

A. ARI SHROYER-STOKES

We, the Members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), extend our deep appreciation and esteem to Ari Shroyer, for his dedicated service to postsecondary students in Illinois and his contributions to the Board as its student representative. He has served honorably for two terms from July 2011, through today.

Having served as an active and essential member of the IBHE Student Advisory Committee (IBHE-SAC), representing Roosevelt University, Ari started attending IBHE-SAC meetings as a freshman from Cincinnati, Ohio. He quickly adopted Illinois as his collegiate home state and became informed about Illinois college student concerns. Ari has been a valuable student voice, especially representing the private, nonprofit sector students in the legislative and funding battles for the Monetary Award Program (MAP). Ari served as the secretary of the IBHE-SAC and stepped up as chairman pro tem for several SAC meetings. He served two years as the student board member to IBHE. Both positions were achieved by elections from his peers of other student leaders from Illinois' public and private colleges and universities.

We applaud Ari's impressive roster of accomplishments and experiences throughout his college career. He served on Roosevelt University's Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee. He is the recipient of the Bronze R and Green Key Society awards for Roosevelt campus leadership as Student Government President and Trustee. Most recently, Ari has worked as special assistant to the director of Roosevelt's Alumni Affairs Office. He also was the Israel Intern at The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. He was the recipient of the Abe and Esther Manaster – Dr. Charles Solomon Scholarship, providing full college tuition coverage for academic and civic leadership in 2011.

Anticipating receipt of his bachelor's degree as a political science major from Roosevelt University this summer, Ari will be joining the Illinois Legislative Intern Program, serving the Republican Caucus in the General Assembly for a year. His plans include entering the United States Air Force as a commissioned officer. Ari expects to return to higher education for graduate studies in defense, intelligence, and national security policy. Serving as an elected official also is one of his future goals.

We will miss Ari's dedicated presence and his spirit of public service in representing Illinois students at the IBHE board table. However, Illinois will continue to be served by Ari in the halls of the Statehouse in Springfield, beginning next fall. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education
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