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*The Friday Memo*

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(Due to a technology transfer failure, last week's edition of The Friday Memo did not get distributed to the mailing list. This is a combined edition.)

### ISAC asking for input on "Pay It Forward, Pay It Back" education financing models

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has created a new [resource page](#) as a way to make information about "Pay It Forward, Pay It Back" (or "PIF") education financing models, including a summary of models considered in other states, available to the public.

[Public Act 98-920](#) directs ISAC to study the practicality and feasibility of implementing a PIF program in Illinois. In PIF models, the State or the college initially covers all or a portion of the student's education costs (e.g., tuition and mandatory fees), and the student pays the system back by contributing a percentage of his or her income for a number of years after leaving school.

To fulfill the law's mandate, ISAC wants to establish and report on the conditions that would (if present) make a "PIF" plan workable in Illinois. In particular, what are the pros, cons, and outstanding questions that policymakers should consider when deciding whether or not to establish such a plan, or in determining what a plan's size or structure should be? ISAC is requesting observations, insights, or concerns that should be taken into account in ISAC's study. Additional resources, articles, or analyses that are not listed yet in ISAC's working bibliography, found at the resource page, are also being solicited. Comments can be emailed to: [ISAC.RPPASurveys@isac.illinois.gov](mailto:ISAC.RPPASurveys@isac.illinois.gov). While every email that is submitted will be read, ISAC may not be able to respond directly to all individual messages or questions. Providing input before October 31, will help to ensure that researchers have adequate time to consider it and do any necessary follow-up. The study is due December 1, 2014.

### Student loan default rates

This week, the U.S. Department of Education announced the official three-year [federal student loan cohort default rate](#) has declined from 14.7% in Fiscal Year 2010, to 13.7% in Fiscal Year 2011. The decrease was across all sectors of higher education -- public, private, and for-profit institutions -- even though an additional 650,000 students entered repayment in Fiscal Year 2011. The public can search for [individual school default rates](#) -- by name, city, state, institution type, or eligibility status -- online.

### It's On Us

On September 19, President Obama and Vice President Biden launched "[It's On Us](#)" -- an awareness campaign to put an end to sexual assault on college campuses ([fact sheet](#)). The U.S. Department of Education has sent [guidance](#) to every district, college, and university on legal obligations to prevent and respond to sexual assaults.

### UPCOMING

#### 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
- 23 - [P-20 Council](#), video conference in Springfield (ICCB, 401 E. Capitol, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and Chicago (JRTC, 100 W. Randolph, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 2-025

## And the winners are...

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association has announced the winners of the 1st annual [Reel Illinois](#) community college student film competition. The six winning films were among 13 finalists screened during the Chicago International Social Change Film Festival on September 26-27. All of the outstanding student entries can be viewed on the [Reel Illinois YouTube channel](#). 1st place, [Wabash Valley College](#); 2nd place [McHenry Community College](#); 3<sup>rd</sup> place [Decision Time](#) by Elgin Community College. In the Small Business/Not-for-Profit category: 1st place [Ethereal Confections](#) by John Zymali, Meagan Martin and Jim Stockwell of McHenry Community College; 2nd place [La Roca](#) by Elgin Community College; 3rd place [Jerics Skateboard Shop](#) by Michael Zussman, Gustavo Rodriguez Jr., and Adrian Romo of Joliet Junior College.

## [SURS 2015 Board of Trustees Election](#)

William Mabe, board secretary and executive director of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS), has announced the System will hold a board election during April 2015, to fill three expiring trustee positions. An impartial election services company will conduct the election. Candidate packets and petition forms will be available October 1, 2014, from SURS.

## 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, **and 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](mailto:DPH.GrantReview@illinois.gov), Paula Atteberry at [paula.atteberry@illinois.gov](mailto:paula.atteberry@illinois.gov), or by calling 217-785-2083.

