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[Governor's Budget Office projects higher education cuts](#)

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) submitted to the General Assembly on January 11 its [annual three year projection](#) of revenues, expenditures, deficit, and other general revenue fund liabilities through fiscal year 2016. A \$394 million projected reduction for education (not including pension costs) results in higher education and the preK-12 education budgets absorbing a 4.62% cut in the FY 14 forecast.

Although state tax revenues are estimated to increase by \$600 million, that growth will be offset by increased pension obligations of \$945 million in FY 14. Under current law, the tax rate increases expire after FY 14. This is one factor leading to projections for across-the board-budget cuts of 5.7 % and 13.6 % in FY 15 and FY 16, respectively.

[Moody's issues a negative report about all higher education institutions](#)

Released on the heels of a warning report last week about some higher education institutions, Moody's Investors Service has expanded its negative outlook to all sectors in an annual industry analysis outlining the pressures on revenue sources. The report, issued on January 16, discusses tuition, state appropriations, federal spending on research and student aid, endowments, philanthropy, and health care revenues, outlining the negative performance and funding levels in all the areas. "The US higher education sector has hit a critical juncture in the evolution of its business model," says Eva Bogaty, the Moody's Assistant Vice President – Analyst, who is the lead author on the report *US Higher Education Outlook Negative in 2013*. "Even market-leading universities with diversified revenue streams are facing diminished prospects for revenue growth."

On December 18, Moody's placed the long-term ratings of all Illinois public universities on review, citing the universities' dependence on state funds for operations, and the ongoing delays in payments of those funds.

UPCOMING

JANUARY

- 18 [IBHE Faculty Advisory Council](#), Loyola University, Chicago
- 23 [P-20 Council](#), Thompson Center, Chicago & Crisp Community College Center, Springfield
- 24 [ISAC Commission Meeting](#), Thompson Center, Chicago
- 25 [ICCB Board Meeting](#), Crisp Community College Center, Springfield

FEBRUARY

- 5 [IBHE Board Meeting](#), Kendall College, Chicago
- 11 **ICCTA Board of Representatives Meeting**, at Association of Community College Trustees' National Legislative Summit, Washington, DC
- 22-23 [IBHE SAC Meeting](#), Roosevelt University & UIC, Chicago

[Ernest Morrell inspires educators at IERC Board meeting](#)



Can hip-hop music, mock trials and community projects motivate high school students to find their voice and be more engaged in school? According to Dr. Ernest Morrell, director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Studies at Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City, that is indeed the case. Morrell was the guest speaker at a reception sponsored by the Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Morris University Center on January 9 and 10. Serving as an IERC national advisor, Morrell engaged the IERC Advisory Board in dialogue about education reform and focused on new models for administrative leadership in urban schools.

The IERC, led by executive director Janet Holt, Ph.D., conducts research on education trends in Illinois. It is advised by a board comprised of Illinois education researchers, education providers, state education agencies and other stakeholders. The IERC is administratively housed in the SIUE School of Graduate Studies and Research.

Colleges can raise awareness of earthquake hazard with the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is encouraging all Illinoisans, including Illinois colleges and universities, to participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut at 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 7. This "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill will be conducted simultaneously with other states in the Central U.S. to draw attention to the earthquake hazard that exists in Illinois and other states in the region.

To participate in the 2013 ShakeOut log on to the ShakeOut website (www.shakeout.org/centralus/) to register for the drill and obtain details and reference materials. If a college selects another day to conduct a "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill. Registration is still encouraged on the ShakeOut website. For more information, contact Kate Mackz at IEMA at (217) 785-9925 or kate.mackz@illinois.gov.

[Illinois Dream Fund Scholarships](#)

The Illinois Dream Fund, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, will be awarding scholarships for college tuition to children of immigrants who possess at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4 point scale (GPA must be from high school, if an incoming freshman, or from college, if a current undergraduate), and who resided in Illinois while attending high school for at least three years. Undocumented students are encouraged to apply. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the Illinois Dream Fund website: illinoisdreamfund.org. Applications are due by March 1, 2013.

People in the News



Dr. Michele Nealon-Woods, national president of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSP), a nonprofit graduate school devoted exclusively to psychology and related behavioral and health sciences, announces the appointment of [Dr. Patricia Arredondo](#) as the new president of the school's largest campus located in the heart of Chicago. She is the first Latina to serve in this prestigious role at TCSP. Dr. Arredondo, a licensed psychologist bilingual in English and Spanish, was formerly with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) where she was associate vice chancellor, interim dean for the School of Continuing Education, and professor of educational psychology. Prior to UWM, she served as senior vice president for University Student Initiatives and Student Affairs at Arizona State University.

