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*The Friday Memo*

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A PUBLIC AGENDA FOR  
COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS



Senator Ed Maloney speaks at a hearing on the Public Agenda for College and Career Success held November 10 at Chicago State University. Joining the senator were, from left to right, IBHE Executive Director Judy Erwin, and Board Members Elmer Washington and Addison Woodward.

Task Force to consider final Public Agenda

The Task Force to create a Public Agenda for College and Career Success will hold its final meeting November 21 at Robert Morris College in Chicago to consider a final draft of the blueprint to guide higher education for the next decade. The Public Agenda planning process, which was directed by legislative resolution, has included 6 formal task force meetings as well as informal working group meetings, 34 regional forums at community colleges throughout the state, and 6 public hearings at public universities. After approval of the Public Agenda by the Task Force, it will be considered by the Board of Higher Education at its December meeting at National-Louis University in Chicago.

Illinois launches participation in ADP

Over 200 members of the higher education community were joined by

UPCOMING

November

17 IBHE Disability Advisory Committee, IBHE, Springfield

17-18 Building a Meaningful Educational Accountability System: A Summit, Illinois State University, Normal

21 Public Agenda Task Force, Robert Morris College Chicago

December

4 Ill.HS to College Success Report Regional Forum, Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield

5 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, Springfield

6-7 IBHE Student Advisory Committee Orientation, DeVry Univ.- Tinley Park

9 IBHE meeting, National-Louis University, Chicago

16 Ill.HS to College Success Report Regional Forum,

civic and business leaders to launch Illinois' participation in the America Diploma Project (ADP) November 7<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington. Illinois recently became the 34<sup>th</sup> state to join the America Diploma Project Network. In these states, governors, state education leaders at all levels, and business executives are working together to raise high school standards, strengthen assessments and curriculum, and align expectations with the demands of college and careers. Illinois' core alignment team will take part in an alignment institute in Washington D.C. on November 23-24. Curriculum teams in Math and English Language Arts will soon begin developing recommendations for aligning Illinois high school graduation standards with career and college readiness standards.

#### **Dual Credit Task Force readies final report**

The Dual Credit Task Force held its third and final meeting November 12 in Springfield. Under the leadership of Representative Roger Eddy, the Task Force discussed a draft final report that contained three goals – ensure quality; improve access, equity, and attainment; and increase accountability – and several recommendations to achieve those goals. The Board is directed to submit the Task Force's final report to the General Assembly by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Illinois State hosts summit on accountability**

Illinois State University (ISU) and the Illinois Association of Deans of Public Colleges of Education are hosting a Summit: "Building a Meaningful Educational Accountability System," on November 17. Illinois colleges of education, along with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Board of Higher Education are invited to participate in the session which will be held at the ISU Alumni Center, Normal. Arthur Levine will join the summit, and also will be giving a public presentation at 7:00 pm on November 18 at the Alumni Center.

#### **Administration Offers Financial Assistance to Nurses Working in Veterans' Homes**

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently reminded nurses throughout the state that financial assistance is available to help them pay off student loans if they work at Illinois Veterans' Homes. Through the Illinois Veterans' Home Nurse Loan Repayment Program, nurses who provide care for Illinois Veterans in the state's Veterans' Homes are eligible to have as much as \$5,000 of their student loans repaid by the state for up to four years. A total of \$1.22 million in grants is available for nurses this fiscal year.

#### **Learn about the Illinois High School to College Success Report**

Regional meetings are being held around the state to inform secondary and postsecondary educators about the Illinois High School to College Success Report, and the pilot scheduled to begin in 2009. There are three regional meetings scheduled in November and December (See the calendar for dates and places). Teams from high schools, colleges, and universities are encouraged to attend.

## *People in the News*

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Following an intensive nationwide search, the College of DuPage Board of Trustees has selected Dr. Robert L. Breuder to serve as the fifth president in the college's 42-year history. Breuder leaves the presidency at Harper College, to take this new position.