## 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](http://www.illcf.org).

## **Upcoming Higher Ed Conferences**

### [HIGHER EDUCATION DIVERSE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FAIR](#)

**October 15<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville in the Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom**

The "Higher Education Diverse Business Opportunity Fair" is part of an initiative organized and sponsored by the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC) through its Diversity Working Group to significantly increase diversity among higher education vendors through an event designed to help diverse businesses gain more access in the procurement process. This inaugural event offers face-to-face opportunities for dialogue and networking between diverse business owners and university leaders. The fair is open to all businesses who desire to do business with any public university.

**ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIVERSITY CONSORTIUM**  
**October 8 at Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL**

This is the first planning meeting open to all Illinois community college personnel. Its mission is to foster dialogue, collaboration, and professional development for those serving as diversity professionals at a community college, e.g., chief diversity officers, diversity committee chairpersons, instructors for diversity-oriented classes, diversity instructors, HR EEOC/Affirmative Action personnel, multicultural programming directors & coordinators, and retention specialists. Also welcome are personnel who address diversity-related issues in an unofficial capacity. Diversity here is a reference to special populations who are underrepresented and/or marginalized based on ethnicity, race, gender, language, sexual orientation, disability, and veteran status. Personnel involved in already established statewide commissions are also welcome to participate.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, October 1, 2014:**

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**2014 ICCFA Teaching & Learning Excellence Conference**

**October 23-24, 2014**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Springfield, IL**

To see the tentative [conference program click here](#).

To register for the conference [click here](#). The deadline for registration is October 15.



**2014 Annual ILSADE Conference**

**Friday, October 24th**

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

**Triton College**

**River Grove, IL**

**[CONFERENCE DETAILS](#)**



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



**40th Annual ICCHE Conference**  
**February 11 – 13, 2015**  
**Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile – 300 East Ohio, Chicago**  
***ICCHE 40th Anniversary: Tell Our Story!***

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#### **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](mailto:OTEL@uis.edu)  
Subject Line: ICCHE Proposal

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

#### **People in the News**

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**Dr. Clarence Wyatt** began as the new President of Monmouth College on July 1. Wyatt was formerly the Chief Planning Officer and Special Assistant to the President at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. “American higher education is under great scrutiny and pressure,” observed Wyatt, “as its value and affordability are being loudly questioned. But Monmouth College is addressing these concerns through innovative approaches to teaching and learning and through a commitment to being a place of high quality and high opportunity. Monmouth College can articulate the power and relevance of the residential liberal arts experience and help lead the evolution of that experience in the 21st century.”

[William E. Mabe](#), executive director of the State Universities Retirement System announced that he plans to retire effective March 31, 2015. Mabe said his early notice provides the board ample time to conduct a thorough search for the next executive director. SURS Board Chairperson Lindsay Anderson commented that a search committee has been appointed, and it was moving forward in a diligent and systematic manner. “Executive Director Mabe’s contribution to SURS has been outstanding,” Anderson said. “He has been the right leader at the right time and he brought a new sense of purpose and direction to SURS.”



[Denise Brown](#), a fifth grade teacher at Carruthers Elementary School in Murphysboro, will receive an award for her outstanding work as an Elementary Mathematics Teacher at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) conference on October 17-18, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Brown is a member of the Rural Access to Math Professional Development program at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. This program receives funding from the [Improving Teacher Quality federal grant](#) administered by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

## Campus News

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### [Springfield becomes fifth regional program for UIC nursing college](#)

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Nursing is expanding – to Springfield. The UIC College of Nursing is partnering with the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) and Memorial Health Systems to offer students an opportunity to earn a UIC Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree on the Springfield campus. Springfield becomes the UIC College of Nursing’s fifth regional campus, joining Peoria, the Quad Cities, Rockford, and Urbana.

“The partnership could not have come at a better time,” UIS Chancellor Susan Koch said, “because as Springfield’s medical district grows, there is a demand for more highly qualified nurses in the area. We are bringing one of the top-ranked schools of nursing in the Country to Springfield, while helping to further boost undergraduate enrollment growth at UIS. We’re extremely excited to begin this partnership.”

