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June 23 Webinar for Illinois Student Veterans

The Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) Education Working Group is offering a Webinar for students on **June 23**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., about the education benefits available to Illinois service members and veterans, and we are asking for your assistance in sharing information about the Webinar with your current and prospective student veterans. Veteran service coordinators, administrators, faculty, and other school personnel are also encouraged to attend. The Webinar will be moderated by Amy Sherman, Associate Vice President, Policy and Strategic Alliances, CAEL. The presenters will be Duane Honeycutt, former Director of the Chicago Regional Benefit Office for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Kim Eck, Training Coordinator in the Program Services and Compliance Division at the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Please [click here to register for the Webinar](#).

UPCOMING

JUNE

20 [IBHE Faculty Advisory Council](#), NIU, DeKalb

26 [ISAC Meeting](#), Triton College, Chicago

JULY

17 [College Changes Everything Conference](#), Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park



[Registration Now Open!](#)

2014 College Changes Everything Conference

Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois

July 17, 2014 · 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The fourth annual statewide *College Changes Everything* Conference will bring together a diverse group of presenters and participants all focused on advancing our collective goal: **increasing the proportion of adults in Illinois with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60% by the year 2025**. This one-day conference focuses on effective practices and showcases resources available to help with college access and increasing college completion.

Registration: Registration is free, but space is very limited and only waiting list openings will be offered very soon. Register today (<http://www.collegechangeseverything.org/events/2014-cce.html>) and come ready to spend the day with Illinois colleagues to share and learn from each other as we work together to help the state reach its 60% x 2025 Goal.



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

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

- PARCC 301, Sect. B: June 23, 2104, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills
- PARCC 301, Sect. C: June 25, 2014, Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Mt. Vernon
 - PARCC 301, Sect. D: June 26, 2014, Heartland Community College, Normal
- **Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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 12th 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.



Illinois Council of Community College Administrators

A final call has been issued for proposals from administrators who would like to present at the ICCCA Fall Conference to be held November 19 -21, at the Schaumburg Hyatt Regency Hotel. In conjunction with the theme, "*In the Midst of Change: Looking, Learning and Leading*," presentations that describe colleges' innovative and progressive methodologies that relate to the five strands of the conference: 1) Student Success, 2) Operational Excellence, 3) Career and Technical Education/Adult Education, 4) Curricular Innovation, and 5) Leadership and Core Values are requested by **June 23**. Successful RFP applicants will receive notification by July 24. All information, including the form to use for the RFP, can be accessed on the ICCCA website at <http://www.iccca.org/documents/category/16-presentation>.

People in the News

Dr. Eric McLaren, former principal of Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA), died on June 6, following a courageous four-year battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease. An IMSA charter staff member, Eric began as a Resident Counselor (1986-88), and was subsequently promoted to Head Resident Counselor (1988-90), Coordinator of Residential Life (1990-96), Assistant Principal/Coordinator of Community Learning (1996-99), and Principal (1999-2012). He was named VP for Academic Programs in 2004, and continued serving in that role until early 2013. "Eric's legacy is extraordinary," said IMSA President Cathy Veal, who hired Eric in 1986, and worked closely with him through the years to advance IMSA's legislative charges and mission. "His name is on so much of what makes IMSA, *IMSA*, including our standards of significant learning, our faculty model of professional development and collaborative accountability, personalized learning, student inquiry and research, and student leadership development," she said. "We have lost a very special educator and man."

The Illinois Science & Technology Coalition (ISTC), a not-for-profit organization focused on growing the State's innovation economy, has announced that **Douglas D. Baker**, president of Northern Illinois University (NIU), will serve as chairman of the organization's Board of Directors. Baker replaces outgoing Board Chair Eric Isaacs, provost of the University of Chicago and former director of Argonne National Laboratory and president of UChicago Argonne, LLC.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and the Advisory Board for the Illinois Center for Nursing recognized the 2014 Nurse Educator Fellows on June 5 in a joint ceremony held in Chicago and Springfield. This distinguished group of nursing faculty were nominated by their schools and competed against 28 nominees to become part of this select group of Fellows. The program helps to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher learning by providing a one-time salary supplement. This fall, the IBHE will be seeking new nominations for the program.



In Chicago: Standing, left to right - **Elizabeth Florez**, PhD, RN, DePaul University; **Catherine Vincent**, PhD, RN, University of IL at Chicago; **Marsha Snyder**, PhD, RN, PMHNP, BC, CADC, University of IL at Chicago; **Lola M. Prince**, PhD, RN, APN, FNP-BC, University of St. Francis; **Frank D. Hicks**, PhD, RN, Rush University; **Amber S. Kujath**, PhD, RN, Rush University; **Daisy Sherry**, PhD, CNP, RN, Lewis University; and **Patricia Kelly**, MSN, RN, CNE, St. Xavier University. Seated, left to right - **Julianne Jagielka**, DNP(c), RN, Morton College; **Annette Mattea**, DNP, RN, APN/CCNS, University of St. Francis; and **Jacqueline Tulley**, MSN, ACNP, RN, St. Xavier University.



