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[IBHE Board meeting held at Chicago State University](#)



Chicago State University President Wayne Watson (pictured above) welcomed the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to the campus on Tuesday, August 7, where its August Board meeting was held. IBHE staff briefed the Board on various initiatives underway to continue pursuit of the implementation of the goals of the [Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success](#).

The staff's reports concentrated in the following five areas:

- 1) The development of philanthropic resources to assist college dropouts with retention, persistence, and completion of certificate or degree programs.
- 2) The assumption of IBHE responsibility for Private Business and Vocational Schools.
- 3) The effort to refine the Performance Funding Model in preparation for the FY2014 Budget Submission.
- 4) The building of an IBHE brand through professional brochures, an agency logo, motto, and other symbols.
- 5) A state accountability report for Goal 3 of the *Illinois Public Agenda* using the performance measures and benchmarks.

DCFS announces on-line training on child abuse and neglect reporting to Illinois' institutions of higher education

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is inviting all institutions of higher education to designate a training coordinator to work with the DCFS Office of Training to plan and implement on-line training support to each institution, for all campus and off-campus locations. This new opportunity for training is in response to the enactment of [HB 3887](#) (Public Act 97-0711) that amends the state's child abuse and neglect act to add personnel of institutions of higher education, as well as athletic program personnel and early intervention providers, to the list of mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect to the DCFS toll-free, 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE (22873).

UPCOMING

AUGUST

- 17 [General Assembly Special Session on Pension Reform](#)
- 28 Performance Funding Refinement Committee, IBHE, Springfield

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Performance Funding Steering Committee Meeting, Governors State University, University Park
- 25 IBHE Board Meeting, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove

In a message sent this week to the presidents of all public and private colleges and universities, DCFS is asking that each institution of higher education designate one person, preferably a member of the human resources (personnel) department, to coordinate the mandated reporter training of their employees with the DCFS Office of Training and Professional Development. The name and contact information of the designated person for each institution should be forwarded to the DCFS Office of Training at dcfstraining@illinois.gov. DCFS will work with that individual to plan and implement training and provide information and support to all institutions of higher education.

Governor Quinn signs legislation for extension on college dorm fire sprinkler systems

[HB 4757](#), sponsored by Rep. Don Moffitt and Sen. Ed Maloney, was signed into law on August 6 (Public Act 97-0899). This new law amends the Fire Sprinkler Dorm Act and allows colleges and universities to apply for an extension of the fire sprinkler system requirement in campus dormitories. Schools must submit a compliance plan to the State Fire Marshall by November 1, 2012, and must receive approval from the State Fire Marshall, in order to receive an extension of the requirement from 2013 to September 1, 2014. Violations of this act could result in fines not to exceed \$1,000 per day.

A summary of all higher education legislation acted upon by the 97th Spring Session of the General Assembly, including bills sent to the Governor for final action, is available [here](#).

[Simon sponsors education resolution at Lt. Governors' conference](#)

Lt. Governor Sheila Simon urged fellow lieutenant governors to make high school graduation and college degree completion a higher priority in their states. Simon presented the resolution before the National Lieutenant Governors Association's 50th Anniversary conference held in Chicago on July 19-20. On, July 20, [the resolution](#)--asking member states to collaborate with school districts, employers, and institutions of higher education to ensure that high school graduation rates increase and students are better prepared to enroll in college or enter the workforce—passed.

"Nationwide, we see a trend of high school seniors either not graduating in four years with their class, or graduating unprepared for college- or career-level work," Simon said. "This resolution aims to open a dialogue within and between states on how we can boost high school achievement, degree completion, and competitiveness in the workforce."

U.S. Department of Education focus on consumer information about college-going

On July 20, the Department announced a new, streamlined web site and several social media tools that will make it easier for students and families to navigate the financial aid process and make informed decisions about paying for college. [StudentAid.gov](#) is the initial step in a multi-phase project to offer a "one-stop shop" where consumers can access federal student aid information, apply for federal aid, repay student loans, and navigate the college decision-making process. Also, the Department has revamped its federal student aid-related social media sites, including Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/FederalStudentAid>), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/FAFSA>), and YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/federalstudentaid>), to provide more options for students to learn about student aid.

Then, on July 24, the Department unveiled the Administration's model financial aid award letter, known as the Shopping Sheet (http://collegecost.ed.gov/shopping_sheet.pdf). The Department partnered with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to develop the Shopping Sheet to promote transparency in student aid financial disclosures. The Shopping Sheet makes student costs clear up front -- before students have enrolled -- by outlining total estimated annual costs; how much grant money students will receive, and how much they may have to take out in the form of student loans; the institution's graduation and default rates; and an estimate of monthly loan payments after graduation.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the Department's Institute of Education Sciences (IES), issued three new postsecondary education studies:

- "Postsecondary Institutions and Price of Attendance: 2011-12, Degrees and Other Awards Conferred: 2010-11, and 12-Month Enrollment: 2010-11" (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2012289>).
- "Trends Among Young Adults Over Three Decades, 1974-2006"

(<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2012345>), describing patterns of continuity and change over time in four areas of the transition to adulthood: higher education enrollment, labor force roles, family formation, and civic engagement.

