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The Friday Memo

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138,000 students

will lose state financial aid by January 1, unless you act now.

Be part of the solution.
Email, call or visit your state legislators today.



(flyer available at website: http://www.saveillinoismapgrants.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/flyer_landscapeColor_emptyseats.pdf)

[ISAC to hear public testimony regarding MAP grant cuts](#)

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is hearing testimony at Southern Illinois University –Edwardsville, today held in conjunction with its regularly-scheduled Commission meeting at the Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center at 10:00 a.m.; Illinois State University will host the next public hearing to be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 25, in Normal at the Prairie Room, Bone Student Center. Students, parents, community organizations and higher education leaders are welcome to participate in the meetings and provide public testimony. Additional public hearings are being held at Carl Sandburg College (Oct. 2), Loyola University (Oct. 9), and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (Oct.12). For further information on these hearings as well as testimony from previous hearings, visit www.saveillinoismapgrants.org.

[Governor holds town hall meeting to show support for MAP Grants](#)

Governor Quinn will be conducting a **Town Hall Meeting to Save College Scholarships** on Tuesday, September 29 at the UIC Student Center West, 828 S. Wolcott, Chicago. Meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. and parking is at corner of Taylor Street and Wood Street.

UPCOMING

September

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

18 Faculty Advisory Council,
Spoon River College,
Canton

18 ISAC meeting, SIU
Edwardsville

18 ICCB meeting,
Kankakee Community
College

18 Newly Defined Principal
Preparation, Rantoul and
Bloomington

22 [College Town Summit '09](#) –
Controlling College-Age
Alcohol Use, Executive
Mansion, Springfield

29 Governor's Town Hall
Meeting to Save College
Scholarships,
UIC Student Center West,
Chicago

October

6 IBHE Meeting, Loyola
University
North Shore Campus,
Chicago

14-16 General Assembly
28-30 veto session

15 Student Lobby Day for MAP
funding, Springfield

15 DFI Board Meeting,
Springfield

[College football fans hear about saving MAP grants](#)

You can view President John Peters (NIU) talking about MAP at halftime of the NIU-WIU football telecast with Comcast Sports Net's Jim Blaney that took place live on Saturday.

Grant applications available on-line at IBHE

[Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program](#)

[**Currently accepting applications through November 6, 2009**]

The Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program provides grants to both public and independent colleges and universities and is designed to enhance public-private sector partnerships, expand internship opportunities, reduce student reliance on loans, encourage permanent employment of Illinois graduates in Illinois, and provide links between academic programs and employment. (Competitive program)

[The Nurse Educator Fellowship Program](#)

[**Currently accepting applications through October 5, 2009**]

The purpose of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program is to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher learning that award degrees in nursing. Awards will be used to supplement the salaries of the nursing faculty selected for the Fellowship. Participation in this program is open to Illinois institutions of higher learning with a nursing program approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Nominations must be certified by the institution's Chief Nursing Administrator.

[The Nursing School Grant Program](#)

[**Currently accepting applications through October 31, 2009**]

The purpose of the Nursing School Grant Program is to increase the number of registered nurses graduating from Illinois institutions of higher learning. The Nursing School Grant Program will award grants in 2 categories: Expansion Grants and Improvement Grants. Eligible nursing programs include Associate Degrees in Nursing (ADN), Registered Nursing to Baccalaureate Degree Completion Programs (RN-BSN), and Baccalaureate Degrees in Nursing (BSN). Programs must meet accreditation requirements and other eligibility criteria. Expansion grants and Improvement grants shall be determined in a competitive process and will be awarded on the basis of NCLEX-RN pass rates and other performance criteria. Expansion Grant funds may be used to hire faculty, develop new programs and increase classroom space to expand capacity. Improvement grant awards will be much smaller award amounts and may be used to purchase classroom materials, increase academic support services, or make curriculum modifications to increase retention and licensing exam pass rates.

