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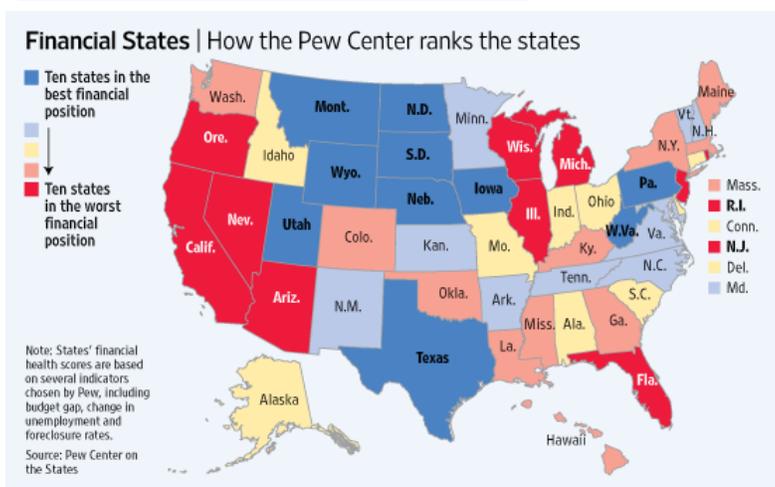
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[Pew study puts Illinois among states in fiscal peril](#)

A report released this week by the Pew Center on the States shows that some of the same pressures that have pushed California toward economic disaster are wreaking havoc in a number of other states, with potentially damaging consequences for the entire country. Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin join California as the 10 most troubled states, according to Pew's analysis, "[Beyond California: States in Fiscal Peril.](#)"



State's fiscal crisis strains universities' cash flow

Articles document the increasingly tight financial squeeze facing higher education in Illinois:

[State's budget crunch squeezing Ill. Universities](#) (Chicago Tribune)
 EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. - The state's budget crisis is putting the squeeze on Southern Illinois University. 11/12

[State's money troubles lead to cutbacks at SIUE; Illinois owes school \\$30 million](#) (Belleville News-Democrat)
 EDWARDSVILLE -- The state's troubles are leading to cutbacks at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. 11/12

[Poshard: Local bills will be paid on time](#) (The Southern Illinoian)
 CARBONDALE - SIU President Glenn Poshard said he does not foresee an immediate negative impact on local economy from pushing back payments on local bills. 11/12

[Southern Illinois University concerned about making payroll](#) (Herald & Review)

UPCOMING

November

- 18-20** Illinois Council of Community College Administrators, Springfield
- 20** ICCB meeting, Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg
- 23** Working Together to Prepare Illinois School Leaders Part 4: Next Steps, Bloomington

December

- 8** IBHE meeting, University of Chicago

Save the Date

2010 IBHE Meeting Schedule

January 26	Chicago
April 6	Chicago
June 1	Springfield
August 10	Chicago
October 5	Chicago
December 7	Chicago

February 23-24 "Digging Deeper: Using the Induction and Mentoring Continuum for Program Advancement"
[Registration](#) now open.

CARBONDALE - With \$115 million in missed payments from the state as of Nov. 1, Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard is calling for faculty and staff to chill out on spending. 11/12

[SIU clamps down on spending](#) (The Southern Illinoisan)

CARBONDALE - With \$115 million in missed payments from the state as of Nov. 1, SIU President Glenn Poshard is calling for faculty and staff to chill out on spending. In fact, the situation at SIU is so tight, payroll after this month is iffy, according to university spokesman David Gross. 11/11

[U of I waiting on millions in state money](#) (Springfield State Journal-Register)

URBANA -- The University of Illinois has received only a small fraction of the \$317 million it is owed by the state for this fiscal year and has effectively frozen many open positions. 11/5

[SIUC finds itself cash poor](#) (The Southern Illinoisan)

CARBONDALE - Owed \$115 million by the state, Southern Illinois University Carbondale needs to get paid. "We face an extremely critical situation with respect to the cash flow problems of the state, which translate into cash flow problems for us," SIU President Glenn Poshard said. 11/5

[State shortfall may spell furloughs at UI](#) (News-Gazette)

URBANA -- The University of Illinois has so far seen only \$400,000 of \$317 million it is owed by the state, leading to a virtual hiring freeze and the possibility of furloughs. 11/4

[Change for veterans could cost SIUC \\$4 million](#) (The Southern Illinoisan)

SPRINGFIELD -- In trying to shift as much as possible to its biggest scholarship program, the state this year stopped reimbursing universities for giving veterans free tuition. 10/28



Washington Update

On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Race to the Top application released

The U.S. Department of Education has released the final application for the Race to the Top Fund, which will reward states that have raised student performance and have the capacity to accelerate achievement gains with innovative reforms. The Department will hold two rounds of competition for these grants. For the first round, it will accept states' applications until January 19, 2010. Peer reviewers will evaluate the applications, and the winners will be announced in April. For the second round, it will accept states' applications until June 1, and all the winners will be announced by September 30.

ARRA funding, Phase II

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan this week announced the availability of applications for the second and final phase of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF). "The Department has moved quickly to award more than \$67 billion in education stimulus aid to date to stabilize state budgets and save jobs," he said. "We are now asking states to implement reform-based action items in order to get the remaining \$11.5 billion."