### [Mayor Emanuel and Chancellor Hyman announce Chicago Star Scholarship for Chicago Public High School Students](#)

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) Chancellor Cheryl Hyman has announced the Chicago Star Scholarship that will help ensure more Chicago Public High School (CPS) students are able to pursue the dream of college without accumulating burdensome debt. Through Chicago STAR Scholarship, City Colleges of Chicago will provide scholarships in the form of tuition, fee, and book waivers to qualifying high school graduates, ensuring they can earn their associate degree at City Colleges of Chicago with no out-of-pocket costs. Any CPS high school graduate who has a 3.0 GPA or higher, places into college-level math and English, and enrolls in one of CCC’s pathways will be eligible for the Chicago Star Scholarship. The pathway program helps students navigate the educational system and encourages them to focus on a clear career path and achieve their goals.

“We have worked hard to develop a Student GPS system and College to Careers that help students envision and follow a clear, relevant path through City Colleges to further college and careers and this is another step in our efforts to help students succeed,” said Chancellor Cheryl Hyman.

### [U.S. Dept. of Labor awards SIUE nearly \\$10-million grant; Bioeconomy consortium includes four community colleges as partners](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a grant worth \$9,956,011 to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) as part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT)

initiative. The funding is co-administered by the Department of Labor and Department of Education. The Building Illinois' Bioeconomy (BIB) consortium is comprised of five higher education institutions spanning the State of Illinois: SIUE, Lewis and Clark Community College (L&C) in Godfrey, Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) in Springfield, Carl Sandburg College (CSC) in Galesburg, and Southeastern Illinois College (SIC) in Harrisburg. BIB aims to merge the collective strengths and resources of each partner school with a network of committed employers to establish a transformative series of career pathways. This comprehensive plan will connect veterans, TAA-eligible workers, unemployed persons, underserved minorities, and rural workers with in-demand careers that directly contribute to Illinois' and the Nation's economic and environmental sustainability.

### **[UIC's Latino academic support garners national awards](#)**

Excelencia in Education, a national nonprofit whose mission is to accelerate Latino student success in higher education, has named LARES, University of Illinois at Chicago's Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services program, as its 2014 Example of Excelencia award, as the Nation's top program for increasing achievement for Latino students in the undergraduate category. One year shy of its 40th anniversary, LARES is the largest academic support unit at UIC, where now more than a quarter of undergraduates are Latino.

The award, presented in collaboration with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, recognizes the evidence-based program or department that most effectively boosts Latino enrollment, performance, and graduation. Hugo Teruel, director of LARES, accepted the award and a \$5,000 check in support of LARES during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on September 30.

LARES also will receive an Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Award from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) at its annual conference in Minneapolis next month. The award recognizes programs for best practices in academic advising.

"We are proud that our work on behalf of the students and the community we serve has gained distinction from national organizations," Teruel said. "The recognition is vindication that we have a good program and provide innovative academic advising. UIC's six-year graduation rate for full-time Hispanic freshmen, who entered in the fall 2008, is 56 percent, up seven percentage points from the year before and 16 points since 2010. The five-year graduation rate for the new Hispanic transfers, who entered in fall 2009, increased three points to 74 percent. "There is always work that needs to be done," Teruel said. "Among college-bound youth, the Latino population is the only group expected to grow."

### **[University of Chicago launches pioneering commitment to end student loans, support student success](#)**

The University of Chicago is launching a comprehensive initiative to support students in all phases of their education and beyond graduation, including expanded opportunities for career development and elimination of all student loan requirements in undergraduate, need-based financial aid packages. The University also will enhance its Odyssey Scholarships program, bolstering aid and programming for low-income students through increased financial support, career guidance, personal mentorship, and community support, and continue its commitment to the city of Chicago through UChicago Promise.

### **[Northeastern celebrates opening of new El Centro building](#)**

Northeastern Illinois University unveiled its new El Centro building on September 30. The new \$27 million, 66,000 square-foot, three-story building hugs the Kennedy Expressway. The hue-changing building appears gold when viewed from the south and blue from the north. The building was designed by Juan Moreno of Chicago-based architecture firm JGMA and is expected to earn LEED Gold classification.

