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[Thousands of college students could be eligible for an associate's degree](#)

Research suggests more than 27,000 transfer students would have been potentially eligible for an associate's degree even though they had already matriculated to a bachelor's program had "reverse transfer" policies and practices been operating in the states studied. According to baseline data compiled by the Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL), about half of the 27,000 students had no credential four years after transfer.

"This is important research because we don't know very much about students who transfer to earn the bachelor's degree without first getting the associate's degree," said Dr. Debra Bragg, one of the report authors and OCCRL director. "We want to know whether a student's college credits after transfer to the university can be applied toward an associate's degree, which is important for both the student and the higher education system that enrolls the student."

The research is associated with the Credit When It's Due (CWID) initiative and is based on 12 states that received funding in 2012, to implement policies and practices that facilitate attainment of associate's degrees after community college students transfer to a four-year college or university, a practice commonly identified by states as "reverse transfer." More than 200 public community colleges and 100 public universities are participating in CWID in these 12 states. Illinois is not among them.

Tweet for the week

Douglas Baker @DougBakerNIU9 Oct

I met with IBHE leaders today to discuss FY15 Illinois state budget outlook. **Sobering.**



UPCOMING

OCTOBER

- 10-11 [Illinois Community College Faculty Association Teaching and Learning Excellence Conference](#), Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield

- 16-17 [Illinois Community College Chief Financial Officers Conference](#), Rend Lake

- 17 [P-20 Council Meeting](#), Sugar Creek Elementary School, Normal

- 18 [IBHE-Faculty Advisory Council Meeting](#), Chicago State University

- 22 [Performance Funding Refinement Committee](#), IBHE, Springfield

- 24-25 [Illinois Association for Institutional Research 43rd Annual Forum](#), Peoria

- 25 [MAP Advising Workgroup](#), Heartland Community College, Normal

- 30-31 **SCALING UP** Invitational Conference, ISU, Bloomington/Normal

“The question is whether higher education these days still represents the people’s right to rise?”



SIU President Glenn Poshard speaks during Senator Frerichs' college affordability discussion October 10, at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Today, the discussion is taking place at the SIU Edwardsville campus.

FY2014 Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program online site accepting applications

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is seeking new applications for its Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program (ICWS) to support student cooperative work study programs. The ICWS program aligns with Goal 2 of the *Public Agenda* by allowing students to reduce their reliance on student loans while providing a link between academic programs and employment; aligns with Goal 3 of the *Public Agenda* by prioritizing work study opportunities for students seeking degrees in high-demand fields; and aligns with Goal 4 of the *Public Agenda* by increasing the pool of funds for job training, which can result in business expansions in Illinois and full-time employment for students after graduation.

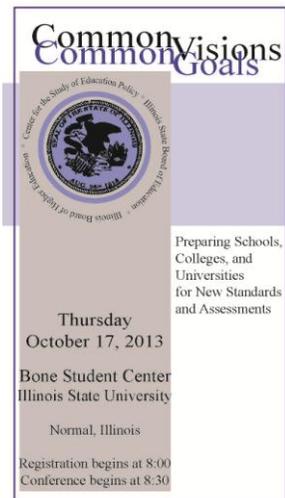
Eligible Institutions: Applicants eligible to receive grants are approved public and private, associate- and baccalaureate-degree granting Illinois colleges and universities. **Application Deadline is November 29:** The application materials for FY2014, must be submitted online and can be accessed from the IBHE website: <http://www.ibhe.org/Grants/default.htm>.

Behavioral Threat Assessment Summit planned for November 6

Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), Heartland Community College, the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, and State Farm are co- sponsoring a free one-day summit for schools and colleges showcasing best practices and standards to identify, investigate, evaluate, and manage threats of targeted violence and rampage shootings. Conducted by Ronald Ellis, the Summit is at Heartland Community College's Astroth Community Education Center, Normal, on November 6. On-line registration is available on the [IEMA website](#).

2013 Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation Scholarships

The Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation (ILLCF) will be awarding approximately twenty \$2,000 scholarships in 2013, to Latino undergraduate students enrolled in Illinois colleges and universities. Complete instructions and application forms may be found at www.illcf.org. The scholarship application **deadline is October 18**. Scholarship winners will be recognized at the ILLCF Annual Conference on November 22.



"Common Visions, Common Goals"

Looking ahead to an era of new standards and assessments, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Center for the Study of Education Policy (CSEP) at Illinois State University are hosting a one day conference on **October 17, Common Visions, Common Goals**, at Illinois State University's Bone Student Center. This conference is an opportunity to build on the progress of IBHE and ISBE Title II professional development partnerships and to discuss preparations in Illinois schools, colleges, and universities for the enhanced requirements created as a result of the new standards and assessments. The conference features two internationally known researchers with particular knowledge of the Common Core State Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers: Dr. James Pellegrino, Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Learning, Instruction, and Teacher Development and Dr. Timothy Shanahan, Director of the Center for Literacy. Both speakers are professors at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Invitation, Agenda, and Registration Link may be accessed here: <http://www.ibhe.org/conferences/cvcg/>.



