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[Illinois Office of Tourism solicits great travel moments in Illinois...including on college campuses](#)

The Illinois Office of Tourism is encouraging people to share their greatest travel moments in Illinois, through the **Magnificent Stuff** campaign. Starting on May 6, participants can submit their favorite photos and videos via the [Enjoy Illinois Facebook Page](#), for a chance to have their “stuff” featured in an Illinois advertisement later this summer. The Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board are members of the Illinois Tourism Coordinating Committee and are working to assist in getting additional information about events and tourism sites at Illinois college campuses included in Illinois tourism materials.

The **Magnificent Stuff** campaign is an excellent way to show first-hand what makes an Illinois getaway so memorable by highlighting the real stories and memories of Illinois’ visitors, including those who visit and tour college campuses.

U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) identifies rulemaking topics on higher education and workforce preparation

The USDOE [announced](#) it will begin conversations with the higher education community on rules that would be designed to ensure colleges and universities are providing students a high-quality education that prepares them for the workforce and lifelong success. It is considering adding the following topics to the regulatory agenda:

- Cash management
- State authorization for distance education programs
- State authorization for foreign locations of domestic institutions
- Clock to credit hour conversion
- Gainful employment
- Campus safety and security reporting
- Definition of “adverse credit” for the Direct PLUS loan program

[Hearings on these subjects](#) will be held in May in San Francisco, Minneapolis, and Washington, D.C. Based on comments at these hearings, the Department will draft a list of topics to be considered by rulemaking committees. Negotiations would likely begin this fall.

In related news, the Departments of Education and Labor [announced](#) the availability of \$474.5 million to create and expand innovative partnerships between community colleges and businesses to educate and train workers with the skills employers need. This is the third round of funding since 2009, under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) [Community College and Career Training grant program](#), for a total of nearly \$1.5 billion. The program is one component of President Obama’s plan to help every American achieve at least one year of postsecondary education and for the country to have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world by 2020.

UPCOMING

MAY

7 [Senate Higher Ed Committee](#),
Room 400, Capitol,
Springfield

8 **Performance Funding
Steering Committee
Meeting**, Heartland
Community College,
Normal

[House Higher Ed
Committee](#), Room C-1
Stratton Bldg., Springfield

Illinois Cooperative Education & Internship Association Annual Drive-In Conference



Brandon Taylor, Malaika McCoy, Faya Shiv, Brittany K. Repak, and Justin Shea, interns with the Lake County Probation Office

At the [Illinois Academic Advising Association](#) meeting at Illinois State University on April 26, cooperative education and internship experiences were discussed. Topics included Generation Y Capabilities; Needs and Employers; Working with Faculty and Alumni to Prep for High Profile Internship Opportunities; Labor Laws with respect to Unpaid Internships and Background Checks; and Involving Faculty in the Internship Process. Interns supported by the [Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program](#) were in attendance. A group of interns from the Lake County Adult Probation Office presented an interesting presentation: "A winning combination: A look into an integrated approach to bridging the gap using Pechakucha 20X20."

ICCB is extending the deadline for presentation proposal for the Forum for Excellence!

The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) invites colleges and other CTE stakeholders to submit a request for presentation for the 2013 Forum for Excellence. Applications are **due by May 15**. The conference is scheduled for September 26-27, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in East Peoria.

Strands for the 2013 Forum include:

- Accountability/Data
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- College and Career Readiness
- Dual Credit
- Nontraditional Initiatives
- PTR: Continuous Improvement
- Professional Development
- Programs of Study: Development and Implementation
- Student Transition

The presentation application can be found at <http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/forum/index.html>

Eleventh Annual IERC Symposium

The 2013 Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium [registration material](#) and [registration form](#) are now available. Sponsored by the Illinois Educational Research Council (IERC), the Symposium is scheduled for June 13-14, and will be held at the I-Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. Registrations are **due by May 24**.

In case you missed this week's Tweets...*



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People in the News



The Prairie State College (PSC) Board of Trustees has selected [Terri Winfree, Ph.D.](#), to serve as the college's 14th president. The announcement was made following the Board's April board meeting on Tuesday, April 30. She will start her new position as PSC president on May 19. For Winfree, it is yet another "first" she has achieved since starting at PSC as a part-time student. She is the first woman president of the college, the first PSC graduate to be named president, and the first person in her family to attend college. After graduating from PSC with an Associate Degree in General Studies in 1996, she received her Bachelor of Arts in 1998 and Master of Arts in 2000, from Governors State University. In 2012, she obtained her Ph.D. in Education and Human Resources from Colorado State University.

Rock Valley College student [Abby Becker](#) is one of only eight community college students selected from around the Country to participate in Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), a ten-week NSF (National Science Foundation) -funded research training opportunity created specifically for community college students in physics and astronomy.

Northeastern Illinois University student [Arbnora \("Nora"\) Mena](#) has been appointed to the University Center of Lake County's Governing Board to represent the Center's Student Advisory Council. Mena, a Lake Villa resident, is an undergraduate student majoring in Psychology. She anticipates finishing her degree in the Spring of 2014.

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



Principia College: Shelby Ann Lemons is from Carmel, Indiana, majoring in Political Science, Sociology/Anthropology, and Spanish.



Quincy University: Lauren M. Stephans is from Batavia, majoring in Communications with a minor in Marketing.



Rockford College: Brittany Adelle Salvador is from Oregon, Illinois, majoring in Psychology.

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](#)

Commencement announcements for Illinois colleges and universities

- ❖ More than 1,600 graduating students plan to participate in [commencement ceremonies](#) at Eastern Illinois University on Saturday, May 4. Ceremonies will take place at 9:00 a.m., Noon, 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. in Lantz Arena.
- ❖ Ceremonies recognizing the academic and personal accomplishments of Western Illinois University students and alumni will be held Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, in Macomb and Sunday, May 12, in the Quad Cities during Western Illinois' 2013 [Spring Commencement Weekend](#).

- ❖ The [142nd commencement](#) of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be held in two ceremonies on Sunday, May 12, at State Farm Center (formerly Assembly Hall), 1800 S. First St., Champaign. University of Illinois alumnus Shahid Khan, an entrepreneur who got his start at Urbana's Flex-N-Gate Automotive Supply Company, will speak at both ceremonies.
- ❖ Northeastern Illinois University has announced Donna Brazile, vice president of voter registration and participation at the Democratic National Committee, as the speaker for the institution's May 2013, [commencement ceremony](#). The commencement ceremony for Northeastern Illinois University will take place at the UIC Pavillion, 525 S. Racine Ave. in Chicago on Monday, May 13, at 4:00 p.m.

News from Higher Education

[Durbin wants full disclosure on student loans for college-bound seniors](#) (Belleville News-Democrat)

College-bound students should get full disclosure in the loans they are considering before they sign away their futures, according to U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin.

[Why these scholarship dreams are being deferred](#) (Crain's Chicago Business)

An innovative, privately funded state program to help children of undocumented immigrants go to college has postponed its first round of scholarships as it scrambles to raise money.

[Almost half of college grads need more to be career-ready](#) (Chicago Tribune)

More than 40 percent of recent college graduates in the U.S. is either working at jobs that don't require a degree or need more training to attain the career they want, according to a recently released poll.

[Same-sex and unmarried parents' assets and income will be considered on FAFSA](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

For the first time since the creation of the federal student-aid system, the income and assets of all of a would-be borrower's legal parents will be counted in the government's calculation of the student's need.

[No rich child left behind](#) (The New York Times)

Here's a fact that may not surprise you: the children of the rich perform better in school, on average, than children from middle-class or poor families.

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