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The Friday Memo

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MAP Dislocated Worker Program implementation discussions beginning

A new state law, P.A. 098-0967, establishes a two-year program for Illinois workers who have been dislocated and who are applying for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant to return to or attend college for the first time. The intent of the initiative is to allow applicants who are dislocated workers an opportunity to receive a MAP grant, even if they apply later than the general pool of applicants. Dislocated worker status will be identified by the applicant's answer to the dislocated worker question on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is reported to colleges in the Student/Spouse Dislocated Worker field of the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) will administer the program during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years. ISAC will estimate the amount needed to serve the anticipated dislocated population, and then set aside a portion of allocated MAP funds for those applicants. Although suspension of MAP award announcements typically occurs in February or March after it is estimated that the anticipated appropriation for the upcoming fiscal year has been committed, awards for dislocated workers would continue to be announced through the summer, based on the set-aside funds.

Projections indicate the number of dislocated workers receiving grants could nearly double if those who applied through July were able to claim awards. If FAFSA filing patterns in the 2015-16 academic year are similar to the current year, extending the filing deadline for dislocated workers to July 31st could increase recipients from 2,600 to more than 5,000 and increase their claims by about \$4 million. The impact of that change is that the general applicant suspense date would be a day or two earlier.

Much like the discussions that are ongoing regarding implementation of the MAP Advising Working Group's recommendations, ISAC will be reaching out to colleagues through the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ILASFAA)/ISAC Rules and Operations Committee for input and suggestions about the dislocated workers program.

Heartsaver AED Grants

The \$100,000 Fiscal Year 2015, Heartsaver AED Grant program will provide matching funds for AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) to any Illinois School, Public Park District, Municipal Recreation Department, Conservation District, Forest Preserve District, **College or University**. The application and training instructions for submission of the grant are available in the Department of Public Health's Electronic Grant Administration and Management System (EGrAMS) which can be found at: idphgrants.com. Any questions regarding EGrAMS should be directed to DPH.GrantReview@illinois.gov or Paula Atteberry at paula.atteberry@illinois.gov or 217-785-2083.

UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER

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

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

OCTOBER

3-4 -- [IBHE-Student Advisory Committee](#), Chicago State University

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

Join Us in the World's Largest Earthquake Drill.

October 16, 2014 Register Now at ShakeOut.org/centralus



The **Great Central U.S. ShakeOut** earthquake drill is a great opportunity for your entire campus community to learn, get prepared, and practice what to do during earthquakes ("Drop, Cover, and Hold On!"). All colleges and universities are encouraged to participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut on **Thursday, October 16, at 10:16 a.m.** This Shakeout is part of a large-scale ShakeOut involving millions of participants from more than 40 states and territories and several other countries. Colleges and universities must register at: www.ShakeOut.org/centralus/register.

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.

Upcoming Higher Ed Conferences



2014 Annual ILSADE Conference

Friday, October 24th

@ 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Triton College

River Grove, IL

[CONFERENCE DETAILS](#)



40th Annual ICCHE Conference
February 11 – 13, 2015
Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile – 300 East Ohio,
Chicago

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
ICCHE c/o COLRS
One University Plaza, MS BRK 425
Springfield, IL 62703
Email: OTEL@uis.edu
Subject Line: ICCHE Proposal

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.](#)



The Illinois Council of Community College Administrators (ICCCA) is accepting registrations for the **[41st Annual Fall 2014 Conference](#)** at Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg, on November 19 – 21.

People in the News



Dr. Harry Berman received Illinois Community Colleges Trustees Association's (ICCTA) Meritorious Service Award on September 12. The award is given to elected/appointed officials and other friends of community colleges who have contributed to the advancement of the Trustees Association and community college education in Illinois. It was presented by ICCTA President William Kelly for Dr. Berman's efforts to address the many challenges facing higher education during his tenure as executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. In his remarks upon receipt of the award, Berman noted, that "... U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder went to the Florissant campus of St. Louis Community College to meet with students and community leaders from Ferguson in an attempt to quell the most heated racial flare-up in recent American memory. But the Ferguson campus is also where scores of young people set their sights, hoping that higher education can offset the burdens of a disadvantaged upbringing. Holder's visit to that campus is a reminder of the special role played by community colleges in the landscape of higher education in this Country."

MacArthur Foundation named its 2014 class of MacArthur Fellows, recognizing exceptionally creative individuals with a track record of achievement and the potential for significant contributions in the future. Of the 21 recipients, three are Illinois university professors: [Tami Bond](#), an environmental engineer from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, [Mark Hersam](#), a materials scientist from Northwestern University, and [Tara Zahra](#), a historian from University of Chicago.

[Ray Hartstein](#), who co-founded Oakton Community College, died Sunday at age 96 at his home in Vernon Hills. Born in Pittsburgh but a longtime Skokie resident, Mr. Hartstein was the first chairman of the board at Oakton, which opened in 1970, in rented factory space on Oakton Street in Morton Grove. The two-year college now has campuses in Des Plaines and Skokie. Mr. Hartstein spearheaded the effort to open the community college, according to Margaret B. Lee, the school's president, who called him "...truly the father of Oakton. If it hadn't been for Ray, I'm not sure that Oakton would have happened," Lee said.

Campus News

[Quinn Administration dedicates \\$28.7 million Parkland College Student Center](#)

Officials from the Governor Pat Quinn administration joined school officials on September 17, to dedicate the new \$28.7 million Student Services Center at Parkland College. The three-story, 100,000 square foot Student Services Center includes classrooms, a new bookstore, admissions and record offices, testing and assessment areas, a career center, offices for adult re-entry, student life, counseling, financial aid, disabilities services, campus security, and lounge and dining spaces. The center also includes a parking lot and improved sidewalks and driveways. The State invested \$15.4 million from the *Illinois Jobs Now!* Capital construction program and Parkland contributed \$13.3 million toward the center's construction. The Illinois Capital Development Board managed the construction project.

[IVCC celebrates 90th birthday](#)

Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) turned to one of its former leaders to articulate the significance of the college's 90th birthday celebration. Dr. Al Wisgoski, the longest serving president in college history at 22 years, told the audience of more than 100: "I have witnessed the development of the college from sharing facilities with La Salle-Peru Township High School, to interim buildings affectionately known as 'Harvard on the Hill,' to the magnificent campus the college has today."

News from Higher Education

[Recruitment efforts paying off for Illinois colleges](#) (Springfield State Journal-Register)

Recruitment efforts targeting freshmen and international students are paying off for some Illinois colleges and universities, while others credit improving retention rates with maintaining steady enrollment.

[Sharing Intel on completion](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

A new coalition of 11 large public research universities plans to work together on techniques to improve their graduation rates, particularly for lower-income students.

[Colleges let taxpayers help poor students while they go after rich, report says](#) (The Hechinger Report)

In what it calls "an elaborate shell game," universities and colleges are shifting their financial aid from low-income students to high-income ones to bolster their prestige and raise them up the rankings, a new report says.

[Oregon's tuition-free Pay it Forward plan should take a back seat](#) (The Oregonian)

Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission reiterated its position on Oregon's controversial tuition-free 'Pay It Forward' college finance proposal.

[University Center of Lake County solves print management headaches with self-serve stations](#) (Campus Technology)

University Center of Lake County (UCLC), a satellite campus facility serving 19 colleges and universities in Illinois, has made it easier for students, faculty, and corporate visitors to access copy and print services, while reducing administrative overhead for its staff.

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