On September 6, **IBHE Chair Tom Cross** sent college and university presidents the following message with suggested resources about the DACA decision.

As we all know, **President Donald Trump announced that he is rescinding the executive order** that created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. While current DACA recipients will “generally not be impacted until after March 5, 2018, six months from now,” I know that you are sending messages of support to those DACA students, and their families, enrolled on your campuses. IBHE has prepared the following list of messages from various student and immigration groups that could be helpful to you in your efforts. I know we are all committed to supporting all of our students and providing Illinois with the talent it needs to succeed as a state.

- Muriel Howard, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, issued a statement on the termination of the DACA program.
- The Lumina Foundation’s Jamie Merisotis also issued a statement reinforcing the importance of DREAMers in America’s workforce, and in meeting the 60% by 2025 Goal.
- Over 300 U.S. business leaders joined chief executives of Apple, Amazon, Facebook, Google, General Motors, and Starbucks in an open letter urging President Donald Trump “to preserve the DACA program and calling on Congress to pass the bipartisan DREAM Act or similar legislation that provides these young people raised in our country the permanent solution they deserve.” The **Illinois Business Immigration Council** provided support. Among the signatories are Illinois Science and Technology Coalition President and CEO Mark Harris, Northwestern University President Morton Schapiro, Illinois Institute of Technology President Alan W. Cramb, Dominican University President Donna M. Carroll, and DePaul University President Dr. Gabriel Esteban.
- The **Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights** released a statement “[calling] on every member of the Illinois Congressional delegation to denounce this action, and immediately work to pass legislation that would provide a path to citizenship for the nearly 800,000 ‘DACAmmented’ individuals living across the country, more than 41,000 of whom live in Illinois.” Here are links to a fact sheet about DACA in English and in Spanish.
- Current bipartisan Congressional legislation has been introduced to create a pathway to citizenship for DACA eligible in the DACA program. **S 1615** was introduced by Senators Dick Durbin, D-IL, and Lindsey Graham, R-SC, and a companion bill was filed in the House by Representatives Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-FL, and Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-CA. Representative Luis Gutierrez, D-IL, has introduced the **American Hope Act**.
- The **Daily Herald** published a human interest story about NIU students who are brothers and DACA participants. “DACA end would be ‘betrayal of trust,’ suburban participants say.” One of the brothers, Alejandro Molina Hoyos, served as Chair of the IBHE Student Advisory Committee in 2014-15.
- At the December 13, 2016, IBHE Board meeting, a resolution was adopted, encouraging “proactive strategies on our campuses to facilitate the delivery of legal, financial and mental health services to students affected…”

If IBHE can be of further help to you in our efforts to serve our students please let us know.
According to a recently released study by the National Student Clearinghouse, Illinois is among the national leaders in the percentage of traditionally-aged associate degree completers who also complete a bachelor’s degree. It should be noted that the percentage was calculated using all associate degree earners regardless of whether the students vertically transferred to a bachelor’s granting institution. The metric should not be confused with a bachelor’s completion rate, which would traditionally be measured using the students who vertically transferred to a bachelor’s granting institution.

Illinois ranks seventh in the nation and more than two-thirds (68.3%) of all associate’s degree earners in Illinois completed a bachelor’s degree.

**Top 10 States for Bachelor’s Degree Completion Rate among Traditionally-Aged Associate’s Degree Earners**

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On August 24, the Illinois Community College Board’s (ICCB) statewide tour to unveil the ICCB’s Workforce Education Strategic Plan and highlight best practices across the state in workforce training, went to Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) where Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, ICCB executive director, recognized the college’s Open Door Mentorship Program as a statewide model for community college engagement and alignment with business.

Anderson was joined by college president Dr. Charlotte Warren who discussed how LLCC has developed an innovative partnership with local businesses to support the academic success and workforce goals of African American male students. The program provides these students with career exploration, internships, and mentorship that lead to employment opportunities in selected career pathways.

"Underrepresentation of African-American males has been a longstanding issue for our nation," said Warren. "Lack of education severely limits opportunity for these men, but it also represents an underutilized resource for our community. Thanks to the support of The Quantum Growth Partnership (Q5), the economic development partnership led by The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, LLCC has a chance to change that trajectory. Public, private and nonprofit sectors have come together not just with their dollars, but also with their time and commitment to help us positively impact educational persistence, retention and completion of these students. We are proud to be a part of their journey and hope to provide career opportunities and keep these talented young men right here in our community for years to come."

