

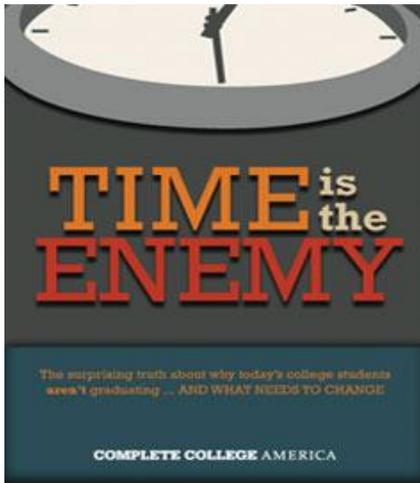
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[Barrier to college success: Life](#)

CCA report shows 'Time is the enemy of college completion'

Complete College America (CCA) has compiled data from 33 states, including [Illinois](#), to produce a report that paints - for the first time ever - a comprehensive picture of today's college student, the challenges students face and the barriers to completing their degrees and certificates. The main conclusion: "These historic data have revealed a common thread – and an animating principle to guide our work to boost college

graduation: The longer it takes, the more life gets in the way of success."

[Illinois Community Colleges awarded over \\$19 million for green job training](#)

A coalition of Illinois community colleges was awarded a \$19.4 million federal grant to create new green job training programs to assist economically dislocated workers. The funding will go to 17 colleges that are members of the [Illinois Green Economy Network \(IGEN\)](#), a partnership of 39 Illinois community college districts working to grow Illinois' green economy, provide new employment opportunities and foster healthy communities.

[Study reveals impact of recession on college spending: cost cutting, tuition increases, growing gaps, while institutional productivity shows promising improvements](#)

WASHINGTON – Analysis of revenue and spending patterns in higher education for the 1999 – 2009 period shows growing gaps between public and private institutions, with the public community college sector falling behind in efforts to meet enrollment demand in the face of deep budget cuts. The report – ***Trends in College Spending 1999-2009: Where Does the Money Come From? Where Does It Go? What Does It Buy?*** – examines national college spending and revenue trends in the years leading up to and including the beginning of the current recession.

[Work Study Program applications available](#)

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is seeking new applications for its Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program (ICWS) program to support student cooperative work study programs. The application for the FY2012 Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program is now available on the IBHE website. Proposals are due by November 16.

UPCOMING

October

- 1 IBHE Student Advisory Committee, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights
- 4 IBHE Board Meeting, Harper College, Palatine
IBHE Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting, Harper College, Palatine
- 6 & 7 Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education Conference, Chicago
- 24 IBHE Performance Funding Steering Committee, SIU-Carbondale

[WEBINAR: HIGH SCHOOL-TO-COLLEGE SUCCESS REPORT](#)



On October 11, from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., a webinar will be conducted to provide an overview of The *High School to College Success Report*, a tool that can help facilitate conversations and partnerships between secondary and postsecondary institutions. The report provides a snapshot of data and information about first-time, full-time freshmen students attending Illinois public universities and colleges. April Hansen and George Schlott from ACT, Inc. will present the report as well as ways to interpret and utilize the data. Reserve your Webinar seat at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/913636961>

[Reaching the Goal: Developing secondary and postsecondary alignment](#)

IBHE, ICCB, and ISBE are hosting four workshops throughout the state this November. These workshops will focus on Common Core College Readiness Standards and the *High School to College Success Report*, and will facilitate collaboration, as well as, further examine and identify collaborative opportunities between secondary and postsecondary institutions. Teams consisting of secondary and postsecondary individuals are encouraged to attend.

[To improve completion rates, community colleges need to help students "get with the program"](#)

Community colleges should focus more attention on helping students choose and enter college-level programs of study, suggests new research from the Community College Research Center (CCRC) at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Two studies from CCRC have found that entering an academic or vocational program is strongly correlated with degree completion, regardless of background or academic preparation—yet too many entering community college students do not get far enough to enter a program.

