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**Inaugurations of Illinois' 42nd Governor, Bruce Rauner, and the 99<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly held this week**

*"Education is a priority" was a common theme from Governor and General Assembly leaders*

Bruce Rauner was sworn in as the 42nd Governor of Illinois on January 12, in Springfield. Also sworn in at the inauguration ceremonies were Lisa Madigan as Attorney General, Jesse White as Secretary of State, Leslie Munger as Comptroller, and Michael Frerichs as Treasurer.

Governor Rauner, in his acceptance speech, spoke of making Illinois "...a national leader in job growth and education quality." He also described how education will impact the State's future: "In everything we do, we must ask ourselves, what does this mean for the next generation? For in order to thrive, we must prepare the next generation for success. From cradle to career, the people of Illinois deserve world-class educational opportunities. From early childhood and K through 12 schools, to vocational and technical training, to community colleges and higher ed, we need to invest adequately in every neighborhood. Next to being a mother or a father, teaching is the most important job in the world, and we must support our many good teachers. That means putting more directly into the classrooms, reforming the education bureaucracy, rolling back costly mandates, and giving more students access to great schools. A high-quality education is essential for higher lifetime earnings, a competitive, world-class workforce, and strong economic growth. It is the key to bringing back the American dream for every family in Illinois; for making the American dream a reality for everyone here; a truly better life for the next generation."

On January 14, the 177 members of the 99<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly's Senate and House of Representatives attended their respective swearing in ceremonies, also in Springfield. The four caucus leaders were also elected: Senate President John Cullerton, Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno, House Speaker Michael Madigan, and House Republican Leader Jim Durkin.

Senate President Cullerton stated that "...education is our top priority." Offering examples of how to back that statement up, he said, "We should rebuild the path to college for the growing number of middle class families unsure if they can afford the higher cost of higher education, and we need to ensure parents that their children will be safe on campus."

Speaker Madigan's acceptance speech included a commitment to "protect education" against the more than \$10 billion budget deficit facing Illinois over the next two and half years. He noted that education was needed for "...worker training and retraining at community colleges." He also stated that the House "...should work to make a college education affordable. Affordable not just to some, but for all--for all students."

**UPCOMING**

**JANUARY**

**16-17** [ICCB Student Advisory Committee](#) meeting, Hilton Hotel, Springfield

**23** [Illinois Community College Board](#) meeting, Crisp Community College Center, Springfield

**27** [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#) meeting, Bilandic Building, Chicago

**29-30** **Illinois Community College Presidents Council meeting**, Heartland Community College, Normal

**30-31** [IBHE-Student Advisory Committee](#), ISU, Normal

**FEBRUARY**

**3** [IBHE Board Meeting](#), NEIU, Chicago

**4** **State of the State message**, Springfield

**9** **ICCTA Board of Representatives** meetings, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

**18** **Governor's Budget Address**, Springfield

## 2015: The Year of the Volunteer

*Celebrating Volunteers and Strengthening the Volunteer System in Illinois*



Leaders from the public and private sectors are working together for the Year of the Volunteer: L to R: James Applegate, executive director, Illinois Board of Higher Education; DuPage Regional Superintendent Darlene Ruscitti; John Holton, director, Illinois Dept. on Aging; David Hiller, CEO, Robert R. McCormick Foundation; Lt. Gov-elect Evelyn Sanguinetti, the Honorary Chair for the Year of the Volunteer; Scott McFarland, executive director, Serve Illinois Commission; Karen Hunter Anderson, executive director, Illinois Community College Board; State Superintendent Christopher Koch; and Louis Kosiba, executive director, Illinois Municipal Retiree Fund.

The **Year of the Volunteer**, based on Senate Resolution, SR1002, a nonpartisan effort developed by Generations Serving Generations, is a call to action to learn more about volunteers and develop strategies to tap this multi-generational resource. Institutions of higher education are being asked to consider how service, civic engagement and volunteering benefits their campuses; and how volunteers can help to achieve the goals of the **Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success**.

Campuses are being asked to identify a **campus representative for the Year of the Volunteer**, and send their contact information to Jane Angelis, [genservegen@gmail.com](mailto:genservegen@gmail.com). The Year of the Volunteer is being launched on Martin Luther King Day. Campuses are encouraged to sign up with planned service projects, [here](#). Also, campuses are encouraged to recognize volunteers engaged in efforts deserving attention by nominating them for the [Governor's Volunteer Service Award](#). More information is available at [www.Serve.Illinois.gov](http://www.Serve.Illinois.gov).