**Parkland College** was recognized by Executive Director Anderson on August 29, for the college’s Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS) program as a statewide model for aligning workforce education with employers’ needs. Anderson was joined by college president Dr. Tom Ramage and other college administrators and faculty who shared the innovative approach taken through ICAPS to align the school’s industrial welding program with employer-defined career...
pathways and industry credentials. The program provides adults without a high school diploma with an opportunity to earn a high school equivalency certificate and postsecondary credentials that are the gateway to family-supporting wages.

“Here at Parkland College, our mission is to engage the community in learning,” said Ramage. “When I see our adult education and Career and Technical Education (CTE) units collaborate and align with local industry partners to develop and implement our ICAPS program, I cannot think of a better example of fulfilling the community college mission.”

“Employers want education and training to be better aligned to their needs, standards and expectations,” said Anderson. “Parkland College’s ICAPS program works directly with employers to accelerate individuals through training and to attainment of competencies and credentials in employer targeted industries.”

Lewis University and Parkland College students will now have a unique opportunity to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. The Lewis University Dental Hygiene degree program is designed for students looking for a career in the dental industry that will provide an education and clinical training. Students will take their first two years of coursework at Lewis University and then complete their clinical coursework at Parkland College. Upon successful completion of the coursework at Parkland, students will earn a bachelor’s degree from Lewis University. Lewis University is one of only two universities in the state of Illinois to offer this program.

Other News

Illinois Community College System is collecting monetary donations to help community college students in Texas impacted by Hurricane Harvey

PLEASE SEND TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO:

The Illinois Community College System Foundation
Attention: Dr. Joe Kanosky, President
401 East Capitol Ave
Springfield IL 62701

On behalf of the IL Community College Board, IL Council of Community College Presidents and IL Community College Trustees Association

THANK YOU!
On August 29, the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals affirmed the decision of the U.S. Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Court to dismiss the case by the Illinois Bible Colleges Association seeking blanket exemption for their schools from the state’s authority to approve postsecondary educational institutions to issue college degrees. (Illinois Bible Colleges Association v. Anderson) The courts found that the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s regulatory oversight of postsecondary schools and colleges does not violate the First Amendment constitutional rights of religious colleges. “Contrary to the Bible Colleges' argument, the statutes at issue do not set a standard for 'religious' education,” Seventh Circuit Judge Daniel Manion wrote for the three-judge panel. “Rather, they set criteria under which the Board will review all postsecondary institutions of education and degrees issued by those schools. And states have a valid secular interest in maintaining standards for postsecondary institutions.”

People in the News

On August 31, the Danville Area Community College (DACC) Board of Trustees met on the steps of the Carnegie Library to dedicate the building in honor of retired DACC President Alice Marie Jacobs, the college’s second female president, for her 17 years of service to the college by naming the building the Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs Hall – Carnegie Library.

Jacobs retired last year as President Emerita and also serves on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Naming the Carnegie Library building for Jacobs was requested by donor Julius W. Hegeler, II, whose foundation bequeathed $2 million to pay for the full renovation of the historic library built in 1905.

DACC officially acquired the Carnegie Library building from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs last month. Jacobs initiated the process with the VA several years ago to acquire the century-old building behind the Bremer Conference Center in exchange for a gazebo and some land on the south end of campus.

The Carnegie Library will become the centerpiece for classrooms and galleries to support the visual and performing arts and include credit classes in painting and acting. In addition, the building will help advance student engagement, retention, and success by serving as a gallery to display student art, a black-box theater for improvisational and other dramatic performances, and as a rehearsal hall for student choirs, orchestras, and bands. The underlying strategy is to leverage this new space to boost student enrollment in fine arts programs and to increase student participation in music and theatrical clubs.

University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing Dean Terri Weaver was one of 23 nurse researchers inducted into the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame.

Weaver has been recognized nationally and internationally for her research on the effect of daytime sleepiness on daily behaviors and assessment of treatment outcomes. Her work has been supported with funding from the National Institutes of Health; the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; and the National Institute of Nursing Research. Distinguished as a leader in nursing education, Weaver was elected this year to serve a two-year term on the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. She is also a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and previously served on its board of directors. She also served on the board of directors of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and is the former chair of the national board of directors of the American Lung Association.

Chicago Tribune: Illinois victims advocates have mixed feelings about DeVos’ changes to college sex assault investigations, September 7, 2017.