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[Board names Sevenser as interim executive director](#)



*Sen. Ed Maloney,
IBHE Chairwoman
Carrie J. Hightman,
and new Interim
Executive Director
Don Sevenser*

(Photo by Joe Davis)

Don Sevenser, the IBHE deputy director for external relations, has been selected by the Board to serve as interim executive director, pending the search for a permanent chief executive.

[Expert says community colleges hold key to attainment goal](#)

Davis Jenkins, senior researcher at the Community College Research Center at Teachers College at Columbia University, reinforced the societal benefits of postsecondary credentials in a presentation to the Illinois Board of Higher Education at its August 10th meeting at Northeastern Illinois University.

He noted that as four-year institutions become more and more selective in student admissions, the burden of meeting the educational attainment goals President Obama set for the nation will fall increasingly on the community college sector.

[Board approves Grow Your Own grants](#)

The Board of Higher Education has voted to allocate \$2.8 million to 16 consortia operating programs to prepare parent and community leaders and paraeducators statewide to become effective teachers. The program, previously administered by the Illinois State Board of Education, aims to train teachers for hard-to-staff schools and teaching positions where there are a significant percentage of low-income students.

[New dorm projects for NIU, ISU approved](#)

The Board of Higher Education has approved new noninstructional capital projects using an innovative private/public partnership for constructing new residences for students. Illinois State University will have approximately 800 new beds for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Northern Illinois University, which has employed the "ground lease" approach in the past, will have new housing for as many as 1,000 first-year students.

UPCOMING

August

30 Higher Education Finance Study Commission, Harper College, Palatine

Summit on Aging and Education

What: A conference to bring individuals of all ages together to solve problems through intergenerational partnerships. The focus will be on health and school dropouts.

When: Monday, September 20, 2010

Where: Illinois State University, New Alumni Center

Registration: Anita Revelle
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Poor planning

New study finds less than a quarter of student have plan to pay for college

A national study by Sallie Mae reports that few students and parents have a plan to pay for college – just 23% of students and 29% of parents said they had planned ahead for college expenses, according to a Gallup survey. Other highlights:

- 37% of families report using parental income and savings (largest source); 24% report borrowing by student or parent;
- 2010 shows an increase in the parental contribution from income and savings (primarily from current income, not college plans); and
- The proportion of grants and scholarships is level across family income levels (from less than \$35,000 to over \$100,000).



Off the MAP – eligible students for need-based grants, FY 2011



Diversifying Higher Education
Faculty in Illinois Program

A new 2010 DFI Directory of Graduates has been posted to the [Diversifying Faculty in Illinois \(DFI\) website](#). The Directory will be distributed to administrators and human resource personnel at colleges and universities throughout Illinois, as well as some state

agencies. The publication of this Directory is an effort to increase placement opportunities for Illinois Fellows. The Directory includes information such as degree pursued/obtained, area of specialization, graduation date, research activities, and post-degree employment/internship/post-doctoral history for graduates as well as current students.

People in the News

[Ed Gettinger](#), professor and chair of the department of art for 16 of his 20 years (1990-2010) at Western Illinois University, retired June 30. He has been connected with art administration for more than 30 years in his total of 44 years of teaching and supervision at every level from elementary school through college. He served both the National Council of Art Administrators (NCAA) and the Illinois Higher Education Art Association (IHEAA) for 20 years. He was a member of the Illinois Articulation Initiative Panel for art, and he served two terms of the committee to review and rewrite the Illinois art certification exam.

Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, has announced the appointment of [Dr. Nan Yancey](#) to the newly-created position of Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies at Lewis University. A faculty member at Lewis since 1993, Dr. Yancey has served as Director of the Graduate Nursing program in the College of Nursing and Health Professions for the past six years.

Four University of Illinois chemistry professors are among the 192 distinguished scientists elected 2010 fellows of the American Chemical Society. [Peter Beak, Theodore Brown, Jeffrey Moore, and Kenneth Suslick](#) were recognized by their peers for their outstanding contributions to the field of chemistry and to ACS.

Campus News

Symposium on serving Hispanic students scheduled

Morton College in Cicero, Illinois is hosting a Symposium, *Raising Expectations: Educational Strategies for Hispanic Students*, on August 19, 2010. The day will focus on helping Hispanic students meet and exceed their educational goals, and will be examined through presentations by and discussions with national and local leaders, faculty, and students. Participants include the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), and local community based

organizations. The Symposium is funded through the Department of Education Title V Grant; there is no charge for attendance. To register or for further information, contact: symposium@morton.edu.

[UIC College of Pharmacy opens new Rockford campus](#)

The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy opened its new Rockford campus during a ribbon cutting ceremony on August. 12. The regional site is housed in a newly-constructed 58,000 square foot addition located on the campus of the UIC College of Medicine at Rockford and includes classrooms, a library, patient counseling rooms and administrative offices.

[SIUC will train soldiers to assist Afghan farmers](#)

CARBONDALE, Ill. -- Roughly 60 soldiers headed to Afghanistan next spring will focus on farming, not fighting, after getting some hands-on training at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The newly formed Illinois Army National Guard Agriculture Development Team will learn about animal health, nutrition and handling; soil quality and testing; basic crop production; and forages and vegetables suitable for Afghanistan in workshops set for Aug. 17 and 18 at the University's farms. They will use this knowledge to help farmers in the largely rural, border province of Kunar in northeastern Afghanistan.



[UIS celebrates 40 years of achievement and service](#)

The University of Illinois Springfield is celebrating 40 years of history, while looking forward to educating future generations of leaders in government, public service, business and the liberal arts and sciences. The 40th anniversary celebration at UIS began this month and will run through January 2011 with a variety of special events to mark the occasion.

SXU awarded U.S. Department of Education Grant for Student Support Services Program

Saint Xavier has been selected to receive funding under the Student Support Services Program, a federal TRIO grant program administered through the Department of Education. The University SSP is intended to increase the graduation rates of students by enhancing academic support, connection to concerned staff, individualized counseling, and other activities designed to augment student academic skills. SSP is currently funded to serve 204 students. "This federal funding makes possible the continuation of vital services to many SXU students who really need them the most," said Saint Xavier President Christine M. Wiseman. J.D. Saint Xavier SSP students must be first generation (neither parent has achieved a bachelor's degree), low-income, or affected by disabilities.

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Not just a foot in the door](#)

(Inside Higher Ed)

When the first community colleges sought permission to offer four-year degrees, they generally said that it would only be one or two programs — nothing dramatic. But in Florida, where the community college baccalaureate movement is strongest, community colleges now offer more than 100 four-year degrees, and the figure could be about to jump significantly.

[Are graduates finishing what they start?](#)

(Chicago Sun-Times)

CPS graduates are heading in greater numbers to college, but questions persist over how many of the students actually finish with a degree. In 2006, research from the University of Chicago's Consortium on Chicago School Research concluded college graduation rates for all Chicago Public School freshmen were an abysmal 8 percent.

[Can college students learn as well on iPads, e-books?](#)

(USA TODAY)

Oklahoma State University professor Bill Handy has big plans for the Apple iPad this fall. If the text messages he has received since the school announced he would test the tablet-style e-reader in some courses are any indication, students are eager to get their hands on the devices, too.

[Kaplan suspends enrollment at campuses where federal investigators found recruiting abuses](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

Days after recruiting abuses at two of its campuses were highlighted at a Congressional hearing, Kaplan Inc. has taken the unusual step of suspending enrollment of new students at both.

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