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*The Friday Memo*

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**Illinois conceal carry of guns is now state law; college campuses exempt**

On July 9, Illinois officially became the last state in the nation to allow residents and non-residents who meet certain qualifications to carry concealed firearms. Under the new law, a licensee for concealed carry is not allowed to knowingly carry a firearm into or on certain areas, including officially recognized university-related organization property and common areas under the control of a public or private community college, college, or university.

Responding to the July 9 deadline issued by the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the Illinois General Assembly acted to override Governor Quinn's amendatory veto of the [Firearm Concealed Carry Act \(HB 183\)](#). Although the Governor issued proposed changes to the measure related to alcohol, home rule, signage, employer's rights, limiting the number of guns and ammunition, clarifying mental health reporting, clarifying "concealed," the Open Meetings Act, and informing law enforcement of carrying a weapon concealed, the House voted 77-31 to reject the Governor's changes and approve HB 183 as it originally passed in May. Later, the Senate followed by voting 41-17 to also reject the Governor's changes. Had the General Assembly not adopted HB183, it faced the possibility of having no restrictions.

**UPCOMING**

**JULY**

17 [Performance Funding Steering Committee Meeting](#), University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago

24 [P-20 Council Meeting](#), Elgin Child & Family Resource Center, Elgin

**AUGUST**

6 [IBHE Board Meeting](#), University of Chicago, Chicago

9-10 [ICCTA Executive Committee Retreat](#), Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal

**COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING™**

At Tinley Park Convention Center on July 11, a "sell out" crowd of 400 Illinoisans, attended 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.

Greg Darnieder, the U.S. Secretary of Education's Senior Advisor on the College Access Initiative, delivered keynote remarks at the one day conference that focused on effective practices and showcases resources available to help with college access and increasing college completion. The conference brought together a diverse audience from across the State: college access practitioners; high school leaders, counselors and case managers; college and university leaders and administrators; and elected officials and policymakers interested in higher education.

### [ICCB Magazine's summer edition published](#)

The Summer 2013 edition of the **ICCB Magazine**, published quarterly and distributed via email, to Illinois Community College System trustees, chancellors/presidents, administrators, and faculty, members of the General Assembly, and our education partners was announced by ICCB President Alexi Giannoulas and Executive Director Karen Hunter Anderson. The intent of the publication is to highlight activities of the Illinois Community College Board and the accomplishments and interests of our community colleges and their trustees, presidents, faculty, and students.

### People in the News

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#### 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.



**Alfred G. Pérez** is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. He aged out of foster care when he reached the age of majority. Despite the bleak prospects he faced because of growing up in foster care, he obtained his BA in social work with a minor in speech communications from San José State University and his MSW from the University of Michigan. He has worked at national and state levels to reform the foster care system. In 1999, he had the honor of speaking at the White House bill signing ceremony when President Clinton signed the Foster Care Independence Act. He served in former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano's administration, where he worked on child welfare reform and issues related to community service and voluntarism. He was a policy analyst for the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care and a research assistant for the social science research firm Westat,

where he worked on the early stages of the National Head Start Impact Study and helped develop outcome measures for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Youth in Transition Database.

He has also worked with adolescents transitioning from foster care to young adulthood in his position as a social worker with Santa Clara County, Calif. Social Service Agency's Department of Family & Children's Services and as the outreach coordinator for the California Youth Connection.

Pérez's dissertation examines child welfare policies that have increased efforts to help older foster youth achieve permanence through adoption, subsidized guardianship, or relative foster care. Specifically, he is investigating notions of permanency among young adults' who experienced one of the three foster care placements and how these notions influence their experiences of family and their understandings of moral obligation. In addition to his research, Pérez has taught graduate-level courses in research methods and child welfare practice and policy at the University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Loyola University Chicago. Perez has presented at several academic and child welfare conferences, including delivering keynote addresses at several national conferences on foster care. He is also an avid runner who has completed nearly 50 half marathons and 10 marathons. His goal is to secure a tenure-track faculty position at one of the 23 four-year universities in Illinois that have accredited social work programs.

