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[Quinn vetoes General Assembly scholarship reform](#)

Governor urges abolishing practice of legislators granting free admissions

Governor Pat Quinn has vetoed Senate Bill 365, which placed limited restrictions on Illinois' legislative tuition waiver program, and called on the General Assembly to abolish its practice of granting free university scholarships to selected constituents. He said the tuition waiver program is an unwarranted burden on cash-strapped universities, which must absorb the cost of the legislative tuition waivers during these harsh economic times.

[Number of MAPless students swells](#)

Demand for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) is increasing at an unprecedented rate. At the end of the day on April 18th, 2010, the approximately \$400 million --the amount that would be available for MAP in the 2010-11 school year under the Governor's recommended budget-- was all spoken for. This year over two hundred thousand students who are eligible for MAP awards [will not have the opportunity](#) to claim this help from the State of Illinois, according to recent estimates.



[NIU unveils plan for remodeled Cole Hall: Fall 2011 reopening planned](#)



DeKalb — Northern Illinois University has unveiled plans for a remodeled Cole Hall. When work is completed the building will include a state-of-the-art lecture hall, a new home for the NIU Anthropology Museum and a computer laboratory designed to cultivate collaborative problem solving skills. Work on the project is to begin immediately and the building is expected to be reopened in the fall of 2011.

[Study finds 'smarter cities' weather economic storms better and faster](#)

A new study by the Brookings Institution examines a variety of demographic trends in U.S. metropolitan areas, including higher education. Among the findings was that cities with higher proportions of degree holders are less affected by economic downturns.

"We're seeing that during the recession and the recovery, the places that were less affected and are recovering faster are the smarter places," Alan M. Berube, a senior fellow and research director for the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program, told the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. "The growing and economically successful places had above-average levels of educational attainment."

Among the study's other findings:

UPCOMING

May

25 Illinois Terrorism Task Force Meeting, Springfield

26 P-20 Council Meeting, Chicago

June

3 Community College Council of Presidents, Springfield

3-5 ICCB Student Leadership Institute, Springfield

4 ICCB meeting, Springfield

4-5 Illinois Community College Trustees Annual Convention, Springfield

11 SURS meeting, Chicago

21 IBHE meeting, Chicago

25 ISAC meeting, Palos Heights

- Americans are growing more educated, but progress appears to be slowing among younger adults.
- Smart metropolitan areas are getting smarter, faster.
- In every large metro area, educational attainment for whites exceeds that for both blacks and Latinos.
- Residents of older suburbs are more highly educated than other metropolitan residents.
- Throughout the country, more young people are going to college or graduate school.

[SIU Med School Publishes Annual SCOPE Magazine](#)

The seventeenth annual edition of *SCOPE* literary magazine has been published by Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Produced each year by SIU medical students, this edition of *SCOPE* contains 31 short stories, poems, paintings and photographs submitted by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the School. The issue was introduced during recent readings of the best works at the medical school and at the Vachel Lindsey home, both in Springfield.

Prizes were awarded to the top three entries in the categories of poetry, prose and visual art. The winners, selected by the editorial staff, received small monetary awards.



"The Dynamics of Hope," by Keith Jacobs, a MEDPREP student from Alameda, Calif., the second-place winner in visual arts.

[People in the News](#)

The University of Illinois has announced that its 18th president will be [Michael J. Hogan](#), pending formal approval by the Board of Trustees at its next meeting on May 20 in Chicago. Hogan would take office effective July 1.

Addison Woodward, professor emeritus at Governors State University and a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, has been named as a Commissioner representing Illinois on the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. He succeeds Lucy Sloan.

[Raymond P. Catania](#) has been appointed vice president of business and finance at St Xavier University. Catania most recently was Director of Academic Business Operations at Loyola University, and previously worked as business manager in Loyola's School of Business Administration and the Office of the Provost.

[Brad Bainter](#), director of University development and planned giving at Western Illinois University, has been named vice president for advancement and public services following a national search, effective July 1.

[Campus News](#)

[UIS launches a four-step program to increase employability for disabled students](#)

The University of Illinois Springfield Office of Disability Services is launching a program to improve the transition from college to employment for disabled graduates called "Journey2Jobs". The program will include a mentoring program, instruction on issues related to employability, and job-related volunteer service and internship opportunities. During development, the program will include 8 to 10 students each year starting in the fall semester 2010. Students will sign up for the program after their first year on campus.

News from Higher Education

[Duncan says for-profit colleges are important to Obama's 2020 goal](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

Arne Duncan, the secretary of education, expressed support for the role that for-profit colleges play in higher education at a policy forum held by DeVry University.

[Using data to drive performance](#)

(Inside Higher Ed)

ST. PAUL, MINN. -- Pockets of experimentation and potential change are cropping up all over the place in higher education. Here, it's the OpenCourseWare movement. There, colleges are adopting "just in time" remediation. And over here, some states are changing funding formulas to reward institutions for graduating students rather than merely enrolling them.



Commencement

White House Director of the Office of Public Engagement Tina Tchen will address [Knox College](#) graduates on June 5.

[Saint Xavier University](#) has announced the speakers for its 2010 Spring Commencement on May 16. The Rev. Michael M. Boland '82, administrator, president and CEO of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will give the Undergraduate Commencement speech and Jeanette Rodriguez, Ph.D., chair of Theology and Religious Studies at Seattle University, will deliver the Graduate Commencement speech.

[Lewis University](#) will award three honorary degrees at the May Commencement Ceremonies on May 15-16, recognizing the achievements of Dr. Paula Wolff, a highly regarded civic leader who is a Senior Executive at Chicago Metropolis 2020 and former President of Governors State University; Paul Pawlak, President and Chief Executive Officer of Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet; and Brother Neil Kieffe, FSC, a senior administrator at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land and former Chair of the Aviation Department at Lewis University, as well as Dean and Academic Vice President.

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