Specifically, the Department is asking states to provide basic information on the four key measures of reform:

- How teachers and principals are evaluated, and how this information is used to support, retain, promote, or remove staff.
- The extent to which the state has a statewide longitudinal data system that includes the elements prescribed by the *America COMPETES Act* and how it will implement a comprehensive system by 2011.
- Whether the state provides student achievement growth data on current students and students taught in the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and math, in grades in which the state administers assessments in those subjects, in a manner that is both timely and informs instructional programs.
- The number and identity of the schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools.

2 Chicago arts programs among winners of Coming Up Taller awards

First Lady Michelle Obama presented the 2009 Coming Up Taller awards (CUT) at a ceremony in the State Dining Room of the White House on November 4. Groups from 19 communities in the U.S., Mexico, China and Egypt were honored for their outstanding arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of young people, providing them with new learning opportunities and a chance to contribute to their communities.

Among the award winners were two Chicago art and humanities programs:

- [Yollocalli Arts Reach](#), a youth initiative of the National Museum of Mexican Art, is an arts education and career-training program for teens and young adults.
- [Young Chicago Authors](#) encourages self-expression and literacy through creative writing, performance and publication. YCA provides student-centered, artist-led workshops free to youth ages 13-19 in schools and communities.



Coming . . .



. . . and Going



The wheels on this bus lead to college credentials from Kankakee Community College and Governors State University. The double-side wrapped bus advertises the partnership between the two schools that includes GSU staffing a baccalaureate completion center at KCC to provide programmatic, financial aid, and admission counseling for a seamless transition from the community college to the university. In addition, the two schools have teamed up on

a pilot technical degree program to give KCC paralegal students an opportunity to finish a bachelor's degree at GSU.

[Initiative seeks to explore online platform to promote degree completion](#)

Minneapolis – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded \$100,000 to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact to explore the creation of a multi-state credential repository to reduce student time to degree and promote the completion of degrees in progress or on hold. The initiative – the Midwest Credential Repository for Education, Skills, and Training, or Midwest-CREST – has the potential to bring substantial savings to students, families and taxpayers.

People in the News

[Judy Erwin](#), IBHE executive director since November 2005, will receive the 2009 Motorola Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award at a breakfast gala at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago on December 9. Previous recipients of the award, which is sponsored by the Motorola foundation and the Civic Federation, include U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Illinois Arts Council Chairwoman Shirley Madigan, and Ron Huberman, CEO of the Chicago Public Schools.



WUIS/Illinois Public Radio statehouse reporter [Amanda Vinicky](#) has been selected by the German-American Fulbright Commission to spend one week learning about media and politics in Germany. Vinicky is one of only 15 young journalists from the United States to be selected for the Berlin Capital Program.

Governor Quinn has named four new members of the Chicago State University Board of Trustees. The appointments are: [Lisa Morrison Butler](#), Executive Director, City Year Chicago; [Gary L. Rozier](#), Vice President, Institutional Marketing and Client Services, Ariel Investments; [Julie Samuels](#), Community Outreach Coordinator, Openlands; and [Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott](#), Partner, Mayer Brown, LLC.

University of Illinois business professor [Madhu Viswanathan](#) who champions programs to combat poverty and promote marketplace literacy has earned the India International Friendship Society's Bharat Gaurav Award, joining past winners that include Mother Teresa and the former vice president of India.

Veteran educator [Kay E. Thurn](#) assumed the chair of DePaul University's Department of Nursing on Nov. 1, just as administrators learned that DePaul students recently achieved universal passage on a key national nursing examination.

[Mavis Donahue](#), professor of special education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was named winner of the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award by the executive board of the Illinois Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Campus News

[\\$2M NIH Grant to Fund Study on Pain in Sickle Cell Disease](#)

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago will use a \$2 million federal grant to investigate why patients with sickle cell disease experience chronic pain -- and to develop drugs to treat it.

[SIU Med School Receives NIH Grant to Study Chronic Pain Treatment](#)

A scientist at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield has been awarded a five-year federal grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse, a division of the National Institutes of Health, to study a new chronic pain treatment. The total budget for the grant is \$1,404,510.

[Lewis earns grant from Campaign for Nursing's Future](#)

The Lewis University College of Nursing and Health Professions recently received a \$5,500 grant from Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future initiative to develop an informative series that addresses critical issues for students with a previous bachelor's degree returning to obtain a bachelor of nursing science degree enrolled in the largest undergraduate nursing program in Illinois.

[UIC Receives \\$1 Million Grant to Study 'Fat Taxes,' Diet, Obesity](#)

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago have received \$1 million from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to study the relationship between "fat taxes" and food consumption, diet quality and obesity.

News from Higher Education

[A Real-Life Lesson in Why Accountability Matters](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

When you don't have much money, sometimes the difference between staying in college and dropping out really is a bus fare to campus. Or a library that doesn't close too early. Or a registration process that doesn't cost you days away from your job. So it's heartening to hear from students here at Chicago State University.

[For-Profit Colleges, Growing Fast, Say They Are Key to Obama's Degree Goals](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

With about two million students in the United States now attending for-profit colleges, a number that is expected to double by 2015, leaders of those institutions say their sector must play a key role if President Obama is to meet his goal of having the world's highest number of college graduates by 2020.

[Which states are innovative in education? A new report card.](#)

(Christian Science Monitor)

If states truly want to improve their education systems, they need to do away with the rules, regulations, and bureaucracies that stymie innovation.

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