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IBHE Data Points

The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center recently released a data snapshot highlighting the yearly success and progress of first-time college students who enrolled full-time in fall 2011. This rich informational source allows researchers to follow student success and progression over a six-year time horizon as they remained enrolled, transferred, graduated, or stopped out of college altogether. IBHE compared the results for the Illinois' community colleges, public universities, and not-for-profit private colleges to the national sector-specific averages.

Generally, at the end of the six-year tracking period, students initially enrolling full-time at Illinois public universities and community colleges had higher graduation rates (both at the original school and transfer institutions) than the national averages. Relatedly, lower proportions of students from Illinois public universities and community college stop out of college without earning a credential. Students from not-for-profit (NFP) private colleges generally had higher graduation rates than students in the public university and community college sectors, and completed at the national rate of other NFP private colleges.

[Click here](#) for the full IBHE DataPoint.

Reducing Gaps for Underserved Students

The [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#) has joined the [American Talent Initiative](#), a coalition of top universities committed to enhancing the recruitment, enrollment and graduation of high-achieving lower- and moderate-income students.



"Our goal is to ensure that a University of Illinois education is affordable and accessible to any Illinois resident who earns admission, regardless of their ability to pay," said Chancellor **Robert J. Jones**. "This partnership with the American Talent Initiative will help us keep even more of our state's high-performing students here for college, and substantially increase the chances of them staying in Illinois for their careers. This is how we believe we should be delivering on our land-grant university responsibilities in the 21st century."

"In the 2017-18 academic year, the University of Illinois contributed more than \$80 million in financial support for low- and moderate-income students," said **Andreas Cangellaris**, the vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at Illinois. "Access is only valuable if it is associated with success, and our retention and graduation rates are among the highest in the Big Ten. We continue to strive to do better, and as we grow financial resources for student support through this initiative, we will also continue to improve our academic support services."

ATI member institutions must meet the standard of graduating at least 70 percent of their students in six years. Membership in ATI now includes the entire Ivy League, private colleges and 17 state flagship universities.

Today is the deadline in the Illinois General Assembly for passage of bills to be sent to the other chamber. Here is the status on legislation being monitored by IBHE:

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act Change (110 ILCS 930/3)

[HB 5020](#) (Brady) and [SB 3071](#) (Rooney)

An IBHE initiative to reduce the number of members on the Program Board from 21 to 11. HB 5020 passed the House and is now in the Senate. SB 3071 is on 3rd Reading in the Senate.

Grant Language Change (110 ILCS 205/9.28)

[HB 5458](#) (Hammond) and [SB 2969](#) (Schimpf)

An IBHE initiative to delete statutory provision for the Graduation Incentive grant program, that has not been funded by the General Assembly since FY04 for \$100,000. SB 2969 passed the Senate and is now in the House.

Seizure of Student Records (110 ILCS 205/16 new)

[HB 5021](#) (Pritchard) and [SB 3090](#) (Oberweis)

An IBHE initiative granting the Board the statutory authority to seize student academic records when an institution is closing and records are in danger of being lost, hidden, destroyed, or otherwise made unavailable [HB 5021](#) has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Vocational Academy Opportunity Act (amended)

[HB 4495](#) (Thapeadi)

Creates two residential vocational academies, one located in Cook County (Chicago) and the other in St. Clair County (East St. Louis). On 3rd Reading in the House.

3-Year Teaching Degree

[HB 4956](#) (Cavaletto)

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code to provide that, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, every public university that offers an educator preparation program must offer a 3-year degree completion program. Passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Religious Institution Exemption (amended)

[HB 5067](#) (Sauer) and [SB 2822](#) (McConchie)

Amended by Senate Floor Amendment 1, provides that a religious institution may file an annual application with the Board of Higher Education to become exempt from the program approval requirements under the Private College Act and the Academic Degree Act Acts or those Acts' administrative rules. SB 2822 (Senate Floor Amendment 1) has passed to the Senate and is now in the House.

Community colleges BSN degree authority (amended)

[SB 888](#) (Manar)

Allows a board of trustees of a community college district to establish and offer a baccalaureate-level nursing education program and confer a bachelor of science degree in nursing upon the meeting of specified conditions. It also requires approval of both ICCB and IBHE. Postponed in the Senate Higher Education Committee.

People in the News

Laura Vivaldo Cholula, a senior at **Northern Illinois University** (NIU) was named the 2018 **Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education** (ILACHE) Emerging Leader Award recipient on April 20 at [the ILACHE 26th Professional and Student Development Conference](#), held at **Illinois State University**. The emerging leader award is presented to a student that has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service in the areas of education and social justice while promoting the advancement of the Latinx community.

Cholula is a political science major with a minor in Latino and Latin American Studies. An aspiring lawyer, she has taken on leadership roles in **DREAM Action NIU**, a student-driven organization that advocates for immigrants and undocumented students. She joined a statewide effort to pass legislation that would allow undocumented students access to state financial aid. She serves as a peer mentor and speaks to middle school and college students on the importance of higher education. She worked with the NIU Latino Oral History Project and received the 2017 Deacon Davis award. Since arriving on campus as a transfer student, Laura has participated in and led efforts to create change for underrepresented students at Northern Illinois University.

