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[Governor Quinn names Lindsay Anderson Chair for Illinois Board of Higher Education](#)

Lindsay Anderson



Governor Pat Quinn announced on June 4, that Lindsay Anderson, a senior advisor for his administration, will succeed Carrie Hightman as Chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).

"I am looking forward to working together with the Board to improve higher education and want to thank Governor Pat Quinn for his leadership and commitment to education in Illinois," said Anderson. She most recently served as a Senior Advisor to Governor Quinn and as Chair of the Illinois Campaign Finance Reform Task Force. Prior to those roles, Anderson acted as legislative director and counsel to Governor Quinn, working

directly with the members of the Illinois General Assembly on targeted issues facing state government, including education.

"Carrie Hightman has contributed a significant amount to thousands of students and I thank her for her service to the state of Illinois," Governor Quinn said. "Lindsay Anderson is a talented public servant who will work hard to improve higher education in Illinois, and encourage our young residents to pursue post secondary schooling, which will strengthen Illinois' economy."

"The entire staff of the IBHE congratulates Lindsay Anderson on her appointment and looks forward to her leadership of our efforts to achieve the goals of the *Public Agenda for College and Career Success*," stated Dr. Harry J. Berman, IBHE executive director.

General Assembly Spring Session legislation

The Spring Session of the 98th General Assembly concluded on May 31, with the passage of several legislative measures impacting higher education. Among the measures are: House Joint Resolution 33, urging all certificate and degree granting institutions in the State to post the links to the federal College Scorecard; House Resolution 296, directing the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to form a working group to examine best practices for academic advising of Monetary Award Program (MAP) recipients; and House Bill 2353, offering veterans eligible for Post 9/11 veterans' benefits who attend community colleges and public universities in-district and in-state tuition rates.

For a list of final actions in the Spring Session of the General Assembly on legislation related to higher education issues, go to IBHE website: [Bills of Special Interest to IBHE](#) to review bill summaries for legislation that passed both houses, or awaiting further consideration. You may also access this information at [Legislative Update](#).

UPCOMING

JUNE

14 [IBHE Faculty Advisory Council](#), Lincoln College, Lincoln

15 [IBHE-Student Advisory Committee Meeting](#), Roosevelt University, Schaumburg campus

19 **General Assembly Special Session**

21 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission Meeting](#), Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago

JULY

11 [College Changes Everything Conference](#), Tinley Park Convention Center

[IERC study affirms community college pathway to bachelor's completion](#)

The Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) has released a study showing that there does not appear to be a disadvantage against community college students transferring to 4-year institutions with regards to bachelor's degree completion. The study indicated 85 percent of community college transfers earned a bachelor's degree within five academic years of transitioning to a 4-year institution. Comparatively, rising four-year juniors completed at a rate of 86 percent during the same time period.

"Based on our findings, there is no evidence to support the notion that a significant community college penalty exists," said Eric Lichtenberger, associate director for research at the IERC and assistant research professor at SIUE. "Community college transfer students were just as likely to complete a bachelor's degree as 4-year college juniors when matching on key factors."

[Student loan interest rates](#)

President Obama has called on Congress to prevent federal student loan rates from doubling [from 3.4% to 6.8%] on July 1. He urged students and young people to speak out in favor of action on college affordability, just as they did in 2012. He also made the argument that increasing access to college is not just good for the future of young people, but imperative for the nation at large. "Higher education cannot be a luxury for a privileged few," he said. "It is an economic necessity that every family should be able to afford, that every young person with dreams and ambition should be able to access.... Now is the time to reaffirm our commitment to you and the generation that's coming behind you." (Note: A White House [fact sheet](#) details states' average savings under the President's plan to keep student loans affordable.)

Also, a new [brochure](#), developed by the U.S. Department of Education and four student loan servicers, presents America's servicemen and servicewomen with more information about federal education loans, special benefits, and repayment options.

