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Friday Memo Profile: Senator Ed Maloney



[The Senate's Higher Education Advocate](#) (photo by Brandy Rees)

"More important than ever," is how Senator Ed Maloney described the role higher education will play in the midst of the state and national economic crisis. "The more people we can get to pursue and obtain (college) degrees, the more positive the impact on society. People with degrees make more money, and pay more income taxes. They are also bigger consumers. That means more sales taxes. And research studies show that people with more education are more involved in their communities, which is a positive thing."

[Read the interview in its entirety.](#)



Flanked by Senate Higher Education Committee staff members, Nancy Hill and Gabe Springer, Sen. Maloney prepares to open the first Higher Ed Committee hearing of the 96th General Assembly. (photo by Brandy Rees)

UPCOMING

February

- 20 Faculty Advisory Council, Northwestern University
- 24 AeA 21st Learning Environment Symposium, Illinois State Museum, Springfield

March

- 18 Legislative Reception of the Higher Education Legislative Coalition, Illinois State Museum, Springfield

April

- 7 IBHE Board Meeting, Springfield
- 22 Lobby Day, Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities

[Making lemonade from budgetary lemons](#)

An AASCU Public Purpose Article by Steven Pelletier

Budgets being what they are in 2009, these are the times that try deans' souls. Not to mention those of presidents, trustees, students, parents and just about every other stakeholder in higher education.

With lean realities evidently settling in for a long stay, public colleges and universities are tightening their budgetary belts. Defying the common wisdom that higher education is slow to change, many institutions have started taking decisive steps to stem spending. Perhaps even more notably, some institutions are already taking a long view of the current turmoil. Wise academic leaders recognize that the economic tsunami offers insights and even opportunities that can help them position their institutions for stronger health after today's storm clouds clear.

[UIC to host conference on 'Demystifying Federal Funds'](#)

Illinois ResourceNet: A Funding Access Initiative is inviting participants to a March 20 conference on "Demystifying Federal Funds" at the UIC Forum. The conference will highlight a mix of experienced and knowledgeable experts to speak about emerging trends in federal grants for nonprofit organizations and local governments. Successful grant seekers will lead information rich workshops focused on skill building in the areas of Grants.gov, federal budgets, grant seeking, collaboration, federal proposal development, federal grant writing, federal funding accountability, political support, and networking.

[NIU unveils plans for February 14 memorial](#)



Northern Illinois University will build a garden near Cole Hall, with a curved peaceful walkway and five illuminated sections of cardinal red granite, as a permanent memorial to victims of the Feb. 14, 2008 shootings on campus.

[‘A stronger place . . .’](#)

NIU President John Peters’ reflections on the anniversary of the tragedy of Feb. 14, 2008:



“Healing is a matter of time,” Hippocrates wrote, “but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity.”

Northern Illinois University, I believe, is living proof of that piece of wisdom.

This is a changed place, yes, but a stronger place. Our hearts were broken, yes, but our resolve is fortified. We have glimpsed avenues for the repair and restoration of our souls, and we have turned down those roads. We have gripped the hands of those who have reached out to us, and we have rejoiced each time we felt a squeeze on our own outstretched hands.

A year after the unimaginable horror of Feb. 14, 2008, we mark this anniversary as the most somber of occasions.

[People in the News](#)

[Jennifer Rosato](#), named dean at NIU College of Law, comes to NIU from Drexel University in Philadelphia where she was part of the administrative team that created and launched the Earle Mack School of Law. She takes over the top spot at NIU Law on July 1, 2009.

Saint Xavier University nursing professor [Peg Gallagher](#) has received a \$10,000 Illinois Board of Higher Education Fellowship to attend a four-day BSN and Higher Education Nurse Educator Evidence-based Practice Mentorship Program. The program will focus on integrating evidence based practice into a university’s nursing curriculum.

[Campus News](#)

[Illinois State University issues its 2008 Sustainability Progress Report](#)

The report highlights various campus efforts in the areas of energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, recycling, and grounds and facilities operations. Academic initiatives are also covered, including sustainability-themed courses in various academic departments, faculty research, and campus-wide efforts to promote civic engagement by students.

[UI/Parkland cooperative expects large enrollment jump in fall](#)

Molly Maxstadt had already decided to spend her first two years of college at Parkland, before transferring to the University of Illinois. She had her class schedule all figured out. Then she learned about the Parkland Pathways program.

JWCC trustees approve degree program in manufacturing technology

John Wood Community College trustees toured the new Workforce Development Center at 4220 Koch's Lane and approved a manufacturing technology degree program that will be housed there.

MORE CAMPUS NEWS

News from Higher Education

The new reverse transfer

(Inside Higher Ed)

Stephanie Jamiot is a community college transfer student, but not the kind one might expect. Instead of following the steady flow of students who move from two-year institutions to four-year institutions, she is one of a growing number of so-called "reverse transfers" who leave four-year universities to attend community college.

For education chief, stimulus means power, money and risk

(The New York Times)

WASHINGTON — The \$100 billion in emergency aid for public schools and colleges in the economic stimulus bill could transform Arne Duncan into an exceptional figure in the history of federal education policy: a secretary of education loaded with money and the power to spend large chunks of it as he sees fit.

A national (but not federal) student database?

(Inside Higher Ed)

The idea of creating a national database to track the flow of students through the American educational system has been the holy grail for many state and federal policy makers, who argue that without good data about how students progress (or don't) from elementary and secondary schools into higher education and even into the work force, it is impossible to know what works and what doesn't, and which institutions are succeeding and which aren't.

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