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[Illinois Board of Higher Education receives report from Performance Funding Steering Committee](#)

Meeting at Moraine Valley Community College on December 6, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was briefed on the progress made on developing a funding model for community colleges and public universities based upon degree completion. The Board heard from several steering committee members, including Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon, the Governor's point person for education; Julie Smith, the Governor's deputy director for education; and State Senator Ed Maloney and State Representative Bob Pritchard, key members of the General Assembly who sponsored the enabling legislation. Rita Cheng, chancellor at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, presented the recommendation of Principles adopted by the Steering Committee, which has met five times since July 2011. IBHE Deputy Director Alan Phillips, Illinois Community College President Geoffrey Obrzut, and Chief Financial Officer Ellen Andres presented the recommendation of the Metrics Formula. Michael Baumgartner, Vice President of Complete College America and a consultant to the Steering Committee, offered observations on how Illinois' progress compares to efforts of other states also implementing performance funding. As a result of the Steering Committee's work, the IBHE will include allocations to public institutions of higher education based upon performance metrics designed to promote and measure student success in degree and certification completion in budget recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly, beginning in Fiscal Year 2013.



[Student Success Center at Eastern Illinois University building a culture of success](#)

Featured as a Public Agenda Showcase at the IBHE meeting, Eastern Illinois University (EIU) staff, and students Jasmine Parks and Andrew Lutz, described the genesis of the Student Success Center, funded with a Title III grant, and its purpose to move students to good academic standing. Statistics shared showed that attrition for minority students has dropped to 20% in 2011, from nearly half in 2007. Students are enrolled in an empowerment course and receive strong faculty support for staying on track academically and achieving completion success.

[President Obama focuses on keeping college affordable](#)

President Obama and U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Secretary Duncan held a roundtable discussion at the White House on December 5, with a dozen college presidents and higher education leaders. Among those attending were Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation for Education, and Jane Wellman, Executive Director, Delta Project on Postsecondary Education Costs, Productivity, and Accountability. During the meeting, the President conveyed the urgent need to pursue bold and innovative solutions to help more Americans attain a higher education at

UPCOMING

December

12-13 General Assembly Session

14 House Elementary and Secondary Committee hearing, C-600, 6th Floor Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago, 10:30 am

January

27 ICCB Board Meeting, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

ISAC Commission Meeting, DePaul University, Chicago

February

7 IBHE Board Meeting, Kendall College, Chicago

an affordable price. Participants shared how they have worked to promote innovation, reduce costs, and increase productivity during a time of reduced funding for higher education at the state level.

[Use of race guidance](#)

On December 2, the USDOE released two guidance documents -- one for school districts and one for colleges and universities -- detailing the flexibility that the Supreme Court has provided to educational institutions to promote diversity. The guidance is primarily based on three Supreme Court decisions which specifically addressed the consideration of race by institutions. It provides numerous examples of options that schools, colleges, and universities can consider to further diversify or reduce racial isolation. In postsecondary institutions, race may be taken into account in admissions, pipeline programs, recruitment, mentoring, tutoring, retention, and support programs as efforts to achieve diversity.

[States could empower stakeholders to make education decisions with data ... but they haven't yet](#)

...according to the Data Quality Campaign's latest report measuring states' progress on the 10 Essential Elements. Thirty six states, including Illinois, have all 10 Elements as of 2011, up from zero in 2005. However states have not enacted the necessary policies to support effective data use, with no state having all 10 action steps in place. Illinois is reported to have accomplished four of the steps to date.

[Return on investment is real for high school graduates](#)

A new report on dropouts based on U.S. Census data commissioned by the Chicago Alternative Schools Network, and conducted by Dr. Andrew Sum and the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University, shows that dropouts nationally will be a net drain on the government, collecting an average of \$70,850 more in benefits, like food stamps, in their lifetimes than they'll pay in taxes. In comparison, the typical high school grad will make a net positive contribution of \$236,060 and a college graduate with a bachelor's degree will make a positive contribution of \$884,940. The report, *High School Dropouts in Chicago and Illinois*, is part of a series of reports commissioned by the Alternative Schools Network on the costs of dropouts and the benefits gained by encouraging them to re-enroll and complete their diplomas.

[Save the Date: ICBCHE Conference](#)

The Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBHE) Annual Conference is scheduled for March 12-13, 2012 in Springfield. An opening reception with legislators will occur on Monday, March 12 and conference sessions will be held on Tuesday, March 13. The conference theme is "Building a Consensus Agenda for Black Education: Steps to Moving Our Community Forward."

[ILACHE Call for Proposals](#)

The Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education (ILACHE) Conference will be held on March 23, 2012, at DePaul University, Chicago. ILACHE members, higher education professionals, graduate students, and other education professionals are invited to share their expertise at the 20th Annual Professional and Student Development Conference. Presenters will have approximately 60 minutes, including Q&A, to discuss issues regarding the higher education policy, leadership, access, retention, and success as it relates to Latino students, faculty, or staff. In addition, workshops that provide practical tips for succeeding in academe will also be considered.

[SURS conducting Board of Trustees election](#)

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) is currently conducting an election to fill three seats on their Board of Trustees. SURS trustees serve six-year terms and are either appointed by the Governor or elected by their peers. Two of the three available seats will be filled by participants in SURS. The other vacant seat will be filled by an annuitant. Application packets, including petitions, are now available.

People in the News.



[Ken Hawkinson](#), interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at Western Illinois University, has been named provost and academic vice president at WIU, effective January 1, 2012.

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



Ruthie J. Kahl, *Blackburn College*, is a senior from Bunker Hill, Illinois.



Kathleen M. Clemens, *Bradley University*, is a senior from Tinley Park, Illinois, and is majoring English and Secondary Education.



Aisha Lynn Williams, *Chicago State University*, is a senior from Chicago, Illinois, and is majoring in Biochemistry and Biology.

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

[Governors State to admit first freshman class](#)

A proposal by Governors State University's (GSU) Board of Trustees to add lower division programming to the

university's upper division and graduate offerings was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) on December 6. GSU will enroll its first freshman class in August 2014. "GSU's decision to admit freshmen beginning in 2014 is historic and transformative. By designing a state-of-the-art freshman program, GSU will increase its already significant commitment to the Illinois Public Agenda. For the first time in our 42-year history, we are now poised to serve Illinois as a full, comprehensive, regional university," said Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President of Governors State University.

[State releases funds for Spoon River College facility](#)

More than \$4 million from Illinois Jobs Now! capital funding plan has been released to build a new multi-purpose building at Spoon River College in Canton. The addition of a multi-purpose building will provide space for additional academic, athletic, and intramural programs for the college. The college's multi-purpose building is part of an initiative by the community college system started several years ago to replace temporary and rented facilities that colleges were required to meet programming needs.

News from Higher Education

[Cuts in state budgets threaten nation's college-completion agenda](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Cuts in state budgets are putting the nation's college-completion agenda in jeopardy, says a new report by the Education Policy Center at the University of Alabama.

[A carrot for college performance: more money](#) (NPR)

For a long time, most public colleges and universities have gotten their funding based on how many students they enroll: More students mean more money.

[Report: Cook County seldom prosecutes college-campus sex assault cases as felonies](#) (Chicago Tribune)

Cook County prosecutors seldom file felony charges against students accused of sexual violence on college campuses.

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