

Budget News

The budget passed to **Governor Bruce Rauner** by the **General Assembly** provides higher education with a total of \$4.045 billion in total funding for Fiscal Year 2019, including \$3.463 billion in general funds, with the most notable operations changes as follows:

- 2% increase for universities and community colleges and similar increases for higher education agencies.
- \$25 million for the new **AIM HIGH** matching program for universities to provide scholarships to highly qualified Illinois students as an effort to keep the best students in Illinois.
- \$2 million for the operations of the **Illinois Student Assistance Commission** to help replace the decline in support previously provided from federal loan servicing revenues.
- \$2.9 million to community colleges to fund **Illinois veterans grants** as required by state law.
- A set of pension savings options were added which resulted in appropriations to the **State Universities Retirement System** which are lower than the certified amount. Recertification will be required.
- For the first time since FY10, a **capital bill** was passed. It will fund all of the projects that were on-hold after being approved in previous budgets, including some funding for maintenance. It also provides \$75 million for capital emergencies and \$25 million for cost escalations and emergencies.

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On May 16, the U.S. Department of Education recognized one university, **the University of Illinois at Chicago**, and three K-12 schools, Monroe Elementary School, Wolcott School, and Southside Occupational Academy, from Illinois as **U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools** for their efforts to create healthy and sustainable places to learn. These schools were selected by the **Illinois Board of Higher Education**, the **Illinois State Board of Education**, and the **Illinois Green Alliance** for consideration for this honor.

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools program recognizes schools that save energy, reduce costs, protect student and staff health and wellness, and offer environmental education. Learn more about the [2018 Illinois honorees](#) and all of the [2018 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools honorees](#).



The **Illinois Education Research Council (IERC)** has released a new report, "*Public School Funding and Postsecondary Outcomes in Illinois: What is Reasonable to Expect from Illinois' School Funding Reforms?*" Authored by **Dr. Derek A. Houston** from the **University of Oklahoma**, the study bridges the gap between P-12 and postsecondary research to explore how school funding policies can affect educational mobility and postsecondary outcomes. [Click here](#) to download the report.

People in the News

Illinois Board of Higher Education Board member **Jay D. Bergman** received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at **Joliet Junior College (JCC)**. Bergman graduated from JCC in 1968, earned a bachelor's degree from **Illinois State University (ISU)**, and founded Petco Petroleum Corporation.

In addition to IBHE, he serves as Chairman of the Board of the First Secure Bank Group and formerly was a member of the ISU Board of Trustees.

Bergman also won the 2017 Illinois Community College Trustees Association Alumnus Award. "I've received some awards from some other educational institutions over the years but this one is pretty special because it's the school where I started my college career," he said.

L to R: JJC President Dr. Judy Mitchell, Jay Bergman, and Alumni Board President Ericka Williams



Events



Don't forget to register for the 2018 College Changes Everything® Conference on July 19th!

July 19, 2018 | 8 am - 4:30 p.m. | Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois

The theme of this year's conference is **Supporting Students' Futures through College and Career Readiness Partnerships**. At all levels of the education system and across all workforce sectors, what we call "student success" is truly a shared responsibility. Join us for dynamic speakers, critical conversations and productive networking. Sessions will cover topics such as college readiness, navigating the college-going process, after school programs, supporting special student populations, mentoring programs, student support services, career readiness, connecting students and employers, and more. The 8th annual CCE Conference is the state's premier college access and success event.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

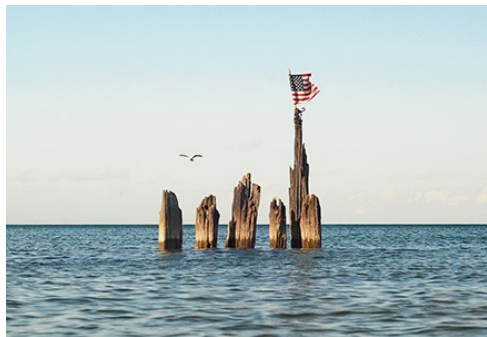
Other News

The **U.S. Education Department** announced it will delay for two more years implementation of its regulations requiring all online programs to show they are approved to operate in every state where they enroll students, [according to Inside Higher Ed](#). The government says it will publish the regulations in July 2020. [Visit the IBHE website](#) for more information.

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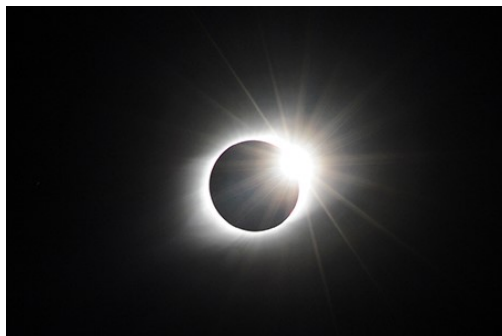
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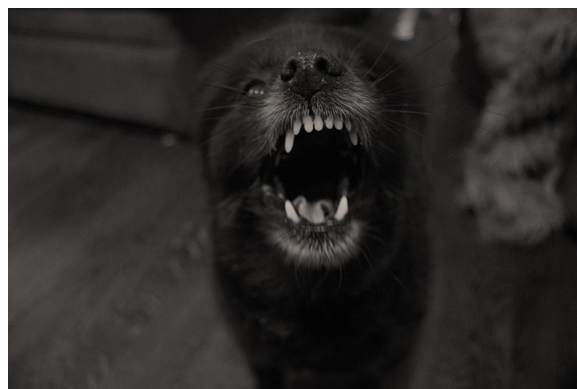


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Adan Magnan, Moraine Valley Community College



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In Case You Missed It

Inside Higher Ed: 2% budget increase for Illinois' public colleges, June 1, 2018.

NPR Illinois/WUIS-91.9: Higher ed gets a bipartisan push, May 30, 2018.

Bloomington Pantagraph: Business leaders encouraged to engage ISU students, May 30, 2018.



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