

## Higher Education: Why It Matters Speakers



**Beverly Anderson** - *Provost, Chicago State University*

**Jonathan Astroth** is the founding President of Heartland Community College. Earlier he served as president of Rend Lake College. He holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and graduate degrees from Illinois State University, where he is a distinguished alumnus and member of the College of Education Hall of Fame.

President Astroth has also served as President of the Council of Community College Presidents, Chair of the Executive Committee of the American Council for International/Intercultural Education, and Chair of the Research Committee of the National Association for Developmental Education. He has presented at regional, national, and international conferences on community college governance and administration, and has contributed to books on education law and educational leadership.

**Robert Barr** served as Chairman of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for 20 years. He is a former Chairman of the Board of Regents. Mr. Barr is a partner in the law firm of Sidley & Austin, Chicago. He was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives from 1981 to 1983. Mr. Barr received a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Grinnell College. He resides in Evanston.

**Nicole A. Barry** is Deputy Director of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. Prior to joining the Advisory Committee in September 2003, Ms. Barry worked as a high school social studies teacher in the Baltimore City Public Schools and as the librarian at the International School of Trieste in Trieste, Italy. She is an alumnus of Teach For America. She is a participant in the associates program of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. Ms. Barry has presented nationally on a broad range of issues related to access and persistence for low- and moderate-income students and early intervention, among others. Ms. Barry received a M.A. in Teaching from Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. in Social Studies from Harvard University.

**Al Bowman** became President of Illinois State University in March 2004, after serving as Interim President.

He joined Illinois State in 1978 as a faculty member in Speech Pathology and Audiology and was appointed Chairperson of Speech Pathology and Audiology in 1994. He served as interim provost during the 2002/2003 academic year. Dr. Bowman received a bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology from Augustana College, a master's degree from Eastern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in Speech and Hearing Science from the University of Illinois-Urbana.

**Senator J. Bradley Burzynski**, of Clare, has represented the 35th District in the Illinois Senate since 1993. In 2003 he was appointed Chair of the Republican Caucus. Previously, he represented the 76th District in the Illinois House from 1990 to 1993.

Senator Burzynski serves on the Education, Appropriations III and Executive Committees. He is also a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Senator Burzynski led the effort to expand health care options in rural areas by licensing advanced practice nurses in Illinois. He helped pass legislation establishing separate governing boards for state universities to provide a higher quality of education.

Senator Burzynski is a former school teacher at Pinckneyville Middle Schools, a former Farm Bureau manager for Clark and Clinton counties, and a former Governmental Affairs Director for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. He is also a member of the Midwest Higher Education Commission.

**Roderick G. W. Chu** became Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents on January 1, 1998. Chancellor Chu serves on Governor Robert Taft's Cabinet. He is a past-president of the State Higher Education Executive Officers – the national association of state higher education system heads, and is a member of: the Education Commission of the States' Steering Committee; the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative's Executive Committee; the Midwest Higher Education Commission and its Distributed Learning Workshop; the Governor's Workforce Policy Board; and the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. He has also been a senior staff member on the Governor's Commissions on Student Success and Teaching Success. He was formerly a managing partner of Accenture and Commissioner of Taxation and Finance of the State of New York. He served as a trustee of the State University of New York system from 1990-1997.

**Representative William "Will" Quincy Davis** began serving in the Illinois House of Representatives on January 8, 2003.

Davis currently serves on the Higher Education Appropriations, International Trade and Commerce, and Labor committees. He also serves as Vice-Chairman of the Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriations committee.

As a state Representative, Davis' top priorities are education funding, increased health care availability and economic development. Davis has sponsored legislation that allows the state to have greater flexibility in the distribution of block grant funds, aiding efforts to help more Illinois students meet or exceed the Illinois Learning Standards in mathematics and science.

Since taking office, Representative Davis worked to restore \$12 million to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) that offers financial assistance to lower-income undergraduate students in Illinois.

Prior to his legislative service, Representative Davis served as an Admissions Counselor at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale from 1990 to 1996. From 1997 to 2003, Davis was the Deputy District Administrator for Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1989, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in three years. Davis is currently completing a Master of Public Administration Degree at Governors State University.

Representative Davis is a founding member of the Better Funding for Better Schools Coalition. Davis also serves on the Foundation Board of South Suburban College.

**Ashley Dearborn** – *Student, Wright College, ISAC Commissioner*

**Senator Miguel del Valle**, of Chicago, has served as a full-time state senator since 1987. Senator del Valle graduated from Northeastern Illinois University where he received a B.A. and M.A. in education and guidance.

