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*The Friday Memo*

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**MAP Matters**

On Wednesday, April 30, at 12:30 pm, at the Capitol Rotunda in Springfield, Governor Quinn, accompanied by students from Illinois colleges and universities, who know—first-hand—why **MAP Matters** for their successful pursuit of a college degree, will be asking for more Monetary Award Program (MAP) funding in the fiscal year 2015 budget. The Governor is requesting that MAP be increased by \$50 million that would provide financial assistance to at least 15,000 to 20,000 more Illinois students hoping to attend college for the 2014-15 school year. Quinn also called for a doubling in the investment in MAP over 5 years in this year's State of the State message. He will welcome college students to the Capitol Rotunda to describe to the members of the Illinois General Assembly the good investment MAP is for the future of Illinois.

April 30 is the day the IBHE-Student Advisory Committee designated for student groups from Illinois' colleges and universities to plan to come to Springfield to meet with their legislators to support funding for MAP grants. The Private College Student Lobby Day, sponsored by the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities, and the Illinois Community College Trustees' Lobby Day are being held on April 30 also.

Additional information is available at [www.mapmattersil.org](http://www.mapmattersil.org)

**Combat to College Student Veterans Conference**



Dan Wellman, Administrator, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs State Approving Agency, introducing veteran Dr. Charlotte Warren, President, Lincoln Land Community College

**UPCOMING**

**APRIL**

**29 Illinois Community College Trustees Assn. (ICCTA) Board Meeting**, Crisp Community College Center, Springfield

**Illinois Community College Presidents Meeting**, Crisp Community College Center, Springfield

**30 MAP Matters Day Rally**, Capitol Rotunda, Springfield

**Private College Student Lobby Day**, Capitol, Springfield

**ICCTA Lobby Day**, Capitol, Springfield

The Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Illinois Community College Board, Illinois Campus Compact, and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission hosted a one-day Conference "*Combat to College*," for veteran students and administrators from all institutions of higher education on April 15 at Illinois State University's Bone Student Center. This was the second annual Conference held by the partnering agencies on the comprehensive needs of student veterans.

The conference featured Dr. Charlotte Warren, a veteran and President of Lincoln Land Community College, who offered inspirational personal testimony about overcoming challenges in order to succeed in postsecondary education. Illinois State University President Larry Dietz and IBHE Executive Director James Applegate provided remarks encouraging veterans to pursue higher education, and Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, Rodrigo Garcia, addressed issues surrounding financial challenges for student veterans attending college. Other topics of discussion included community involvement, social and team interaction, and health and well-being.

Through the combined efforts of the state agencies, the Conference featured efforts on campuses to provide more focused and rigorous services for student veterans while educating administrators on some of the challenges veterans face. Evaluations were distributed to attendees at the conclusion of the Conference, from which suggestions will be incorporated into next year's event.

For more information about this year's *Combat to College* event, please visit: <http://www.ibhe.org/Veteran/List.asp>

### [Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship](#)

The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation announced the 2014-Undergraduate Scholarship Application for students seeking an undergraduate degree. Applicants should be an accepted student at an accredited institution of higher learning. The [application](#) must be postmarked no later than **April 30**. This is a one-time award.

Submit applications to: Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship Foundation Selection Committee, P.O. Box 12104, Springfield, IL 62791.

### [Illinois filmmakers invited to enter state's Shortcuts competition](#)

Illinois filmmakers are invited to enter the statewide short film competition sponsored by the Illinois Film Office (IFO) and designed to showcase local production talent. Contest entrants must be Illinois residents over the age of 18 or students over the age of 18 who attend Illinois colleges and universities. The winning entry will receive a cash prize and will be screened during the 50th Chicago International Film Festival this October.

**COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA** **15 to Finish: From Idea to Action**  
Webinar on April 29 at 2:00 PM CDT.

Complete College America (CCA) is conducting a webinar featuring higher education leaders from around the country as they share strategies for implementing "15 to Finish," a campaign designed to increase the number of students taking 15 credits per semester or 30 credits per year and improve on-time completion rates. Institutional and state leaders will show you the actions they are taking and highlight the results they've achieved to date. **Southern Illinois University at Carbondale will be presenting their campus's efforts advising students to take full time course loads.** Register now! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7023863154365899009>



### [PARCC 301: Assessment Clinic for Higher Education](#)

*Target Audience: Members of 2- and 4-year public and private campus PARCC teams*

- PARCC 301, Sect. A: June 6, 2014, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn
- PARCC 301, Sect. B: June 23, 2104, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills
- PARCC 301, Sect. C: June 25, 2014, Rend Lake College, Ina
- PARCC 301, Sect. D: June 26, 2014, Heartland Community College, Normal

**Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Registration is limited to six (6) team members per institution.** Suggested participants include the Director of Assessment, individuals (likely faculty leaders) representing math and English, and team members holding decision-making authority in Academic Affairs, advising and admissions.

