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*The Friday Memo*

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### Budgeting for Results Commission hearings

The Budgeting for Results (BFR) Commission is hosting several public hearings this summer, the next one is August 13 in Springfield, 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](mailto:liana.semchuk@illinois.gov).



The Lincoln Academy of Illinois will honor an outstanding senior from each college and university in Illinois and one student from among all of the community college students in Illinois during the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Student Laureate Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 2 in the House Chambers of the Old State Capitol in Springfield. At the Student Laureate Convocation, each will receive a Student Laureate Medallion, along with a monetary award and certificate of achievement. A luncheon for the Student Laureates, their families and academic guests will follow the ceremony at the Governor's Executive Mansion. Nominations will be emailed to institutions in the fall. Honorees are chosen by their respective institutions to represent their college as the 2013 Student Laureate. The Lincoln Academy's Student Laureate Awards are presented for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities to seniors from each of the degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois. For more information, contact: Julie Kellner, Executive Director, [jkellner@thelincolnacademyofillinois.org](mailto:jkellner@thelincolnacademyofillinois.org).

### Quote to note

*"I've asked my team to shake the trees all across the country for some of the best ideas out there for keeping college costs down, so that as students prepare to go back to school, I'm in a position to lay out what's going to be an aggressive strategy to shake up the system to make sure that middle class students, working class students, poor kids who have the drive and the wherewithal and want to get a good college education, they can get it without basically mortgaging their entire future. We can make this happen. But, this is an example of the kind of thing we've got to focus on, instead of a bunch of distractions in Washington."*-- President Barack Obama (7/24/13), in a [speech on the economy](#) at the University of Central Missouri.

### UPCOMING

#### AUGUST

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

#### SEPTEMBER

7 [IBHE-SAC Meeting](#), DePaul  
Center Building, Chicago

11 [IBHE Performance Funding Steering Committee Meeting](#), Governors State  
University, University Park

13 ["PARCC 101"](#),  
Bloomington/Normal  
Marriott

16 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission Meeting](#),  
James R. Thompson  
Center, Chicago

20 [Illinois Community College Board Meeting](#), Black  
Hawk College, Moline

[IBHE-FAC Meeting](#),  
University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign

## Major grant awarded to WICHE & partners to create interstate reciprocity in postsecondary distance education

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and its partners have been awarded a \$2.3 million grant from Lumina Foundation for a national initiative that will make distance education courses more accessible to students across state lines, as well as making it easier for states to regulate and institutions to participate in interstate distance education. WICHE and its regional partners – the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) – along with the Presidents' Forum, the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the Commission on Regulation of Postsecondary Distance Education, created by the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) and the Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU), worked together to forge a national initiative, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), that will create interstate reciprocity in the regulation of postsecondary distance education.

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The event is free but registration is required. Registration: [www.WNMsummit.com](http://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](mailto:genSERVEgen@gmail.com) or 773-896-6485.

Who Should Attend:  
Vice Presidents of Student Services  
Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs

**PARCC 101**  
save the date

**PARCC Assessment Summit  
For Higher Education**

September 13, 2013  
9 am – 3 pm  
Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel

Register at  
<http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/parcc/>

## "PARCC 101" for Illinois higher education leaders

A three-agency partnership comprised of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), the Illinois Community College Board (ICCCB), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is organizing a one-day summit on **September 13**, at the Marriott Hotel in Bloomington/Normal. The goal of the conference is to educate Illinois' higher education stakeholders on the new initiative implementing national standards and associated assessments in Illinois' PK-12 system. **Please note: Both the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Vice President of Student Services at public and private colleges and universities should attend and participate in this summit.**

High-level national experts and discussants will work with participants to raise awareness of what PARCC is and how it will work. Postsecondary institutions will also develop campus PARCC teams who will lead their campus' efforts to be ready for the opportunity these next-generation performance assessments will offer. Participants can expect to address critical questions such as: What is the PARCC plan to accurately measure college readiness? How do institutions with diverse missions optimize the use of students' PARCC results? How will the use of PARCC as a new opportunity, help institutions of higher education institute better partnerships with high schools?

PARCC, an acronym for "Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers," is a multi-state consortium working together to foster a competitive, world class PK-12 system across the United States. Starting in 2014, grades 3-11 students in the State of Illinois will be evaluated on the new PARCC assessment system, which is

aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for math and English Language Arts. As a result of this new system, students and their parents will be getting PARCC results that will include specific information about how they are progressing toward college and career readiness. This will eventually culminate into the grade 11 results that will include a final college and career readiness determination. Students deemed to be college-ready will be prepared to succeed in credit-bearing general education math and English courses and should not need remedial course work.

