

# Illinois Higher Ed *The Friday Memo*

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## **Sen. Maloney urges campaign to restore MAP funding**

*Funding for need-based grants falls to FY1993 level*



### ***Sen. Ed Maloney addresses IBHE meeting at DePaul University***

Speaking to the Board of Higher Education and the state's higher education community, **Sen. Ed Maloney**, chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, urged a concerted effort among students and other stakeholders to save funding for spring semester [Monetary Award Program \(MAP\) awards](#). The senator spoke at the IBHE meeting August 11 at DePaul University. MAP recipients have been notified that the FY10 state budget will permit funding of MAP grants for only the fall semester. [MAP funding](#) for fiscal 2010 will be at about the level appropriated in fiscal 1993.

NIU President **John Peters** said there was a "sense of urgency" to the MAP crisis because students will begin registering for the spring term in October. "We may lose a whole cohort of students," Peters said.

IBHE Chairwoman **Carrie J. Hightman** said the Board would work with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to coordinate a campaign to "get the message out" about the consequences of the MAP cutbacks.

### **Other states – Pennsylvania, Ohio student aid in jeopardy**

#### [College students lose aid from state](#) (The Columbus Dispatch)

State budget cuts mean more debt for Ohio State University student Chris Blankenship. Blankenship, 32, a digital-media major on the Newark campus, has resigned himself to bigger student loans after the state cut about \$224 million from the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, the state's top need-based grant program.

#### [Pa. budget impasse may cut college grants](#) (The Philadelphia Inquirer)

## UPCOMING

### August

**14-23** Illinois State Fair, ISAC exhibit in Governor's Tent, Springfield

### September

**8** Newly Defined Principal Preparation, Monmouth

**10** Newly Defined Principal Preparation, Oglesby

**14-19** [Sustainability Week](#), UIC

**18** ISAC meeting, SIU Edwardsville

Newly Defined Principal Preparation, Rantoul and Bloomington

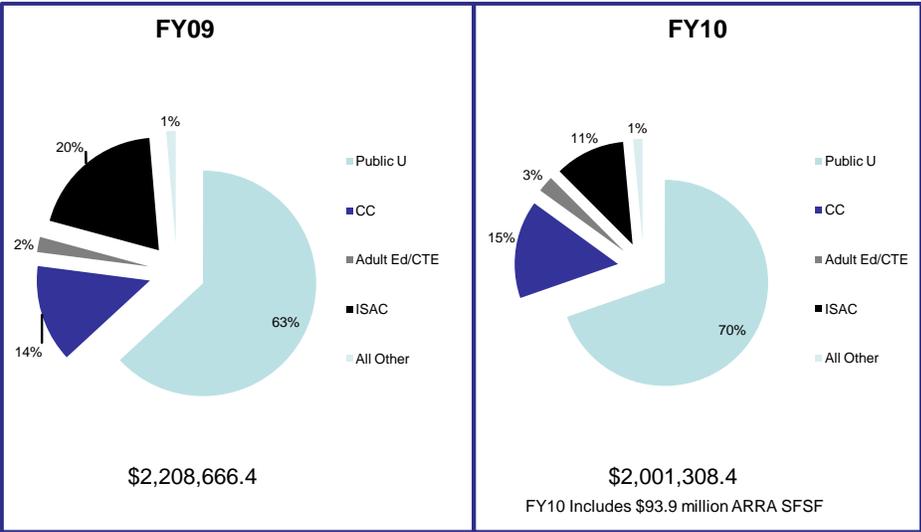
**22** College Town Summit '09 – Controlling College-Age Alcohol Use, Executive Mansion, Springfield

*Summertime . . .*



*And Friday Memo will be taking it easy. Look for us every other Friday. And enjoy your summer.*

Fiscal Year 2010 Governor's Action, Higher Education Operating Appropriations



Note: Does not include appropriations to the State Universities Retirement System

**The Governor signs . . .**



#### **[Veterans higher education bill](#)**

Governor Pat Quinn has signed into law a bill that provides greater educational and informational resources for veterans attending Illinois public colleges and universities. [SB 1624](#) was sponsored by Sen. Dan Kotowski and Rep. Mark Walker.

#### **[Dual Credit Quality Act](#)**

HB 1079, sponsored by Rep. Roger Eddy and Sen. Deanna Demuzio, will codify standards for evaluation of dual credit programs and extend oversight to four-year institutions that offer college coursework and credit to high school students.

