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The Friday Memo

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A PUBLIC AGENDA FOR
COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS

Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the Public Agenda for College and Career Success Task Force will be held at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008** at Kendall College, 900 N. North Branch Street, Chicago, in the Banquet Room located on the Third Floor. We anticipate sending the meeting materials and additional logistical information out the week of August 4.

**[IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE RSVP TO:
publicagenda@ibhe.org](mailto:publicagenda@ibhe.org)**

[HECA recipients notified the well is dry](#)

Recipients of \$3.8 million in grants under the Higher Education Cooperation Act have been notified that they will not receive new state dollars in fiscal 2009, the result of the Governor's veto of funds from the IBHE budget and the failure of the House to override the veto. Nineteen renewal grants and 6 new projects lost funding, in addition to \$220,000 earmarked for the Quad Cities Graduate Center. In a memorandum to recipients, Executive Director Judy Erwin enclosed a [listing](#) of external grant sources.

[First Lady hands college opportunity to adoptees, state wards](#)

First Lady Patricia Blagojevich has joined the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Walter & Connie Payton Foundation to present 48 full-ride, four year scholarships to high achieving Illinois youth entering college this fall who have been adopted or are in state care.

Meet us at the Fair

The Illinois State Fair is a Springfield August tradition, with booths, food, and fun for all. And thanks to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, fairgoers will have a chance to learn more about Illinois' higher education opportunities. In addition to student assistance information, there will be events sponsored by "a college/university of the day." Stay tuned to the next edition of Friday Memo for a more detailed schedule of events under the Campus Town tent, which is located near the Hometown Pride tent. Also campus-related, the Governor's Tent at the Public Safety display will feature information on the Campus Security initiative, critical incident response command, flood response, and other key items. The Fair begins on August 8th.

[IEMA conference to focus on campus safety](#)

UPCOMING

August

5-7

[IEMA Campus Emergency Response Training \(CERT\)](#)

Harper College, Palatine

6-7

[School Leadership Conference Part 2](#)

Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center, Bloomington

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IBHE Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
Kendall College, Chicago

Public Agenda Task Force Meeting, 1 p.m., Kendall College

Dog Days



The FM will appear biweekly through July and August. Have a happy summer.

Next edition: August 8

Improving campus safety will be among the topics discussed at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency annual conference September 2-4 in Springfield. Campus leaders and public safety officers are formally invited to this year's event which features speakers and work sessions on campus security and emergency preparedness and response issues, including members of the Campus Security Task Force.

[Capitol Fax Blog...blogs about favorite teachers...and professors are well represented.](#)

Rich Miller shared with his e-readers this past week the passing of one of his all-time favorite teachers, David Heminway, a literature professor who he studied under at the University of Maryland in Munich. After including the obituary, he invited comments with the question: Who was your favorite teacher? Why? The response was significant and the stories told about favorite teachers, from grade school through graduate school, are heartwarming. Take the time to click on the link and enjoy learning about the difference someone made in another's life.

People in the News



Dr. [Ilianna Kwaske](#) has been appointed the new chair of the Business Psychology Department at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

[William W. Shilts](#) will become the executive director of the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The institute comprises the four state scientific surveys that recently became part of the Urbana campus: the Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Water Survey, and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (formerly the Waste Management and Research Center). Shilts has been the chief of the geological survey and the state geologist since June 1995.

[Thomas K. Lindsay](#), deputy chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has been selected as president of Shimer College, in Chicago.

[Bonnie Smith-Skripps](#), dean of Western Illinois University's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), will retire May 1, 2009, after 35 years of service.

Executive Chef [Jill Russell](#), an instructor at Elgin Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Institute, last week received the American Culinary Federation's Presidential Medallion.

Campus News

[\\$623,000 Grant to Fund New Interactive Online Nursing Classes at EIU](#)

Registered nurses now have the opportunity to take interactive online courses to earn bachelor's degrees from Eastern Illinois University, thanks to a three-year, \$623,000 federal grant. The grant, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration, will provide \$173,534 to EIU in its first year. It is expected to award \$250,373 and \$199,369 in the following two years.

