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The Friday Memo

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Illinois School Leadership Advisory Council gets organized

The Illinois School Leadership Advisory Council (ISLAC) met on September 11, in its initial meeting to develop a five-year action plan to strengthen and support school leader development that improves student learning outcomes statewide, through high quality principal preparation programs. The Council will build upon the [school leadership reforms implemented](#) in Illinois since 2000. Co-chaired by Executive Director Dianne Rutledge, Large Unit District Association, and Professor Steve Tozer, University of Illinois at Chicago, the council membership includes leaders from Illinois higher education and K-12 education, as well as legislators, and business and education advocacy groups. The work is being supported by the Wallace and McCormick Foundations and staffed by the Center for the Study of Education Policy. A reference site for the Council and its materials is at www.illinoischoolleader.org.

Scholarships available for Illinois Latino college students

The Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation (ILLCF) will award **twenty-five \$2,000 scholarships** to currently-enrolled undergraduate college students who are of Latino ancestry and whose home residence is in Illinois. The deadline for application is Friday, **October 24, 2014**. Scholarship winners will be honored at the 12th Annual ILLCF Conference on November 21, 2014. Guidelines and application forms for the ILLCF scholarships are available at www.illcf.org.

2014-15 Annual Financial Aid Certification Program

To assist students with the FAFSA and staying current on the financial aid process and programs, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) provides comprehensive professional development opportunities for counselors and mentors through an annual certification series of training modules. ISAC's Annual Financial Aid Certification program is part of the National Training for Counselors and Mentors, a free train-the-trainer program to support counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college in Illinois. All sessions are offered at no cost to counselors, mentors, and members of the general public. **Sessions will be offered in October, November, December, and January.** Registration details, including dates and locations, are available online at the [2014-15 Annual Financial Aid Certification Program & Professional Development page](#). For questions about ISAC's Annual Financial Aid Certification Program, or if you are interested in hosting a training in your area, e-mail Sara.Espinosa@ISAC.Illinois.gov.

UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER

12-13 -- [ICCTA Board meeting](#),
Bloomington-
Normal Marriott

15 [Performance Funding
Steering
Committee](#), Bone
Center, ISU, Normal

18-19 -- [SURS meeting](#), location
TBA

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

[ISAC meeting](#), Bilandic
Building, Chicago

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

OCTOBER

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

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

7-8 -- [Focus on Illinois
Education
Research
Symposium](#),
Doubletree Hilton,
Bloomington

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

Upcoming Higher Ed Conferences



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Information (online credit card registration payment, 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.**



On August 15, The Illinois Council of Community College Administrators (ICCCA) will open 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.



2014 Annual ILSADE
Conference
Friday, October 24th
@ 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Triton College
River Grove, IL

[CONFERENCE DETAILS](#)



**40th Annual ICHE Conference
February 11 – 13, 2015**

**Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile – 300 East Ohio, Chicago
ICHE 40th Anniversary: Tell Our Story!**

Call for Presentations

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

Mail or Email: **Deadline September 30**

2015 Call for Presentations

ICHE c/o COLRS

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Questions: Contact Vickie Cook vcook02s@uis.edu, or John Freml jfrem2@uis.edu, or phone (217) 206-7317.



**Illinois Student Loan Administrators (ISLA) Conference 2014
October 7, 2014 * The Morton Arboretum
[Online registration is now open.](#)**

People in the News

Illinois Board of Higher Education hosted a meeting with three Japanese higher education researchers on September 11. **Dr. Kensuke Mizuta** of Tohoku University of Community Service, **Dr. Nobuyuki Shirakawa** of Keio University, and **Takeshi Yanagiura**, Director of Research at Postsecondary Analytics, LLC, visited IBHE in order to learn more about Illinois' higher education cost structure. The researchers are conducting an international project regarding higher education cost and funding mechanisms, using the cost and fiscal data provided by various states, including Illinois, in their data sample for the United States. The researchers hope to publish their report early next year. Illinois higher education officials provided presentations about funding structure, including **Ellen Andres**, Chief Fiscal Officer at the Illinois Community College Board, **Dr. Paul McCann**, Vice President for Business Affairs at Eastern Illinois University, **Matt Bierman**, Budget Director at Western Illinois University, **Dr. Alan Phillips**, Executive Deputy Directory at the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and **Dr. Eric Lichtenberger**, Associate Director at the Illinois Education Research Council.

