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[Illinois receives Innovation Award from the Education Commission of the States](#)

At the Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Forum on Education Policy on July 1, ESC Chair and Nevada Governor Brian Sandavol presented the [2014 Frank Newman Award for State Innovations](#) to Illinois for the collaborative implementation of new school principal preparation and certification standards led by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The two state agencies successfully partnered with the Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University to engage leaders from pre-K through-12 schools, colleges and universities, the State Legislature, businesses, and professional education organizations in a deliberate redesign strategy for preparing highly effective school principals through upgraded standards and professional development.

[DCEO releases five-year blueprint for job creation and business growth](#)

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has issued a five-year economic development plan for Illinois, a proposal that sets out the State's priorities for encouraging private-sector job growth and business vitality, especially in regions with the highest poverty and unemployment. The 80-page [plan](#) sets a goal of 360,000 business launches in Illinois through 2019. In addition, DCEO is aiming for 75,000 new jobs drawn from outside the State, 10,000 new jobs in areas with the highest unemployment, a 25 percent expansion in the number of people participating in workforce training, and a reduction in poverty rates. The report lists seven sectors that merit close attention because of their prominence in different parts of the State, their growth potential and higher-than-average salaries. They are: biomedical/technical; advanced materials; transportation and logistics; information technology and telecommunications; machinery and fabricated metal products manufacturing; agribusiness, food processing and technology; and clean technology. The report includes the 60% by 2025 goal as a target for ensuring that Illinois' workforce is prepared, and sets a goal that 51 percent of Illinois' population in 2019 (the five-year scope of the plan), has a postsecondary certificate or degree.

UPCOMING

JULY

- 17 [College Changes Everything™ Conference, #CCE4me](#), Tinley Park Convention Center
- 22 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission Meeting](#), The Thompson Center, Chicago
- 23 [P-20 Council](#), South Suburban College, South Holland

**2014
COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING
CONFERENCE**

[Did Everything Change for you when you went to College? Tell others how.](#)

The College Changes Everything™ Conference planning team has initiated a state-wide story-telling effort to make college possible for everyone in Illinois, building up to Thursday's event at Tinley Park Convention Center. Please share your stories about how college changed, is changing, or could change everything for us—because your stories can make a difference for others! The more diverse stories we share, the more people will find a message that resonates for them. Stories allow us to see ourselves in each other; they teach, persuade, build empathy and shared relevance. "Like" [the Facebook page](#) and post your story. You can post your story directly on the [CCE website](#). Don't forget to include the [#CCE4me](#) hash tag, and tweet about it too!

Student loan rates rise; Pell grant increases

Annual student loan interest rates increased July 1 - the first full year loan rates will be tied to the 10-year Treasury note under the deal struck by Congress last summer. Rates will rise from 3.86 to 4.66 percent for undergraduate Stafford loans, 5.41 to 6.21 percent for graduate Stafford loans, and 6.41 to 7.21 percent for parent and graduate PLUS Loans. The maximum Pell Grant increased by \$85 to \$5,730. The Institute for College Access and Success has a [fact sheet](#) breaking down the changes.

USDOE focus on higher education

On June 30, as part of the Administration's ongoing effort to increase transparency around the cost of higher education, the U.S. Department of Education updated lists on its [College Affordability and Transparency Center](#). The lists spotlight institutions with the highest and lowest tuition and fees, highest and lowest average net prices, and highest percentage increases in tuition and fees and average net prices. The Administration has also released tools to help families as they pursue postsecondary education. The [College Scorecard](#) and [Financial Aid Shopping Sheet](#) aim to hold institutions accountable for cost, value, and quality, so that students choose institutions that are well-suited to meet their needs, priced affordably, and consistent with their educational and career goals.