In Springfield: Left to Right - **Sheryl Jenkins**, PhD, RN, IL State University; **Tina Saddler**, MS, RN, Western IL University; **Debra Stark**, PhD, RN, Methodist College; Jonathan Lackland, IBHE Deputy Director, **Jill Parsons**, PhD, RN, MacMurray College; **Teresa Valerio**, DNP, APN, FNP-BC, CBSM, IL State University; and **Michele Beatty**, PhD(c), RN, SIU-Edwardsville.

Unable to attend – **Karen Brandt**, PhD, RN, NIU; **Noel Kerr**, PhD, RN, IL Wesleyan University; and **Lisabeth Searing**, PhD, RN, IL Wesleyan University.

Campus News

[EIU history professor to journey on America's oldest commercial whaling ship](#) *Seeks to eliminate 'social amnesia' through blog*

For years, Charles Foy spent hours huddled in a library researching and writing about black mariners in the Atlantic World — even creating a database to document the thousands and thousands of mariners he discovered. His research only allowed the associate professor of history at Eastern Illinois University to imagine the smell of the ocean or the hardships of sailing on the rough waters of the Atlantic. But this summer, Foy will experience exactly what he has spent years researching. He will set sail on the oldest commercial whaling ship still afloat, the Charles W. Morgan, built in 1841, as part of Mystic Seaport's "38th voyage" project sponsored by the National Endowment for Humanities.

The voyage is a public history project with 80 voyagers, from artists to scholars, bringing their expertise on board to raise awareness about the importance of America's maritime history. The voyage will be the 38th trip the ship has sailed in open waters after five years of restorations and more than 80 years on land. After a night sleeping in the whaling ship's tight forecastle, Foy will set sail on July 15, from Provincetown to Boston. Throughout the voyage and after, he plans to blog about his experiences and his research interest of black mariners. After spending years reading about men on whaling ships, Foy said the voyage will give him more perspective for his writing. "I will live the experiences of the men who I write about," Foy said. "I get to physically feel what they felt, which will energize my scholarship." Like the other voyagers, Foy wants to eliminate the "social amnesia," which most Americans experience in regards to the role the sea played in American history. But, more specifically, Foy wants to emphasize the role black mariners played in the Country.

[Senator Durbin touts plan for greater investment in biomedical research at SIU School of Medicine](#)

Senator Dick Durbin spoke at the SIU School of Medicine on June 9, to unveil his latest legislative initiative which would increase funding for biomedical research by \$150 billion. The senior senator from Illinois introduced the [American Cures Act](#) to preserve America's leadership in medical innovation and discovery. SIU President Randy Dunn and Board of Trustees Chairman Maj. Gen. (ret) Randal Thomas were present as Durbin discussed how the SIU Medical School, along with institutions across the State and Nation, could benefit from the increased funding.

Durbin said he proposed the initiative because the decline in federal biomedical research is threatening the United States' standing as a leader in discovery and innovation and our global competitiveness. His proposal would support future research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Defense Health Program (DHP), and the Veterans Medical & Prosthetics Research Program.

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Complex Problem, Complex Solution](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Colorado's public colleges are taking on the problem of low success rates in remedial education from multiple angles, with encouragement from state government. And the early returns look good.

[Colleges try to speed up pace at which students earn degrees](#) (The Hechinger Report)

In the year since they graduated together, Daranie Ounchaidee still runs into a lot of her friends from high school.

[To improve colleges' performance, start with the worst ones, report urges](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

While the White House proceeds with a proposed system to rate all colleges, in part to change the behavior of underperforming institutions, a new report from Education Trust suggests cutting to the chase: focus only on the worst ones.

[Commentary from Waubensee College President Christine Sobek: The importance of completing college](#) (Daily Herald)

Today, as always, those seeking to advance themselves economically seek an edge, a key to unlock the door to greater financial security and a better life.

[Op-Ed from ISAC Executive Director Eric Zarnikow: Making smart college choices](#) (Springfield State Journal-Register)

It seems like every other day a new article or study addresses the value of a college education.

Visit IBHE Executive Director Jim Applegate's Blog: [Reproducing Privilege or Providing Opportunity: Which Path Will Illinois Higher Education Choose?](#)



Friday Memo Summer Schedule:

- + July 11
- + August 1
- + August 15
- + September 5

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