The City Colleges of Chicago Board of Trustees has approved [Dr. David Potash](#) as the new president of Wilbur Wright College, one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago. Wright College serves as the hub for City Colleges' Information Technology pathway as part of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chancellor Cheryl Hyman's College to Careers strategy. Dr. Potash most recently served as chief academic officer at Curry College, a four-year institution in Milton, MA. Prior to that, he served as an administrator for 10 years in the City University of New York system at Hunter College and Baruch College, and before that at New York University. Dr. Potash earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of Cambridge.

The U.S. Education Department has promoted [Jeff Appel](#), a former Congressional aide, to be its top policy adviser on higher education. Mr. Appel, who joined the department as a special assistant for planning, evaluation, and policy development in 2011, succeeds Georgia Yuan as deputy under secretary. Ms. Yuan, who replaced James Kvaal, left the department in December.

## Campus News

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### [Moraine Valley ranks among top in nation for degrees awarded](#)

Moraine Valley Community College ranks among the top three percent of the 2,839 public and private two- and four-year institutions nationwide that confer associate degrees, according to a national newspaper report. Moraine Valley also ranks third in the nation in associate degrees conferred in Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies (science transfer programs). The report, published in *Community College Week*, is based on an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data for the 2011-12 academic year.

"Our high national ranking is testament to the college's outstanding efforts at increasing student success," Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, president of the college, said. That effort continued in 2012-2013. Moraine Valley awarded a total of 2,707 degrees and certificates, a two percent increase compared with 2011-12, and a 57 percent increase over the past five years. The total number of degrees and certificates awarded by the college to date is 54,592.

### [University Center of Lake County offering new degree completion programs](#)

The University Center has nine new degree and certificate programs for students in the Lake County area considering degree completion programs from several Illinois colleges and universities being offered “closer to home.”

New transfer options include:

- BA in Applied Behavioral Sciences (National Louis University)
- BA in Human Resource Development (Northeastern IL University)
- BS in Management (National Louis University)

New graduate degrees include:

- Master’s Entry to Nursing Practice (DePaul University) *for career-changers who want to become MSNs*
- Master of Management (North Park University)
- Master of HR Management (North Park University)
- Master of Supply Chain Management (Elmhurst College)

New certificates include:

- Event Planning & Management (Southern IL University Carbondale)
- Learning Behavior Specialist 1 endorsement (University of IL-Springfield)

### [Oakton Community College and Rush University College of Nursing launch partnership](#)

This fall, nursing students at Oakton Community College can take advantage of a unique partnership with the Rush University College of Nursing in Chicago. Students in Oakton’s associate degree nursing (ADN) program may apply to Rush’s master’s degree program in clinical nurse leadership while still working toward their associate’s degree at the College.

To qualify, an Oakton nursing student must already possess a bachelor’s degree in another field; earn an ADN from Oakton; and obtain an RN licensure.

“About a third of our nursing students already have a bachelor’s degree in a different discipline,” notes Margaret Gas, chair of Oakton’s nursing program. “Rush has an outstanding reputation, and so this is a great opportunity for them to enhance their education.”

### [News from Higher Education](#)

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#### [Oregon looks at way to attend college now and repay state later](#) (The New York Times)

Going to college can seem like a choice between impossibly high payments while in school or a crushing debt load for years afterward, but one state is experimenting with a third way.

**[College default rates higher than grad rates](#)** (USA TODAY)

More than 260 colleges and universities in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have students who are more likely to default on their loans than full-time freshmen are to graduate, an analysis of federal data shows.

**[Durbin visit puts focus on ISU simulation lab](#)** (Bloomington Pantagraph)

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin expects an increasing demand for nurse practitioners and discussed the difficulty in meeting that demand with administrators at Illinois State University's Mennonite College of Nursing.



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