IERC 11th Annual Research Symposium to be held June 13-14 in Champaign



The Illinois Education Research Council at SIUE hosts its 11th Annual *Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium* June 13 & 14, at the I Hotel in Champaign, IL. Over 125 participants are registered from all educational sectors: higher education researchers, policy analysts, state education agencies, K-12 practitioners, and professional educational associations. Keynote speakers include Dr. Bill Trent, Professor of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and Sociology at the University of Illinois; Mr. Jo Anderson, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Education, Dr. Emily Prieto, Director of the Latino Resource Center at Northern Illinois University, Dr. Erika Hunt, Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University; and panelists discussing the Illinois Longitudinal Data System. For registration information, contact Jennifer Barnhart at jbarnh@siue.edu.

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



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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

Dr. Deborah Bordelon has been named to the post of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Governors State University (GSU). In making the announcement, Dr. Elaine Maimon, GSU President, pointed to Dr. Bordelon's distinguished service to GSU. "Under Dr. Bordelon's leadership our College of Education has received praise from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education in terms unprecedented in my experience," said Dr. Maimon. Prior to joining GSU in 2008, Dr. Bordelon served as Dean of the College of Education at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Since 2008, she has served as Dean of the College of Education; and in 2011, she was named Dean of Graduate Studies. She currently co-chairs the Council of Chicago Area Deans of Education. Dr. Bordelon received her bachelor's and master's degrees and Ph.D. from the University of New Orleans.

SPOTLIGHT: 2012 - 13 DFI Fellows

Thirty-nine new Diversifying Higher Education Faculty (DFI) in Illinois Program Fellows were 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* features DFI Fellows throughout the year.





Sabrina D. Jones is a Doctoral Student, majoring in Curriculum Studies, at DePaul University. Her research interests include: Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and the education of students of color, Multicultural Education, and the redesign of teacher education programs for pre-service teachers. Jones obtained her BA in African American Studies and English Literature from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and MA in English Education from New York University (NYU). She studied abroad at the University of Ghana in Accra, conducted research and did an independent study with the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi (Honor Society) in 2011, during the first year of her doctoral program, she is also a member of National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) and attends various conferences and workshops concerning cultural diversity, multicultural education, and the empowerment of students of color.

Jones has completed the necessary coursework for the doctoral program, and is now beginning the writing/research phase. Her goals are to secure a job at a university; publish many academic and motivational books; as well as, become an advocate and community leader in underrepresented marginalized low-income neighborhoods, and a motivational speaker.

Campus News

[Rock Valley College announces expansion of Aviation Maintenance Program](#)

Rock Valley College President Dr. Jack Becherer announced the expansion of the College's Aviation Maintenance Program. This expansion provides an opportunity for students to learn a highly employable skill, while also preparing a workforce for existing local employers. In addition, the program expansion will position the community to recruit new businesses that could benefit from an increased number of RVC graduates with an aviation maintenance degree.

Aviation Maintenance will be one of the new career options for the *Advance Now* career program, with up to 25 high school students enrolling in the program in the fall of 2014. *Advance Now* will provide the student an opportunity to complete some of the coursework leading to an FAA airframe and power-plant certification while still enrolled in high school.

News from Higher Education

[Publishers propose public-private partnership to support access to research](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

A group of scholarly publishers is proposing a publisher-run partnership to make it easier for agencies and researchers to comply with the federal government's new open-access policy.

[Income-based diversity lags at some universities](#) (The New York Times)

Opponents of race-based affirmative action in college admissions urge that colleges use a different tool to encourage diversity: giving a leg up to poor students. But many educators see real limits to how eager colleges are to enroll more poor students, no matter how qualified — and the reason is money.

[Students pay when state stiffens community colleges](#) (Springfield State Journal-Register)

Jake Olberding enrolled at Highland Community College thinking it would be an affordable higher education option, but he'll pay more for tuition this fall because his school is squeezed by Illinois' \$5.8 billion backlog of delinquent bills.

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