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House Higher Education Appropriations Committee wraps up testimony on Fiscal Year 2013 budget requests

ISAC Executive Director and advocates for MAP testify



Eric Zarnikow, new Executive Director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) came before the House Higher Education Appropriations Committee on April 26, to discuss the important role the Monetary Award Program (MAP) plays in moving towards Illinois' goal that by 2025, 60% of adults will complete a high-quality postsecondary degree or certificate. He cited that Governor Quinn's proposal to increase Fiscal Year 2013 MAP funding to nearly \$437 million will allow ISAC to serve about 175,000 students, compared to about 158,000 in FY 2012. Even at the higher level, ISAC expects to leave 100,000 eligible applicants without a MAP grant. Pictured

above, along with Research Director Susan Kleemann, Zarnikow discussed with Rep. Daniel Biss (D-17) policy options for increased access and student success for MAP students that could be addressed by a proposed task force called for in [HJR 81](#).

The Appropriations Committee ended its round of FY 13 budget hearings by receiving testimony from groups supportive of MAP and increased MAP funding: (pictured from left to right) Sara Labadie, Women Employed, Joe Ourth and Michelle Stipp Parzy, DeVry University, and David Tretter, The Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges & Universities. Labadie spoke of MAP's return on the state dollar. "The program's mission—to provide access to college for students with limited financial means—is noble, and the program has been helping students pay for college since 1967. Students with the lowest incomes typically face a number of challenges when entering college, and MAP helps to alleviate some of the financial issues they face. Investment in MAP must be part of the larger completion agenda in the State." Tretter concluded, "The multi-sector nature of the MAP program is a strength that should be embraced. If we expect to meet both the State and national 2025 goals on college completion, the Illinois higher education system will need to be hitting on all cylinders, and the MAP program is the fuel for that bus."



Legislation supporting college and career readiness in high schools progresses in Senate and House

[SB 3259](#) sponsored by Sen. Kimberly Lightford (D-4) creates the Commission for High School Graduation Achievement and Success to study the issue of high school graduation in this state, with the goals of increasing educational attainment,

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- 1 [Senate Higher Ed Committee](#), Room 409, Capitol
- 2 [House Higher Ed Committee](#), Room 115 Capitol

increasing high school graduation rates, and improving the workforce. It is ready for third reading in the Senate. Awaiting action in the House, [SB 3244](#), sponsored by Sen. Michael Frerichs (D-52) and Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D-83), calls on the Illinois State Board of Education to coordinate a review and development of middle and high school mathematics curriculum models relying on the input of representatives of statewide educational organizations and stakeholders, including higher education math faculty. The legislation calls for an evaluation process using state mathematics test results and higher education mathematics remediation data to gauge the effectiveness of high school mathematics instruction.

Postsecondary credential attainment: A return on investment

By 2025, the United States will need to produce about 24 million additional credentialed adults to remain globally competitive with leading Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) member countries. If the United States meets the 2025 goals, the average annual per capita income would increase by approximately \$1,400 in 2025, and federal revenues would be \$67 billion, about six times higher than the estimated costs of increasing credential attainment, which is \$9.8 billion. And state revenues for 2025 would be \$64 billion, which is triple the estimated state cost for increasing the credential attainment of \$21 billion.

To help policymakers and advocates understand where their state is comparatively and what it will mean to increase the number of postsecondary credentials attained, the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) have developed a **Return on Investment Dashboard**. Using Census Bureau, National Center for Education Statistics, and Department of Education data, this dynamic tool projects the short- and long-term effects of either maintaining the status quo or increasing investments and the number of credentialed adults in our economy.

[The Illinois Report and ROI dashboard](#) provide estimates that Illinois needs to produce an additional 595,296 postsecondary degrees and certificates by 2025 to meet the 60% goal. By meeting the 60% X 2025 goal, the state's revenues will exceed postsecondary costs by approximately \$1.3 billion. If the current postsecondary investment patterns of the State continued, Illinois' revenues would be about \$40 million below costs.

Building better broadband for Illinois



Last Call! The research initiative being conducted on behalf of the State of Illinois by the Partnership for a Connected Illinois is requesting Illinois educational institutions participation in research on the use and benefit from the Internet in educational settings. The survey results will help shape the future of high-speed Internet - also known as *broadband* – across Illinois. Please help make Illinois a leader in broadband service by taking a few minutes, before **April 30**, to participate in this important research for the state by completing the [Internet Usage Survey](#).



Registration Now Open for Tomorrow's Teachers, Today's Standards: Summit on Integrating Common Core into Educator Prep Programs, on 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. **Who should attend?** Four-year institutions—an institutional team of **four** members which may include dependent upon organizational structure: Education dean, Arts and Sciences dean, Education department chair/head, program coordinator(s), and/or a lead faculty member. Community colleges—an institutional team of **two** members which may include, dependent upon organizational structure: Education chair, Arts and Sciences dean, program coordinator, and/or lead faculty member.

[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.](#)

Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard has announced that [Julie A. Furst-Bowe](#) will serve as the eighth chancellor in Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's history. The selection is pending formal SIU Board of Trustees' approval at its May 10 meeting, and Bowe would officially assume her duties July 2. Furst-Bowe succeeds Dr. Vaughn Vandegrift, who is retiring effective July 1. Furst-Bowe has served as provost and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis., since 2005. In her role as the chief academic officer for the campus, she has supervised the academic colleges and the following units: Enrollment Services, Student Services, International Education, Stout Online and the Discovery Center: Applied Research, Economic Development and Technology Transfer.

[Lynn Pardie](#) has been selected to become the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS). The Provost is the university's chief academic officer, the second highest administrative position in the University. Pardie has been serving in that position on an interim basis since January of 2011. Pending approval of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees at its May meeting, she will assume the permanent position of vice chancellor and provost on July 1.

[Campus News](#)

[Summer opportunities for teachers at the University Center of Lake County](#)

Teachers who want to spend part of their summer strengthening their professional skills can choose from several special opportunities at the University Center of Lake County. Coursework is being offered by Northern Illinois University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Southern Illinois University Carbondale for graduate credit. Teachers who want to explore returning to school for one of the more than two dozen programs leading to a graduate degree or an additional endorsement/approval are invited to attend the University Center's Open House on July 12.

[Aspen Institute names top U.S. community colleges eligible for 2013 Aspen Prize](#)

The Aspen Institute identified for participation in the 2013 Prize 120 community colleges -- 10 percent of all institutions -- using a quantitative formula that assesses performance and improvement in four areas: graduation rates, degrees awarded, student retention rates, and equity in student outcomes. These colleges will now compete for the prestigious honor following a year-long research process into how well their students learn, complete degrees, and get jobs with competitive wages after graduating. Among the colleges chosen are Illinois Eastern Community Colleges-Lincoln Trail College, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges-Olney Central College, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges-Wabash Valley College, Lake Land College, Rend Lake College, and Spoon River College.

News from Higher Education

[City Colleges of Chicago graduation rate highest in 10 years](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Cheryl Hyman announced that the colleges will grant nearly 3,300 associate degrees in 2012 — up 32 percent from 2011, and double the number ten years ago.

[Obama and Romney agree on student loans. But where's Congress?](#) (The Washington Post)

In 2007, Congress passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which lowered the interest rate on federal student loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent. But the law was temporary: It expires this July.

[Will new funding rules improve dismal university graduation rates?](#) (TIME)

So many students will graduate from Slippery Rock University this spring that administrators have had to limit the number of guests each one can invite.

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