Senator del Valle is the first Latino to serve as Assistant Majority Leader in the Illinois Senate. He served on the Illinois Democratic State Central Committee from 1994-1998. He is a member of the Senate Executive Committee, the Labor Committee, and the Higher Education Committee as well as serving as vice chairman of the Education Committee. He is co-chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Education Funding Reform and co-chairs the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus.

Senator del Valle also worked for the Center for Neighborhood Technology and the Pilsen-Little Village Mental Health Center. He has served on several non-profit organizational boards, including Josephinum High School, the Latino Institute and the Spanish Coalition for Housing. He also has served as Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs. Senator del Valle has taught "Latinos and Public Policy" at Roosevelt University.

Senator del Valle is the founder of the Illinois Association of Hispanic State Employees (IAHSE). He is the co-founder of Latino organizations, including, the Illinois Latino Advisory Council on Higher Education (ILACHE), the Alliance of Latinos and Jews and the Illinois Hispanic Democratic Council (IHDC). He also developed the annual Department of Children and Family Services Hispanic Families Conference.

**Edward Duffy** is the legislative liaison for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He is a former chair of the Illinois Community College Board. As ICCB's representative to the Illinois Board of the Higher Education, Duffy chaired a study that helped IBHE members understand the unique role of part-time faculty. He also worked closely with IBHE chair Phillip Rock to turn back ill-advised proposals for legislative micro-management of higher education.

Mr. Duffy has been the director of the Illinois Department of Public Aid, deputy chief of staff to former Governor James R. Thompson, and director of the Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. He began his career in public service as a member of the Chicago Police Department. He attended the University of Illinois. He resides in Mundelein.

**Randy J. Dunn** was appointed Illinois State Superintendent of Schools in August 2005, after serving as interim superintendent since September 2004. Before his appointment as state superintendent, Dunn served as Chair of the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIU-C) since 2000. He joined the SIU-C faculty in 1995, after having served as a public school administrator and teacher in Illinois since 1980.

Since 1998, Dr. Dunn has served on the Board of Directors for the International Society for Educational Planning. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, Illinois Association of School Administrators, National Society for the Study of Education and the Educational League of Illinois.

Dr. Dunn completed his doctorate in educational administration at the University of Illinois and his undergraduate studies in education at Illinois State University. He has served as a consultant to school districts throughout Illinois on issues including strategic planning, financial analysis and administrative restructuring.

**Dr. Stuart I. Fagan** has been president of Governors State University since April 1, 2000. Prior to joining Governor State University, Dr. Fagan served six years as provost and vice president for academic affairs, and professor of political science at Chicago's Roosevelt University. He was dean of university programs, executive assistant to the president and associate professor of political science at Farleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. He was assistant professor of political science at Columbia University in New York and research political scientist at the Institute of International Studies, University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Fagan holds a doctorate and master's in political science from the University of California at Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in political science from Boston University. His specialty is the politics of international economic issues, with a special focus on Latin America.

**Judith Flink** has been at the University of Illinois for 20 years and is the Executive Director of University Student Financial Services and Cashier Operations. She is responsible for Receivables, Loan Management, Collection Operations, Cashiers, and A/R Systems Office. In addition to her responsibilities at the University, Judith is the Vice Chairperson of the Federal Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. She serves on the Steering Committee for the Post-secondary Education Standards Council (PESC) and the Governors Committee on Special Education (ISAC). She is also a member of COHEAO, the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations and served as the president of the organization for four years. Judith has been a guest speaker at numerous conferences and is active in several professional organizations. Judith has also testified before Congress on a number of occasions and participated in negotiated rule making and focus groups with the Department of Education.

**Danielle Gaines**, *Student, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

**Father Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.**, became the 23rd president of Loyola University Chicago in June 2001. A seasoned university administrator, professor, author and scholar, Father Garanzini has spent the majority of his career working in higher education.

Before joining Loyola, Father Garanzini held the position of acting chair of the psychology department, psychology professor with an emphasis on parent-child communication, and special assistant to the president at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Father Garanzini graduated from Saint Louis University with a degree in psychology and entered the Society of Jesus in 1971. From 1984-88, he taught at the University of San Francisco and the Gregorian University in Rome. In 1986, he received a doctorate in psychology and religion from the University of California's Graduate Theological Union. In 1986 he returned to Saint Louis University, where he served as an associate professor in psychology and held the position of academic vice president.

An authority in the field of children and family psychology, Father Garanzini is an established author, researcher and speaker who has published numerous books and articles.

## Adam Howell

**Stanley Ikenberry** is the Former president of the University of Illinois, and more recently president of the American Council on Education. He is President of the Board of Overseers of TIAA-CREF and immediate past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Over his career he has led the boards of the National Association of the State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the Association of American Universities and the American Council on Education, where he later served as president.

