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*The Friday Memo*

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Illinois college students ask legislators to “Save MAP”



Students from Illinois community colleges and universities convened in Springfield this week to urge members of the General Assembly to invest in their futures through support for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants. On April 19, **Governor Pat Quinn** told several hundred students gathered at the Lincoln statue on the Capitol grounds that “...job-power follows brain-power...so encourage your legislators to support my

budget request for \$50 million additional funding for MAP.” The Illinois Community College Board - Student Advisory Committee and Illinois Board of Higher Education - Student Advisory Committee helped stage the student rally at the Capitol.

Also speaking was **Sen. Ed Maloney** (D-18) who is pictured above. Maloney chairs the Senate Higher Education Committee, and is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee that recommends MAP funding levels. **President Eric Radkte** from Prairie State College joined several students who shared their testimonies of how MAP funding has made it possible for them to attend college. Closing remarks were offered by **Illinois Student Assistance Commission executive director, Eric Zarnikow**. The student speakers were **Dama Calderon** from Joliet Junior College, **Josh Beneze** from Kankakee Community College, **Matt Hiser** from the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana, and **Lisa Wallace** from Governors State University. Wallace expressed her gratitude for MAP funding which help make her college completion possible. She said, “My concern today is that my children, you, your children, and fellow and prospective students may not have the opportunity to achieve their goals and dreams of obtaining a college degree and a great career due to a decrease in MAP funding.” Harper College student and IBHE nontraditional student board member, **Justin McDermott** served as emcee for the event. **Kayla Randolph-Clark**, Joliet Junior College Student Trustee, had lead responsibilities for organizing the day as Advocacy Chair of both ICCB-SAC and IBHE-SAC.

Students from Northeastern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, and Loyola University also attended meetings this week with their legislators to discuss funding for higher education. On April 25, the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities is holding their annual [Private College Student Lobby Day in Springfield](#).

UPCOMING

April

25 [House Higher Ed Committee](#), Room 115 Capitol

24-25 [The Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education Annual Conference](#), Springfield

26 [House Higher Ed Appropriations Committee](#), C-1 Stratton Bldg., Springfield

### [Eastern students come to Springfield](#)



Kaci Abolt (left), a junior communication studies major, and Jenna Mitchell, a junior political science major, at Eastern Illinois University (EIU) speak with State Rep. Chapin Rose in the Illinois State Capitol tunnel. The EIU Student Action Team traveled to Springfield on April 18 for its Lobby Day to promote funding for a new science building.

Rachel Rodgers | The Daily Eastern News

### [Measuring postsecondary success](#)

To provide a more accurate picture of student persistence and completion and address concerns from institutions about the limitations of existing success measures, the U.S. Department of Education has released an action plan to augment current measures of student success in postsecondary education. Graduation rate reporting now required for institutions of higher education will be broadened to include part-time and other students who have previously attended higher education. Current law excludes a substantial portion of the student population by only requiring that schools track graduation rates for full-time, first-time students.

### [Complete College America issues a report on remediation](#)

Describing remediation as a broken system, Complete College America's latest report, "Remediation: Higher Education's Bridge to Nowhere," provides documentation of unsuccessful student completion for many students who start out in remedial courses and describes new models for offering college courses with additional student support.

### [Governor's Award for Excellence in Education nominations sought](#)

The Award for Excellence in Education highlights the work of Illinois colleges and universities whose veteran's services go above and beyond basic services, and whose accomplishments in veteran friendly programs significantly impact the overall experience of the student veteran community. During spring and fall semesters, the State of Illinois will recognize a different college or university that contributes to the betterment of student veterans and their families across the state. The deadline for consideration for the spring 2012 award is **May 1**. For further information please contact: Joan Ryan, IL State Approving Agency for Veteran's Education and Training, 217-782-7838 or [joan.ryan@illinois.gov](mailto:joan.ryan@illinois.gov).