National Reports

Report: State Outlook: Dynamics Affecting Public Higher Education Financing and Highlights from States' 2014 Legislative Sessions *American Association of State Colleges and Universities*

Report: Postsecondary Institutions and Price of Attendance in 2013-14; Degrees and Other Awards Conferred: 2012-13; and 12-Month Enrollment: 2012-13: First Look *U.S. Department of Education*

Where do STEM Graduates Work? *U.S. Census Bureau*

Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln celebrates tenth year of scholarship program

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln (CFLL) presented 52 new scholarship awards totaling more than \$84,000, to Springfield area students. Adding in 2014 renewals of previously awarded scholarships, the Community Foundation will distribute more than \$97,000 to worthy students in the 2014-2015 school year. This year's awards bring the cumulative scholarship distributions to mostly Sangamon County students to more than a half-million dollars over the past decade. The tenth year of the scholarship program was also the most popular with students to date. The Community Foundation received 286 applications this season. Dozens of community volunteers reviewed the applications. "The Community Foundation is proud to link donors with worthy students, through scholarships, to help offset the rising costs of higher education," said Dr. Harry Berman, chair of the CFLL Scholarship Committee and former executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Annual ILSADE Conference



Friday, October 24th @ 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

@ Triton College, 2000 5th Avenue, River Grove, IL

Join the Illinois Learning Specialist and Developmental Educators (ILSADE) for our 2014 conference as we celebrate student success. Our keynote speakers are Dr. Sharon Silverman & Dr. Martha Casazza of TRPP Associates. They will discuss their current initiative, *Student Voices*, a collection of conversations from undergraduate and graduate students.

In addition to the workshops, we will also have a panel discussion looking at best practice initiatives and policies across the state, featuring:

- Illinois [Aspen Institute Prize for Community College Excellence](#) nominees
- Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Illinois Community College Board

Registration and call for proposals can be found at the [ILSADE website](#)

Have questions? Contact us at illinoisdevd@gmail.com

People in the News



SIU System President Randy J. Dunn has appointed [Dr. Paul D. Sarvela](#) to serve as the acting chancellor of the SIU Carbondale campus. The recommendation to appoint Sarvela as a replacement for Rita Cheng, who is leaving for Northern Arizona University, received approval of the Board of Trustees on July 8. Most recently, Sarvela served as the vice president for academic affairs of the Southern Illinois University system. “Dr. Sarvela has my full confidence. I know he has the leadership skills to unite and shepherd positive growth on the SIUC campus,” said Dunn. “I look forward to a great partnership as we work together to strengthen the SIU System and to meet SIUC’s goal of being a leader in higher education and serving as an economic engine for Southern Illinois.”

“It is a great honor to receive the confidence this appointment brings, and I pledge to our faculty, staff, students, and alumni to have an open door, a willing ear, and firm resolve as we work together to fulfill the mission of this great institution,” Sarvela said. “I want to express my appreciation to President Dunn and the Board of Trustees for this opportunity,” he added. “It’s the chance of a lifetime, and I look forward to working with the SIUC community to ensure everyone we serve has an opportunity to receive an affordable, quality education.”

Dr. Thom Baynum, president at Black Hawk College, informed the Board of Trustees of his intention to not pursue a contract renewal at the end of his current agreement that expires December 31, 2014. [Dr. Bettie Truitt](#), Executive Vice President and Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, assumed the duties of the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer effective July 1.



[Professor Jennifer Delaney](#) was selected as a faculty fellow in the Illinois Board of Higher Education's [Faculty Fellows Program](#). She is the first faculty member from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to receive the fellowship, which will take place during the fall 2014 semester. Michael Afolayan, assistant director for academic affairs at the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), said Delaney was a unanimous selection by all of the organization's committee members. "Jennifer's versatile experience will provide IBHE the much valued intellectual expertise in dealing with issues germane to aspects of the *Illinois Public Agenda*, especially relating to college affordability," he said.

The Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees approved the retirement of Kaskaskia College President **Dr. Jim Underwood** effective June 30, 2015. Upon his retirement, he will have completed 45 years as a community college educator, with the past 14 years as President of Kaskaskia College. The Board approved naming Dr. Underwood "President Emeritus" upon his retirement.

Highland Community College (HCC) [President Joe M. Kanosky, Ph.D.](#) will retire at the end of his current contract period, which expires June 30, 2015. Highland's seventh president, Kanosky's tenure began in June of 2006, after serving as acting president upon the departure of Dr. Ronald Field in late 2005. Kanosky came to HCC in 1981, and has held a variety of positions in the areas of student services, instructional program administration, community service, and economic development. He has been a Director, an Associate Dean, and a Dean. He served as Vice President for Student and Community Services from 2000 to 2003, and Vice President for Institutional and Community Development from 2003, until November of 2005.

