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Performance funding advances in Senate



On a vote of 11-0, the Senate Higher Education Committee passed [SB 1773](#) this week, advancing key legislation aimed at linking state funding for colleges and universities to state goals for student success. Lt. Gov. [Sheila Simon](#) and IBHE Executive Director [George W. Reid](#) testified in support of the legislation, which is sponsored by Sen. Ed Maloney, chair of the higher ed committee. The measure directs the Board of Higher Education to develop performance funding metrics in consultation with higher education institutions and

stakeholders.

A second bill, [HB 1503](#), sponsored by Rep. Chapin Rose, is on 2nd Reading in the House. It also directs IBHE to develop a performance funding model for higher education to be incorporated into FY 13 budget recommendations.

In other legislative action:

- [HB 1079](#) (Rep. Rose) would limit requirement that universities list all equipment for the Department of Central Management Services to items above \$5,000, and also limit IBHE oversight of non-instructional capital projects to only those that involve state funds. The bill passed the House Higher Ed Committee, but Rep. Rose indicated he plans additional amendments.
- [SB 1883](#) (Sen. Maloney) and [HB 3382](#) (Rep. Rose) are companion bills that would require annual reporting to IBHE by universities of programs closed or showing trends of low productivity. Each bill also would exempt non-instructional projects below \$2 million from IBHE scrutiny. The bills passed their respective committees.
- [HB 1353](#) (Rep. Pritchard) prohibits a legislator from nominating a relative for a General Assembly scholarship. It passed the House Executive Committee.
- [HB 3219](#) (Rep. Pihos) was amended to require universities to report tuition increases and program closures; the information is to be disclosed on the IBHE website.
- [SB 122](#) (Sen. Sandoval) would include 1st-generation students in the data collected annually for the IBHE Underrepresented Groups report to the General Assembly. The Senate Higher Ed Committee passed the bill.
- [SB 59](#) (Sen. Silverstein) would require senior institutions to accept credits for transfer from a community college, if certain conditions are met, and to admit transfer students with junior status. It passed the Senate Higher Education Committee.

[Reid testifies on IBHE budget, performance funding to House committee](#)

Dr. George W. Reid, IBHE Executive Director, told members of the House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee that the state's ongoing fiscal crisis is taking a toll on colleges and universities. As of the end of February public universities and community colleges were owed nearly \$1 billion, plus an additional \$150 million for MAP payments. Reid also presented the fiscal 2012 IBHE budget recommendations, and noted that for the 4th year, the budget is presented in a series of investment levels, ranging from a flat budget in Step 1 to a 9.7% increase at Step 4. The executive director also commented on the growing momentum for performance-based funding for higher education

UPCOMING

March

18 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, Kennedy-King College, Chicago



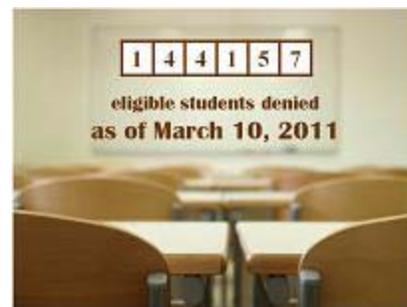
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and outlined several principles that will guide the development of the “budgeting-for-results” model in Illinois.

[March 20 MAP cutoff for next year’s students earliest in ISAC history](#)

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) will suspend awards for Monetary Award Program (MAP) at 11:59 pm, March 20th. The decision is based on the large early FAFSA application volume and expected claim rates. Prospective students who file FAFSAs after the cutoff date will still be considered for federal Pell grants and federal Stafford loans, so all students are still encouraged to file their FAFSA. However, starting March 21st applicants will essentially be on a “wait list” for MAP. If MAP claims for the first term are lower than expected, ISAC will be able to make awards to additional students. Following the trend of recent years, this is the earliest cutoff date in the program’s history.

[Off the MAP – eligible students missing out on need-based MAP grants for this school year](#)



[ISAC FAFSA Challenge](#)

Completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible is the first step for students and families to obtain postsecondary education financial assistance. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission will update weekly the number of FAFSAs filed by Illinois high school students, keeping track of the increasing numbers to reach the Goal for 2011-12 college year of 800,000 applications. To date, **311,163** applications have been filed.



[Securing Our Future: Strengthening the Latino Presence in the Academy](#)

On April 1, at Northeastern Illinois University Student Union, Chicago, the Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education’s (ILACHE) 19th annual professional and student development conference is being held, and the group’s strategic plan will be unveiled. The conference agenda also includes professional development workshops and forums that promote discussion and networking opportunities for educators and students. Students will also have an opportunity to present their research at the first annual Student Research Poster Presentation.