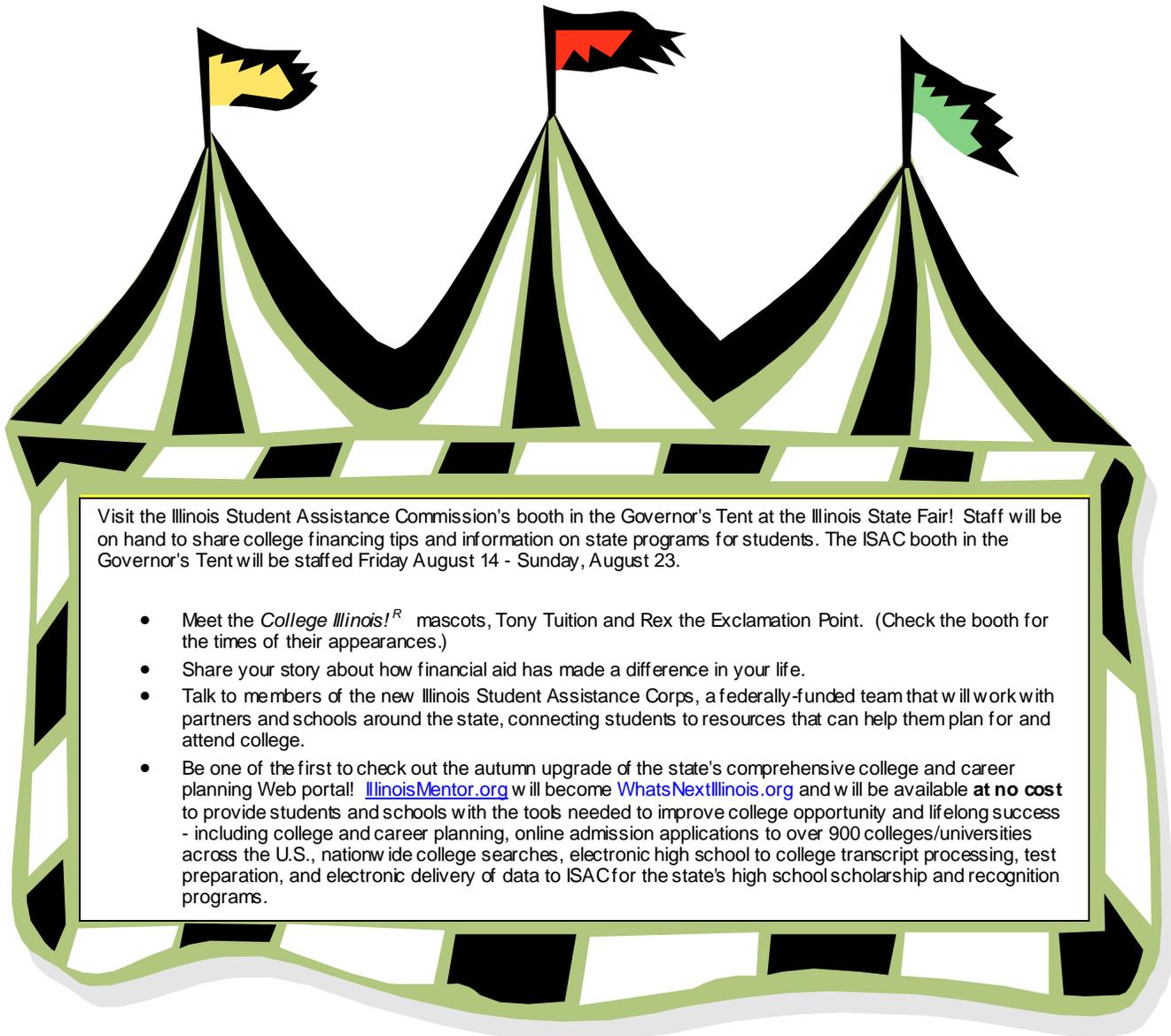
#### **[Nurse Educator Scholarships Act](#)**

An amendatory veto of HB 382, sponsored by Rep. James Brosnahan and Sen. Ed Maloney, makes a new scholarship program for nurse educators subject to appropriation and removes a duplicative provision for maintaining a database of nurse educator positions in the state. The scholarship program, if funded, will provide grants to students in nursing educator programs so long as graduates work two years as a nurse faculty member in Illinois for each year of the scholarship.

#### **[Campus credit card marketing bill](#)**

HB 2352, which seeks to halt predatory credit card marketing practices on Illinois college campuses. "This legislation cracks down on greedy marketing ploys aimed at getting students to sign up for a credit card while attending college," Governor Quinn said. "This law will put an end to the gimmicks and trickery used to entice young people into taking on more consumer debt than they can handle." The Credit Card Marketing Act was drafted by Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias and promotes responsible credit card marketing at Illinois colleges and universities. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Kevin Joyce and Sen. Donne Trotter.

*Listen to the bill-signing ceremony: [Governor signs credit card bill.](#)*



Visit the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's booth in the Governor's Tent at the Illinois State Fair! Staff will be on hand to share college financing tips and information on state programs for students. The ISAC booth in the Governor's Tent will be staffed Friday August 14 - Sunday, August 23.

- Meet the *College Illinois!*<sup>®</sup> mascots, Tony Tuition and Rex the Exclamation Point. (Check the booth for the times of their appearances.)
- Share your story about how financial aid has made a difference in your life.
- Talk to members of the new Illinois Student Assistance Corps, a federally-funded team that will work with partners and schools around the state, connecting students to resources that can help them plan for and attend college.
- Be one of the first to check out the autumn upgrade of the state's comprehensive college and career planning Web portal! [IllinoisMentor.org](http://IllinoisMentor.org) will become [WhatsNextIllinois.org](http://WhatsNextIllinois.org) and will be available **at no cost** to provide students and schools with the tools needed to improve college opportunity and lifelong success - including college and career planning, online admission applications to over 900 colleges/universities across the U.S., nationwide college searches, electronic high school to college transcript processing, test preparation, and electronic delivery of data to ISAC for the state's high school scholarship and recognition programs.