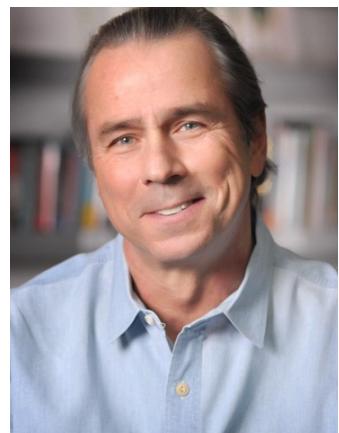


Jennifer DeHaemers, former associate vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, [will join Southern Illinois University Carbondale](#) as associate chancellor for enrollment management on May 14, 2018.

Her appointment, announced by SIU Chancellor **Carlo Montemagno**, follows a national search. It fills a role that had been vacant since 2014 and had not been filled on a full-time basis since 2011.

The **Illinois Institute of Technology** recently announced that Chicago serial entrepreneur and former **1871** CEO [**Howard A. Tullman**](#) will be the first executive director for the **Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship**. Set to open this fall, the Kaplan Institute will be a hub for discovery, innovation, and business creation, giving students the skills and experience needed to make their innovations viable for the market. "Howard's extraordinary success in business and at 1871 makes him the perfect person to launch the Kaplan Institute," said Illinois Tech President **Alan Cramb**. "The goal of the institute is clear: to bring the promise of entrepreneurship and innovation to every student at Illinois Tech. Howard will spearhead that effort and make sure our students have the resources and support needed to invent, create, and launch new companies." Tullman will begin as executive director on May 1.

Most recently, he led Chicago-based 1871, which was just named the top university-affiliated business incubator in the world. Before serving at 1871, he most recently was the chairman and CEO of Tribeca Flashpoint College, which he co-founded in 2007. Tullman is the former president of Kendall College and the former chairman and CEO of Experiencia, Inc. Tullman is also a member of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's ChicagoNEXT council, the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events Cultural Advisory Council, the Illinois Arts Council and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's New Media Council. Tullman is a graduate with honors of Northwestern University (B.A., 1967) and of its School of Law (J.D., 1970), where he also graduated with honors.



Other News

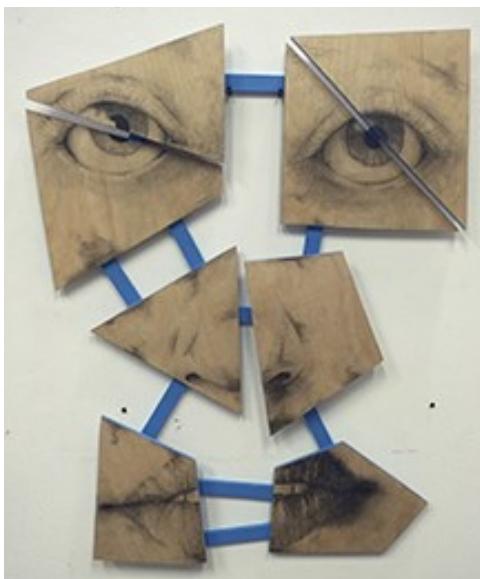


**60 YEARS SERVING
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

The **Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)** is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. An Anniversary Timeline describing key programs and services to college students offered by ISAC over six decades is available for view at ISAC website. [Click here](#) to take a look down memory lane.

IBHE Student Art Exhibition

Zoe Kollias, Illinois State University



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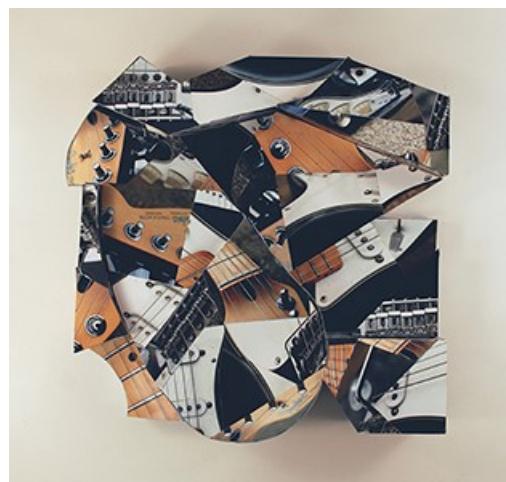
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Student Laureates

**Principia
College**



Robert Butler

**Quincy
University**



Alyssa Vitale

**Rockford
University**



**Malcolm
Engelbrecht**

**Roosevelt
University**



**Christian James
Brian**

**Saint Xavier
University**



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Not pictured: Cameron Douglas Harron, Robert Morris University

If you know a past Student Laureate, please ask them get in touch with the Lincoln Academy to share what they've been up to for the Academy's social media pages! Call (217) 785-5030 or e-mail jkellner@thelincolnacademyofillinois.org.

In Case You Missed It

Bloomington Pantagraph: International recruiters see ISU as 'undiscovered gem,' April 26, 2018.

EdScoop: Data USA offers new trove of statistics on more than 7,300 U.S. universities, April 25, 2018.

Chicago Sun-Times: If you think state lawmakers are overpaid, get a load of the Chicago City Council, April 25, 2018.

New York Times: U.S. must keep DACA and accept new applications, federal judge rules, April 24, 2018.

Politico: Trump blamed as U.S. colleges lure fewer foreign students, April 23, 2018.

Center for American Progress: The good and bad news in college attainment trends, April 18, 2018.

Chicago Tribune: Editorial: How can Illinois stop brain drain? Try fixing higher ed, April 13, 2018.



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