[Saint Xavier University first in Illinois to grant new Teacher Leader Endorsement](#)

Saint Xavier University is the first institution in Illinois to receive approval from the Illinois State Board of Education to offer a new endorsement for certified teachers. Saint Xavier is currently the only school in the state to offer the Teacher Leader Endorsement, which will be valuable for teachers who wish to take leadership roles in their schools.

[Three UIC Scientists Earn Early Career Awards for Psychiatric Research](#)

Three University of Illinois at Chicago scientists have been selected to receive a 2008 Young Investigator Award from NARSAD, a leading charity in mental health research. The UIC researchers are among 220 early-career scientists from around the world who will each receive \$60,000 from NARSAD over the next two years to advance their research on psychiatric disorders.

[Gift of Warhol photographs offers a peek into Andy's working methods](#)

The DePaul University Museum has received 150 photographs from the Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts. The gift is part of the foundation's Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program, which has distributed 28,500 of the artist's original photographs – valued in excess of \$28 million – to more than 180 college and university museums across the country.

[MORE CAMPUS NEWS](#)

News from Higher Education

[Campus Planners Discuss Challenges in Attaining Sustainability](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

At the annual conference for the Society for College and University Planning, sustainability isn't a foreign notion anymore. After all, SCUPers, as the members of the group call themselves, were among the first to push the tenets of sustainability, whether that be energy efficiency, reduction of carbon emissions, or just plain good design.

[Veterans struggle to adjust in college — Southern Illinois student says she'd 'just get upset'](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

CHAMPAIGN — Returning home after three tours of duty in Afghanistan, Derek Blumke was eager to return to college. But the Air Force veteran felt unwelcome at the University of Michigan as he tried alone to manage the transition from warrior to student.

[COD board chair eyes dorms for future](#) (Daily Herald)

Would dorms on campus lure more students to the College of DuPage? Board Chairman Micheal McKinnon thinks so.

[MORE NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION](#)

EdLines from AASCU

[GA: Budget cuts force colleges and universities to make tough choices](#)

In the wake of a 3.5 percent budget cut, public colleges and universities in Georgia are considering layoffs and developing plans to leave faculty jobs vacant and cut travel budgets. The institutions, however, are being asked to develop plans for a 5 percent reduction in order to allow for strategic budget choices. A spokesman for the Georgia Board of Regents says the regents will recommend a 3.5 percent budget cut for the 2009 budget and a 4 percent cut

in 2010. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

[KS: State asks regents universities to cut budgets by up to 7 percent](#)

Budget cuts in Kansas have forced state universities to make significant expenditure reductions. The state's budget officer has requested that Kansas University cut 2 percent, or \$5.5 million, from their budget this year and another 5 percent, or \$9.2 million, from next year's budget. The university will be forced to cut some administrative positions, but said that the situation would not affect current tuition rates. *Lawrence Journal-World*

[MS: Legislature and state College Board hope to reach 5-year agreement on funding](#)

The Mississippi legislature and the state College Board are working to develop a five-year funding framework. The Board's initial proposal includes a \$36 million increase to universities over the next five years. In exchange, the Board will see \$47 million in savings. The Board also wants the legislature to strip the \$1,000/year state-funded tuition assistance grant to private colleges, establish a state-level work study program, and boost financial aid to students over 24. The designers of the five-year plan believe that this will provide stable funding for universities and allow students to plan in advance for tuition charges. *The Clarion-Ledger*

[OH: State hopes to increase state aid and cut tuition](#)

Ohio is pursuing a 10-year strategic plan to increase state higher education appropriations, slash tuition costs, and increase enrollments at its public colleges and universities. Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric Fingerhut wants to increase enrollment from 472,700 to 702,700 by 2017 and state spending per pupil from \$3,800 to the national average of \$4,900. In addition, Fingerhut wants to make the state's tuition costs among the lowest in the nation. In order to achieve these goals, the Ohio legislature must make higher education funding a priority regardless of economic conditions and competing demands. The governor and the legislature have both voiced support in the pursuit of these goals. *Chillicothe Gazette*

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