[2011 Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation Scholarships](#)

The Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation (ILLCF) selects deserving young people of good character and high academic achievement to receive foundation scholarships to help them achieve their educational objectives. This year, the \$2,000 scholarships will be granted to college students whose home residence is in Illinois and who are currently attending Illinois colleges or universities. An application form can be downloaded from the ILLCF web-site (www.illcf.org). Applications must be received by Oct. 21.

[Save the Date: 3rd Annual College Town Summit set for October 19](#)

The College Town Summit (CTS11) Task Force and Illinois Liquor Control Commission will host CTS11 on Wednesday, October 19, 10 a.m. in Bloomington-Normal. The summit is FREE and lunch will be provided. The CTS11 Task Force is comprised of key stake holders representing all sectors of Illinois' college towns and higher education communities. The group will meet to discuss binge drinking and the circumstances surrounding it. Topics to be discussed include celebratory drinking, the role of social media, how to work together to manage underage drinking, and related topics. [Register online](#) to reserve your seat at the table.

“QUOTABLE”

“We find it more meaningful how many students we have at the end of the year.”

Alice Jacobs,
Danville Area Community College
president, commenting on enrollment
trends.

People in the News

Telling the story of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's route to national recognition through its important achievements and milestones, [SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift](#) delivered his annual address on Sept. 28, and ended it by announcing his intent to retire at the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.



Making his first official college visit as Chair of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), [Alexi Giannoulis](#) spent time at Waubensee Community College's Sugar Grove Campus on Sept. 26. During his visit, Giannoulis talked to Waubensee students, administrators, faculty and staff, focusing on the ways in which Waubensee is working to make education accessible to all and the college's commitment to increasing degree and certificate completion.

[Illinois State University President Al Bowman](#) has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District V Chief Executive Leadership Award. Established by CASE in 1999, the award recognizes presidents for outstanding leadership and service in support of education and contributions to their institutions and communities that deserve exceptional notice and praise.

Campus News

[EIU offers new scholarship for students](#)

Freshmen and new transfer students who anticipate attending Eastern Illinois University (EIU) in the fall of 2012 will have the opportunity to apply for a new scholarship. "We're pleased to help students with a resource that makes earning a degree more affordable for Illinois students," stated Eastern President William Perry. The Panther Promise Scholarship will provide up to \$2,500 per year for eligible students.

[Oakton part of \\$3.5 million grant to develop national center to train supply chain technicians](#)

Oakton Community College is one of only five community college in the country partnering on a \$3.5 million grant project that will establish a National Center for Excellence in Supply Chain Technology. The College's share of the grant – \$160,000 over four years – will be used to disseminate best practices in supply chain technology education.

[ThyssenKrupp Presta Danville, LLC donates \\$20,000 to support DACC students](#)

Following a June 29, 2011 announcement to invest \$38.8 million in plant operations and create up to 100 new hourly and salaried positions in Danville, executives of ThyssenKrupp Presta Danville recently announced they will donate \$20,000 to the Danville Area Community College (DACC) Foundation in support of scholarships for students at DACC to promote manufacturing education.

[University of St. Francis officials discuss college completion with Lt. Gov. Simon](#)

Officials from the University of St. Francis (USF) were among those from South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium who met with Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon Sept. 21 during a stop on her "Complete College Tour." Simon met with consortium representatives to learn how its member colleges and universities work together to increase graduation and completion rates. USF Provost Frank Pascoe said traditionally 50 percent of new undergraduate students at USF are transfer students, and the number is rising. Recognizing such, the university maintains articulation agreements with 23 colleges across Illinois.

News from Higher Education

[Too many rules](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

After surveying more than 2,000 higher education officials about which federal regulations they find too burdensome, a federal panel now has its answer: Almost all of them. The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance on Wednesday released the preliminary findings of its Higher Education Regulations Study, which asked college officials from all sectors of higher education about which of 15 regulations they would change or eliminate.

[Education Dept. seeks dismissal of lawsuit over 'gainful employment' rules](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The Department of Education and Education Secretary Arne Duncan have asked a federal court to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the new gainful-employment rules, saying the department's procedures in adopting the regulations were "fully consistent with applicable law."

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