Currently Dr. Ikenberry serves as a Senior Fellow with the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities and as consultant to a coalition of higher education associations and institutions preparing to launch a national dialogue with the public on the challenges faced by society and the role of campuses, ***Solutions for our Future.***

Dr. Ikenberry received his B.A. degree from Shepherd College and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University. In 1962 he moved to West Virginia University as assistant to the provost, later becoming dean of the College of Human Resources and Education. In 1969, and for the next decade, Dr. Ikenberry served Pennsylvania State University, first as professor in the Penn State Center for the Study of Higher Education, and subsequently as senior vice president. He assumed the Illinois presidency in 1979.

During a sixteen-year tenure as Illinois president, Dr. Ikenberry was the force behind the consolidation of the University's Medical Center and Chicago Circle campuses to form the current University of Illinois at Chicago. In Urbana-Champaign he led the creation of the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. Following a 16 year tenure as Illinois president, Dr. Ikenberry assumed the ACE presidency in 1996.

Dr. Ikenberry returned to the University in 2001 and maintains an office in the College of Education on the Urbana-Champaign campus. He holds an appointment with the Institute of Government and Public Affairs and is Regent Professor of Higher Education, teaching in the field of public policy.

**Dennis Jones** is President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), a research and development center founded to improve the management effectiveness of colleges and universities. A member of the staff since 1969, Mr. Jones is widely recognized for his work in such areas as state and institutional approaches to budgeting and resource allocation, strategic planning, educational needs assessment, faculty workload and productivity, information for strategic decision making, and the development of educational indicators.

Mr. Jones has written many monographs and articles on these topics, has presented his work at many regional, national, and international conferences, and has consulted with hundreds of institutions and state higher education agencies on management issues of all kinds.

Prior to joining NCHEMS, Mr. Jones served as an administrator (in business and in institutional planning) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He received his graduate and undergraduate degree from that institution in the field of engineering management.

**Anne Ladky** is the Executive Director of Women Employed, an organization that has been involved in every major employment advance women have made over the past 30 years. Women Employed's mission is to improve women's economic status and remove barriers to economic equity. The organization conducts advocacy, policy development, and organizing, and develops and markets innovative approaches to overcoming employment barriers.

Ms. Ladky was a founding member of Women Employed, joined the staff in 1977, and was named Executive Director in 1985. She oversees Women Employed's organization and program development, planning, fundraising and membership. She is a nationally recognized expert on women's employment issues, equal opportunity, workforce development and career advancement. She has developed and directed innovative advocacy and training programs designed to improve women's economic status and is the author of numerous reports, articles, and testimony on economic issues. She holds appointments with the Illinois Workforce Investment Board and the Chicago Workforce Board and has chaired the Governor's Transition Task Force on Workforce Development.

**Paul E. Lingenfelter** is President of State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO). Dr. Lingenfelter joined SHEEO in June 2000. His work at SHEEO has focused on increasing successful participation in higher education including: strengthening student preparation by building stronger relationships with K-12 educators, improving the quality of teaching, developing accountability systems that contribute to improved performance, improving mechanisms for developing state higher education policy, and developing the data systems and financial policies needed to achieve educational improvement.

From 1985 to 2000 he served on the staff of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, where in 1996 he was appointed Vice President to establish and lead the MacArthur Foundation Program on Human and Community Development. Before this appointment, he was involved in the full range of the Foundation's international and domestic programs as Associate Vice President for Planning and Evaluation and Director of Program Related Investments.

Prior to the MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Lingenfelter served as Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He has been a consultant for the United States Corporation for National Service, the Laidlaw Foundation in Canada, the Education Commission of the States, the New York Board of Regents, and the U.S. Office of Education.

Dr. Lingenfelter's holds an A.B. in literature from Wheaton College, an M.A. from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Michigan.

**Senator Edward Maloney** of Chicago is chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Labor and Commerce Committee, and a member of the Revenue and the Appropriations Committees. He is an assistant principal and dean of faculty at Brother Rice High School in Chicago. He spent 28 years as a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator and coach at Oak Lawn High School and four years as an Area Manager and Director of Professional Development for the Chicago Park District. He has also been a manager and professional development director for the Chicago Park District.

He has a bachelor's degree in political science from Lewis University, and a master's degree in education from Chicago State University.

Maloney's professional memberships have included the Illinois Principals Association, the National Council for Social Studies, the Illinois Association of College Admissions Counselors, the Southwest Suburban Counselors' Association and the Illinois Federation of Teachers Local #943.

