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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[Performance funding measure passes General Assembly](#)

On a vote of 57-0, the Senate completed action on HB 1503, which will revamp funding of higher education, and sent the bill to the Governor. The legislation, which Gov. Quinn is expected to sign, was sponsored by Rep. Chapin Rose and Sen. Ed Maloney. It directs IBHE to develop FY 2013 budget recommendations for public colleges and universities based on performance measures that will be determined over the next several months. The bill directs IBHE to establish a broad-based committee comprised of representatives of the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, higher education institutions, state agencies, business and industry, and faculty unions to assist in developing performance metrics that will be used to allocate state resources. The proposal for performance funding emerged from recommendations of the [Higher Education Finance Study Commission](#).

[College planning act sent to Governor](#)

Legislation aimed at curtailing high school dropout rates, improving preparation for and participation in college, and ensuring low-income students have complete and accurate information about financial aid opportunities was approved by the Senate. HB 1710, if signed by the Governor, would establish the College Planning Program to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Bob Pritchard and Sen. Ed Maloney. The new program would rely on the existing [College Illinois Corps](#), a federally funded platoon of recent college grads who work with middle and high school students to help them plan for college and navigate the admissions and financial aid processes.

[Illinois submits grant proposal for college completion innovation grant](#)

The State of Illinois has submitted a proposal to qualify for a \$1 million grant from Complete College America (CCA) to assist with two major initiatives aimed at increasing college completion rates. CCA launched a Completion Innovation Challenge open to all states for ten \$1 million grants, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Innovation Challenge defines *completion* as the attainment of a college degree or credential of labor market value; it defines *innovation* as a new solution that is scalable and builds upon existing solutions to make a significant impact. Illinois' proposal seeks funding for assistance with implementing performance-based funding for public colleges and universities, and for transforming remedial education, both components of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*.

UPCOMING

MAY

- 20** Moraine Valley Community College Commencement, Dr. G.W. Reid, Speaker, Palos Hills
- 24** IBHE Proprietary Advisory Committee Meeting, Tinley Park
- Building Illinois STEM Pathways to College and Career Readiness for Manufacturing Programs of Study, St. Charles

JUNE

- 3** ICCB Meeting, Normal
- 7** IBHE Meeting, St. Augustine College, Chicago

LIBRARY SHELF:

Check out the Chronicle of Higher Education's list of new and notable books, which includes: *Shifting Tides in Global Higher Education: Agency, Autonomy, and Governance in the Global Network*, by Mary Allison Witt, assistant director for academic affairs at the IBHE. Her book, the Chronicle notes, "is a study of a partnership in engineering education between a large Midwestern research university and a university in Singapore, neither of which is identified by name."

K-12 education reform – what role for higher ed?

Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), last accomplished in 2002 with passage of No Child Left Behind, is a top priority of the Obama Administration. But where does higher education fit in? A policy paper from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) explores issues of college and career readiness standards, teacher quality and school leadership, and accountability for teachers, school leaders, and preparation programs as vital connections for higher education to be involved in the rewrite of ESEA.



Illinois Broadband Summit to focus on jobs, economy

Illinois School Superintendent Christopher Koch and SIU President Glenn Poshard will be among speakers at the Illinois Broadband Summit, scheduled for June 2nd at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The Governor's Broadband Deployment Council will kick off the summit with discussion of distance learning advancements made through broadband. The summit also will feature a presentation by the Illinois Virtual School to highlight educational programs available through distance learning. Representatives of K-12 and higher education will join in a discussion on how broadband can continue to improve educational opportunities.

MHEC issues call for programs addressing college readiness

Planning has begun for the 2011 Midwestern Higher Education Compact policy summit in Iowa City, where the focus will be on college readiness. Programs or initiatives from the MHEC region that address the issue of college readiness in one or more of three fundamental issues – academic, financial, and non-cognitive – will be featured. If you know of a promising practice in the region that is improving college readiness, please contact [Amber Cameron](#), MHEC research associate, at 612-625-4368.

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, **525,677** applications have been filed.



People in the News

State Rep. [Naomi Jakobsson](#), [Suzanne Morris](#), vice chair of the Illinois Community College Board, and [Dr. George W. Reid](#), executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education; have been named as new commissioners representing Illinois on the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. Rep. [Bob Pritchard](#) was recently appointed an alternate commissioner. Other Illinois representatives are Sen. [Ed Maloney](#) and IBHE member [Addison Woodward](#).

Santos Rivera, a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, participated recently in an invitation-only conference on immigration policy and higher education. The conference held May 16-17 in Indianapolis was sponsored by the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good and Lumina Foundation. The goal of the meeting was to assess challenges in federal, state and institutional environments and to determine a framework for action, integrating policy, practice, and public will.

Campus News

[UIS named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for third year](#)

The University of Illinois Springfield has been named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, one of the highest federal recognitions a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

[Illinois College honored for community service](#)

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) honored Illinois College as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of community service, service-learning and civic engagement. Illinois College was admitted to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

[Loyola receives Presidential Award for service](#)

Loyola University Chicago has received the Presidential Award in the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). This honor is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to community service. The CNCS recognized more than 600 colleges and universities for their impact on issues related to literacy, neighborhood revitalization, supporting at-risk youth, and more. Of that total, 511 were named to the Honor Roll, 114 received the recognition of Honor Roll with distinction, 11 were identified as finalists, and just six received the highest honor, the Presidential Award.

News from Higher Education

[Economic Troubles Reduce Pay for Recent Graduates](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

its common knowledge that the recession has hurt job prospects for college graduates. But a new study has found that when graduates do find work, their jobs often have little to do with their college studies, or don't require degrees at all.

[Quinn replaces ISAC Chairman Don McNeil](#) (Crain's Chicago Business)

Gov. Pat Quinn has named a new chairman for the state agency that runs the College Illinois prepaid tuition program, which is under investigation by the state auditor general for its investment practices. Kym Hubbard, treasurer and chief investment officer at Ernst & Young in Chicago and a former executive director of the Illinois Finance Authority, is the new chairman of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

[Report: Income Inequality Pose s Obstacle for Obama College Completion Drive](#) (Diverse Issues in Higher Education)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States will not reach the Obama administration's goal of becoming the most college-educated country in the world by 2020 unless the country eliminates the income-based inequalities that cause a gap in degree attainment between rich and poor.

[SIUC dean Karnes named to IBHE board](#) (The Southern Illinoisan)

Southern Illinois University Carbondale associate dean Allan Karnes was nominated by Gov. Pat Quinn to serve as a member of Illinois Board of Higher Education.

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