

Illinois Higher Ed
The Friday Memo

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\$1.4 BILLION

Higher ed shares in major capital spending plan sent to Governor

The Senate and House have passed [HB 312](#), a \$29 billion capital program, that includes major funding for public universities, community colleges, and private institutions. Highlights include:

- ✓ Funding for projects that *mirrors the IBHE's FY10 recommendations* including increases over the Governor's recommendation for community college projects and private colleges and universities;
- ✓ \$90 million for deferred maintenance (Capital Renewal) which is the IBHE recommended level, an increase of \$40 million over the Governor's FY10 introduced budget;
- ✓ Funding for *all college and university capital projects in the IBHE FY10 recommendations*, at the IBHE recommended funding level;
- ✓ \$134.5 million for the Community College temporary facility replacement program;
- ✓ \$25 million to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for Campus Security;
- ✓ \$60 million to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the University of Illinois Petascale Facility (Computing facility that will house the IBM Blue Waters supercomputer); and,
- ✓ \$300 million for private colleges and universities (\$200 million over the Governor's FY10 introduced budget).

UPCOMING

May

30 IBHE Student Advisory Committee, Springfield

June

2 IBHE meeting, Governors State University

5 ICCB meeting, Chicago

12 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, UIC

15-16 4th Annual Coalition for High Schools Conference, A Push & Pull Journey, Bloomington



THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC AGENDA
FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS

[Hightman urges U of I Trustees to take lead on Illinois Public Agenda](#)

"I am asking that you make the Illinois Public Agenda the University of Illinois Public Agenda," IBHE Chairwoman Carrie J. Hightman told the University's Board of Trustees Thursday. "I respectfully ask that you go beyond the impressive roster of activities and initiatives you are already doing and accept a challenge that the University of



Illinois is uniquely able and well-positioned to meet: *take leadership.*" The Chairwoman, a U of I alum, suggested that the University focus its efforts particularly on Public Agenda Goal 1 – increasing educational attainment and eliminating the achievement gap – and Goal 4 – strengthening the link between university research and economic development.

Data bill, bachelor's completion measure pass General Assembly

[Senate Bill 1828](#), to establish a statewide, comprehensive P-20 longitudinal data system, has passed the General Assembly and awaits action by Governor Quinn. The legislation would create a student record system that will permit policymakers to track student progress from kindergarten through graduate school.

A new grant program to bring baccalaureate completion programs to place-bound students has passed the legislature. [Senate Bill 1883](#) would create the Collaborative Baccalaureate Completion Development Grant Act to encourage community colleges and four-year public and nonprofit private institutions to form partnerships to give students access to a bachelor's program on or near a community college campus.

ARRA Grant Opportunities

The State of Illinois is committed to assisting colleges, universities, and faculty members in their pursuit of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-funded grant opportunities. To that end, the State's ARRA Working Group has asked the Illinois Board of Higher Education to disseminate information about competitive grant programs that may be of interest to the higher education community and collect information on ARRA-funded grant applications submitted by colleges and universities. [A link for a list of ARRA competitive grant opportunities is on the IBHE website](#), and will be updated as grant announcements become available.

[College awareness on the rise with 'KnowHow2GOIllinois'](#)

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is assisting Illinois youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to go to college. Through its television and internet presence, KnowHow2GOIllinois is reaching an ever-growing number of college prospects where they live. It is geared to encourage and prepare low-income and first-generation eighth through 10th graders to prepare for and actively pursue higher education while making smart choices and being goal oriented.

Working Together to Prepare Illinois School Leaders Initiative begins round of information-sharing events

Regional office of education superintendents and assistants, district superintendents, directors and principals, institutions of higher education preparing school principals, and state legislators are encouraged to join the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Board of Higher Education on June 11 at McKendree University for an opportunity to learn about the *Newly Defined Principal Preparation*

Program for Illinois. The presentation will cover the work and recommendations from the *Working Together to Prepare Illinois School Leaders Initiative* with discussion to follow. Presenters are Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education, and Ms. Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Associate Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education. Five more sessions around the state are being planned. [Register here...](#)

[Register for training sessions to learn about Post-9/11 GI Bill](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) are offering training sessions on the new Post-9/11 GI Bill and its relationship to other educational benefit programs such as the Montgomery GI Bill, the Illinois Veteran Grant Program (IVG), the Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program and the Monetary Award Program (MAP). A document titled [The Effect of the Post-9/11 GI Bill on the Illinois Veteran Grant](#) has been posted in the Gift Assistance section of College Zone. This document provides a description of the new program and how it can be coordinated with MAP, Pell and IVG. It also provides an analysis of how the Post-9/11 GI Bill may affect the demand for IVG. As things continue to change and evolve with the Post-9/11 GI Bill program, additional information will be posted to College Zone.

[Illinois attractions highlighted in international student magazine](#)

Illinois' rich mix of world-class research universities, comprehensive regional institutions, and community colleges, along with cutting-edge resources and distinguished faculty make the state an attractive choice for international students. The state is featured in the current issue of i-Student Advisor.

[People in the News](#)

Renee Clift, Illinois New Teacher Collaborative (INTC) Director, will be leaving Illinois at the end of June and relocating to Tucson and the University of Arizona where she has accepted the position of Associate Dean for Professional Preparation in the College of Education. Professor Clift has been the principal guiding force for INTC since its creation in October 2004.

Dr. Bonnie Bondavalli has been named as the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Lewis University. Associate Dean at Lewis since 2004, she will assume this new position on June 1.

Geraldine Gorman, assistant professor of health systems science at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was named the first-ever Nurse Hero by the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. The award is presented to a practicing nurse, nursing student or retired nurse who has exhibited heroism either in their response to an emergency situation or through ongoing commitment to the community.

Campus News



Richland Community College is hosting the 9th annual Walking the Walk of Diversity conference on June 11 & 12. [Visit the conference website for more information.](#)

[IMSA wins top honor nationwide for "science excellence" in Intel Schools of Distinction](#)

Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) has been named a 2009 *Intel Schools of Distinction* winner, taking the top honor for "science excellence" at the high school level. Each year, only one high school in the nation is the recipient of this prestigious recognition.

[More Campus News](#)

News from Higher Education

[Quinn looking to shield college students from credit card gimmicks](#)

(Bloomington Pantagraph)

Gov. Pat Quinn will get the final say on a plan intended to shield college students from gimmick-based credit card offers. The Illinois Senate has approved legislation that would bar credit card companies from offering students a free gift in exchange for a filled-out application for a card.

[What does a degree cost?](#)

(Inside Higher Ed)

College tuition prices keep rising. State budgets are stagnant or shrinking. And policy makers, from President Obama on down, are increasingly calling for increases in the number of Americans who get some higher education or training.

[New GI Bill could open education doors for more vets](#)

(USA TODAY)

HANOVER, N.H. — Through a classroom window, Samuel Crist can see the stately buildings and tree-lined sidewalks of a picture-book New England campus. Inside, Crist refers occasionally to notecards as he reads aloud his assignment in Arabic, while nine other students listen intently and his professor takes notes.

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