Senator Maloney's legislative agenda has included successful passage of laws aimed at providing better educational opportunities for Illinois students, combating childhood diseases and providing financial relief to senior citizens.

**Jeff Mays** of Quincy has been President of the Illinois Business Roundtable since 1998. He previously was Executive Vice President of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and Special Assistant to the Chicago Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Mays was elected to five terms in the Illinois General Assembly, representing a large portion of West Central Illinois. As State Representative, Jeff was the Minority Spokesman of the House Appropriations committee, and served on the House Labor and Commerce Committee, the Executive Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Select Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**Representative Kevin McCarthy** is serving his fifth term in the Illinois General Assembly. Representative McCarthy serves as Chairman of the Higher Education Committee, Vice-Chairman of Telecommunications, and a member of Environmental Health, Transportation & Motor Vehicles, and the Financial Institutions.

McCarthy holds a bachelor's degree from Chicago State University and a master's degree from DePaul University.

**Charles R. "Chuck" Middleton** has served as the fifth President of Roosevelt University. He was appointed in July 2002.

President Middleton has emphasized service learning across the curriculum. He also has instituted a number of programs for students, including a new flat-rate tuition structure that reduces tuition for many undergraduate students, and a new orientation program for freshmen.

A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Dr. Middleton has been a university professor or administrator for 36 years. Prior to joining Roosevelt, he was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Colorado, Boulder; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Bowling Green State University; and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University System of Maryland.

His academic expertise is in modern British history from the late 18th Century to the early 19th Century and he has an interest in the history of sport in America. He has written more than 60 scholarly papers and he is the author of the book *The Administration of British Foreign Policy, 1782-1846*.

Dr. Middleton earned an A.B. with honors in history from Florida State University and both an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Duke University. He is a Fellow of the Institute for International Education (Midwest), and a member of the American Council on Education, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Illinois Federation of Independent Colleges and Universities, American Historical Association, and North American Conference on British Studies.

He also serves on the boards of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, New York.

**Representative David Miller** is serving his second term as state representative of the 29<sup>th</sup> District. He has been a practicing dentist for 15 years and currently has a practice in Dolton. He is the secretary/treasurer of the Illinois Legislative Southland Caucus. He has been president of the Illinois State Society's Political Action Committee and the Dolton Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Miller serves as the chair of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee. He is the co-chair of the Pension Fund Management and Procurement Committee. He also serves on the Primary and Secondary Education, Transportation and Motor Vehicles, and Mass Transit and Registration and Regulation Committees. He is a member of the Joint Committee on Administration Rules and Smart Growth Task Force.

Representative Miller earned his bachelors in biomedical engineering from Boston University and a doctoral of dental surgery from the University of Illinois, College of Dentistry. He resides in Calumet City.

**Father John Minogue** is a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and an adjunct professor at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Minogue was President of DePaul from 1993 to 2004, where he also was a professor of religious studies.

Minogue has been awarded the Polish Cross of Merit and the Doctor *Honoris Causa da Unisul*, Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina. He is currently a trustee of the Adler Planetarium and of the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the Planetary Society.

He is a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary, DeAndreis Institute of Theology, and DePaul University. He did his doctoral studies at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and received his Doctor of Ministry from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein. He lives in Chicago.

**Jennifer B. Presley** became the first Director of the Illinois Education Research Council in March 2001. Dr. Presley brought more than 20 years' experience in education research and policy analysis, having led offices of research and analysis with the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education, the University of Wisconsin System, and University of Massachusetts at Boston. Most recently, she was Associate Provost for Planning and Senior Research Scholar at the University of Maryland. She managed the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Presley earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science from San Francisco State University in 1977, and her Ph.D. in Education Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University in 1981.

**Christine Radogno** has served in the Illinois Senate since 1997. She represents the 41st District in Cook, DuPage and Will counties.

Senator Radogno serves as Republican spokesperson for the Senate Appropriations II Committee and is a member of the Appropriations I and Health and Human Services committees. She also serves on the Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission, the Economic and Fiscal Commission, and the Senate Select Committee on Public Pension Investments.

Senator Radogno is a member of the Southland Legislative Caucus, a bipartisan group of legislators who work together on issues important to the South Suburbs. She is also co-chair of the Conference of Women Legislators.

Senator Radogno sponsored legislation concerning drunk driving, parity for coverage of mental illnesses, and medical assistance for indigent families, elderly individuals and persons with disabilities. Senator Radogno cosponsored "KidCare," Illinois' health insurance program for children. She is also a long-time champion of environmental issues both at the state and local levels.

