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[Governor Quinn's FY 2014 Budget: "The most difficult budget I have ever submitted."](#)

On March 6, Governor Quinn presented his fiscal year 2014 operating and capital budget proposal. The Governor's proposal focuses on addressing Illinois' rising pension obligations and reducing the backlog of unpaid bills. The Governor's budget fully funds the fiscal year 2014 statutory pension requirements and pays down \$700 million of the remaining \$7.5 billion in backlogged bills estimated in fiscal year 2014.

[The Governor's budget for higher education provides \\$1.9 billion in general funds, a \\$79.8 million, or 4.0 percent, reduction from fiscal year 2013 levels.](#) Under the Governor's budget, public universities are cut by \$60.9 million, or 4.95 percent overall and community college grants and initiatives are cut \$20.7 million, or 7.2 percent. The Governor's budget maintains funding for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) at the fiscal year 2013 level of \$371.3 million. The Illinois Math & Science Academy is cut \$817,600, or 4.6 percent, from the fiscal year 2013 level. The proposed budget eliminates funding for Nursing School Grants and Nurse Educator Fellowships, while providing new funding for the Illinois Longitudinal Data System to replace the anticipated loss of federal grant funds supporting this multi agency initiative. Funding for the Quad Cities Graduate Center is held flat while all other IBHE grant programs are reduced 8.9 percent. Finally, the University Center of Lake County, Adult Education and Postsecondary Career and Technical Education, and higher education agency operations all remain flat at the fiscal year 2013 appropriation level.

The Governor's FY 2014 capital budget plan pledges continued support for the \$31 billion *Illinois Jobs Now!* Capital program that was approved by the General Assembly in 2009. The Governor's FY 2014 budget proposal supports over \$1.0 billion in continuing re-appropriations for *Illinois Jobs Now!* higher education projects that have not been released, or that have only received partial funding. The Governor's FY 2014 capital budget plan does not propose any new funding for higher education capital projects.

High School to College Success Reports

The High School to College Success reports which provide information on high school graduates who enrolled as first-time, full-time students in one of Illinois' public colleges or universities in fall 2008-2010, will be posted on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's website on Monday, March 11, at www.ibhe.org. Included in this posting will be individual reports for each public four-year university with freshmen classes, and an aggregate state report. The High School to College Success reports serve as a valuable tool in informing high schools on their graduates' postsecondary success, as well as building and strengthening collaborative efforts between secondary and postsecondary educators, parents, and policymakers to increase student achievement.

The report series provides reports to public high schools, community colleges, and the four-year public universities. All reports are available to the public via the Illinois Interactive Report Card for public high schools (<http://iirc.niu.edu>) and the Illinois Community College Board website for community college reports (iccbdsrv.iccb.org/hscollegesuccess/home.cfm).

[College Fair for Chicago youth: still accepting colleges to attend](#)

On April 6, at the Lake Shore Ramada in Chicago, The Black Men of Honor College Fair will expose youth attendees (and parents) to information about best ways to research college/university options, college costs, and financial aid; tips on successful communications with admissions officers and planning campus visits; and things to know about campus life. Although the focus of this event is young African-American males, the 2013 Fair is open to women, students, and families of any race or ethnicity. The deadline for colleges and universities to request participation in the College Fair is **March 15**. Registration form is [here](#).

COMING

MARCH

- 8-9 [ICCTA Seminar & Board/Committee Meetings](#), Westin Hotel, Lombard
- 12 [Senate Higher Education Committee](#), 400 Capitol, Springfield
- 13 [House Higher Education Committee](#), 115 Capitol, Springfield
- 14 [IBHE-Proprietary Advisory Council Meeting](#), DeVry University's Loop Campus, Chicago
- 15 [IBHE-Faculty Advisory Council Meeting](#), Joliet Junior College, Joliet

APRIL

- 2 [IBHE Board Meeting](#), Elgin Community College, Elgin
- 3 [Veteran Students, Faculty, and Staff Training Seminar](#), Parkland College, Champaign

COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING

[College Changes Everything Save the Date: July 11](#)
[Seeking proposals, share your knowledge on college access and completion](#)

The third annual **College Changes Everything Conference** will be held on July 11, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. This one-day conference focuses on effective practices for improving college access and completion in support of Illinois' Goal 60% X 2025—an effort to increase the proportion of adults in Illinois with postsecondary degrees to 60 percent by the year 2025. The conference is attended by a diverse audience from across the State, including college access practitioners, high school and college administrators, and elected officials invested in higher education.

The conference is currently seeking proposals for sessions centered on knowledge and enthusiasm for college access and completion. Sessions should provide in-depth information, practical ideas, and specific strategies, therefore promoting positive steps that address these issues. For more information, [view complete details about the Call for Proposals](#) and submit proposals to isac.collegechangeseverything@isac.illinois.gov.



The Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education (ILACHE) will award a one-time [\\$1000 scholarship](#) to two eligible Latino/a students from Illinois. High school seniors and undergraduate students are eligible to apply. Selection will be based on careful review of the following areas: 1) campus involvement, 2) community involvement, 3) academic achievements and goals, and 4) career aspirations.

To be considered, an applicant must be an Illinois Latino/a graduating high school senior or a continuing undergraduate level college student and enrolled full-time during the fall term of the upcoming academic year at a four or two-year regionally accredited college or university in Illinois. Past awardees are not eligible. Complete applications with all the required supporting materials must be submitted (postmarked) by **May 1, 2013**. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. **Awardees will be notified by September 2013**. If awarded the ILACHE Scholarship, the recipient must send proof of full-time registration for the Fall 2013 term.

Search for ICCB executive director underway

The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) has established a special committee to conduct a search for its Executive Director. President Geoffrey Obrzut announced his plans to retire at the end of June, 2013. The search is underway and the Board expects to have a new executive director in place on July 1, 2013. Information about the position and application procedures can be found at <http://www.iccb.org/executive.search.html>.

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.



Lynda Gibson is a second year graduate student in the PhD Clinical Psychology program at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chicago. Currently, Gibson is at work in Dr. Joyce Hopkins' lab at IIT, which specializes in child clinical psychology and areas related to attachment, child development, and parent-child interactions. The completion of the doctorate degree is in collaboration with Dr. Alvin David Farmer, Jr. and Dr. Jaleel Abdul-Adil, focusing on the effectiveness of a family therapy protocol in reducing child disruptive behavior disorders. Also, Gibson is a clinical intern at Thrive Counseling Center in Oak Park, and has recently accepted a position with the Institute for Juvenile Research as a clinical researcher at the Urban Youth Trauma Center in Chicago.

She received a BA in psychology from Northeastern Illinois University in 2011; and was commencement speaker, graduating with Honors, Summa Cum Laude. She is an alumna of the McNair Scholars Program, which focuses on increasing the number of minorities in higher education, specifically, that receives doctoral degrees.

When Gibson completes her doctoral degree, her goal is to serve as a clinician, researcher, and in academia. As a researcher, she hopes to learn more about factors within the familial context that are contributing to behavioral difficulties in children. As a clinician, she plans to use an evidenced-based model to implement interventions focused on parent-child interactions, family functioning, and adaptive development throughout childhood. She will use the knowledge and skills acquired as a researcher and clinician to create an enriching environment in the classroom.

The Lake Land College Board of Trustees has announced that [Jonathan "Josh" Bullock](#) will be the school's next president, starting July 1. Bullock is currently the vice president for strategic advancement at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Prior to taking that role in 2008, he was the institutional research and institutional advancement partner at the same institution from 2002 to 2008. Bullock will replace current president Scott Lensink, who has served as president since 2007, and will retire with more than 30 years in higher education.

[Dr. Michael W. Redding](#), vice president for university relations at the University of Oregon, has been named executive associate chancellor for external affairs and government relations at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Redding, who will begin his appointment at UIC on April 30, will be responsible for relationships with external constituents of the campus, overseeing community relations, international affairs, public affairs and marketing, and coordinating those offices with development, alumni affairs, and access and equity.

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



Illinois Wesleyan University: Daniel Kenny, is from Bloomington, majoring in Environmental Studies and Hispanic Studies.



Judson University: Matt Langton, is from Marengo, majoring in Special Education.



Knox College: John Salvatore Cusimano, is from Tinley Park, majoring in Biochemistry and Music.

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

EIU “moves mud;” Clean Energy Research/Education Center advances

Eastern Illinois University (EIU) took the next step forward toward the construction of a much anticipated facility for its Center for Clean Energy Research and Education (CENCERE) with a muddy ground breaking ceremony on March 1. When completed, the 5,000-plus-square-foot building will house a research facility in which faculty and students can conduct hands-on investigations of biomass sources that may be suitable as alternatives or additives to the wood chips being used in Eastern’s recently constructed Renewable Energy Center. By studying the fuel characteristics of various biomass sources, students will gain a more integrated understanding of physics, chemistry, engineering, and technology.

News from Higher Education

Getting to the bottom of the \$10,000 bachelor's degree (Chronicle of Higher Education)

It's one of those YouTube clips that probably would have evaporated if it had featured anyone other than Bill Gates.

State higher ed funding support continues decline (Stateline.org)

In the past five years, state funding for public colleges has declined by an average of more than \$1,000 per-student, according to a report released on March 6.

Public-university costs soar (The Wall Street Journal)

Tuition at public colleges jumped last year by a record amount as state governments slashed school funding, the latest sign of strain in the U.S. higher-education sector.

Students squeezed as Illinois college costs rise, aid drops (Daily Herald)

Joe Riddle is poised to take on the working world.

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