

## Illinois Higher Ed *The Friday Memo*

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### [Federal budget agreement aims to increase Pell funding](#)

Earlier this week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a fiscal year 2010 budget resolution by a vote of 233-193. The Senate followed with a vote of 53-43 in favor. The resolution establishes a non-binding blueprint that includes the money that Congress is permitted to spend through the annual appropriations process - it also provides a mechanism for Congress to consider legislation to overhaul [federal financial aid](#) and healthcare.

### **News about Swine Flu**

 [Medical Center Prepared for Surge in Influenza Patients](#)

 [WIU Pandemic Website Launched](#)

 [Message from President Al Bowman Regarding Swine Flu](#)

### [State of Illinois Information on Swine Influenza Outbreak](#)

### [Learn more, earn more](#)

The U.S. Census Bureau announced this week that workers with a bachelor's degree earned about \$26,000 more on average than workers with a high school diploma, according to new figures that outline 2008 educational trends and achievement levels. The tables also show that in 2008, 29 percent of adults 25 and older had a bachelor's degree, and 87 percent had completed high school. That compares with 24 percent of adults who had a bachelor's degree, and 83 percent who had completed high school in 1998.

### [Harper College baccalaureate bill reaches Senate floor](#)

House Bill 656, which would permit Harper College to offer two pilot baccalaureate degree programs, passed the Senate Criminal Law Committee, 5-4, this week. Proponents argued the bill would address

### UPCOMING

#### May

- 1 College Decision Day
- 5 Senate Higher Ed Committee, 409 Capitol
- 6 House Higher Ed Committee, 122B Capitol
- 7 House Higher Ed Appropriations Committee, 118 Capitol
- 15 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, McHenry Community College
- 30 IBHE Student Advisory Committee, Springfield

#### June

- 2 IBHE meeting, Governors State University
- 12 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, UIC
- 15-16 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Coalition for High Schools Conference, A Push & Pull Journey, Bloomington

workforce needs in the Harper area through bachelor's of applied science degrees in information technology/management and public safety/homeland security. Opponents contended there are adequate baccalaureate offerings in the regions to satisfy workforce needs, and that permitting bachelor's degree programs at community colleges would fundamentally alter the state's well-balanced higher education system and dilute the core mission of Harper College.

In other legislative action,

- The House passed [SB 325](#), sponsored by Sen. Ed Maloney and Rep. David Miller, to enable ISAC to issue up to \$50 million in bonds guaranteed by the state, to allow IDAPP (ISAC's lending arm) to purchase rehabilitated loans from the federal government through ISAC as the guarantor.
- The rehabilitation loan program allows borrowers who have defaulted on their federal student loans to get back on track. Once the borrower makes nine consecutive, on-time payments, the loans are purchased from the federal government by a new lender, and the default is cleared from the borrower's credit history. This federal program is the only way for a borrower to restore credit and financial aid eligibility after a student loan default.
- The House passed [SB 1453](#) to add psychology to the disciplines eligible for grants under the Health Services Education Grant Act (HSEGA) program. The program provides grants to independent institutions for degree programs in a variety of medical and healthcare fields, although \$21 million appropriated for the grants this year was vetoed by former Governor Blagojevich.

### Commencement Speakers at Illinois Colleges and Universities



*The Friday Memo* is receiving news about graduation plans at our institutions of higher learning. Here are a few of the speakers who will be sharing words of wisdom with Illinois grads. More to come next week.

- ❖ [Eureka College](#): David Wessel, the economics editor of The Wall Street Journal.
- ❖ [Loyola University](#): Sen. John Cullerton, at the School of Law; Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Schools, at the School of Education; and others.
- ❖ [SIUC](#): Vanita M. Banks, immediate past president of the National Bar Association at the School of Law; Edgar E. Roulhac, vice-provost at The Johns Hopkins University at the College of Education and Human Services; James D. Lightner, president and CEO of Orion Energy Partners, and SIUC alumna at College of Science; and others.
- ❖ [UIC](#): Gov. Pat Quinn at the College of Liberal Arts; Mayor Richard M. Daley at the College of Medicine; Veterans Affairs Assistant Secretary Tammy Duckworth at the College of

Applied Health Sciences; U.S. Rep. Bill Foster at the College of Engineering; and others.

- ❖ [UIUC](#): Suze Orman, Emmy Award-winner and Illinois alumna; Carl Schramm, president and CEO of the Ewing Marion Kaufmann Foundation.

## People in the News

President Barack Obama named Northwestern University nanotechnology expert [Chad Mirkin](#) to a new White House Science and Technology Advisory Council. At Northwestern, Mr. Mirkin is the director of the International Institute of Nanotechnology and the George B. Rathmann professor of chemistry, as well as a professor of chemical and biological engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, professor of materials science and engineering and professor of medicine.



Saint Xavier University announced the appointment of [Gloria Jacobson, R.N., Ph.D.](#) to be dean of the Saint Xavier University School of Nursing. She will assume the post Aug. 1, 2009. Jacobson comes to Saint Xavier from Loyola University in Chicago, where she served as associate dean for academic affairs at

the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing.

Two Saint Xavier University School of Nursing graduate students recently were awarded Schweitzer Fellowships to conduct health care programs for underserved communities. [Georgina Lopez](#), of Monee, will focus on nutritional risk assessment and education for kindergarten through fifth grade children in a school that serves the Latino community. [Elizabeth Ralvea](#), of Chicago, plans to work with HIV-positive individuals, particularly African immigrants. She will educate clients on anti-retroviral medications and assist them with accessing services in the Chicago area.

Dr. Michael Horowitz, president of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCS), announces the appointment of [Dr. Carroll Cradock](#) as dean of TCS' Chicago Campus. A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Cradock brings to The Chicago School more than 30 years of service and experience in the mental health field.

## Campus News

### [U. of I. plans national conference to explore economic crisis](#)

A budding push by the University of Illinois to mold responsible business leaders will also try to trace the roots of an epic financial meltdown that has withered the U.S. economy. The Center for Professional Responsibility in Business and Society plans a national conference that would assemble top business experts to examine

causes of the deepest economic crisis since the Great Depression and explore policy solutions.

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## [News from Higher Education](#)

### [MN: Editorial: Let boards set higher ed tuition](#)

(Minneapolis Star-Tribune)

The editorial board of the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* believes a move by the Minnesota House of Representatives to set tuition increases establishes a bad precedent and usurps the role of the state's two university governing boards.

### [TN: Proprietary schools will see fee increases](#)

(The Tennessean)

Tennessee's for-profit schools and colleges will have to pay more to help cover state regulatory costs under a measure passed by the state's higher education commission. The institutions will have to pay greater start-up and reauthorization fees. The measure is expected to bring in \$1.46 million.

### [FL: Florida legislature approves bill allowing tuition increases](#)

(Daytona Beach News-Journal Online)

Both chambers of the Florida legislature have approved a bill allowing the state's public universities to increase tuition by up to 15 percent.

### [Getting into college: Recent grads counsel teens](#)

(Chicago Tribune)

Many high school students have the necessary grades for college, but the gauntlet of high-stakes tests, financial aid applications and scholarship searches can leave them bewildered and too often on the sidelines, experts say. A statewide experiment in college counseling is quietly working to change that.

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