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*The Friday Memo*

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**House does not support a “doomsday” budget for fiscal year 2015**

*Speaker Madigan says he currently does not have the votes to pass the extension of the current income tax rates.*

On May 23, the Illinois House of Representatives failed to pass a proposed “doomsday” budget bill, with 107 voting against and 5 voting for [HB 3792](#). The bill reduced higher education operations and programs from the budget bills approved on May 16, by the House by \$187 million. The House and Senate are scheduled to adjourn today and will return to Springfield on Monday, for the final week of Spring Session, to complete budget action, and enactment of substantive bills, prior to scheduled adjournment on May 31.

The Senate has not acted on any budget bills, waiting for the House to send approved FY 2015 budget proposals to them. It remains uncertain how the House plans to proceed without majority support for additional revenue by extending the current income tax rate to support the approved budget bills that surpass current revenue estimates for FY 2015.

Today was deadline day in both the House and Senate for Third Readings of substantive bills from the other chamber. Among the higher education bills receiving final approval, and set to go to the Governor for his review are:

- [HB 5323](#), Franks (Frerichs), requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to undertake a study to determine the practical and fiscal impacts of adopting a program in Illinois similar to Pennsylvania's Pay It Forward Pay It Back legislation, conduct a survey of similar programs within the 50 states, with specific regard to funding and programmatic practicality and feasibility, and prepare a report based on the results of the study and submit its report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014.
- [HB 5679](#), Hammond (Sullivan), requires the universities to cooperate with the Board of Higher Education in reporting for a high school feedback report prepared in cooperation with Illinois Community College Board and Illinois State Board of Education.
- [SB 3306](#), Rose (Scherer), provides that, for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall give additional and specific consideration to the needs of dislocated workers with the intent of allowing Monetary Award Program applicants who are dislocated workers an opportunity to secure financial assistance even if applying later than the general pool of applicants.

See status of bills of interest to higher education, including those still awaiting final action in the General Assembly [here](#).

**Update on Federal college rating system**

U.S. Department of Education's Deputy Under Secretary Jamie Studley has provided a [second update](#) on the Agency's development of a college ratings system. “The scope of responses, complexity of the task, and importance of doing this thoughtfully and usefully led us to decide that it is worth taking more time before publishing a proposal for comment, interchange, and improvement,” she stated. “We are continuing conversations with educators, families, leaders, and researchers. We are on track to come out with a proposal by this fall and a final version of the new ratings system before the 2015-16 school year.”

UPCOMING

MAY

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

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

31 **Adjournment of the General Assembly** (scheduled)

JUNE

3 [IBHE Board Meeting](#), Lewis University, Romeoville



### [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 **Registration deadline is June 2**
- 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 **Limited seating available**

**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.



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.

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



**University of St. Francis: Brandon S. Collofello is from Minooka, majoring in Biology.**



**VanderCook College of Music: Maxwell J. Dykla is from Belding, Michigan, majoring in Piano.**



**Western Illinois University: Lindsey M. Posmanick is from Troy, majoring in Women's Studies, with minors in Political Science and Pre-Law.**



**Wheaton College: Sarah R. Vander Vorst is from Mound City, South Dakota, majoring in Archeology.**

*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.*

Following the retirement of **Dr. Ray Hancock**, the Illinois Community College System Foundation (ICCSF) welcomes its new President, **[Mr. Greg Legan](#)**. A native of Gilman, Illinois, Greg Legan has over 35 years fundraising experience. He began his career as a program officer with the Chicago Council on Fine Arts and later joined the Tippecanoe Arts Federation in Lafayette, Indiana, as Executive Director. Mr. Legan has served as the lead fundraiser for the Department of Computer Science at Purdue University; the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for Southern Illinois University; the Executive Director of the John A. Logan College Foundation; the Executive Director of the Illinois Conservation Foundation; and most recently the Shawnee College Foundation from which he retired. Mr. Legan holds a B.A. from Columbia College in Chicago and a M.S. from Indiana Wesleyan University.

[John Anderson](#), Illinois Institute of Technology's (IIT) eighth president has announced that he plans to resign from the position on Aug. 1, 2015. Mr. Anderson, 68, will remain at IIT as a professor of chemical engineering. He became president in 2007.

## Campus News

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### [UIC signs agreement with area universities to share research facilities at reduced cost](#)

As research funding from the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies shrinks, cooperation among the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago is expanding. With the strokes of three pens, UIC, Northwestern, and the University of Chicago launched an unusual -- perhaps unique -- collaborative venture by forming a core research facilities partnership. The universities' provosts recently signed an agreement for "open access to research core facilities." Simply put: there is no extra fee now to use each other's fancy instruments. The agreement builds on an existing partnership between the three universities focused on biomedical research: the Chicago Biomedical Consortium (CBC), established in 2006, with the mission of stimulating collaboration among scientists at the three institutions.

### [Two HALO students pioneers at Heartland](#)

When Seth Bauersfeld and Robert Lott walked across the stage at Heartland Community College's commencement on May 17, they did so as pioneers. They are the first students from the Heartland Academy for Learning Opportunities to take part in the college's graduation ceremonies and the first HALO students to earn a Certificate of Achievement in Life Skills Development. [The HALO program](#) serves students with intellectual disabilities wanting to continue their education after high school in what the college describes as "a supportive yet challenging learning environment."

## News from Higher Education

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### [Hundreds of colleges and universities have openings for freshmen](#) (The Washington Post)

So you didn't get into the first, second, or third college of your choice.

### [Indiana data network draws opposition](#) (Education Week)

Rising concerns about the privacy and security of vast amounts of student data are playing out across the country. That is especially true in Indiana, where the State is building a network that would gather and analyze academic information on students from the time they enter kindergarten to their days as adults in the workplace.

### [50 years ago, baby boom hit UI enrollment](#) (News-Gazette)

The proverbial handwriting had been on the wall since about 1946, but for some reason it was big news 50 years ago when the University of Illinois announced major enrollment restrictions on incoming freshmen, the result of the postwar "baby boom."

[Class, cost, and college](#) (The New York Times)

The word “crisis” pops up frequently in “Ivory Tower,” a compelling new documentary about the state of higher education in America.

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