[The ICCCA Fall Conference](#) scheduled for **November 13-15** at President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. The keynoters are:

- **Gregory M. Darnieder**, Senior Advisor to the USDOE Secretary On the College Access Initiative
- **Dr. Karen Hunter-Anderson, Ph.D.**, ICCB Executive Director
- **Dr. Eric V. Martin**, Higher Learning Commission Vice President for Accreditation Relations & Director of AQIP Vice President for Accreditation Relations & Director of AQIP
- **Diego James Navarro**, Full-time Faculty, Cabrillo College; Executive Director, Academy for College Excellence

Search for IBHE executive director underway

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is conducting a search for its next Executive Director due to the planned retirement of current Executive Director Dr. Harry J. Berman. The Search is being assisted by AGB Search and the Board expects to have a new Executive Director in place by January, 2014. Position and application procedures can be found at <http://www.ibhe.org/ibheexecdirsearch/>.

Get Ready to ShakeOut.

October 17, 2013 Register Now at shakeout.org/centralus



The [Great Central U.S. ShakeOut](http://www.ShakeOut.org/centralus) earthquake drill is a great opportunity for campus communities to learn, get prepared, and practice what to do during earthquakes ("Drop, Cover, and Hold On!"). More than 2.9 million people participated in February. All colleges and universities are encouraged to participate in ShakeOut on Thursday, October 17, at 10:17 a.m. For the first time, this Shakeout will be part of a large-scale ShakeOut involving millions of participants from more than 40 states and territories and several other countries. Currently, there are only three colleges in Illinois registered to participate in the ShakeOut. Colleges can register at: at www.ShakeOut.org/centralus/register.



Creating the Future for Early Childhood Education Teacher Preparation Higher Education Regional Faculty Meetings

Registration Now Open: Click on Links to Register

[Chicago Region: Nov.14-15 Oak Lawn Hilton](#)

[Northern Region: Nov. 14-15 Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel](#)

[Central Region: Nov. 21-22 Chateau Hotel, Bloomington](#)

[Southern Region: Dec.5-6 Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, Marion](#)

Learn what's happening in Early Childhood Education:

- Impact of Council on Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) on ECE Educator Preparation
- Redesigning ECE Programs to Meet New ISBE Requirements
- Creating Regional Partnerships to Enhance Coordination and Articulation
- Planning for Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA)
- Opportunity to apply for an Innovation Grant

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People in the News



The Millikin University Board of Trustees has announced the election of [Dr. Patrick E. White](#) as Millikin University's 15th president. Dr. White is currently serving as interim president at Millikin, a position he began in July, 2013. Prior to working at Millikin, Dr. White served seven years as the 15th president of Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. During his tenure at Wabash, Dr. White developed a student-focused strategic plan; guided the College through the financial turmoil of 2008-2009; completed a comprehensive academic program review and unqualified Self-Study Report that led to reaccreditation; secured a number of grants to establish new programs; achieved success in the Challenge of Excellence capital campaign that exceeded its \$60 million goal; and completed a \$6 million Athletics Field Campaign.

[Jarvis Purnell](#), director of Off-Campus & Non-Traditional Student Services since the spring of 2012, has been named director of Military Student Services. Purnell will oversee both departments, as he has done since last fall, when he became the acting director of Military Student Services.

Campus News

[Construction begins on \\$251 Million Malcolm X College and School of Health Sciences](#)

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Cheryl Hyman broke ground October 2, on the new Malcolm X College and School of Health Sciences. Designed with input from City Colleges' College to Careers industry partners, the new facility will serve as the system's hub for healthcare programs and will prepare students for the 84,000 healthcare jobs coming to the region over the next decade. Slated to be completed in late 2015, the new campus will host students beginning in January, 2016. It is part of City College's five-year capital plan.

[Allied Health at RLC awarded up to \\$2.25 million from U.S. Department of Education](#)

Big changes lie ahead for students looking into healthcare at Rend Lake College (RLC) as updated curricula, student support services and new programs will be taking shape over the next five years with the help of federal grant money from Title III Pathways to Success in Health Careers under the [Strengthening Institutions Program \(SIP\)](#). RLC, the only Illinois college to receive the federal funds, will receive the first grant payment this fiscal year in the amount of \$449,960 to begin making big changes in the Allied Health Division. Kim Robert, Dean of Allied Health and Project Director, said the grant money will help increase educational prospects for RLC students.

[SIUC researcher to explore Smart Grid privacy issues](#)

Kemal Akkaya, associate professor of computer science at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), received a \$298,112 National Science Foundation grant to explore ways to protect consumer privacy as the more resilient, but inherently nosy, [Smart Grid](#) gradually replaces our outmoded national power grid.

News from Higher Education

[Local military students get a break](#) (Belleville News-Democrat)

McKendree University has announced that it will defer tuition payments this month for military students studying at its Scott Air Force Base Center who are affected by the federal government shutdown.

[Commentary: The devil's in the performance-based details](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The process to reauthorize the Higher Education Act is in full swing, and both the White House and Congress appear to have admirable goals.

[Shutdown could put NIU's Antarctica project on ice](#) (Chicago Tribune)

The federal shutdown may put on ice a massive, ongoing research project led by Northern Illinois University professors working in Antarctica.

[New faces of civic learning](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

One can't very well expect two dozen students who live an hour or more away from a campus to drive in for a community service project on a Saturday morning.

[Poshard points to school funding issues](#) (Alton Daily News)

The president of Southern Illinois University says part of Illinois is getting shorted when it comes to education.

[Earnings gap narrows, but college education still pays, report says](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The earnings gap between young college graduates and their peers with only high-school diplomas has narrowed slightly in recent years, but adults with bachelor's degrees still make significantly more over their careers, according to a report released by the College Board.

[Commentary: Doors - copper or not -- closing on opportunity in Illinois](#) (St. Louis Beacon)

Many taxpayers have focused in recent weeks on the copper-plated doors newly installed at the Capitol.

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