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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House, Senate pass dueling budget bills

On Friday, the House passed [House Bill 3700](#), appropriating \$2.089 billion to higher education in fiscal 2012, a cut of \$34.7 million, or 1.6%, from the FY11 budget. The Senate also passed its own package of budget bills. On a vote of 31-26, the Senate approved [SB 2443](#), which contains \$2.064 billion for higher education, a reduction of \$59.6 million, or 2.8%.

The House budget reduces funding for public universities by 1.1%. It also cuts \$17 million from the Monetary Award Program (MAP), aimed at eliminating funding of MAP grants for students at proprietary institutions. A follow-up bill is planned to make the substantive statutory change regarding eligibility of students attending for-profit colleges to receive MAP grants. The House appropriations bill also cuts funding for the University Center of Lake County by nearly 42%.

The Senate budget bill cuts public university funding by 5%, community colleges by 4.4%, grants by 10.4%, and the University Center by 5%. Funding for the MAP program would increase by \$25 million, or the level recommended by Governor Quinn and the IBHE.

UPCOMING	
MAY	
18	House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, 9 a.m., Capitol, 118
18	House Higher Education Committee, 2 p.m., C-1, SOB
19	House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee, 10 a.m., Capitol, 118
20	IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, Kankakee

	HB 3700, HA 1 & 2		SB 2443, SA 3	
	Appropriation	Change from FY 11	Appropriation	Change from FY 11
Public Universities	\$1.29 B	(\$15.0 M)	\$1.24 B	(\$65.8 M)
Community Colleges	\$305.2 M	(\$250,000)	292.1 M	(13.3 M)
Adult Ed/CTE	\$50.8 M	\$9,200	\$50.8 M	\$9,200
ISAC	\$406.9 M	(\$18.2 M)	\$446.6 M	\$21.6 M
Institutional Grants	\$7.3 M	(\$270,000)	\$6.8 M	(\$790,900)
University Center	\$1.0 M	(\$716,000)	\$1.63 M	(\$85.800)
IMSA	\$18.2 M	\$0	\$17.2 M	(\$996,600)
Civil Service	\$1.2 M	(\$71,200)	\$1.2 M	(\$68,400)
IBHE	\$2.78M	(\$199,700)	\$2.81 M	(\$160,100)

[Reid keynotes planners conference](#)

Dr. George Reid, IBHE executive director, is the keynote speaker for the North Central Region of the Society of College and University Planning Conference today in Chicago. He will discuss the future outlook and major issues facing higher education in Illinois. The conference theme is "Challenging the Status Quo – Designing Collaborative and Integrated Campus Facilities."

On Friday, May 20th, Reid will be the commencement speaker at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills.

[USDOE hosts discussions on higher ed regulations and grant programs for completion in Chicago](#)

The Department announced its intent to establish one or more negotiated rulemaking committees to prepare proposed regulations under the *Higher Education Act*, as amended. On May 19, there will be a public meeting at Loyola University-Lake Shore Campus in Chicago. Also on May 20 at Loyola University-Lake Shore Campus, a policy roundtable discussion will be conducted to inform policy in the areas of college completion, teacher preparation, and the proposed "First in the World" competition. Individuals desiring to participate in the roundtable discussions must register by sending an email to HigherEducationRoundtable.2011@ed.gov.

DIVERSITY

[Don't just talk the talk on diversity](#)



The 11th Walking the Walk of Diversity conference will be held June 10 at Richland Community College in Decatur, with preconference sessions and conference reception on June 9.

Morris Dees, Southern Poverty Law Center founder and chief trial attorney, is the morning speaker. Dees, Joseph J. Levin, and Julian

Bond founded the Southern Poverty Law Center in 1971. Dees participates in suing hate groups and mapping new directions for the Center. The afternoon speaker, Dr. Dorothy Espelage, is a professor of child development and associate chair in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Espelage has presented hundreds of workshops and in-service training seminars on the prevention and intervention of bullying.

[Values, peers shape minority males' academic success, study finds](#)

For the U.S. to achieve President Barack Obama's goal of having the largest proportion of college graduates in the world by 2020, educators, policymakers and families will need to address the barriers that discourage minorities from pursuing higher education. A new study by Lorenzo DuBois Baber, a professor of higher education at the University of Illinois, sheds light on the unique challenges facing African American and Latino males.



COMMENCEMENT



[Chicago State's 348th Commencement](#)

Ceremonies will be held on May 19 at The Emil and Patricia A. Jones Convocation Center.