[ARRA Workforce Investment Act Sector-Based Request for Proposal](#)

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is soliciting proposals under the Workforce Investment Act using ARRA funding to prevent dislocation, to support recovery in key sectors by accelerating investment in the skills of Illinois' workers, and to build upon regional sector-based initiatives. The four key sectors are Healthcare and Healthcare IT; Manufacturing; Transportation/Distribution/Logistics; and Green Initiatives. Pre-applications are to be submitted to DCEO by September 21 with full proposals submitted by September 28, 2009. Eligible respondents include public and private colleges and universities, community-based organizations, for profit and not-for-profit organizations, employers, industry sector associations, and Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs).

[ARRA Grant of the Week](#)

Recovery Act: Health Care Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are public entities or private nonprofit entities. Applicants must be legal entities and may include local Workforce Investment Boards and their One Stop Systems, Tribal organizations, education and training providers, labor organizations, health care providers, and faith-based and community organizations. The applicant must be the fiscal agent for the grant.

Description: The Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department) announces the availability of approximately \$220 million in grant funds authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Recovery Act) for projects that provide training and placement services to help workers pursue careers within certain industries. The purpose of the high growth and emerging industries grants funded is to teach workers the necessary skills for, and help them pursue careers in, health care and other high growth and emerging industry sectors.

Deadline: 10/5/09

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



[Intel honors Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy \(IMSA\) as 'Star Innovator' at Schools of Distinction Awards in Washington, D.C.](#)

Intel sponsors the Schools of Distinction Awards to honor schools for implementing innovative math and science programs and serving as models for other schools. IMSA was chosen among hundred of applicants who entered the competition, receiving prizes and services from sponsors with a cash value of the total award at \$277,500.

[Community college headquarters celebrates 'roof-raising'](#)

The Illinois Community College System Foundation formally kicked off a plan Friday to add two additional floors to the Harry L. Crisp II Illinois Community College Center in Springfield. The \$2 million project will make a total of four floors and a full basement area available to house the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, the foundation offices and the staff of the Illinois Community College Board.

College Town Summit set for Tuesday, September 22

Limited space is still available for this inaugural summit on controlling college-age alcohol use, being held at the Governor's Mansion. Visit www.DontBeSorry.org/Summit.htm to guarantee a spot at this important meeting.

[People in the News](#)

Black Hawk College Board of Trustees meeting, board members voted unanimously to appoint [Dr. Richard Underbakke](#) as the next president of Black Hawk College effective Jan. 4, 2010. Dr. Underbakke currently is president of Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Kansas.

Campus News

"Dr." Rocky says, "Stay Healthy!"

WIU's mascot, Rocky, is featured in a YouTube video describing how to prevent catching or spreading the H1N1 flu.

TCS awarded Learn and Serve Grant to help community agencies to pre serve services and build capacity

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCS) received a three-year Learn and Serve America grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to expand their approach to community engagement to working with agencies to define challenges and then create a plan for capacity building with students delivering research, training, and direct service.

News from Higher Education

College Enrollments Will Be More Diverse Over Next Decade, Report Says

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

The student body on American college campuses will continue to become more racially diverse, older, and more female over the next decade, according to new projections from the U.S. Department of Education.

Student Loan Default Rate Rises

(The New York Times)

Student loan defaults edged up to 6.7 percent last year, from 5.2 percent the previous fiscal year. According to the Department of Education, 225,300 borrowers of the 3.3 million borrowers whose first loan repayments came due between Oct. 1, 2006, and Sept. 30, 2007, defaulted before Sept. 30, 2008.

Dropouts Seek a Boost From Equivalency Exams

(The Wall Street Journal)

A growing number of Americans are taking high school equivalency tests in their hunt for any leg up in a bleak labor market.

College Isn't Just for 18-Year-Olds

(The Wall Street Journal)

Going back to college later in life is a great way to bolster a career, re-enter the job market or simply expand horizons. And it doesn't have to cost a fortune.

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