Prairie State College (PSC) President [Dr. Eric Radtke](#) announced his retirement January 17 at the college's annual spring convocation. His retirement is effective August 3, 2013, allowing sufficient time for the Board of Trustees to conduct a search for a successor. "This is something that I have been planning for quite some time, I am retiring to spend more time with my family and to pursue personal interests," Radtke said.



[Therese Hembruch](#), a 7th Grade Science Teacher at Triad Middle School, recently was awarded a Peabody Energy Leaders in Education Award for the 2012-13 school year. She is a partner in the IBHE funded NCLB – Improving Teacher Quality project at SIU-Edwardsville -- *Students Learning Science through a Sustained Network of Teachers*. She received a BS in Elementary Education from SIUE in 2008 and was hired at Triad Middle School the fall of that year. As a trained dancer, Hembruch combines movement into her science, social studies, and English classes in an effort to support kinesthetic learners in her classrooms.



Illinois Math and Science Academy senior, [Carrie Sha](#) of Plainfield, is among only five from Illinois and 300 in the nation who were named Intel Science Talent Search (Intel STS) Semifinalists in the Annual Intel Science Talent Search. Often considered the “junior Nobel Prize,” the Intel STS recognized the most accomplished students and their schools for excellence in science and mathematics.

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



Blackburn College: Shawn Eric Watkins is from Virden, majoring in Business Management.



Bradley University: Cecil Starks-Blutcher is from Chicago, majoring in Political Science.



Chicago State University: Stephanie Michelle Sanchez is from Chicago, majoring in Occupational Therapy.

Editor's note: In the upcoming issues of [The Friday Memo](#), the Illinois Student Laureates from Illinois' colleges and universities will be featured in "People in the News." The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement, campus leadership and extracurricular activities among Illinois college and university seniors.

Campus News

[Governor Quinn appoints to Boards of Trustees at U of I and NIU](#)

Governor Pat Quinn announced on January 17 several appointments to the boards of two of Illinois' top universities. Former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Patrick Fitzgerald, is a new appointment. Governor Quinn re-appointed Dr. Timothy N. Koritz and James Montgomery to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. Koritz is a United States Air Force Veteran and serves as staff anesthesiologist at Rockford Memorial Hospital. Koritz was previously appointed to the board in 2009. Montgomery is a long-time Chicago attorney and has served on the board since 2007. Both are University of Illinois alumni.

The governor also announced three reappointments to the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees: businessman Robert Boey, who has served on the board since 1996; Dr. John Butler, a Chicago-area business consultant who is a NIU alumnus and has served on the board since 2007; and Wheeler Coleman, vice president and chief technology officer at Heath Care Service Corporation and former vice-president of the NIU Alumni Association, who was previously appointed by Governor Quinn in 2011.

[CSU President Wayne Watson receives first PUSH Excel Award for Education](#)

At the 23rd Annual PUSH Excel Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Celebration held on January 15 at the University of Illinois at Chicago Forum, Chicago State University (CSU) President, Dr. Wayne D. Watson was the first-time recipient of the Excellence Award for Education. The event raised funds for the PUSH Excel Scholarship Fund, that has provided more than 1,000 college scholarships totaling in excess of \$3 million dollars during its existence.

News from Higher Education

[Report: National pool of high school graduates to shrink, grow more diverse](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

With a predicted decline in the number of U.S. students attending and completing high school over the next several years, the nation's colleges and universities can expect to recruit among a smaller yet a decidedly more diverse pool of students, according to a new report.

[Want your kids to succeed? Don't pay for their education](#) (Forbes)

A new national study has found that the more money parents pay for their kids' college educations, the worse their kids tend to perform, at least when it comes to grades. According to "More Is More or More is Less? Parent Financial Investments During College," a paper by Laura Hamilton, a sociology professor at University of California, Merced, larger contributions from parents are linked to lower grades among students at a variety of four-year colleges.

[Deadbeat Illinois: Community college students suffer](#) (Springfield State Journal-Register)

Halfway into the state's fiscal year, Illinois' 48 community colleges should have received a total of \$168.7 million in state funding. They've received \$33.2 million. Put another way, state government has paid community colleges only about 20 percent of what they were due between July and December 2012.

The Friday Memo will return on February 1.

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