"For more than 40 years, El Centro has served as a gateway to higher education for the Latino community," Northeastern Illinois University President Sharon Hahs said. "With this new El Centro location, Northeastern Illinois University is committing to the future of our students and the needs of the communities we serve." El Centro offers

degree programs in social work, computer science, justice studies and special education, plus an array of general education courses. El Centro also serves the surrounding community through programs such as English as a second language, health and financial seminars, and computer literacy courses. The building has the capacity to serve 2,500 students, twice the number at the former storefront location. El Centro serves nontraditional, part-time and returning adult student populations as well as traditional first-year and transfer students.

### **[SIU Innovation Expo creates collaboration between research and business](#)**

Faculty members from all three Southern Illinois University (SIU) campuses, Carbondale, Edwardsville, and Springfield, gathered in the SIUE Morris University Center Conference Center on September 23, for the [SIU Innovation Expo](#). The system-wide expo titled, "Making Better Megawatts, Mousetraps and Medicine," was held to promote collaborative research and commercialization opportunities between faculty and businesses in the area. "The purpose of the expo is igniting collaborations and partnerships between industry and faculty that can move discoveries from the lab to the marketplace," said Dr. Jerry Weinberg, associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School.

"We're always looking for opportunities to make our research relevant, to find a way to apply it and benefit those who we serve," said SIU President Randy Dunn. "As we see outcomes from moving research into commercial operations, we create opportunities for our students in the form of internships and jobs, and show positive return on investment for everyone involved."

### **[Governor Quinn breaks ground on expansion of NIU's Stevens Hall](#)**

Governor Pat Quinn joined Northern Illinois University (NIU) officials to break ground on the \$27.4 million expansion and renovation of Stevens Hall on September 22. The Stevens Hall north wing will be replaced with a 33,000-square-foot addition that will include classrooms, laboratories, and offices for the Department of Anthropology. The addition will also include a new black box theater with supporting scene shop space and a new 330-seat lecture hall to replace the decommissioned one in Cole Hall. The funding is part of the *Illinois Jobs Now!* Construction program.

### **[Governor Quinn announces capital investments in three Illinois Colleges](#)**

On September 24, Governor Pat Quinn announced investments totaling \$2.3 million for projects at Quincy University, as well as Illinois College and MacMurray College in Jacksonville. The investments are part of *Illinois Jobs Now!* Construction program.

Quincy University will receive \$1.5 million for technology upgrades and classroom and residence hall renovations. The funds will also be used to replace the roof of the Main Building, fire sprinkler, and security upgrades.

Illinois College will receive \$539,888 for renovations to Whipple and Crampton Halls parking lot construction and the installation of a new fire safety system in the residence halls.

MacMurray College will receive \$323,140 for roof replacements on the Henry Pfeiffer Library, McClelland dining hall, and Julian Hall. The investment will also fund repairs to the Education Complex and the installation of campus security sprinkler systems.

### **[News from Higher Education](#)**

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#### **[U.S. college enrollment drops for 2nd year in a row, Census Bureau reports](#)** (Chronicle of Higher Education)

College enrollment dropped by 463,000 students from 2012 to 2013, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report recently released.

[Illinois universities competing for students](#) (Springfield State Journal-Register)

As public university enrollment declines or remains flat, Illinois schools are competing to recruit students from across the country and around the world.

[SIU student leaders form assault task force](#) (Daily Herald)

Student leaders at Southern Illinois University formed a new task force aiming to prevent incidents of sexual assault and street violence.

[Most Chicago-area colleges see drop in student loan defaults](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

A majority of major Chicago-area colleges and universities boast lower student-loan default rates than the new national average, government data show.

[The \\$10,000 Community College B.A](#) (USA TODAY)

As employers are increasingly looking for college-educated workers to fill lower level jobs, community colleges are stepping up to the plate to meet those workforce demands.

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