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[Dr. Karen Anderson named new ICCB executive director](#)



At its June 7 meeting, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) named Karen Hunter Anderson, Ph.D., as its new Executive Director. The ICCB's current President and CEO Geoffrey Obrzut retires at the end of this month. Dr. Anderson will begin her new assignment on July 1.

"Dr. Anderson is an exceptional individual, has extensive experience in the Illinois Community College System and has earned the deepest respect from our Colleges, the Trustees, and most importantly the students who have gotten to know her," said ICCB Chairman Alexi Giannoulis. "There were some great applicants, but ultimately my board *unanimously* selected Dr. Anderson because of our utmost confidence in her leadership abilities and educational background. She will be an outstanding Executive Director."

Dr. Anderson currently is the Vice President of the ICCB. She is the first ICCB staff person to be selected for the permanent position of Executive Director. The office's title has been changed from President and CEO to Executive Director effective on July 1.

"I am honored that the Board chose me as its new Executive Director," said Anderson. "The work of our community colleges is vital to the educational and economic health of Illinois and it is my privilege to help lead the community college system in its mission."

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

JULY

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

Lumina Foundation announces 10 new targets for moving America closer to Goal 2025

As the demand for skilled workers continues to grow, a new report released by Lumina Foundation shows that the rate of college attainment is steadily improving across America. Unfortunately, the pace of progress is far too modest to meet future workforce needs. The report also finds massive and ongoing gaps in educational achievement—gaps tied to race, income and other socioeconomic factors—that must be addressed.

According to the report, [A Stronger Nation through Higher Education](#), 38.7 percent of working-age Americans (ages 25-64) held a two- or four-year college degree in 2011—the most recent year for which data are available. That figure is up from 2010, when the rate was 38.3 percent and from 2009, when the rate was 38.1 percent. The *Stronger Nation* report measures progress toward [Goal 2025](#) which is a national effort to increase the percentage of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025.

Over 50? Please complete survey on technology and being a wise consumer of information

One of the great needs with increasing technology is the ability to sort through the mountains of information and news and find what is accurate and truthful. Generations Serving Generations* has joined with the McCormick Foundation to promote a project called Why News Matters. Illinoisans who are 50 or older are asked to complete a very short survey about their views on the news and being a wise consumer of information.

The survey takes only 5-10 min. In advance, thank you for giving the gift of your views and ideas! After you complete the survey, please share the following link with others who are 50+ <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YQRKT7R>.

*Generations Serving Generations is a public/private partnership led by the Illinois Department on Aging and the Serve Illinois Commission, Office of Governor Pat Quinn. Other members of Generations Serving Generations include the Chicagoland Chamber, Corporation for National Service, Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Council of Community College Presidents, Illinois Board of Higher Education, P-20 Council, Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Municipal Retirees Fund, Statewide Network for Faith-based Organizations, African-American Family History Institute, Chinese American Service League, Instituto del Progreso Latino, Continuance Magazine, and more.

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



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We're less than a week away from the start of CorpsCon 2013! Help us wish our new ISACorps members good luck on their summer training.

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Take some time today and register for the 2013 IL College App Month <http://bit.ly/14ULILv>

***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.**

FY2013 Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards Ceremony

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and the Advisory Board for the Illinois Center for Nursing recognized the 2013 Nurse Educator Fellows on June 6. This distinguished group of nursing faculty were nominated by their schools and competed against 39 applicants to become part of this select group of Fellows. The program helps to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher learning by providing a one-time salary supplement. This fall the IBHE will be seeking new nominations for the program.



Top row: left to right: Regina Conway-Phillips, PhD, RN; Michele Bromberg, ICN Chairperson; Jay Stewart, IDFPR Director; Mary Haras, MSN, MBA, APN, NP-C, CNN; Nancy Petges, MSN, BS, RNC; Linda Zroskie, MSN, RN; Mary Beth Luna, MSN, RN, CNE. Second row left-right: Barbara Harris, PhD, RN; Cathy Carlson, PhD, RN; Nancy Petges, MSN, BS, RNC.



Left to right: Stephen Stapleton, PhD, RN, CEN; Sonja Koontz, MSN, RN; Susan Winters, PhD, RN, CNE; Theresa Schwindenhammer, MSN, RN; Elizabeth Gephart, DNP, APN, PNP-BC, APN; Theresa Adelman-Mullally, MSN, RN, CNE.

Unable to attend:

Nora Hamilton, MSN, RN; Pamela Hood, MSN, RN, CNE; Krista Jones, DNP, MSN, ACHN, RN; C. Dawn Zibricky, EdD, RN, CSN.



Carrie Hightman received the Illinois Community College Trustees' Meritorious *Service Award* from ICCTA's president-elect Bob Johnson of Kishwaukee College at the Awards Luncheon held on June 7. This honor is given to elected/appointed officials and other friends of community colleges who have contributed to the advancement of the Trustees Association and community college education in Illinois. The award recognized her service as the Chairperson for the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Board of the State Universities Retirement System. Hightman stepped down from these posts on June 4, announcing her plans at the IBHE board meeting on that day.

Campus News

[University of St. Francis, Kankakee Community College announce nursing partnership](#)

University of St. Francis (USF) and Kankakee Community College (KCC) have joined forces to help pave the way for aspiring nurses. Both USF and KCC administer academic programs in the nursing field and will work together to make the path to a bachelor's degree more convenient and cost effective for students through an RN to BSN "fast track program." KCC currently offers an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree for individuals hoping to become registered nurses (RN). USF, recently honored by U.S. News & World Report for having the top online graduate nursing program in Illinois, offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), along with master's and doctoral programs in nursing. The fast-track program will enable licensed registered nurses who have completed their AAS degree at KCC to more efficiently transfer credits to USF in order to earn their BSN.

News from Higher Education

[Data reveal a rise in college degrees among Americans](#) (The New York Times)

The number of Americans graduating from college has surged in recent years, sending the share with a college degree to a new high, federal data shows.

[No magic bullet](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Few single pieces of paper have been greeted with as much fanfare in higher education circles as the Education Department's "shopping sheet," meant to provide a standardized one-page summary of a college's financial aid offering to help students easily compare the packages they receive.

[Ready or not](#) (Illinois Times)

Studies show that many high school students in Illinois are not adequately prepared for college.

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