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Capital bill enacted

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn on July 17 signed [HB2869 into law, \(P.A. 98-0094\)](#), authorizing the third phase of the state's Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction program. The bill gives the state the ability to spend the proceeds from bond sales to finance \$2.7 billion in construction projects. Illinois Jobs Now!, a \$31 billion program, started in 2009 to create construction jobs, including projects at community colleges and public and private colleges and universities.

[USDOE Secretary Duncan discusses higher education at crossroads](#)

On July 9, Secretary Arne Duncan of the U.S. Department of Education spoke about the "nation's higher education agenda" at the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. "I would make the case to you today that higher education is approaching a crossroads, where leaders will be asked to choose between incremental and transformational change," he said. "At the heart of this choice is a paradox. In many ways, America's system of higher education is still the envy of the world.... And yet, for all its historic and current successes, our system of higher education must get dramatically better. In an era of the knowledge-based, global economy, America has to rapidly accelerate college attainment to prosper and maintain the global competitiveness of our individual states and nation."

In response to the three "core challenges" of high prices, low completion rates, and too little accountability, the Secretary anticipates two ideas taking hold. First, the system of state and federal grants and loans will start to shift more toward a performance-based and outcomes-based system -- one that does more to reward innovation. Second, leveraging of educational technology will increase student learning, as well as institutional performance and productivity.

Budgeting for Results Commission hearings

The Budgeting for Results (BFR) Commission is hosting several public hearings this summer to engage stakeholders and gather public feedback on continuing to strengthen the BFR process. The Commission is taking testimony from providers, advocates, and other stakeholders on ways to continue to enhance the state's budgeting process. Feedback received during these hearings will be used to inform the recommendations the Commission will make to the Governor and General Assembly this fall. More information including the schedule of remaining hearings, copies of [testimony](#) at previous hearings, the Commission's 2012 [report](#), and a [list](#) of Commissioners, is available at: <http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/budget/Pages/BFR-testimony.aspx>. RSVPs or questions regarding public hearings can be directed to liana.semchuk@illinois.gov.

UPCOMING

AUGUST

- 6 : [IBHE Board Meeting](#),
University of Chicago,
Chicago
- 9-10 [ICCTA Executive
Committee Retreat](#),
Bloomington-Normal
Marriott Hotel and
Conference Center,
Normal

Intergenerational Summit coming August 14



Feeling overwhelmed with news and information? Here is one solution.

You're invited to an **Intergenerational Summit on Why News Matters** that will provide ideas on being a wise consumer of news and information. Members of four generations will put their heads together to highlight some easy-to-use skills that help individuals determine "fact from fiction." The Summit is sponsored by the McCormick Foundation and Generations Serving Generations and will be held on August 14 in Chicago at the Metcalfe Building, 77 West Jackson, 3rd Floor, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The event is free but registration is required. Registration: www.WNMsummit.com is open until August 8 or until the limit for each generation is reached. For additional information, contact Jane Angelis, genSERVEgen@gmail.com or 773-896-6485.

Generations Serving Generations is a public/private partnership led by John Holton, Director of the Illinois Department on Aging; Peggy Luce, Vice President of the Chicagoland Chamber, and Brandon Bodor, Executive Director, Serve Illinois Commission, Office of Governor Pat Quinn. Generations Serving Generations was established as the Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults in 2008 through the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. Illinois was one of 14 states selected to participate in the project designed to increase the civic engagement of older generations through service, learning, and work.

College and Career Readiness Institute

The College and Career Readiness Institute is a product of the Bridging the Gap project, which is focused on local curriculum alignment efforts centered on the common core state standards. This institute is designed to showcase local alignment initiatives and innovative practices focused on remedial/developmental education reform, academic innovation, and curriculum alignment and partnerships between secondary and postsecondary institutions. The Institute will take place September 12 at the Bloomington/Normal Marriott and features David Conley, PhD., the founder and chief executive officer of EPIC, as keynote speaker.



The Illinois Community College Board is seeking local experts to present on selected topics at the Institute. The topics being requested include: Common Core Curriculum Alignment; High School and Community College Partnerships, Articulation, Remedial/Developmental Education, and Academic Innovations. **To submit a request for presentation and/or to register [click here](http://icpsps.illinoisstate.edu/illinois-career-and-technical-education-professional-development-center/college-career-readiness/)**, or follow the direct link at <http://icpsps.illinoisstate.edu/illinois-career-and-technical-education-professional-development-center/college-career-readiness/>

COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING™

Approximately 400 participants attended the third annual statewide [College Changes Everything Conference](http://icpsps.illinoisstate.edu/illinois-career-and-technical-education-professional-development-center/college-career-readiness/) in support of Illinois's efforts to reach Goal 2025, increasing the proportion of adults in Illinois with high quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025 on July 11 at Tinley Park Convention Center. The annual event draws participants from throughout the state and across the country.

In addition to a keynote address delivered by Greg Darnieder, U.S. Secretary of Education's Senior Adviser on the College Access Initiative, interest sessions took place throughout the day providing attendees in-depth information,

practical ideas and specific strategies to address important issues including: • Student Support Services • Retention • Remediation • Dual Degree/Dual Credit • College Readiness • Career Development • Civic and Municipal Engagement and • Students with Special Needs. Power point presentations and materials from the sessions are available at the [College Changes Everything conference](#) website.

Conference speakers included Lt. Governor Shelia Simon, P-20 Council Chair and ISAC Vice Chair Sen. Miguel del Valle and a panel session featuring leaders from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities.

Recipients of the College Changes Everything Champion Award have demonstrated outstanding leadership on key state education issues: accessibility, affordability and completion.