- “New Americans in Postsecondary Education, 2007-08” (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2012213>), describing the characteristics and undergraduate experiences of students who immigrated or who had at least one immigrant parent.

[More education, socioeconomic benefits equals longer life](#)

Despite advances in health care and increases in life expectancy overall, Americans with less than a high school education have life expectancies similar to adults in the 1950s and 1960s. The research, funded by The MacArthur Foundation Research Network on an Aging Society, examined life expectancy by race, sex and education and examined trends in disparities from 1990 through 2008. The study is published in the August issue of the journal *Health Affairs*.

["There are essentially two America's."](#) says S. Jay Olshansky, professor of epidemiology at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health and lead author of the study. “One subgroup of the population is highly educated, doing well, and they are experiencing a dramatic increase in life expectancy, he said. “Another subgroup of the population is less educated, doing very poorly, and experiencing a drop or only modest increases in life expectancy.” The researchers conclude that education and socioeconomic status are extremely important variables that influence variations in longevity. They suggest that one of the most important ways to address these large disparities is through lifelong education.

[Private Business and Professional School staff and former students needed for state advisory council](#)

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is accepting applications from owners, educators, and former students who are interested in serving on a new advisory council for Private Business and Vocational Schools. **Deadline is August 15, 2012.** The [purpose and description](#) of the council, as well as an [application form](#), are available on the IBHE website.

[People in the News](#)

[Ben Heineman](#), chairman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education from 1962 to 1969, a lawyer and corporate leader who took over railroads, created one of the nation’s first conglomerates, and became a close confidant and adviser to President Lyndon B. Johnson, died on August 5 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He was 98.



Two award-winning teachers were selected as grand marshals of this year’s Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade. [Josh Stumpenhorst](#), a sixth-grade language arts and social science teacher at Naperville’s Lincoln Junior High School, and [Annice Brave](#), a high school English and journalism instructor in Alton, led the parade on August 9. Both are immediate past recipients of the Illinois State Board of Education’s prestigious Teacher of the Year award.

[Jean V. Kartje](#) is the new vice president of Academic Affairs at College of DuPage. The Woodstock native has spent much of her career in leadership positions, most recently as vice president of Instruction at Kishwaukee College. She started her academic career as Residence Life director and Student Activities advisor at Barat College in Lake Forest, where she earned her bachelor's degrees with honors in Psychology and English and was the first in her family to attend college.

[Merrill L. Irving Jr.](#) has joined Oakton Community College as its new associate vice president of continuing education, training, and workforce development. The division serves 36,000 students annually. Irving, a Northbrook resident, previously served as chairperson for continuing education and professional development at Miami Dade College (MDC) Wolfson Campus in Florida. He received a B.A. in political science and an M.P.A. in public administration from West Virginia University, and his Ed.D. in educational psychology from University of Southern California.

Campus News

[SIUE Nurse Anesthesia Program awarded traineeship grant](#)

The Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded the Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT) program grant to the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Nursing. SIUE has received this grant for more than a decade and it is valued at \$31,122 for the 2013 fiscal year. The grant benefits qualified students in the SIUE Nurse Anesthesia Program by offsetting the cost of their training expenses such as tuition, books, fees or room and board.

List of Illinois Gigabit communities challenge applicants published

More than 40 communities, including **DeKalb (Northern Illinois University)**, are in the running for seed funding to build ultra high-speed broadband networks, according to a [list of applicants](#) published by the Illinois Gigabit Challenge Team. The Challenge will award \$6 million to the most promising private and public organizations seeking to build innovative broadband networks that will improve employment opportunities, enhance economic development, connect healthcare providers to their patients, and more.

News from Higher Education

[Duncan criticizes states as 'penny-wise and pound-foolish' for higher-ed cuts](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

In a speech at the annual policy meeting of the State Higher Education Executive Officers, Mr. Duncan noted that during the recent economic downturn, only four states have increased what they spend, per-student, on higher education. "Disinvestment is not the strategy that other countries are choosing," he said, comparing the United States' approach to that of China and Singapore.

[U.S. urges more attention to college transition for those with disabilities](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Students with disabilities have a more difficult transition to college and the work force than do other students, and the lack of coordination among federal agencies and programs contributes to those problems, the U.S. Government Accountability Office said in a report.

[Ministers With MBAs](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

When Steve Hoden was making a career change, from high school science teacher to pastor for the Evangelical Covenant Church, he chose a seminary not only for its denominational affiliation but also for the training it could give him in business.

[Scathing report on for-profit colleges hitting Career Ed, DeVry in wallet](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

The report said Downers Grove-based DeVry Inc. had among the highest bachelor's degree dropout rates at 56 percent. Schaumburg-based Career Education's was among the worst performing associate degree programs with a dropout rate of 62 percent.

[Higher education institutions are in deep financial trouble](#) (The Huffington Post)

A growing number of American colleges and universities are in real financial trouble, and Bain & Company says if trends continue we'll have a higher education system that won't be able to "meet the diverse needs of the U.S. student population in 20 years."

[Most Calif. for-profit colleges lose state grants](#) (The Sacramento Bee)

California's move to tighten eligibility requirements for its Cal Grant program will eliminate or reduce awards to 14,500 students, most of them enrolled in for-profit colleges such as the University of Phoenix, the California Student Aid Commission announced.

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