The University Center of Lake County has named Joseph R. Kane to the position of Director of Technology and Business Development.

Loyola University Chicago's largest college, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), has added 36 new members to its faculty community this fall, including two high-profile endowed professors. Professor Edmondo Lupieri has been appointed to the John Cardinal Cody Chair of Theology and Dr. Richard Matland has been named the Helen Houlahan Rigali Professor of Political Science.

Shellie Schwanke of Eureka was named director of alumni relations at Eureka College in October. Her duties include alumni communications and events, with an emphasis on relationship-building and service to alumni.

Parkland College Trustee Tom Bennett has been named chairman-elect of the Association of Community College Trustees – the first community college trustee from Illinois to lead the national organization's board of directors

In January, Daly College math professor, Vali Siadat will be awarded the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award of Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics. The prize – considered the "gold standard" of national math awards – has never before been given to a community college professor.

## *Campus News*

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### Motorola grant helps NIU recruit women engineering students

Northern Illinois University and the Girl Scouts of America are grooming a new generation of women engineers, thanks to a grant from the Motorola Foundation.

### Lewis University's campus wins prestigious award

Lewis University's picturesque Romeoville campus recently earned national recognition with a Green Star Award from the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) in Baltimore, Maryland.

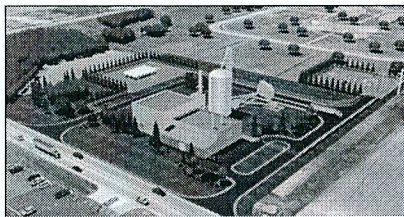
### Northern Star wins Pacemaker award, college press equivalent of Pulitzer

As the horrible events of Feb. 14 unfolded at Northern Illinois University, young journalists employed by the Northern Star responded with notebooks, cameras, and professionalism. "It wasn't a matter of, 'Let's make sure we do really good work.' It was a matter of, 'Let's make sure we do the right thing.' It was a matter of doing the only thing we knew to do," said John Puterbaugh, editor of the student newspaper at the time. Eight months later, and for the first time since 1974, the Star has won the Pacemaker.

### Illinois launches I-STEM Education Collaborative

The Illinois STEM Education Collaborative (I-STEM) seeks to increase the number and quality of science, technology, education and math teachers who graduate from the Urbana campus, along with improving student recruitment and retention rates in science and technology-affiliated programs, especially for women and minorities.

### EIU Renewable Energy Center Moving Forward



Eastern Illinois University officials recently announced plans to move forward with construction of a Renewable Energy Center on the east side of campus. In addition to the power plant, an audit examined electrical upgrades, upgrades to the university's electrical grid

connection and possibilities for wind energy generation. As a result, Eastern is also planning to construct a small wind farm -- composed of three 1.5 megawatt General Electric wind turbines -- somewhere near the Charleston community.

### Charitable Foundation Finds New Home at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

After years of working together to help families touched by the stigma of mental illness, Lawrence and Marilyn Cohen of Evanston, Ill., and Chicago School President Michael Horowitz have announced the creation of the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Named in honor of the Cohens' daughter, who took her life in May 2000, the institute will carry the tradition of advocacy and education began by the Cohens when they established Naomi Ruth Cohen Charitable Foundation in 2002.

### MORE CAMPUS NEWS

*News from Higher Education*

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**As the Economic Crisis Hits Home, Colleges Seek Help From Congress**

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

Congress is crafting a second economic-stimulus bill, and the nation's colleges, hit by the deepening fiscal crisis, want a share of the money.

**Gates Foundation to Spend Big on Community Colleges**

(Inside Higher Ed)

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced plans to focus its time — and hundreds of millions of new dollars — on college completion, particularly at community colleges.

**American Council on Education to Reward Veterans-Friendly Campuses With Grants**

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

The American Council on Education will provide \$2-million in grants to veterans-friendly institutions and create a Web site to inform veterans about their education benefits, the group announced on Monday.

**MORE NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION**

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