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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Performance-based funding bill gets unanimous Senate approval

Describing his legislation as a “game-changer” for college students, Senator Ed Maloney urged his colleagues to support [SB 1773](#). They responded with a 59-0 approval of the measure to establish performance-based funding for higher education. A similar bill – [HB 1503](#), sponsored by Rep. Chapin Rose – earlier passed the House. Both bills direct the Board of Higher Education, in consultation with a broad array of higher ed stakeholders, to establish an outcomes-based funding design for colleges and universities and use it in developing the FY2013 budget recommendations for higher education.

Facing deadlines for passing bills from the chamber of origin, legislators ended the week before their spring break with lengthy sessions to send legislation across the Capitol rotunda. Among noteworthy higher education bills that have passed one chamber are:

- [HB 1079](#), sponsored by Rep. Sandra Pihos. The bill requires annual reports to the Board of Higher Education from public universities detailing new academic programs initiated, programs closed or consolidated, programs that show low productivity in enrollments and or degrees granted, tuition increases for the upcoming year, and cost-saving measures undertaken in the previous fiscal year. IBHE is to submit reports to the General Assembly. The bill passed the House, 110-0, and is sponsored in the Senate by Senator Christine Johnson. A similar measure, [SB 1883](#), sponsored by Senator Ed Maloney passed the Senate, 58-0, and is sponsored in the House by Rep. Fred Crespo.
- [HB 3220](#), sponsored by Rep. Bob Pritchard. The bill, known as the Accountability in Higher Education Act, also requires reporting by universities, but is focused on various metrics of performance, such as tuition projections, enrollment, retention rates, and commits universities to meeting state policy objectives as outlined in the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*. The bill passed the House, 102-0, and is sponsored in the Senate by Senator Maloney.
- [SB 1798](#), sponsored by Senator Maloney. The measure would exempt Eastern Illinois University from compliance with a 3% limit on discretionary tuition waivers for a four-year pilot period beginning in the fall 2012. The pilot, which is designed to assist middle-income students afford college, would sunset in four years and limit waivers to \$2,500 per student. The bill passed the Senate, 58-1, and is sponsored in the House by Rep. Chapin Rose.

UPCOMING	
April	
18	Common Core College & Career Readiness Standards Workshop, Joliet
19	Common Core College & Career Readiness Standards Workshop, Elgin
20	Common Core College & Career Readiness Standards Workshop, Oglesby
21	Common Core College & Career Readiness Standards Workshop, Palos Hills

Safeguarding student privacy

The U.S. Department of Education announced a series of initiatives to safeguard student privacy while also clarifying that states have the flexibility to share school data that are necessary to judge the effectiveness of government investments in education. Over time, interpretations of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA) have complicated valid and necessary disclosures of student information without increasing privacy protections and, in

some cases, dramatically decreased the protections afforded students. To help strike a balance between student records privacy and data availability, Secretary Duncan has taken the following steps, including naming a chief privacy officer, Kathleen Styles; establishing the [Privacy Technical Assistance Center](#); and issuing a series of [technical briefs](#) on data security and privacy protections. [Proposed regulations](#) giving states flexibility to share data are available for comment until May 23.

Student Advocacy Day at the Statehouse

Hundreds of Illinois college students came to Springfield on April 13 to meet with the legislators. The Illinois Community College Board's Student Advisory Committee (ICCB-SAC) organized a concerted message carried forward by the students, both in their conversations with legislators and their bright blue t-shirts: "College and Career Readiness--Helping Students Run the Distance." The Student Advisory Committee of the IBHE joined with the ICCB-SAC encouraging public university students to be in Springfield. Student groups from Eastern, Northern, Southern at Carbondale and Edwardsville, and Chicago State universities made the trip.



Morton Community College students outside Lt. Gov. Simon's office.



Students from John A. Logan College in *ICCB-Student Advocacy Day* attire

Illinois Public Agenda gets brand new brand

A new logo for the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success* was unveiled this week at the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting at Northern Illinois University in Naperville. The new emblem builds on the design of the Public Agenda and adds the slogan: "Many Futures, 1 Illinois," to signify the overarching reality and aspiration of the Public Agenda: the 2 states of Illinois – one well-educated and well off; the other undereducated and financially struggling – must be melded into 1 Illinois where all residents have affordable access to high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them for the jobs of the present and the future."



