals as well as family caregivers.

Dominican University Dedicates Center for Nutrition Sciences

Dominican University dedicated the new Jay and Doris Christopher Center for Nutrition Sciences April 30. The center is named in honor of the Christophers and in appreciation of a \$2 million gift by the couple. The gift includes a \$500,000 endowment which will be used to maintain the facility, update equipment and advance the nutrition sciences curriculum.

DePaul starts center to aid low-income, first-generation students

DePaul University has announced the formation of the Center for Access and Attainment. The Center brings together DePaul's Community Outreach office, which coordinates community partnerships and bridge programs with Chicago Public Schools, and the TRiO programs, Student Support Services and the McNair

Scholars Program, to provide an integrated approach to the recruitment and success of low-income and first-generation students.

[Another big gift from Tarble Foundation](#)

The Tarble Foundation, a longtime supporter of the arts at Eastern Illinois University, has given another \$2.5 million to help fund programming at the new Doudna Fine Arts Center, scheduled to open this fall.

[WIU SCIMA Chapter Wins National Competition](#)

Five students from Western Illinois University's Student Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (SCIMA) have been named one of the four finalist teams in the IMA Student Case Competition. The team will go for the national title at the IMA Conference in June in Tampa, FL.

[U. of I., Illinois chamber starting certification program for HR managers](#)

The Center for Human Resource Management at the University of Illinois is working with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to start a new certification program to sharpen the skills of human resource managers across the state. The Illinois HR Excellence program will offer a series of daylong workshops in Chicago, Springfield and Urbana-Champaign on a variety of topics, from hiring and diversity to understanding federal and state employment laws.

[More Campus News](#)

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Tuition Makes Up a Growing Share of College Budgets While Spending on Instruction Has Slowed](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Students are paying an increasing share of higher-education costs, but spending on instruction has slowed since 1998, as tuition continues to grow at nearly twice the rate of inflation, and colleges are putting greater amounts of money into research, public service, and financial aid.

[Site of NIU killings to be renovated, not demolished, university president says](#) (Chicago Tribune)

Northern Illinois University President John Peters announced this week plans to renovate, not raze, the lecture hall where five students were shot to death on Valentine's Day.

[Poor students shut out](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

The number of low-income students at the area's top universities continues to shrink. The University of Chicago, Northwestern, Notre Dame and the University of Illinois have each seen a drop in the number of students who qualify for Pell Grants -- federal aid to the neediest students.

Edlines from AASCU

CO: Governor signs \$17.6 billion budget

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter (D) signed a \$17.6 billion budget bill this week that increases higher education funding by \$65.8 million, or 8.8 percent. The increase restores higher education funding to levels recorded earlier this decade. The budget contains \$188 million in capital projects. *The Denver Post*

IL: Bright Start Savings program expands

Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis has announced that the state's Bright Start Scholarship Program will distribute \$3.5 million in private scholarship funds to 12 public and 24 private universities. The money comes through an agreement with Oppenheimer Funds, a New York-based financial services company that manages the state's college savings program. The scholarships will range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per student and could be given to as many as 400 students beginning this fall. *Chicago Sun-Times*

AR: Board ties funding to student completion

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) recently approved changes to the state funding formula for public colleges and universities that ties 10 percent to the number of students enrolled who complete the semester and 90 percent on beginning-of-term student enrollments. Officials assert that the change will encourage institutions to provide greater focus on student success. *The Helena Daily World*

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