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A PUBLIC AGENDA FOR  
COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS

**[Public Agenda Task Force Goes to work on drafting Preliminary Public Agenda: Comments Welcomed](#)**

The Task Force to create a Public Agenda for College and Career Success will organize itself as working groups around the four goals of the Public Agenda. Task Force members met August 12 Task Force in Chicago, where they reviewed the Consultants' Report from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) and discussed the process of drafting a preliminary Public Agenda. During September, the working groups will discuss drafts and revisions. A ***Preliminary Public Agenda*** will be presented to the Task Force at its October 6 meeting in Chicago. All drafts can be viewed on the IBHE website, [www.ibhe.org](http://www.ibhe.org) and [a comment response form](#) is available for all to weigh in with comments and suggestions.

**[Governor signs campus security measure](#)**

Governor Blagojevich has signed Senate Bill 2691 into law. The legislation, the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008, is aimed at making institutions of higher education safer for students, faculty, and staff. The new law, one of the recommendations of the Illinois Campus Security Task Force, requires all colleges and universities to develop emergency plans aimed at planning for, responding to, and recovering from a crisis event.

**Back to School**

This was move-in week for students at many colleges and universities, and institutions have a variety of ways of making new students feel welcome. Here's a sampling.



**[WIU: Goldfarb, Administrators Continue Move-In Tradition](#)**

When new Western Illinois University students move into the residence halls Saturday, Aug. 23, they'll have more than a few experienced hands helping lug boxes. For the seventh consecutive year, WIU President Al Goldfarb and other senior-level administrators will be a part of Western's Move-In Crew in order to meet new and returning students, and their families.

UPCOMING

September

2-4 [IEMA 2008 Conference, Springfield](#)

12  
Illinois Community College Presidents' Council Meeting, Springfield

12-13  
ICCB Student Advisory Committee Meeting, Springfield

12-13  
Illinois Community College Trustees Association Meetings, Springfield

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Illinois Community College Board Meeting, Rend Lake College, Ina

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Illinois Student Assistance Commission Meeting, Liberty Middle School, Edwardsville

**Dog Days Almost Over**



*The FM will return to its regular weekly schedule on Sept. 5. Happy Labor Day.*

### [SIUE: Rockin' in Edwardsville](#)

Nonstop Rock will rock the block for late summer fun and entertainment as part of a celebration welcoming back Southern Illinois University Edwardsville students at the intersection of Second and St. Louis streets in downtown Edwardsville on Sept. 5.

### [NIU: Huskies welcomed with plenty of ice cream](#)

Capture the flag and ice cream on Thursday, Rainbow Ice Cream Social on Friday, Sundaes on Sunday – NIU students will have plenty of chances to indulge their sweet tooth during Welcome Days 2008. Fortunately, there are a number of other activities to burn off the calories.



### **Welcome Weeks 2008**

### [Roosevelt University: Shopping, parties, and convocation welcome students](#)

Get ready for Welcome Weeks: two weeks filled with activities and events designed to welcome new students to the Chicago Campus from Aug. 30 through Sept. 8. You can take a trip to IKEA, party at the beach, laugh at the comedy of ImprovOlympic, show your style at the *Sex and the City* movie party, and much more.

### [Nursing Fellows honored](#)



Judy Erwin, Daniel E. Bluthardt, Director of Professional Regulation Division, IDFPR, and Michele Bromberg, Nursing Act Coordinator, IDFPR recognized Fellows at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Advisory Board for Illinois Center for Nursing

Several [new fellows](#) of the Nursing Educator Fellowship Program were on hand August 14<sup>th</sup> to be honored by the Advisory Board for the Illinois Center for Nursing. The Fellows are selected through an IBHE-administered grant program aimed at recognizing exemplary nursing faculty. Each fellow receives a \$10,000 award as a salary supplement. Nursing schools submit nominations for fellowships, which are reviewed by an external expert in the field before being approved by the Board of Higher Education. This year, 15 Fellows were selected from 30 nominees.

“It was a struggle for the evaluator and our staff to select only 15 from the stack of 30 highly qualified nominees,” Judy Erwin, IBHE Executive Director, told the Fellows. “The IBHE is very proud of the Fellows and nominees for their accomplishments and proud of the institutions for recognizing their nurse educators.”