[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, **450,105** applications have been filed, over halfway to the Goal.



[Governor Quinn recognizes participants of the Illinois Innovation Talent Program](#)

On April 11, Governor Pat Quinn recognized students from 28 Illinois high schools for their participation in the Illinois Innovation Talent Program. Through the program, students team up with private sector companies or public agencies to compete and collaborate on real world, problem-based learning challenges. The program is designed to improve student achievement and increase college and career readiness.

[Register Now: Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium](#)

June 7-8 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington, the Illinois education research community will gather to hear from a panel about the P-20 Council, and speakers, Lorelle Espinosa, Institute for Higher Education Policy, Stephen Katsinas, University of Alabama, and Jeanne Burns, Louisiana Board of Regents, and have the opportunity to attend several workshop and poster sessions.

[April is Earthquake Preparedness Month in Illinois.](#)

The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut on April 28 at 10:15 a.m. is a major event for the month. The ShakeOut drill will involve 11 states and will be the largest earthquake preparedness event in Central U.S. history. The drill will be conducted to draw attention to the earthquake hazard that exists in Illinois and in other states in the region. The purpose of the ShakeOut is to practice how to respond during earthquake and to get prepared at work, school and home. Schools, businesses, government agencies, families and others are encouraged to participate.

[People in the News](#)



University of Illinois President Michael J. Hogan announced that [Susan J. Koch](#), Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Northern Michigan University will take over as the new Vice President and Chancellor of the University of Illinois Springfield effective July 1, subject to Board of Trustees approval

[Sterling Saddler](#), professor and vice president of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), has been named dean of Western Illinois University's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), effective July 1, according to WIU Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas.

Two University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign professors-[Anne Dawson Hedeman](#), in medieval studies and art history, and [Kenneth Suslick](#), in chemistry-have received Guggenheim Foundation Fellowships

A medical student at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine has been awarded a fellowship in the Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). [Alexander Claussen](#) is the first student at SIU to receive this award which was given to only 30 medical and dental students in the U.S. this year

[Campus News](#)

[HACU & SAC press for education funds in Washington](#)



On April 4-6th, St. Augustine College (SAC) joined members of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) in Washington DC to seek support for federal funding for educational programs, especially those affecting the Hispanic community. Pictured above: Andrew Sund, President, St. Augustine College; Suleyma Perez, Northeastern Illinois University; Illinois Senator Iris Martinez; U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan; Freddy Calixto, St. Augustine.

[College of Pharmacy ranks No. 3 in Federal research funding](#)

For the second straight year, the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy ranks third in total federal research funding, according to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. UIC received more than \$28 million in grants funded by the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies in 2010. "Our ranking from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy speaks to the intellectual talent and tireless dedication of our faculty, students and staff," says acting Dean Steve Swanson. "The breakthroughs that they make in their laboratories today will be taught in our classrooms and applied in our clinics tomorrow."

[Illinois State a top Peace Corps' Master's International school](#)

Illinois State University is ranked fifth in the nation as a Peace Corps Master's International school in the 2011 rankings of Peace Corps' Master's International and Fellows/USA Graduate Schools. Illinois State has 15 Master's International students currently serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, the highest number of Master's International students Illinois State has ever had serving abroad at one time.

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Leader reshapes City Colleges of Chicago, her alma mater](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

On the sixth floor of the administration building of City Colleges of Chicago, faculty, staff, and students pore over reams of journal articles and research papers, jotting down ideas in spiral notebooks. Large pieces of paper—remnants of brainstorming sessions—cover the walls. Occasionally someone speeds by with an open laptop nestled between elbow and wrist, headed to one of many meetings.

[Burden of college loans on graduates grows](#) (The New York Times)

Student loan debt outpaced credit card debt for the first time last year and is likely to top a trillion dollars this year as more students go to college and a growing share borrow money to do so.

[South Carolina moves to define performance-based funding formula for higher education](#) (Diverse Issues in Higher Education)

Shortly after taking office in January, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley met with presidents of the state's two- and four-year publicly funded colleges and universities to come up with a new, performance-based funding formula for higher education. She brought four performance indicators to the table: each school's graduation rates, the percentage of in-state students they serve, their role in state economic development and job placement of graduates.

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