Campus News

[UIC selected to help transform public higher education](#)

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is one of seven public, urban, research universities selected to participate in an innovative one-year project with a goal to transform higher education. Under the Transformational Planning Grant project, UIC will receive \$225,000 to develop and test new university models to increase undergraduate success rates and find greater cost efficiencies in supporting student success.

"UIC has been engaged in evidence-based research aimed at predicting student success for several years," says Bette L. Bottoms, UIC vice provost for undergraduate affairs, dean of the Honors College, and professor of psychology, who is principle investigator of the grant. "This grant could not be better timed for UIC," Bottoms said. "It will provide needed resources to develop the most effective and efficient plan for implementing campus-wide change to increase student retention and graduation."

[Governor Quinn announces record-breaking visitors to Illinois in 2013](#)

Governor Pat Quinn announced that Illinois had its third consecutive record-breaking year for tourism by welcoming nearly 105.7 million visitors in 2013. The Governor made the announcement during a visit with Chloe Stirling at the **Kendall College Culinary Camp** in Chicago, where the 12-year-old entrepreneur is perfecting her baking skills along with other young culinary students. The event is part of Governor Quinn's agenda to increase tourism, create jobs, and drive economic development throughout Illinois.

The Governor also announced that **Kendall College** will, for the first time ever, partner with the [Illinois Office of Tourism](#), a division of DCEO, to help plan the Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism. Planning and promotion for the conference, which will run from Feb. 2-4, 2015, will be built into the curriculum for Kendall hospitality management students, who will work alongside state tourism industry leaders to gain hands-on experience. "The continued increase in U.S. and international visitors to Illinois year-over-year proves that both leisure and business travelers are increasingly considering Illinois as a premier travel destination," Illinois Office of Tourism Deputy Director Jen Hoelzle said. "Our strong international marketing partnership with Brand USA and new initiatives to reach domestic travelers, like the MiniAbe campaign, are inspiring travelers from around the world to discover all that Illinois has to offer."

[New degree options at University Center](#)

The University Center has a dozen new degree and certificate programs for prospective students to consider. All University Center programs are offered via evening, weekend, or online study so that working adults can fit them into lives that already contain jobs and families without adding lengthy commutes.

New transfer options include:

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)
- Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems (University of Illinois Springfield)
- Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education (Kendall College)
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (Northeastern Illinois University)

New graduate degrees include:

- Master of Science in Data Science (Elmhurst College)
- Master of Arts in Art—Art Education & Community Art concentrations (Eastern Illinois University)
- Master of Arts in Music—Music Education concentration (Eastern Illinois University)
- Master of Arts in Political Science (University of Illinois Springfield)

New certificates include:

- Graduate Certificate in Business Intelligence (University of Illinois Springfield)
- Graduate Certificate in Data Science (Elmhurst College)
- Facility Management (Northern Illinois University)
- Professional HR Certification Preparation (Northern Illinois University)

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Durbin urges students to avoid Everest College](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

The six for-profit Everest College campuses in the Chicago suburbs are for sale, the Department of Education is now overseeing the parent company under an agreement effective July 8, and Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., is urging students to not enroll in these schools.

[Chicago students enroll as boys, and graduate as college-bound men](#) (NPR)

In America, nearly 40 percent of black boys live in poverty, and barely half will graduate from high school. But it's quite a different story for young black men at a public charter high school in Chicago. For five years running, 100 percent of the graduating seniors at Urban Prep Academies have won admission to four-year colleges, and they've collectively earned millions of dollars in scholarships and grants.

Coast to coast, STEM jobs take longest to fill (USA TODAY)

Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) jobs take more than twice as long to fill as other openings, according to a new Brookings Institution study that provides the most detailed evidence yet of a skills gap that's slowing payroll growth.

Resolution aims for better career readiness for Peoria District 150 students (Peoria Journal Star)

One obvious take-away of a joint resolution signed by Peoria's major players in education, government, and business is they haven't worked together in the past, at least not well.

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-  August 15
-  August 29
-  September 5

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