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[Illinois gains support from National Governors Association to focus on preparing future workforce to strengthen economy](#)

To further governors' efforts to align education and training systems to the needs of state economies, the National Governors Association (NGA) announced support for 14 states: Colorado, **Illinois**, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

By increasing the number of citizens with a postsecondary degree or relevant workforce certificate, more people will have access to the middle class and beyond, companies will have a better prepared workforce, and states will benefit from a stronger economy. A postsecondary degree or relevant workforce certificate is the "new minimum" for the future workforce to achieve to meet the demands of the emerging job market and access a middle-class life or beyond. The emerging economy will provide few high-paying jobs for workers with a high school education or less.

Selected states will receive grants and opportunities to learn from one another, as well as technical assistance from the NGA Center for Best Practices and outside experts. Illinois will receive technical assistance towards making progress within the following areas:

- Articulate and implement a strong vision connecting the education and training systems with the needs of the economy;
- Integrate and use education and workforce data to inform policy, track progress, and measure success;
- Build industry and education partnerships; and
- Modify the use of resources and incentives to support attainment of the integrated vision.

[Governor Quinn signs legislation to ban smoking on state university and community college campuses](#)

Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation Senate Bill 2202, sponsored by State Senator Terry Link (D-Waukegan) and State Representative Ann Williams (D-Chicago), to prohibit smoking on the campuses of all state-supported colleges and universities. The smoking ban takes effect July 1, 2015, and applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces on campuses. "Illinois' college students shouldn't be subject to unwanted cigarette smoke on the campuses they call home," Governor Quinn said. "We want all schools to be healthy, clean, and productive places of learning for Illinois' bright young minds. This new law will improve the health of our students and encourage healthier lifestyles after college graduation."

UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER

11 -- [Illinois Community College Presidents Council](#),
Bloomington-Normal
Marriott Hotel and
Conference Center

11-12 -- [SURS meeting](#), location
TBA

12-13 -- [ICCTA Board](#),
Bloomington-Normal
Marriott Hotel and
Conference Center

19 -- [ICCB meeting](#), Kishwaukee
College, Malta

[ISAC meeting](#), Michael A.
Bilandic Building,
Chicago

[IBHE-Faculty Advisory
Council](#), ISU Alumni
Center, Normal

27 -- [Reel Illinois](#) student film
screening, Chicago

OCTOBER

3-4 -- [IBHE-Student Advisory
Committee](#), location
TBA

7 -- [IBHE Board meeting](#),
Loyola University,
Chicago

22-25 [ICCTA Board meetings](#),
Hyatt Regency
Chicago Hotel

Upcoming Higher Ed Conferences



ILLINOIS EDUCATION
RESEARCH COUNCIL

Information (online credit card registration payment and overnight hotel reservations, and symposium information) as well as the registration form for the [2014 Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium](#)

scheduled for October 7-8, 2014, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, are now available. Registration deadline is September 15.



2014 Annual ILSADE
Conference

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

Triton College
River Grove, IL

[CONFERENCE DETAILS](#)

On August 15, The Illinois Council of Community College Administrators (ICCCA) opened registration for the [41st Annual Fall 2014 Conference](#) at Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL on November 19 – 21. The Conference includes a wide variety of sessions focusing on Student Success, Operational Excellence, Leadership and Core Values, and Curriculum innovation. Keynote speakers this year include Dr. Gerardo de los Santos, President and CEO for the League for Innovation, and Allison Jones, Vice President of Postsecondary Collaboration, PARCC. Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson will provide an Illinois update for community colleges.



40th Annual ICCHE Conference

February 11 – 13, 2015

Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile

300 East Ohio, Chicago, IL

ICCHE 40th Anniversary: Tell Our Story!

Call for Presentations

The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) invites proposals for a one-hour session or 30-minute break-out session.

Mail or Email: Deadline September 30

2015 Call for Presentations

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September 17: Constitution Day

Required of institutions of higher education receiving federal funding, educational programs about the U.S. Constitution are to be held on or around September 17, every year. Illinois Student Assistance Commission has resources to help develop programs for the annual observance of Constitution Day, including access to the [Constitution Day Resources](#) page for students, via the [Constitution and Citizenship Day](#) document.

