

## RESOLUTION

We, the members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), extend our appreciation to the following members of the IBHE. They deserve our gratitude for their time and wise counsel on the many issues before us.

Meredith Daw was appointed last year as the private university representative for IBHE. Her perspective from that sector, along with her knowledge of the admissions process, has been impressive. Meredith is the associate vice president of enrollment and student advancement, executive director of career advancement, and associate dean at the University of Chicago. While there, she has increased paid internships tenfold and implemented a first-of-its-kind early engagement model that focuses on career prep. She has been a true asset to IBHE.

Dr. Sherry Eagle was appointed in 2017 as our public university representative. With her knowledge on K-12 and public universities, along with her experience as an educator, superintendent, and the Executive Director of the Institute for Collaboration at Aurora University, she has provided unique and valuable insight to the board. A staunch supporter of STEM in the academic world, she has played an instrumental role in furthering IBHE's discussions on academic programs in STEM.

Jane Hays, an attorney by practice, has been an outspoken advocate for higher education. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and from the University's law school. Jane serves or has served on several boards and councils, including the State University Retirement System and the Illinois Chapter of "ARCS," (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists). Higher education in Illinois is better off because of you.

Cherilyn Murer, founder, president and CEO of CGM Advisory Group LLC, is an unwavering supporter of higher education. Cherilyn graduated from Lewis University in Romeoville and from Northern Illinois University's College of Law with honors. She also served as an NIU board member and spent two terms as its board chairman. Her interest and devotion to promoting women in higher education has had a tremendous impact on improving our state.

Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, the regional superintendent of schools in Dupage County, has provided a suburban voice to the board. Unafraid to speak her mind, she has demonstrated vast knowledge of education at all levels. Her expertise, honesty, and passion have all been greatly appreciated the past two years.

Emily Buice is to be commended for her leadership in helping the Student Advisory Council identify issues, and for her professionalism in presenting these issues to IBHE. Emily recently graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC), where she studied history and public relations, with a minor in political science. While at SIUC, she served in several student government roles. She is now working in Indiana.

Truong "Jack" Luu, our non-traditional student representative, is a full-time student at Heartland Community College, president of the college's Student Government Association, and a part-time graduate student at Illinois State University. We appreciate his ability to confer with all students about the pressing issues that they face. Originally from Vietnam, Jack is uniquely capable of being a model for other international students and in encouraging other students to consider opportunities for international study.



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