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*The Friday Memo*

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Four student speakers at the [MAP Matters Day Rally](#), IIT student Cleo Richard, UIS student Adriana Rivas, DePaul University student Sarah Rens, and ICC student Trevor Miluer, meet with ISAC Executive Director, Eric Zarnikow

### [Governor Quinn leads push to double MAP for students in need](#)

Governor Pat Quinn was joined by hundreds of students and educators from across the State at the “MAP Matters Day Rally,” on April 30, an event organized to raise awareness for the Governor’s plan to double funding for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) over the next five years. “A scholarship can make the difference in whether or not a deserving student can attend college,” Governor Quinn said. “I commend all students and educators here today who are standing up for this great cause. An increase in MAP funding will help thousands of Illinois students attend college and prepare them for jobs in the 21st century economy.”

Governor Quinn proposed doubling the State’s investment in MAP during his 2014 State of the State address and followed through on this commitment in his annual budget. The State currently allocates \$373 million for MAP grants, which benefit more than 140,000 students across the State. The Governor’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget calls for an increase of \$50 million, which will give 21,000 more students access to grant funds. Approximately 58 percent of MAP recipients have no available resources to pay for college. More MAP facts are available at [MAP Matters: www.mapmattersil.org](#).

### UPCOMING

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6 [Senate Higher Ed Committee](#),  
Room 400, Capitol

7 [House Elementary and Secondary Committee](#),  
Subject Matter on PARCC  
and Common Core, D-1  
Stratton Bldg., Springfield

[House Higher Ed Committee](#),  
Room 118, Capitol

9 [Appropriations House Higher Ed Committee](#), Room 114,  
Capitol



Parkland Community College President Thomas Ramage and Western Illinois University President Jack Thomas also spoke at the Rally. "This is a day of hope, as we are very enthusiastic with the prospect of significant growth in the funding for the Monetary Award Program," Thomas stated. "This increased funding will have a direct and positive impact on the enrollment of so many of our students."

Students representing community colleges, public universities and private colleges receiving MAP grants joined Gov. Quinn at the podium to speak, Illinois Institute of Technology senior Cleo Richard, University of Illinois at Springfield senior Adriana Rivas, and Illinois Central College student Trevor Milner. IBHE-Student Advisory Committee Chair, Sarah Rens, encouraged the

students to use social media to let their legislators know why MAP matters by using [@ #MAPMatters](#). Students at the Rally and around the State are posting "selfies" on social media sites expressing support for Gov. Quinn's recommendation to increase funding to MAP to \$425 million in the 2015 budget.

### [Illinois Community Colleges achieve completion goals](#)

At a press briefing on April 29, Illinois community college leaders announced that for the fifth straight year the State's community colleges have met the benchmarks for the "60 by '25 Completion Campaign." Karen Hunter Anderson, executive director, Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), also described plans for expanding workplace readiness programs in cooperation with statewide business leaders, working with Douglas Whitley, Illinois Chamber of Commerce President. Community colleges reported over 69,000 graduates with degrees or certificates. The ICCB is monitoring the progress of the Completion Campaign's graduation goal on its [website](#). The 2014 benchmark for Illinois will be 64,000. In addition to Hunter Anderson and Whitley, Christine Sobek, president of the Illinois Community Council Presidents, and president of Waubensee Community College, President Jerry Weber, College of Lake County, President Georgia Costello, Southwestern Illinois College, and Mike Monaghan, executive director, Illinois Community College Trustees Association, spoke at the news conference marking the start of two days of meetings with legislators and state officials in Springfield.



### **ALPLM collecting oral history of Illinois community colleges**

A year-long effort to capture the stories of a schooling system that covers the entire state and educates nearly one million students was unveiled on April 30, as part of the Oral History Program at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM). The website, "[Education is Key — Community Colleges](#)." Includes recorded histories by several prominent Illinois community college leaders. The Illinois community college system is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015.



ILLINOIS EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL



The Illinois Education Research Council announces the call for proposals for its 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium* October 7 & 8 in Bloomington. The Symposium provides a unique forum for the discussion of educational issues of interest to the Illinois community for education policy makers, researchers, and practitioners from the State and beyond. The [call for proposals](#) closes on **June 20**. Submit a proposal and come be a part of the conversation.



### **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 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**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.



**Alfred W. Tatum** has been named dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Education after a national search. His appointment is effective May 15, subject to approval by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. Tatum, professor of curriculum and instruction, has served as interim dean of the college since last August. One of the foremost experts on the literacy development of African American boys, he has written more than 50 publications on the topic, including three books. Recently he authored policy reports and solution briefs for Jobs for the Future and the Council of Great City Schools.

### *Lincoln Academy of Illinois' Student Laureates honored*



**Roosevelt University:** Erin McCaslin is from Maple Valley, Washington, majoring in Marketing.



**St. Xavier University:** Lauren Bryk is from Rolling Meadows, majoring in Early Child Education.



**Southern Illinois University Carbondale:** Eileen N. Schweiss is from Festus, Missouri, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**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. Photographs by Studio 131, courtesy of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois.

**[EIU continues dedication to emerging field of clean energy opening new state-of-the-art research facility](#)**

Eastern Illinois University (EIU) continued its dedication to clean energy by opening its new research facility, Center for Clean Energy Research and Education (CENCERE), dedicated to alternative fuel exploration on April 25. "Our students and professors at Eastern Illinois University will now be able to house their research projects focused on clean energy within a brand new 5,000-square-ft. state-of-the-art facility," said Peter Liu, director of CENCERE.

The CENCERE facility contains a processing area, room for the gasifier and an analytical lab. The gasifier converts biomass into combustible gas with the resulting product being used for fuel, just like the one found at the Renewable Energy Center. The new building also houses an "idea incubator" where students and faculty can connect with local businesses and community members to secure ideas for future projects. The project for the facility was funded by the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation. EIU's Board of Trustees formally approved the creation of the research facility on Jan. 14, 2011.

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News from Higher Education

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**[Poshard departs feeling grateful, blessed](#)** (The Southern Illinoisan)

Glenn Poshard said a bittersweet goodbye to an institution he first became acquainted with almost 50 years ago.

**[Durbin, DeVry spar on Senator's letter to high schools](#)** (Inside Higher Ed)

U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois sent high school principals in his state a letter urging them to shield their students from the "often irresistible lure" of for-profit colleges -- drawing a pointed response from one of his constituents, DeVry Education Group.

**[White House raises the bar for colleges' handling of sexual assault](#)** (Chronicle of Higher Education)

The Obama administration unveiled stringent new guidelines designed to help colleges' combat sexual assault and provide victims with a "road map" to file complaints against institutions that fall short in their responses.

**[Op-ed: Higher education: A smart investment for Illinois](#)** (News-Gazette)

After 16 years of cuts in state support, universities and colleges across Illinois have reached a tipping point.

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