***Cost of the workshop is \$30 per participant; lunch will be provided.*** [Register Now.](#)

The purpose of the **PARCC 301 Clinic** is to provide professional development specifically designed for members of 2- and 4-year public and private campus PARCC teams to build institutional awareness of, and preparedness for, the forthcoming PARCC assessment. The **PARCC 301 Clinic**, being offered at four sites across the state, will help team members undertake campus transitional activities and prepare for the various opportunities PARCC data will provide as institutions prepare to admit students starting in 2016 who will arrive at campuses with rich performance-based, New Illinois Learning Standards-aligned assessment results. Institutions are asked to **assemble their campus PARCC teams for participation in any one of the following four clinic opportunities** to dig deeper into PARCC and its implications and opportunities for higher education.

#### [People in the News](#)

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[Julie Crafton](#), a Heartland Community College student graduating in May, won the prestigious Jack Kent Cook Foundation 2014 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, which awards up to \$30,000 a year for up to three years. This scholarship is the largest private scholarship available for a community college transfer student in the country. Crafton also was named to the *USA Today* All-USA Community College Academic Team, and was named a Coca Cola New Century Scholar, which awarded \$2,500 and \$2,000 scholarships, respectively. Crafton is transferring to the University of Colorado at Denver, where she will begin Political Science courses in the fall, after directing a summer camp for children with disabilities in Breckenridge, Colorado this summer.

## [SPOTLIGHT: 2013 - 14 DFI Fellows](#)

One hundred and seven Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Program Fellows, 48 new and 59 renewals, were awarded a Fellowship for the 2013-2014, 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.



**Eduardo Coronel** is currently in the Education Policy, Organization and Leadership PhD program and receiving a graduate minor in Latina/Latino Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He graduated from the University of Southern California with a B.A. in American Studies & Ethnicity, and a minor in Political Science with a concentration in Race, Ethnicity, and Politics. Throughout his academic and professional career, Eduardo has served as an advocate for students of color. Recently, Eduardo collaborated on a presentation that focused on deconstructing meritocracy, identifying formal and social networks that can help individuals academically and professionally, and how to benefit from a “weak” social connection. In addition, he has volunteered by talking to the local Latino/a community (current high school students and parents), in Urbana-Champaign, about higher education (applying to college, paying for college, and how to keep the lines of communication between students and parents open). As a Latino student in higher education, Eduardo understands the need to increase diversity on both sides of the classroom.

Governors State University president **Elaine P. Maimon** has been awarded the 2014 Chicagoland ATHENA Leadership Award from ATHENA International. President Maimon will receive her award at the 2014 Governors State University Foundation Scholarship Luncheon April 25. The ATHENA Leadership Award® is presented to a woman or man who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

## [Campus News](#)

### [Governor Quinn announces \\$60 million investment in Western Illinois University Center for Performing Arts](#)

On April 23, Governor Pat Quinn announced a \$60 million capital investment to complete the Center for Performing Arts at Western Illinois University (WIU) in Macomb. Bids will be opened in late summer with construction work scheduled to start in early 2015. The project is one of the largest in the Governor's *Illinois Jobs Now!* Program. “The Center for Performing Arts will increase Western’s educational offerings and provide Macomb with a state-of-the-art music, dance and theater production facility,” Governor Quinn said. “This is an investment in the school’s future, and the hundreds of construction jobs it will create is an investment in the region’s economy.”

## [News from Higher Education](#)

### [College attainment rises, but Lumina’s 60% Goal is now harder to reach](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The percentage of American adults with a college degree grew 0.7 percent from 2011 to 2012, according to a report on college attainment released by the Lumina Foundation. That small increase means the nation is already behind on the foundation’s goal of 60-percent attainment by 2025. Visit [here](#) for Illinois’ report.

### [U.S. Court backs Michigan on affirmative action](#) (The New York Times)

In a fractured decision that revealed deep divisions over what role the judiciary should play in protecting racial and

ethnic minorities, the Supreme Court on April 22 upheld a Michigan constitutional amendment that bans affirmative action in admissions to the state's public universities.

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