### [Ground broken for new Truman College building honoring Larry McKeon](#)

Blagojevich administration officials, including Capital Development Board Chairman Anthony Licata, this week joined 46<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Helen Shiller and officials from the City Colleges of Chicago to break ground on a new \$55 million student services center and parking structure at Harry S Truman College. The Larry McKeon Administrative Building, named after the late State Representative whose vision and efforts made the construction possible, is scheduled to open in the spring of 2010.

### [IBHE student member join NGA project on civic engagement](#)

Jerry Thor and Ashley Dearborn, student members of the Board of Higher Education, have been selected to serve on the Illinois Advisory Team for the National Governors Association Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults. Jane Angelis is the project director. Charles D. Johnson of the Illinois Department on Aging and Steven Maloney from the Office of the Governor also are heading up the initiative. The advisory team also includes Senator Edward Maloney, chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, and Robert Mees, president of John A. Logan College. The NGA Academy focuses on assisting states in creating opportunities for seniors to engage in work or meaningful volunteer activities.

## *People in the News*

[Wayne Watson](#), chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago, plans to retire next summer, the college system has announced.

[Joe Rives](#), executive assistant to the president for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology at Western Illinois University, has been appointed vice president of Quad Cities, Planning and Technology at WIU.

[Richard van Breemen](#), professor of medicinal chemistry and pharmacognosy at the University of Illinois at Chicago, has been chosen to receive the 2008 Harvey W. Wiley award, the top scientific honor presented by the AOAC International, the Association of Analytical Communities.

Two researchers at the University of Illinois – [Martin D. Burke and Nicholas X. Fang](#) – have been chosen as two of the world's 35 Top Young Innovators by Technology Review, the world's oldest technology magazine.

## *Campus News*

### [Loyola expedites admissions for vets](#)

Loyola University Chicago has announced a new streamlined process by which to expedite admissions decisions for United States veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.



### [New business facility at Illinois blends instruction, sustainability](#)

University of Illinois business students will study this fall in a new, \$60 million-plus building filled with high-tech classrooms, counseling and career services, and a state-of-the-art laboratory that simulates real-time market trading. But officials say there's also a lesson built into the earth-friendly design of the newly finished Business Instructional Facility, the first "green" building in the university's 141-year-old history.

### [Illinois State's Pipeline Partnership Receives NNER Award](#)

The College of Education at Illinois State University has recently been informed that their Chicago Teacher Education Pipeline's Little Village Education Partnership has been selected to receive the 2008 Nicholas Michelli Award for Promoting Social Justice from the National Network for Educational Renewal (NNER).

### [SIU Med School Receives McElroy Grants](#)

A physician and research scientist at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield have been awarded grants from the William E. McElroy Charitable Foundation for cancer research. Both are members of the research

team at the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU.



### [Inaugural Classes Begin At Northwestern In Qatar](#)

Classes at Northwestern University in Qatar began Aug. 17, marking the formal opening of Northwestern's first overseas campus offering undergraduate degrees.

### [UIC College of Medicine on List of Best Schools for Hispanics](#)

The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine was named one of the Best Schools for Hispanics in the September issue of Hispanic Business magazine. The UIC College of Medicine qualified as a Best School in five areas that demonstrate commitment to diversity measures toward Hispanics: Hispanic faculty, enrollment, student services, retention rate and reputation.

### [MORE CAMPUS NEWS](#)

## *News from Higher Education*

### [Average scores on ACT inching up for Illinois juniors](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

Illinois students' scores on a key college entrance exam rose solidly this year, to the highest level since the state began mandating the ACT for all high school juniors. But the gap between black and white students' scores also has grown in that period.

### [Growth Rate Lags Again in Graduate Schools' International Admissions](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The number of foreign students admitted to graduate schools at American colleges and universities grew in 2008 for the fourth straight year, but the rate of increase over the previous year declined for the third consecutive year, according to survey results released today by the Council of Graduate Schools.

### [Turning the Tables on Affirmative Action Foes](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Defenders of affirmative action have learned — as ballot measures to bar its use by public colleges spread from state to state — how to win support from educators, business leaders and politicians. But they've yet to marshal a majority of state voters to reject one of the measures.

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