2013 Awardees:

- Illinois Lt. Governor Shelia Simon - Illinois's point person on education reform and increasing college completion
- Elena Herrera – Women Employed – advocates for expanding education and employment opportunities for women
- The Elgin Community College Alliance for College Readiness – nationally recognized collaboration focused on improving K-12 curriculum and programs to more effectively help students plan and prepare for higher education.

The College Changes Everything Conference is made possible by a grant from the Lumina Foundation.

A benefit of college completion: better health

The National Bureau of Economic Research has released a report: *The Effect of College Education on Health*. Their hope is that this report provides useful information about the benefits of college completion in reducing adult mortality. Here's a link to the report: <http://papers.nber.org/tmp/30177-w19222.pdf>.

People in the News



Southern Illinois University [President Glenn Poshard](#) announced to the SIU Board of Trustees on July 24 that he will retire next year, saying he is ready for the next chapter in his life. Poshard, who has led the university since 2005, said he will step down on June 30, 2014.

Dr. Poshard is a three-degree graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the first such graduate to serve on its Board of Trustees. Entering on the G.I. Bill, he earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1970, a master's degree in health education in 1974, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration in 1984. In August 1984, he was appointed to the Illinois State Senate. In 1989, he was elected to become U.S. Congressman to represent the 22nd

Congressional District. In 1998, Poshard won the Democratic nomination for Governor of the State of Illinois but lost in the general election.

An agreement to extend the term of [President Robert Easter](#) by a year, through June 30, 2015, was approved July 25 by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees during a meeting on the U of I's Chicago campus. Easter became the University's 19th president on July 1, 2012, after 36 years as a faculty member and top administrator on the Urbana-Champaign campus. Under that appointment, Easter agreed to serve for two years or until a successor was named.

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.



Antoinette E. Jones is a doctoral candidate in Adult Education at Northern Illinois University. Her dissertation focus is literacy and identity development in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) students of color in higher education. Jones' research interests have culminated in the development of a course that examines identity development for LGBTQ students of color through various literacy mediums, like film and literature. Additionally, she works as an Assessment Specialist in Northern Illinois University's Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation, enjoying the challenge of engaging students' capacity and motivation for learning as they prepare for The Test of Academic Proficiency, a prerequisite for all teacher licensure programs in Illinois. As facilitator for classes, workshops, or one-on-one tutoring, Jones' work with this group of students allows the opportunity for her to engage in meaningful practice of the Adult Education and literacy theories learned in her doctoral studies. Jones received a bachelor's degree in History and master's degree in Adult and Higher Education from Northern Illinois University. She has worked as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Literacy Education teaching College Study Skills and Strategies and College Reading.

Bob Johnson, Chair of the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees, has been selected as the President of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA). He accepted the gavel from outgoing President Reggie Coleman, John Wood Community College Trustee, at the ICCTA Annual Meeting held in Chicago in June. He officially assumed his duties as ICCTA President on July 1.

Today's Chicago Woman named University of Illinois at Chicago **Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares** one of its "100 Women of Influence" in its July 2013 issue. This year's list was selected for their importance within their fields and to the city. As chancellor at UIC, Allen-Meares heads Chicago's largest university and a major academic research center.

Campus News

[Loyola University Chicago selected for degree completion pilot program](#)

Loyola University Chicago has been selected for a scholarship program that will allow students with one year or less remaining to remain in school and finish their degrees. The pilot program, called "Crossing the Finish Line," is funded by AT&T and includes a \$21,000 grant to provide scholarships to students who have only one year of study or less to complete their degrees, but have been prevented from doing so for financial reasons. The program will assist up to seven students with each receiving as much as \$4,000 for tuition.

[AT&T contributes \\$25,000 in support of Lewis University Computer Science Department's program, Girls Create Technology](#)

Lewis University announced that AT&T has contributed \$25,000 in support of the Lewis University Computer Science Department's summer outreach program, "Girls Create with Technology." The contribution was made as part of AT&T's

Aspire initiative, which focuses on improving rates of high school completion, and college and career readiness.

[COD photography alums capture NASA History](#)

Two College of DuPage alumnae have captured and documented a piece of American history through their photographic work with NASA's Space Shuttle program. When COD Photography Program Manager Frank Jackowiak built his first darkroom in the sixth grade, he couldn't have known that his passion for photography would one day lead to documenting NASA's iconic space shuttle program. Jackowiak is a veteran of approximately 40 launches and 12 landings, including the final landing of Atlantis in 2011. Jeffrey Ross said COD's Photography program turned his passion into a career. Ross has captured launches and landings of the Atlantis, Discover and Endeavor shuttles, as well as documenting the shuttle program to conclusion.

[News from Higher Education](#)

['Shake Up' for higher ed](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

President Obama vowed at speech on July 24 at Knox College in Galesburg that he would soon unveil a plan to promote significant reform in higher education -- with an emphasis on controlling what colleges charge students and families.

[Illinois truth-in-tuition law hits 10-year mark](#) (Quad-City Times)

Ten years ago, the rising cost of college tuition had Illinois lawmakers searching for a solution.

[Colleges look for ways to keep students from quitting before they graduate](#) (St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Today, universities are in the midst of a collective hand-wringing, asking themselves if they are doing enough to shepherd students from admission to graduation.

[States strike budget bargains with higher education](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Public colleges in Massachusetts will get a whopping 16-percent increase in state appropriations for the 2014 fiscal year compared with what they got in the previous state budget.

[Policy trends in state higher education](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

While budget matters almost always dominate legislative sessions, lawmakers across the country enacted a wide range of higher-education policies outside of the appropriations process this year.

[Federal student loan debt tops \\$1 trillion](#) (Stateline.org)

Federal student loan debt has topped \$1 trillion, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced, a milestone that will only intensify the debate in Congress over what to do about student loan interest rates.



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The Friday Memo is on its summer schedule.
Next edition is August 9.



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