Campus News

[Northern Illinois University, College of Lake County sign reverse transfer agreement](#)

On September 5, Northern Illinois University (NIU) President Doug Baker and College of Lake County (CLC) President Girard W. Weber signed an innovative reverse transfer agreement that allows eligible NIU students who transferred from CLC without associate degrees to earn the two-year degree using credit from NIU courses. "For different reasons, students may transfer without completing all the requirements for an associate degree," said CLC President Weber. "That's unfortunate because earning the associate degree tangibly demonstrates that a student is serious about success, and it can be a resume-enhancer for internships and summer employment. The reverse transfer agreement with NIU provides a way for students who have left CLC without their associate degree to get this valuable credential." "Postsecondary education is a powerful force for career advancement, and a skilled workforce helps our region maintain its competitive advantage," President Baker said. "This partnership with CLC positions students for career success by breaking down barriers and providing a seamless process to receive credit for work they've already completed towards an associate's degree."

[City Colleges and Roosevelt University launch dual degree partnership](#)

Roosevelt University and City Colleges of Chicago have signed a unique partnership agreement that makes it easier for City Colleges' graduates to earn their bachelor's degree from Roosevelt and pursue careers in growing industries. Roosevelt University offers bachelor's degree programs that align with City Colleges' College to Careers focus areas, including Allied Health, Marketing, Management, Computer Science, Information Technology, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Educational Studies. Through College to Careers, City Colleges is partnering with corporate leaders and universities to prepare students for careers in growing industries.

"After completing an associate degree at one of the seven City Colleges, students in the Dual Degree Partnership will be guaranteed acceptance to Roosevelt and will transfer seamlessly to complete their bachelor's degree," said Roosevelt President Chuck Middleton. "The program will ensure that students take all the required courses." "We are committed to ensuring those students seeking to transfer to a bachelor's degree program reach their goal, and do so maximizing their time, credits, and financial resources," said Chancellor Cheryl L. Hyman of City Colleges of Chicago. "Partnerships with four-year institutions like Roosevelt are critical to creating a smooth path for our students from college to careers in fast-growing fields."

[Governors State University cuts ribbon on \\$25.3 million science, health sciences & technology wing](#)

Governors State University (GSU) opened the renovated science and technology wing on the campus at a ceremony on September 5. "We appreciate this \$25.3 million investment in the future of our university and of our students. The

State of Illinois supported this state-of-the-art renovation. Our faculty gained additional funds from the National Science Foundation, demonstrating their commitment to work with the State to provide the best education for our students," said Elaine P. Maimon, GSU President. "GSU students now have the opportunity to do science in twenty-first century labs with cutting edge equipment."

[Southern Illinois University Carbondale receives Governor's Award for Excellence in Veteran Education](#)

Southern Illinois University Carbondale was presented with the Spring 2014 Governor's Award for Excellence in Veteran Education, at a ceremony September 11, outside the Traveling Vietnam Wall exhibit on the SIU campus. "We salute Southern Illinois University Carbondale for their consistent and excellent support for their student veterans," said IDVA Acting Director Rodrigo Garcia. "SIU is the blue-chip standard for supporting student veterans, and that they were the first so honored in 2010, and again four years later, is very impressive. SIU's programs and policies to assist veterans entering or returning to higher education matches Governor Pat Quinn's top priorities, and we thank them for their shared commitment to this community of heroes."

The Governor's Award for Excellence in Veteran Education is presented in the Spring and Fall of each school year. Previous winners include Eastern Illinois University, College of DuPage, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and Southwestern Illinois College. SIU was the first to receive this award, and is the only institution to receive it for a second time.

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Durbin supports increased access for veterans to higher education benefits](#) (The Daily Illini)

Some veterans in Illinois who want to attend college are having difficulty accessing their full state and federal benefits in order to pay for their education. But that may soon change.

[ECC by the numbers: Report shows where college is succeeding, lagging](#) (Courier News)

The student body at Elgin Community College (ECC) last school year had a bigger percentage of blacks and Hispanics than the overall population of the area it serves. The college also does fantastically well in preparing students to pass state exams for various professional licenses, with 100 percent of students in many professional preparation programs passing the final test.

[What happens now after Salaita decision?](#) (The News-Gazette)

Standing on the Quad among a crowd of faculty and students, some of them in tears and still chanting "Reinstate Salaita!" Robert Warrior considered this question: Is it over?

[Top colleges that enroll rich, middle class and poor](#) (The New York Times)

Over the last decade, dozens of colleges have proclaimed that recruiting a more economically diverse student body was a top priority. Many of those colleges have not matched their words with actions. But some have.

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