### STUDENT VETERANS LEADERSHIP DAY February 25, 2015 – Illinois State Museum



Student Veterans Leadership Day is an event for student veteran leaders attending Illinois' colleges and universities. Workshops will be designed to engage student veterans in four areas of leadership: Legislative, Entrepreneurial, Educational, and Community-Based.

On-line registration will begin in January. For questions, please contact Richard Tapia at [tapia@ibhe.org](mailto:tapia@ibhe.org).



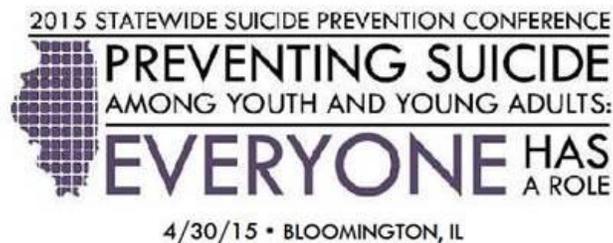
Participation in this event is limited to the first 140 people to register. Registration is now open and can be accessed through the following link: <http://iccbdsrv.iccb.org/stuvetleadreg/registration.cfm>.

## Grow Your Own Teacher Illinois Statewide Learning Conference held



The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) hosted the annual Grow Your Own (GYO) Teachers Statewide Learning Network conference on December 11, 2014 at National Louis University. Leading the conference titled "**Speaking with One Voice**," were GYO graduates and candidates who spoke about their journey through the program. Senator Dan Kotowski (D-28), Representative Esther Golar (D-6), and IBHE Executive Director Jim Applegate also spoke. For the past four years, the IBHE and the GYO Education Initiative have worked with consortia across the state to develop a pipeline of high-quality teachers to teach in hard-to-staff Illinois schools. Currently 102 GYO teachers are working in classrooms across the State.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



[Click here to submit an abstract](#)

and

[Click here for more information about the conference](#)

The conference planning committee is accepting abstracts for the 2015 Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference entitled "*Preventing Suicide Among Youth and Young Adults: Everyone has a Role*" on April 30, 2015 in Bloomington. Above is a link to the Illinois Public Health Association Website for more information about the conference and to submit an abstract online.

Submissions are being accepted for the following:

- **Breakout presentations for three tracks**
- **Poster displays**
- **Non-for-profit program displays** (*those interested in a **sponsorship** or **for-profit program display** should contact Angie Wanger at [awanger@ipha.com](mailto:awanger@ipha.com)*).

The submission deadline for breakout presentations is **January 30**, and the non-profit **poster and program display spots are limited**, so please submit early.

**Edward L. McMillan**, a University of Illinois alumnus and a national leader in agribusiness, was elected chairman of the University's Board of Trustees during its annual organizational meeting on January 15. A trustee since 2009, McMillan will head a 12-member board that governs the U of I and its campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield. McMillan said he is honored to serve the University that launched a more than 40-year career in agribusiness, including nearly a decade as president and chief executive officer of Purina Mills Inc., the nation's largest manufacturer of animal nutrition products. "I've seen first-hand how the University's academic programs transform the lives of students and how its research discovery leads the way to progress and economic growth," McMillan said. "Our board is committed to building on its rich legacy of excellence and extending its service to society for generations to come."

## Student Laureates Honored



The Lincoln Academy of Illinois



**Augustana College:**  
Natali Bode is from Aurora, majoring in Elementary Education.



**Columbia College:** John Christopher Joson is from Chicago, majoring in junior business and entrepreneurship.



**Concordia College:**  
David Benjamin Woenker is from Cary, majoring in English and Chemistry.



**DePaul University:**  
Paul H. Pearson is from Chicago, majoring in Computer Science.

*Editor's note: In the upcoming issues of The Friday Memo, the Illinois Student Laureates from Illinois' colleges and universities will be featured in "People in the News." The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement, campus leadership, and extracurricular activities among Illinois College and university seniors.*

After more than two decades, Benedictine University President [William J. Carroll, Ph.D.](#), announced January 12, that he will step down as president in December 2015. “When I started this journey in 1995, the school was on the cusp of closing,” Carroll said. “Enrollment was down and the University was embroiled in racial tensions and open hostility. Today, with class sites in China, Vietnam, Arizona, and throughout Illinois, we are the fastest-growing university in the Country with nearly 10,000 students worldwide, have a host of remarkably dedicated and compassionate faculty and staff, and the University is recognized as one of the most diverse and welcoming in the Country,” he said. The University’s Board of Trustees, under the leadership of incoming chair Jim Melsa, will conduct a national search.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Chancellor [Julie Furst-Bowe](#) has been named to the panel of judges for Illinois Performance Excellence (ILPEX). ILPEX partners with Illinois leaders to build organizational knowledge and capability to achieve performance excellence and contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the State. ILPEX offers training and feedback reports based on the proven organizational management framework of the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence. Furst-Bowe serves on the Board of Overseers for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, an award that provides the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can achieve. “I’m looking forward to engaging in the ILPEX process that will assist Illinois companies and groups in their quest for excellence within their respective fields,” Furst-Bowe said.

