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The Friday Memo

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[Student Laureates honored by Lincoln Academy](#)



The Lincoln Academy of Illinois honored outstanding senior college students and one student from among all of the community college students in Illinois during the annual Student Laureate Convocation November 3 at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield.

The Lincoln Academy's Student Laureate Awards are presented for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities to seniors from each of the four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois. At the Student Laureate Convocation, each receive a Student Laureate Medallion, along with an honorarium check and certificate of achievement. This event marks the 38th year that students have been honored by the Academy.

"These students have exhibited a personal commitment to excel as seen by their remarkable academic accomplishments," said Thomas S. Johnson, Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy, who added, "They serve as role models to other Illinois students. With hard-working and dedicated young leaders such as these, Illinois and the rest of the nation can look forward to a bright future."

*(Editor's note: **The Friday Memo** will profile the Student Laureates in the months ahead.)*

[The FY2013 Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program request for proposals now available](#)

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is seeking new applications for its Illinois Cooperative Work Study (ICWS) Program to support student cooperative work study programs. Eligible institutions to receive grants are approved public and private, associate- and baccalaureate-degree granting Illinois colleges and universities. Application deadline is November 16.

UPCOMING

NOVEMBER

16 [ICCB Board Meeting](#), Crisp Community College Center. Springfield

[ISAC Commission Meeting](#), Harold Washington College, Chicago

[IBHE Faculty Advisory Council](#), Lewis University, Romeoville

16-17 [IBHE Student Advisory Committee](#), Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

DECEMBER

4 [IBHE Board Meeting](#), Adler School of Professional Psychology, Chicago



Illinois
New Teacher
Collaborative



[Registration for the 8th Annual INTC Induction and Mentoring Conference is now open](#)

The Illinois New Teacher Collaborative (INTC) Induction and Mentoring Conference is being held February 26 -27, 2013 at the Hilton Springfield. The conference will offer suggestions on how induction programs can prepare new teachers and their mentors for Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) evaluations. It will also offer ways to support new teachers using various frameworks of teacher development, including Danielson and the Illinois Continuum of Teacher Development. As usual, the conference will feature time to network and dedicated work time for programs, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions that provide insight into the various aspects of induction and mentoring. Along with standard conference strands, this conference will offer two special strands: one for districts that are starting new programs or are enhancing the current “buddy” mentoring process and another for small and rural districts.

Eleventh

Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium

Illinois Education Research Council

Researchers, practitioners and policy makers come together to share and learn about research being done to improve Illinois education from pre-K through higher education (P-20).



Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14, 2013

I-Hotel and Conference Center

Champaign, Illinois

Room Rates: \$130/night plus tax

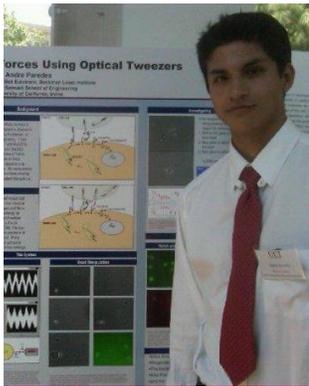
Call for *proposals* and *posters* will be issued in mid-January 2013.

Visit our website at <http://siue.edu/ierc> for upcoming information.

People in the News

[SPOTLIGHT: 2012 - 13 DFI Fellows](#)

Thirty-nine new Diversifying Higher Education Faculty (DFI) in Illinois Program Fellows were recently awarded a Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year. The purpose of the DFI program is to increase the number of underrepresented faculty and staff in Illinois institutions of higher education. The complete list of new and renewal Fellows by institution and program major can be viewed on the IBHE website at <http://www.ibhe.org/DFI/fellows.asp>. *The Friday Memo* will feature DFI Fellows throughout the year.



Andre Daniel Paredes is entering the 3rd Year PhD in Bioengineering (DFI Fellow 2012-2013, (1st year Fellow) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Born to two inspiring Mexican immigrants, Paredes has a Bachelor in Science (Bioengineering) from University of California, Irvine, where he was a beneficiary of the California Alliance Minority Participation Program. He is currently participating as a Research Team Leader in the Summer Research Opportunity Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, facilitating underrepresented undergraduate research and awareness to higher education. Additionally, he is a member of the UIC Bioengineering Student Journal, publishing and encouraging undergraduate and graduate student higher level academic writing.

Parades' project is interdisciplinary, collaborating with the University of Illinois Wound Healing Clinic, Applied Health and Kinesiology Department, and Bioengineering Department to investigate laser light principles in wound healing in order to design a powerful and cost effective treatment to chronic wounds and diabetes patients, many of whom are members of underrepresented communities. His goal is to move forward in the field of research with a Professorship at a reputable 4 year university in the state of Illinois to expand the knowledge and awareness that resides in biostimulation and other energy based signal transducing modalities.

Campus News

[Northeastern Illinois University celebrates ceremonial groundbreaking for construction of a new EI Centro Campus](#)

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) plans to construct a new NEIU EI Centro Campus and held the groundbreaking ceremony on November 8. After more than 40 years of serving students and the community in leased space, the Northeastern Illinois University EI Centro Campus will have a new, permanent home on the Northwest Side of Chicago.

Located in Chicago's Avondale neighborhood, this new campus facility will allow Northeastern Illinois University to significantly expand its academic and community programming. The location consists of more than three acres of land bordered by Henderson Street and Drake and Avondale Avenues. This site will house a 55,000-square foot, three-story facility that will be highly visible to the 460,000 vehicles that travel daily along the Kennedy Expressway. Juan Moreno of the Chicago-based architecture firm JGMA has designed the building.

[EIU commemorates Veterans Day with week of events](#)

A week-long series of events culminating with a Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 12, will bring educational opportunities for and about military veterans to the forefront on the campus of Eastern Illinois University (EIU). According to Stephen Knotts, EIU's coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services, "Veterans Week" will demonstrate both veterans' support and veterans' awareness. "We want to support our student veterans on campus by letting everyone know that they, too, are EIU," he said.

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs brought its mobile Veterans Center to campus, welcoming veterans to visit the center for information on such topics as veterans' benefits, counseling services and more.

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Record numbers of young Americans earn bachelor's degree](#) (The New York Times)

Although the United States no longer leads the world in educational attainment, record numbers of young Americans are completing high school, going to college and finishing college, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of newly available census data.

[A new student loan program launches](#) (The Wall Street Journal)

President Barack Obama's student-loan relief program is finally official. The U.S. Department of Education issued the final regulations for the new, more-generous student-loan repayment program announced by the president last October.

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