[The 2015 Senator Paul Simon Award competition is now open.](#)



The Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization recognizes colleges and universities that are making significant, well-planned, well-executed, and well-documented progress toward comprehensive internationalization—especially those using innovative and creative approaches. The Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization is granted to a limited number of institutions each year—usually no more than five. In addition, NAFSA's Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award is presented to no more than three institutions that highlight innovation and creativity in a specific area of internationalization, rather than for comprehensive work across all aspects of the college/university.

[People in the News](#)

On August 24, Concordia University Chicago celebrated the installation of the [Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Gard](#) as its 11th president. The ecclesiastical rite took place as part of the University's Service of Praise at the Opening of the 151st Academic Year. Gard served as Professor of Exegetical Theology and Dean of the Military Chaplaincy Programs at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, where he taught since 1989. Nominated by U.S. President Barack Obama in 2013, Gard serves as Rear Admiral (Lower Half), and only months ago was nominated for and appointed to the position of Deputy Chief of Chaplains for Reserve Matters in the U.S. Navy. Gard was awarded his B.A. in History from Carthage College, Kenosha, WI, and his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary. He earned both his M.A. in Hebrew Bible and Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible/Judaica with minors in New Testament and Liturgics from the University of Notre Dame.

The Association of College and University Housing Officers-International Foundation has recognized **Lou Hencken** as a recipient of the 2014 Parthenon Award. This award recognizes supreme achievement in the campus housing profession, outstanding service, leadership, and contributions to the field. Hencken is a president emeritus at Eastern Illinois University, and is celebrating 50 years with the institution. He earned his bachelor's degree in education and his master's degree in counseling and student affairs from EIU, and went on to serve the university in many positions, including hall counselor, associate dean of housing, director of Housing and Dining Services, and vice president of student affairs. He is currently on the faculty in the Counseling and Student Development Department, teaching counseling and student affairs classes.

[Campus News](#)

[Governors State University has become a four-year institution in the fall of 2014](#)

Building on more than 40 years of academic excellence, Governors State University (GSU) has become a full-service university. Starting with the fall 2014 semester, GSU transforms from an upper division university that served transfer undergraduates and graduate students to a comprehensive public university that will serve all levels, from beginning undergraduate to doctoral degrees. On August 22, GSU started off the new academic year with a lunch for GSU's first freshmen class and their families. The Convocation started with the entrance of Dual Degree Program (DDP) students followed by the new freshman class students, greeted with a standing ovation. A ribbon cutting ceremony for GSU's first resident hall, Prairie Place, concluded opening day ceremonies.

[Attorney General Madigan discusses protection against financial abuse for students](#)

Attorney General of Illinois Lisa Madigan sat down with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe and other members of the SIUE staff on August 18, to discuss the increase in financial abuses and loan servicing scams targeting current and former students. The discussion was prompted by Madigan as part of a series of meetings she plans to initiate with higher education institutions to bring awareness to the issue.

[Obama college ratings drive wedge as state schools support](#) (Bloomberg.com)

State universities are backing President Barack Obama's proposed scorecard for U.S. colleges in the hope it will steer more federal aid to them and away from underperforming for-profit institutions.

[Aggressive pragmatism](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Bill Haslam wasn't sold on the idea of two years of tuition-free community college when he first heard it.

[Critics target chancellor](#) (News-Gazette)

Critics of the University of Illinois decision to not hire Professor Steven Salaita have ramped up their efforts in recent days. Meanwhile, supporters of UI Chancellor Phyllis Wise are coming to her defense, saying the situation has gotten "out of hand."

[Grad rates double after reinvention of Chicago City Colleges](#) (PBS NewsHour)

Just 20 percent of community college students complete a degree in the U.S. Cheryl Hyman, chief of City Colleges of Chicago, is reshaping her school system to not only provide wide access to higher education, but to put students on the fastest track to relevant credentials.

[Generation later, poor are still rare at elite colleges](#) (The New York Times)

As the shaded quadrangles of the Nation's elite campuses stir to life for the start of the academic year, they remain bastions of privilege. Amid promises to admit more poor students, top colleges educate roughly the same percentage of them as they did a generation ago.

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