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General Assembly moves towards end of session: FY 13 budget, pension and Medicaid reforms dominate discussions

The House has adjourned and will return for the scheduled second to last week of the General Assembly session late Monday afternoon. The Senate is adjourning for the weekend returning on Monday also. The House Higher Education Appropriations committee is reportedly close to a final proposal on the Fiscal Year 2013, budget supported by both Chairman Ken Dunkin (D-5) and Republican Spokesperson Chapin Rose (R-110) and the committee members. Action is expected next week. The Senate Appropriations II Committee has not yet met in public session to discuss budget bills for higher education. Discussions between leaders of the four legislative caucuses along with Governor Quinn and administration officials continue on Medicaid reforms and budget cuts, pension reforms, and other possible revenue raisers, including gaming. Next Friday, May 25 is also the deadline for substantive House and Senate bills to be approved in the opposite chamber. Adjournment deadline is set for May 31.

College Illinois! ® Operations audit released

A Management Audit of the administrative operations of the College Illinois! ® Prepaid Tuition Program, covering a six-year period from FY2006 through FY2011, was recently released by the Illinois' Auditor General. In response to the audit report, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission has prepared a [statement to College Illinois! contract holders](#), a ["Frequently Asked Questions" sheet](#) and a [summary document](#) that details the actions that have been taken by the program to comply with each of the noted recommendations.

[Webinar on Illinois' performance funding model](#)

As part of its Peer Consultation Network (PCN) on Productivity, SHEEO, the national association of state higher education executive officers, has available [a webinar](#) on the new performance funding model in Illinois. Pursuant to new legislation, Illinois views performance funding as a valuable policy tool to help better align state funding of higher education with the goals of the State's Master Plan, the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*. The fundamental goal is to increase the number of completions with additional incentives for student success among underrepresented populations. Dr. George W. Reid and Dr. Alan Phillips from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) describe the pathway that led to the performance funding model for fiscal year 2013, and IBHE's next steps to refine the model.

[Public policy and foundation funding should support the intersection of college completion and quality](#)

In January 2012, the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) published a special issue of its journal, *Liberal Education*, featuring a series of articles about implications—intended and unintended—of [the Completion Agenda](#). AAC&U invited a [series](#) of national educational leaders and practitioners to comment on the issues raised. This fourth posting is by [Elaine P. Maimon](#), president of Governors State University.

[IERC 2012 Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium Registration is available online](#)

The Illinois Education Research Council symposium is scheduled for June 11-12, at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn and Conference Center. Please register by **Monday, May 21**. After this date, registrations will be accepted subject to space availability.

UPCOMING

MAY

- 22** [House Higher Ed Appropriations Committee](#), D-1 Stratton Bldg., Springfield
- 22** [House Higher Ed Committee](#), C-1 Stratton Bldg., Springfield
- 23** [Senate Higher Ed Committee](#), Room 409, Capitol, Springfield

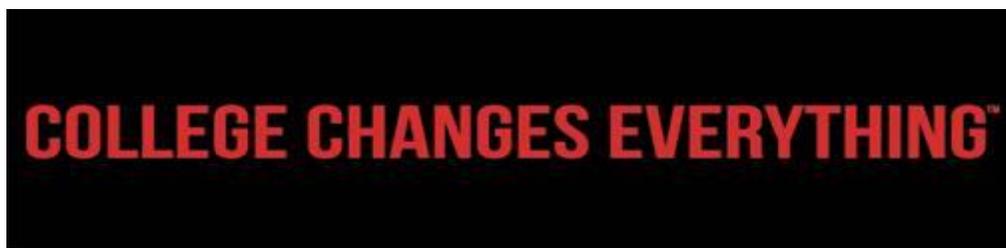


[Registration Now Open for *Tomorrow's Teachers, Today's Standards: Summit on Integrating Common Core into Educator Prep Programs*](#), on Wednesday, June 6, at Parke Hotel, Bloomington, 10:00 am-4:00 p.m. Free of charge to participants, there will be presentations and discussions led by Dr. Rick Melmer (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.](#)

[Warrick L. Carter, Ph.D.](#), president of Columbia College Chicago has announced his intention to retire in August 2013. Carter, who took office in 2000, currently has the longest tenure of any sitting college or university president in Chicago. To ensure a smooth transition between the current and future administration, Columbia College has hired Trustee [Warren Chapman, Ph.D.](#), to serve in an interim role as senior vice president. Chapman will begin his new duties on June 1, leaving his current post as vice chancellor for external affairs with University of Illinois Chicago.