**Save the Date** for *Tomorrow's Teachers, Today's Standards: Summit on Integrating Common Core into Educator Prep Programs*, for Wednesday, June 6, at Parke Hotel, Bloomington, 10:00 am-4:00 p.m. Free of charge to participants, there will be presentations and discussions led by Dr. Rick Melmer (University of South Dakota), Dr. Tim Shanahan (UIC), and Dr. Mary Jo Tavormina (UIC). Deans of Colleges of Education, Deans of Colleges of Arts and Science, Education Department

Chairs, Program Coordinators, and Lead Faculty should plan to attend. Hosted by: Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Board of Education, and Illinois Community College Board.

## [FEMA is offering two free courses on "Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Higher Education"](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is conducting FREE emergency planning and preparedness training courses for higher education institutions. The courses are scheduled at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on May 22-24 and at National Louis University in Lisle on Aug 7-9.



College Changes Everything Conference SAVE THE DATE – July 12, 2012

Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, IL

Conference registration will be available soon. Watch for the announcement.

## [People in the News.](#)

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[Carolinda Douglass](#) has been promoted to Northern Illinois University's vice provost position, overseeing academic planning and development, effective May 1. Douglass is currently serving as associate vice-provost for academic outcomes assessment, and will replace **Virginia Cassidy**, who is retiring at the end of May after 13 years in the position.

The Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education (ILACHE) has elected new [board officers for 2012-2014](#): **Andrew Sund**, President, **Norma Seledon**, Treasurer, **Daniel Aranda**, Secretary, **Daniel López, Jr.**, Vice President of Academic and Professional Development, **Patricia Mota**, Vice President of Membership, **José Perales**, Vice President of Communication and Marketing, and **Leonard Ramirez**, Vice President Policy and Legislative Affairs.

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



**William A. Tabrizi**, *University of Illinois Urbana*, is a senior from Vernon Hills, Illinois, majoring in Accountancy.



**Laura A. Lins**, *Western Illinois University*, is a senior from Racine, Wisconsin, majoring in Athletic Training with minors in Chemistry and Microbiology.



**Graham R. Smith, *Wheaton College***, is a senior from Naperville, Illinois, majoring in Economics.

***Editor's note: This completes the feature of the Illinois Student Laureates from Illinois' colleges and universities honored for the 2011-12 school year. The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement, campus leadership and extracurricular activities among Illinois College and university seniors.***

## Campus News

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### [NIU students journeying to Washington, D.C., to promote science, engineering, technology](#)

A trio of NIU students is headed to Capitol Hill for Congressional Visit Days on April 24. The annual two-day event brings scientists, engineers, researchers, educators and technology executives to Washington, D.C., to raise visibility and support for science, engineering and technology.

### [Gale Scholars induction ceremony](#)

Fifteen Galesburg eighth-grade students will be inducted into the George Washington Gale Scholars Class of 2016 on April 27. The George Washington Gale Scholars program was established in 1996 and has been designated a "Best Practice" by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Association of School Boards. Named after the founder of Galesburg and Knox College, the program is collaboration between Knox College, Sandburg Community College, and Galesburg Public Schools District 205. The Gale Scholars program was created to encourage and support higher education aspirations and success in the target population of academically promising, first-generation and income-eligible youth within District 205.

### [150 years of serving the community](#)

Rockford Career College is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> year in 2012. This formal recognition of the College's sesquicentennial year will celebrate the graduates – past and present – and the significant role that the College has made in the growth of the city's business and industry. Rockford Career College ranks number five in the list of oldest business operations in Rockford and is the oldest college of its type in the State of Illinois. The Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities has placed Rockford Career College in the number seven spot in their list of the oldest continuous operating career schools in the United States.

## News from Higher Education

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### [For-profit colleges face limits on recruiting under Senate bill](#) (The Huffington Post)

The rapid growth of for-profit colleges over the past decade has been aided by billion-dollar ad campaigns on daytime television, the Internet and highway billboards across the country.

### [Colleges to prove worth for state funds](#) (St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

First their budgets came under the knife. And now the nation's colleges and universities are facing new scrutiny from legislators and governors who want assurances that scarce tax dollars aren't being wasted.

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