[Approximately 1,500 Students participated in Spring 2011 Commencement at EIU](#)

Commencement ceremonies at Eastern Illinois University were held on May 7.

[June Commencement at Governors State](#)

GSU's June 2011 Commencement Ceremony will be held on June 4. Educator and author Vivian Gussin Paley will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at the event.

[Illinois State University's 152nd Spring Commencement held, May 6 – 7](#)

Each college held its own ceremony and President Al Bowman spoke at each ceremony along with a student representative from each college. Approximately 3,468 students participated in Spring Commencement.

[Civil Rights Advocate Thomas Perez Commencement speaker at NEIU](#)

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree to Thomas Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, at the University's commencement exercises on May 8.

[Northern Illinois University Commencement](#)

Ceremonies will be held at the NIU Convention Center on May 13 for Graduate School graduates and Undergraduate ceremonies on May 14.

[SIUC Commencement ceremonies set for May 13-14](#)

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's commencement ceremonies are being held for 3,230 candidates for degrees including: 2,624 for bachelor's degrees, 437 candidates for master's degrees, 55 candidates for doctoral degrees, 99 law degree candidates, and 15 candidates for associate degrees.

[105th Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Commencement](#)

The Spring 2011 Commencement ceremonies were held on May 6 and 7, in the Vadalabene Center.

[UIC's 14 colleges and other programs held commencements and convocations honoring 7,000-plus new graduates](#)

In ceremonies held on May 7 and 8, commencement speakers included Arnold Relman, prize-winning science author and former editor-in-chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Terry Mazany, CEO of the Chicago Community Trust, and Christopher Kennedy, president of the Merchandise Mart and chair of the U of I trustees.

[Commencement ceremonies to take place May 15 at UIUC](#)

The 140th commencement of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be held in two ceremonies on

May 15 at the Assembly Hall. The speaker will be William M. Daley, the White House chief of staff.

[UIS to hold 40th commencement ceremony on May 14 in downtown Springfield](#)

Commencement ceremonies for the University of Illinois Springfield, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, in downtown Springfield. Of the 1,293 students eligible to graduate, 728 will participate in the ceremony.

[Western Illinois University President Al Goldfarb will present his final address to all graduating classes and confer degrees.](#)

Ceremonies recognizing the academic and personal accomplishments of Western Illinois University students and alumni will be held May 13 and 14 at the Macomb campus and May 15 in the Quad Cities during Western Illinois' Spring 2011 Commencement Weekend.

[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, **513,568** applications have been filed.



[People in the News](#)

Chancellor Rita Cheng named [John W. Nicklow](#) as Southern Illinois University Carbondale's new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. The appointment, effective May 12, requires ratification by the SIU Board of Trustees. Nicklow has served as interim assistant provost for Enrollment Management since June 2010. In that position, he is responsible for the offices of Undergraduate Admissions, Financial Aid, Transfer Student Services, Records and Registration, Bursar, and International Programs and Services.

[Campus News](#)

Twenty Rockford teachers to earn master's degrees with specialization in middle school mathematics

Three years ago, Northern Illinois University (NIU) received a U.S. Department of Education grant through the Illinois State Board of Education to launch a master's degree program with a middle school mathematics specialization. The grant helped create a partnership between NIU and Rockford Public Schools, whereby Rockford educators could enroll tuition-free in the master's program, one of the few of its kind in the Midwest. Now 20 Rockford teachers will be

among the program's first graduates. They will receive their master's degrees during the NIU Graduate School commencement on, May 13.

[Math lab could help with retention at SIUC](#)

About two dozen students in Morris Library may know that they're learning about math but they may not know they may be contributing to boosting SIUC's retention. The lab at Morris Library is being used for math classes as a pilot program to use technology to improve math performances. SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng visited the lab on Wednesday and said the lab is part of a mission to help students "have a positive math experience." She said the main reason students are leaving is because students have frustrating experiences with gateway courses. She said this approach can help students ease into college better and build more success in early math courses.

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Redefining Colleges' Costs and Benefits](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

When the Nexus Research and Policy Center set out to study the costs and benefits of a bachelor's degree, the results were perhaps unsurprising: the center, funded by the parent company and founder of the for-profit University of Phoenix, found that degrees are good for students and society, and that the education provided by for-profit and private colleges is a better deal for taxpayers than that offered by public institutions.

[State Higher-Education Leaders Join Push to Set College-Readiness Standards](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Public-school officials nationwide have been working for years to develop standards to ensure that high-school graduates are prepared for college-level work or to enter the work force. One problem has been, however, that until recently, people in higher education have taken a limited role in deciding what it means to be college ready.

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