[William T. \(Billy\) Clow](#), dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Montevallo (AL), has been named the dean of Western Illinois University's College of Fine Arts and Communication, effective July 6, according to Provost Ken Hawkinson. Clow will replace Sharon Evans, associate dean, who has served as interim dean since July 1. Clow has served as the dean and a professor at Montevallo since 2009. Previously, he was the interim associate dean of the College of Liberal Studies, director of the School of Arts and Communication, and chair of the department of theatre arts at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, as well as a professor.

[Kathleen Neumann](#), interim associate provost for budget, planning, and personnel at Western Illinois University, has been named as associate provost for budget, planning, personnel and technology, effective July 1, according to WIU Provost Ken Hawkinson. Neumann has served as interim associate provost since July 1, 2011. She joined the WIU faculty in 1995, as an assistant professor in computer science and was named a full professor in August 2004. She was named chair of the computer science department in December 2000.

Former Oakton Community College student [John Sullivan](#) co-lead the team of *Philadelphia Inquirer* reporters that won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service journalism on April 16. An Evanston resident who now teaches investigative reporting at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, Sullivan attended Oakton in 1989 and 1990. He served as the College's 2010 commencement speaker.

[Mark S. Luer](#) from the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy has been named associate dean for professional and student affairs. School of Pharmacy Dean Gireesh Gupchup made the appointment, which was confirmed by the SIU Board of Trustees at its regular May meeting last week on the SIUE campus.

[Rick Pearce](#), currently vice president for learning and student development at Illinois Valley Community College, will replace [Allan Saaf](#), Heartland Community College's vice president of instruction, who has been at the college in various capacities for more than 18 years. Saaf is retiring in June. Pearce has bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from ISU. He was named vice president at IVCC in 2009, and served in academic affairs at IBHE prior to joining IVCC.

Campus News

[Illinois College Advising Corps: ICAC's 1st Annual Financial Literacy Bowl](#)



On April 13, ICAC: Illinois College Advising Corps – the college access and success program of the Chicago, Springfield and Urbana campuses of the University of Illinois, hosted its 1st Annual Financial Literacy Bowl. The event was held on the campus of University of Illinois at Chicago with over 100 students in attendance. Now in its fourth year of service, ICAC's mission is to increase college attendance and completion by Illinois high school students, particularly those who are low income, underserved and first generation. ICAC advisers, recent graduates of the University of Illinois, are trained to work alongside Illinois guidance counselors.

The following Illinois colleges and universities have announced their commencement speakers for spring 2012:

[Governors State University](#) will award honorary doctorates to renowned glass artist Charles Lotton and Emmy-winning documentary filmmaker and journalist Laurens Grant. For the first time, GSU will host two ceremonies on a single day, May 19.



More than 800 students graduated from [Rend Lake College](#) on May 12, with 1,385 associate degrees and certificates. It was the college's 45th Annual Commencement ceremony. *FROM LEFT* are 2012 graduates *Mia Hodges* of Mount Vernon and twin brothers *Josh and Zach Kuberski* of Tamaroa.

[Saint Xavier University](#) celebrated its 2012 Spring Commencement on May 13, at the University's Chicago campus, with more than 800 undergraduate and graduate students receiving diplomas. Founder and Executive Director of Mercy Beyond Borders Sr. Marilyn Lacey, RSM, gave the Undergraduate Commencement Speech, and UCLA School of Nursing, Medicine and Public Health Dean Courtney H. Lyder, N.D., G.N.P., F.A.A.N., gave the Graduate Commencement speech. Both speakers received honorary degrees.

[Harper College](#) graduation will be held on May 20. [David Brooks](#), author and columnist for the New York Times, is the commencement speaker.

Wanted: Announcements of Graduation Speakers and Commencement Address Highlights

The Friday Memo would like to feature invited speakers and their 'words of wisdom' shared with Illinois college graduates this Spring. Please send your campus news to: Mueller@ibhe.org, Subject: **Graduation 2012**.

News from Higher Education

[The 100-day completion agenda](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

By the time today's infants are teenagers, the Lumina Foundation wants 60 percent of Americans to have higher education degrees or certificates. A noble goal, most agree, but one that won't be met next week.

[Slowly, as student debt rises, colleges confront costs](#) (The New York Times)

In a wood-paneled office lined with books, sports memorabilia, and framed posters (including John Belushi in "Animal House"), E. Gordon Gee, the president of Ohio State University, keeps a framed quotation that reads, "If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance even less."

[City to give \\$2 million to companies that hire City Colleges grads](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a \$2 million stipend for companies willing to hire City Colleges of Chicago graduates.

[The big idea that can revolutionize higher education: 'MOOC'](#) (The Atlantic)

In the historic sweep of technology, higher education stands apart as a bastion of old-fashioned thinking. But in anticipation that the information revolution is coming for colleges, Ivy League colleges are competing to create online classes without the Ivy League price tag and without the Ivy League admission hurdles.

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