Before running for the Senate, Christine Radogno served as Village of LaGrange trustee, Village of LaGrange Liquor Commission, Village of LaGrange Economic Development Commission, and worked as a social worker at Mercy Center for Health Care Services.

Senator Radogno holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago. Senator Radogno lives in LaGrange.

**Senator Kwame Raoul** of Chicago, was appointed to represent the 13<sup>th</sup> District, succeeding Barack Obama. Senator Raoul earned his bachelor's degree in political science from DePaul University and a law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

He is a former Cook County Prosecutor and now serves as senior attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago. He has served as the director of volunteer legal clinics in Chicago. During his private practice he represented indigent clients.

The Senator is also the founder and director of the Janin and Marie Raoul Foundation, which promotes healthcare as a human right. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Cook County Bar Association and the Cook County Bar Foundation. He has also served as a member of the Quad Community Development Corporation's Community Enrichment Committee.

Senator Raoul has served as an advisory board member and mentor for the Ariel Foundation and has participated in voter registration campaigns with Rainbow/PUSH.

**Elliot Regenstein** is Director of Education Reform for the Office of the Governor. He works with the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Board of Higher Education,

and the Illinois Community College Board. Regenstein is also the co-chair of the Governor's Early Learning Council.

Before joining the Governor's office, Mr. Regenstein practiced law in Chicago. He was a law clerk to Judge Kenneth F. Ripple of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He is a *cum laude* graduate of both the University of Michigan Law School, where he was executive note editor of the *Law Review*, and of Columbia University, where he majored in history. He lives in Chicago.

### **Representative Chapin Rose**

**Christine J. Sobek** became the fourth president of Waubensee Community College in July of 2001. Dr. Sobek has 27 years of community college administrative experience.

Prior to becoming president, Dr. Sobek served as the college's provost. Prior to her appointment as provost, Dr. Sobek served in several leadership roles at Waubensee, including executive vice president for Educational Affairs, assistant vice president for Instruction, assistant vice president for Student Development, and dean of Student Development.

Dr. Sobek joined Waubensee in 1989 after eleven years of employment at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois. Her leadership roles at that college included executive assistant to the President, director of Personnel, Affirmative Action officer and director of Placement.

In addition, Dr. Sobek's experience includes service as an adjunct faculty member at Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois and as an assistant director of Student Affairs at Lyman Briggs Residential College at Michigan State University.

Dr. Sobek earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue University, a master's degree from Michigan State University, and a doctoral degree from Northern Illinois University.

Dr. Sobek is currently serving as a member of the Rush-Copley Medical Center Board of Directors, the Old Second Bancorp Board of Directors, the Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees, the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the River Valley Workforce Investment Board.

Dr. Sobek lives in Geneva.

**Richard Stephens** is Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Administration for The Boeing Company. He was named recently by Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings to the National Commission on the Future of Higher Education.

Mr. Stephens has held a variety of executive position with Boeing in a career that spans 25 years, including Space and Communication Services, Reusable Space Systems, Naval Systems and Tactical Systems, submarine combat systems, Space Shuttle, and a number of service and support-related programs.

Stephens received his B.S. in mathematics from the University of Southern California and his M.S. in computer science from California State University, Fullerton. He also has

completed graduate studies in business administration from the Claremont Graduate School of Business.

Stephens' honors include the American Indian Science & Engineering Society's 2004 Professional of the Year Award, and the National Management Association Gold, Silver Knight and Excellence in Leadership Awards. In December 2003 he was appointed to serve on the Private Sector Senior Advisory Committee of the Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council.

He is an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Stephens serves on a number of non profit and business focused boards and has been recognized for his to local and national organizations regarding the use of science and technology education programs to develop the workforce of the future.

Stephens is an enrolled member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and served as its chairman from 1988-89. He is also a former U.S. Marine Corps officer.

**Senator Rick Winkel** has represented the 52nd Senate District since 2002, having served in the House of Representatives since 1995.

In the House, he served as a member on legislative committees dealing with agriculture and conservation, education and judiciary issues. During that time, he sponsored bills to create and fund alternative schooling programs, to reform campaign finance, and to secure a student trustee vote on the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

Senator Winkel was a Champaign County Board Member from 1992 to 1994.

Senator Winkel is currently the Republican spokesman for the Senate Licensed Activities Committee. He is the minority spokesman on the Higher Education Committee, member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and member of the Legislative Audit Commission.

Senator Winkel graduated from the DePaul University College of Law and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Illinois.

Senator Winkel is a member of the Illinois Wildlife Federation. He is a member of the Champaign County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. He is Of Counsel at Meyer, Capel, P.C. in Champaign, where he resides.