Governors State University President, **Dr. Elaine P. Maimon**, gave the keynote address at the International Science and Technology Conference in Doha, Qatar on December 18. Dr. Maimon spoke on “Quality in Academic Writing.” Speaking to a multi-national audience, “It was encouraging to see the intense interest in the teaching of writing from professors from Algeria, Libya, Turkey, Poland, and so many other places,” Maimon said. “The conference was conducted in English without translators, and I deeply admired the abilities of these world-wide professors to function effectively in a second language. It was clear to me that all of us are striving for the same thing—preparing students to live and work in a global society.”

## Campus News

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### [No base tuition increase for in-state, U of I freshmen](#)

The University of Illinois Board of Trustees on January 15, approved no increase in base tuition for in-state freshmen next fall – holding year-to-year rates steady for the first time in more than 20 years. In-state freshmen will pay no base tuition increase for the first time since 1993-94 while rates will increase by an inflation-related 2 percent for non-Illinois residents. Tuition for incoming freshmen is guaranteed under state law to remain fixed for four years. Trustees also approved student fee and housing rates for the 2015-16 academic year that will increase fees by less than \$50 annually, excluding a student health insurance fee that will be set next spring. Room-and-board rates will rise by \$210 or less on the University’s three campuses. Combined, costs of base tuition, fees and housing for in-state freshmen will increase 0.7 percent in Urbana-Champaign, 0.4 percent in Springfield, and 1 percent in Chicago. Tuition differentials in five academic units on the Chicago campus will increase modestly, but there will be no differential increases for other Chicago units or in any units on the Urbana-Champaign and Springfield campuses.

### [LTC offering Petroleum Drilling Technology Degree](#)

Lincoln Trail College is preparing students to get into the growing petroleum field. LTC has worked with local industry leaders to develop a Petroleum Drilling Technology program. “Fracking is coming to Illinois soon, and that will mean good jobs. This program will help people get skills they need to find jobs in the field,” LTC President Kathryn Harris said. The curriculum for the Petroleum Drilling Technology degree consists of 19 credit hours of required general education and 44 credit hours in required career and technical education coursework. Students will be evaluated with a final capstone project related to planning, developing and operating an extraction facility, as well as a portfolio review by program faculty. The extraction field is expected to grow over the next several years according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security, predicting an increase of 23.2 percent for oil and gas roustabouts, 23.6 percent for oil and gas rotary drill operators, and 24.1 percent for oil and gas derrick operators through 2022.

## **[Study shows the economic impact of the University of Illinois Springfield on Sangamon County](#)**

A new study shows how the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) is having a major impact on the Sangamon County economy. In Fiscal Year 2013-14, the university added \$176.8 million in additional income to the local economy. That's according to the study conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI), a nationally known research firm who has conducted more than 1,200 economic impact studies for colleges and universities across the country. The study found UIS' greatest impact results are from the education and training it provides for local residents. Thousands of UIS alumni are employed in Sangamon County. During the analysis year, UIS alumni generated \$95.5 million in added income. "We've always known UIS has a large impact on the community in many different ways," said UIS Chancellor Susan J. Koch. "This study shows just how great the economic impact is on Sangamon County in particular."

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

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### **[Free tuition plan could be a boon for community colleges](#)** (Beacon News)

President Obama's proposal to provide free community college tuition is getting high praise from local community college leaders. But that praise is tempered with questions about whether such a plan is possible considering the financial straits of the federal and state governments.

### **[Suburban community colleges applaud Obama plan if money's there](#)** (Daily Herald)

Suburban educators hailed President Obama's plan to make community college as "free and universal as high school is today," but they acknowledged the proposal faces a tough sell with Illinois lawmakers who would have to loosen the state's purse strings to join.

### **[The roots of Obama's ambitious college plan](#)** (The New York Times)

The roots of President Obama's ambitious proposal for free community college can be found in a 2008 book by the economists Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz called "The Race Between Education and Technology."

### **[Illinois falls short in \\$20 million effort to develop 1,000 teachers](#)** (Chicago Tribune)

The state has spent more than \$20 million in the past decade to develop 1,000 teachers who would work in distressed public schools and boost the number of minority educators in Illinois

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