Cost of the summit is \$30 per participant; lunch will be provided. Registration can be made at <http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/>.

Check out [WWW.COMMONCOREIL.ORG](http://WWW.COMMONCOREIL.ORG) Resources for families and educators, including videos and downloads, and [sign-up for the Core Connection newsletter!](#) In joint partnership, Achieve, The Council of Chief State School Officers, and Student Achievement Partners have developed a Toolkit for Evaluating the Alignment of Instructional and Assessment Materials to the Common Core State Standards. The Toolkit is a set of interrelated, freely available instruments for evaluating alignment to the CCSS. Click [here](#) for more information.

### 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](#)**, or follow the direct link at <http://icsps.illinoisstate.edu/illinois-career-and-technical-education-professional-development-center/college-career-readiness/>

### People in the News

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Three new members, [Jocelyn Smith Carter, Jane A. Hays, and Christine M. Wiseman](#), have been appointed by Governor Pat Quinn to serve on the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), the State's coordinating agency that oversees colleges and universities. Current member, **Santos Rivera**, Northeastern Illinois University senior administrator emeritus, will be re-appointed for another term. "We are so pleased that Dr. Carter, Ms. Hays, and President Wiseman are joining the Board, and that Dr. Rivera has agreed to continue his service on the Board," Lindsay Anderson, IBHE Chairwoman, said of the appointments. "The commitment these individuals already have made to Illinois higher education assures me that their expertise and experiences will contribute much to the Board's policy making responsibilities overseeing the higher education institutions we depend on to educate the State's future workforce."

[Kathy Harris](#) has been named the interim president at Lincoln Trail College (LTC). Harris, who has been with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges since 1981, has been LTC's dean of instruction for three years. Additionally, she has assisted with curriculum development and has been a region representative for the Illinois Articulation Initiative. Harris has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree in education from the University of North Dakota.

The University of Chicago has selected [Elaine Allensworth](#), a recognized expert in applied education research, to serve as the Lewis-Sebring Director of the Consortium on Chicago School Research (UChicago CCSR). Allensworth is a long-time leader and researcher at UChicago CCSR, most recently serving as interim director.

## Campus News

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### [DACC Foundation announces \\$3 million gift](#)

Julius W. Hegeler II, a supporter of community improvement and youth initiatives, has provided a historic planned gift for the Danville Area Community College (DACC) Foundation. Officials from the College and the Foundation announced the planned gift in excess of \$3 million, the largest in the Foundation's history, to create the Julius W. Hegeler II Advanced Technology Center as an expansion of the Technology Complex. The expansion will provide additional classroom and lab spaces for advanced manufacturing classes and programs. Construction is planned to start on the Center this fall.

### [In-district students save nearly \\$1 million in RLC's dual credit program](#)

Every semester, hundreds of local high school students take advantage of Rend Lake College's dual credit program to save money and get a jump on their education. Last year was no different, with approximately 2,824 students saving \$994,400 in tuition and textbook fees. A total of 8,618 credit hours were earned in the fall and spring semesters at \$93 per credit hour. "The dual credit program at Rend Lake College helps our in-district students save thousands of dollars each year on tuition. Plus, it gives students a head-start on achieving their educational goals and meeting degree requirements," said Hillary Halsey, First-Year Experience Coordinator.

## News from Higher Education

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### [Obama set to sign student loan bill that offers students better deals and interest rates](#) (Washington Post)

WASHINGTON — Students heading back to college this fall will save thousands in interest charges on their loans after they graduate once President Barack Obama signs into law a rare bipartisan compromise.

### [No more double-spending](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

College students likely spend hundreds of thousands of dollars extra per year on buying rights for digital versions of readings to which they have free access.

### [Students with credentials fare better as transfers from community colleges](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Students who transfer from community colleges to four-year institutions having already earned either a certificate or an associate degree are more likely to make it to the finish line, especially if they plow straight through rather than take time off, according to a report released by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

### [Half of \\$1 trillion in federal student loan debt not repaid](#) (POLITICO)

About half of the outstanding \$1 trillion in federal student loan debt in the U.S. isn't being repaid. And 1 out of 8 borrowers are defaulting on their loans despite unprecedented federal attempts to help.



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*The Friday Memo* is on its summer schedule.  
Next edition is August 23.



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