[Poshard recalls first five years as SIU president](#)

*By Codell Rodriguez
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CARBONDALE - Glenn Poshard has been a U.S. Congressman, educator, SIU Board of Trustees member and a soldier, but he said he feels the most pride in being SIU president.

Five years into the job and halfway through his contract, Poshard said he is proud of how much the system has grown since he took the position but is also regretful of how the Carbondale campus has shrunk in enrollment. Poshard said he takes every development at the university personally because of his history with the institution that started with him attending SIUC as a student in 1966.



[Registration open for Common Core Standards workshops](#)

The **Defining College and Career Readiness in the State of Illinois** workshops are designed to develop a shared understanding of college and career readiness among secondary and postsecondary educators who wish to learn more about curricular alignment and using Common Core Standards to support alignment activities. Representatives from high schools, school districts, community colleges and four year colleges and universities, interested in the subject areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies, are encouraged to attend. The workshops are scheduled during April at eight community colleges across the state.

[State policies regarding undocumented college students discussed in AASCU report](#)

American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) has issued a policy brief which discusses key elements and legal paradoxes that comprise the debate over undocumented student policies at the federal and state levels, especially as they pertain to college admissions and in-state tuition rates. Recent actions taken by states are discussed, as are the arguments for and against such measures. A review of court challenges to state laws offering in-state tuition to undocumented students is also provided.

[People in the News](#)

The Western Illinois University and greater Macomb communities mourn the death of WIU's seventh president, [Leslie F. Malpass](#), 88, who passed away in his sleep overnight (March 16-17) at his home in Durham, NC. During his 13-year presidency (1974-1987), Malpass emphasized faculty research, encouraged the publication of journals, sought private funding and promoted greater service to the region. He also supervised construction of the architecturally notable University Library.

[Lincoln Academy of Illinois' Student Laureates honored](#)



[Stephanie Romeo](#), [../Local Settings/Temporary Internet Files/Content.Outlook/Local Settings/Temporary Internet Files/Content.Outlook/3O4W5ASA/Jessica Wozniak](#) **Loyola University**, is a senior from Chicago, Illinois. Stephanie is an education major with concentrations in English, English as a Second Language, Reading, Science, and Social Studies.



[Stacey Slintak](#), Rock Valley Community College, is a student from Belvidere, Illinois. Stacey plans to transfer to a four year university and major in special education.



[Alexandra Williams](#), Lincoln College, is a senior from Lincoln, Illinois. Alexandra's major and passion is in music.

Editor's note: In the upcoming issues of [The Friday Memo](#), the Illinois Student Laureates from Illinois' colleges and universities will be featured in "People in the News." The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement, campus leadership and extracurricular activities among Illinois College and university seniors.

Campus News

[Eureka College groundbreaking for "The Ivy Project: Historic Campus Construction"](#)

Eureka College kicked off its \$11 million residence halls project March 11 at a ceremony at the site of a future residence hall along Reagan Drive. The ceremony included a groundbreaking for a 28,000-square-foot, three-story, \$6 million residence hall and the announcement of retired history professor Richard Sanders' gift to build the hall's atrium lobby. The ceremony also included announcement of renovations to four existing residence halls and the decommissioning of three others.

News from Higher Education

[Are "charter universities" the future of state-funded higher ed?](#) (Stateline.org)

On the face of it, the budget proposal that Ohio Governor John Kasich released looks like terrible news for state universities. Not only would Kasich's plan slash higher education spending by 10.5 percent but it also would cap tuition increases at 3.5 percent a year.

[An interview with Henna Virkkunen, Finland's Minister of Education](#) (The Hechinger Report)

It's well-known that Finland's teachers are an elite bunch, with only top students offered the chance to become teachers. It's also no secret that they are well-trained. How does teacher training in Finland differ from teacher training in other countries?

[American Council on Education and Pearson will redevelop GED as for-profit program](#) (Chronicle of Higher

Education)

The American Council on Education and Pearson announced that they will work as partners to redevelop and administer the General Education Development test, transitioning the service from a nonprofit program to a for-profit business.

[OPINION - What's missing from March Madness? Better academics.](#) (The Washington Post)

Ten years ago, the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics proposed that teams should be ineligible for postseason play if they failed to graduate at least half of their players. Today, more than 90 percent of intercollegiate athletic teams meet that minimal academic benchmark, with one notable exception: men's basketball.

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