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**Condition of education in the United States**

On May 23, the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), released "[The Condition of Education 2013](#)," a Congressionally mandated report to the Country on education in America today. The report presents 42 indicators grouped under four areas: population characteristics, participation in education, elementary and secondary education, and postsecondary education. The report also spotlights some areas of interest: trends in employment rates by educational attainment, kindergarten entry status (on-time, delayed-entry, and repeating kindergartners), the status of rural education, and financing higher education.

Also, a new NCES [report on postsecondary institutions](#) presents key data on price of attendance in 2012-13, and enrollment, degrees, and other awards conferred in 2011-12.

**Time to register for 3<sup>rd</sup> annual statewide College Changes Everything Conference: Filling up fast!**

UPCOMING	
MAY	
28	<a href="#">House Appropriations-Higher Ed Committee</a> , Room 114, Capitol
31	<b>General Assembly adjournment</b> (scheduled)



**Registration Now Open!**

**College Changes Everything Conference**

**Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois  
July 11, 2013 · 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Registration is now open at the conference website <http://www.collegechangeseverything.org/events/cce-conference-2013.html>. Please join us at the third statewide College Changes Everything conference to support Illinois as it works to reach its goal to increase the proportion of adults in Illinois with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60% by the year 2025.

Come ready to spend the day with Illinois colleagues to share and learn from each other as we work together to help the state reach its 60% x 2025 Goal. There is no registration fee.

## General Assembly goes down to the wire on budget decisions for next fiscal year

Returning to Springfield on Sunday afternoon, and working on Memorial Day, the General Assembly will take up the fiscal year 2014 budget. Adjournment of the Spring Session is scheduled for Friday, May 31. The House Appropriations Committee for higher education is scheduled to meet at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 28. The assumption is that by that time an agreement has been reached, probably including both the House and the Senate.

While behind the scenes efforts continue in the development of the General Assembly's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014, both the House and Senate have been considering bills passed in the other body, as well as motions of concurrence, and are sending bills to the Governor for his consideration and signature.

One way to keep track of final action on pending legislation is to go to the IBHE website: [Special Bills of Interest to IBHE](#) for an updated listing, including the dates of latest action.

## Eleventh Annual IERC Symposium

The 2013 Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium [registration material](#) and [registration form](#) is 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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**#ISACorps** helping out in  
the Galesburg area  
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**#CCE2013** Conference in  
Tinley Park  
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your community today.  
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\*College Changes Everything is a College Access Movement of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, a state agency of Illinois - Follow us on Twitter @CCE\_Illinois.

## People in the News

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### Lincoln Academy of Illinois' Student Laureates honored



Trinity International University: Elisabeth Speckhard is from Cottage Grove, Minnesota, majoring in Business with a minor in Sociology.



University of Illinois at Chicago: Kenneth Thomas is from Midlothian, majoring in Political Science.



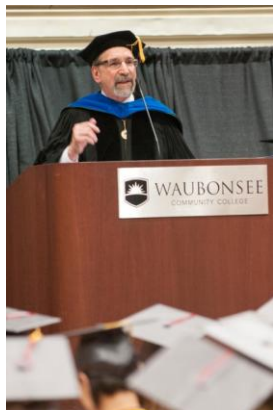
University of Illinois Springfield: Elizabeth Kelly is from Carlinville, majoring in Political Science and Legal Studies.

***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

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### A sampling of commencement announcements for Illinois colleges and universities



Dr. Harry Berman, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, delivered the commencement address at [Waubonsee Community College's 45th annual commencement](#) on May 23. He talked to graduates about the importance of not only having dreams, but also the drive to reach them. The Class of 2013 is Waubonsee's largest ever, with 1,128 graduates.

- ❖ Governors State University will award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to approximately 1,500 graduates at its June 8 [Commencement](#). GSU will host morning and afternoon ceremonies at the Tinley Park Convention Center. GSU is awarding an honorary doctorate to Maria Hinojosa, an award-winning journalist for some of the Nation's most respected news organizations. Hinojosa will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony.
- ❖ The Northern Illinois University College of Law will present former Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson with an Honorary Doctorate of Law during its, May 25, [commencement ceremony](#), where he will also be featured as the commencement speaker. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m., in the NIU Convocation Center.
- ❖ Dr. W.H. (Bert) Milligan, director of the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, will be the keynote speaker at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine [commencement](#) at 10 a.m. on June 1. Forty-six students will receive a doctor of dental medicine degree at the event in SIU Edwardsville's Meridian Ballroom in the Morris University Center.

### [Oakton Community College receives \\$374,000 grant from National Science Foundation to fund nanotechnology education](#)

The National Science Foundation (NSF), an independent federal agency responsible for enhancing the progress of science, has awarded Oakton Community College a \$374,279 grant to introduce community college and high school students throughout the State to nanotechnology and potential careers in this emerging field.

## News from Higher Education

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### [Though enrolling more poor students, 2-year colleges get less of federal pie](#) (The New York Times)

WASHINGTON — Community colleges have received a declining share of government spending on higher education over the last decade, even as their student bodies have become poorer and more heavily African-American and Latino, according to a report released.

**Bucking the Trend** (Inside Higher Ed)

Although the Affordable Care Act is intended to increase access to health insurance, a growing number of community colleges have been moving in the opposite direction by cutting adjuncts' hours and, consequently, their eligibility for coverage. But one college is bucking the trend in part, offering insurance to a limited number of non-tenure-track faculty.

**Relief and confusion mingle as state-authorization rules are delayed** (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The U.S. Department of Education will delay the deadline for compliance with rules requiring colleges to be properly authorized by state governments.

**Deadbeat Illinois: Universities get fraction of what they're due** (Springfield State Journal-Register)

Although delayed payments from the State are to be expected these days, university officials say the predictability doesn't make it any easier.

**COD paves new way to earn bachelor's degree** (Daily Herald)

Nine students will walk across the stage at Lewis University's commencement ceremony to receive bachelor's degrees in criminal justice. Yet, the students never took any classes at the school's campus in Romeoville. Through the so-called 3+1 program partnership between Lewis and College of DuPage, the students earned their four-year degrees from Lewis by taking all their classes at COD's campus in Glen Ellyn.

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