## ISBE, IBHE sponsor workshops on preparation of school principals

**What:** [Newly Defined Principal Preparation for Illinois](#)

**Presenters:** Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent, ISBE  
Ms. Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Associate Director, IBHE

**When:** **September 8, 2009**

**Where:** 10:00 – Noon , Midwest Bank  
Community Room, 200 E. Broadway, Monmouth, IL  
AND

**When:** **September 10, 2009**

**Where:** 10:00 – Noon , Illinois Valley Community College  
Fireplace Lounge Room B 216, Oglesby, IL  
AND

When: **September 18, 2009**  
Where: Session 1-- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the ROE Schoolworks, 200 S. Fredrick , Rantoul  
Session 2-- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Bloomington

Who Should Attend:

- ROE Superintendents & Assistants
  - District Superintendents, Directors & Principals
  - Institutions of Higher Education preparing school principals: Teams of at least 3 members , including, but not limited to, dean, department chair, instructor and/or unit head
  - State Legislators
- Registration on [IBHE website](#).

## People in the News

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Dr. Michael Horowitz, president and CEO of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCS), announces the appointment of [Carroll Cradock](#), as campus president for TCS' Chicago. Dr. Cradock joined The Chicago School to oversee the daily operations of its Chicago Campus—located at 325 N. Wells St. and the Merchandise Mart—and TCS programs at the University Center of Lake County. Her previous post was an eight-year stint as director of behavior health services at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.



President Al Bowman has named [Daniel Layzell](#) as vice president for Finance and Planning at Illinois State University effective Sept. 15. Layzell is currently the associate vice president for Planning and Administration at the University of Illinois-Urbana. Prior to his four-year tenure of at the University of Illinois, he worked at the Illinois Board of Higher Education as deputy director for Planning and Budgeting.



[Lemuel W. Watson](#), dean of the College of Education, has been named executive director of NIU's Center for P-20 Engagement for improving teaching and learning from preschool through graduate school. In his role as executive director, Watson reports to Vice Provost Earl "Gip" Seaver and Anne C. Kaplan, vice president for Outreach and University Administration. Seaver and Kaplan are co-chairs of NIU's P-20 Task Force.

### [ARRA Grant of the Week](#)

#### **Academic Research Infrastructure Program: Recovery and Reinvestment**

Public & Private Institutions of Higher Education

Description: The purpose of this program is to enhance the Nation's existing research facilities where sponsored and/or unsponsored research activities and research training take place to enable next-generation research infrastructure that integrates shared resources across user communities. Deadline: 8/24/09

[A complete list of ARRA competitive grant opportunities is on the IBHE website](#), and is updated as grant announcements become available.

## Campus News

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### [\\$7M grant establishes new UIC Center to eliminate health disparities](#)

The University of Illinois at Chicago has been awarded a \$7.2 million federal grant to establish the UIC Center of Excellence in Eliminating Health Disparities. The new center, funded by a five-year grant from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health, will focus on health disparities in prostate and colorectal cancer, community-based breast cancer initiatives, and training and educating the next generation of health disparities researchers.

### [NIU, Elgin Community College partner to offer degree completion to area RNs](#)

Registered nurses who live in the Elgin area can continue their education toward bachelor's degrees through a new partnership between Elgin Community College and NIU. "This partnership is exciting because it shows how Elgin Community College can work with four-year institutions to provide our nursing students with a seamless transition to a bachelor's degree," said Wendy Miller, interim associate dean of health professions at ECC.

## News from Higher Education

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### [U. of I. president tosses out clout list](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

CHAMPAIGN -- University of Illinois President B. Joseph White on Wednesday scrapped the school's special admissions list of politically connected applicants and gave campus leaders eight weeks to take other measures to prevent future scandals.

### [Textbook publisher to rent to college students](#) (The New York Times)

In the rapidly evolving college textbook market, one of the nation's largest textbook publishers, Cengage Learning, announced Thursday that it would start renting books to students this year, at 40 percent to 70 percent of the sale price.

### [OPINION: Another reason to end legislative tuition waivers](#) (Bloomington Pantagraph)

There are plenty of reasons for ending the legislative scholarship program that allows lawmakers to hand out tuition waivers to students with almost no restrictions. Add to old stories of lawmakers giving them to the children of big donors, staff members or relatives the latest twist - their involvement in the University of Illinois "clouted" admissions.

### [Disadvantaged students can earn 4-year degrees with key supports, study finds](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

First-generation college students who start at four-year institutions are at a high risk of leaving without bachelor's degrees, particularly if they are lower-income and minority students. But some of them do stay and earn their degrees. And a new paper illuminates what sets them apart from those disadvantaged students who do not.

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