

# ICCHE NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SANDY RHOADS, PH.D.

It is my great pleasure to greet all Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) members and friends. Our organization is an institutional-based membership organization representing continuing education at post-secondary education institutions in Illinois. Our annual highlight is the annual conference each year. This year it will be held in Chicago on February 9-10, 2006. All ICCHE members are warmly invited attend the conference and encourage a colleague who is not a member to join us.

ICCHE members are encouraged to participate throughout the year in many ways: attend the conference and drive-in workshops, post to a listserv, propose a topic for the conference, nominate a program for an award, or submit a research award proposal.

Over the past two years the Recruitment and Retention Task Force was formed and given the charge to investigate ways ICCHE could increase membership and increase the participation of current

members. Three recommendations presented and approved by the ICCHE Executive Board are as follows:

1. Use the Fall ICCHE meeting held at Starved Rock as a time to offer a half day professional development opportunity for the entire membership. In the past, it has been a time for only institutional representatives to come together for the business meeting.
2. Form two regions, the Up-State and Down-state regions. (Up-state includes institutions north of Peoria and Down-state includes everything south of Peoria.)
3. Offer drive-in workshops for members in their respective regions.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SANDY RHOADS, PH.D. CONTINUED

I am very pleased to report that this was the second year the fall meeting offered a guest speaker or panel. Both years a good turnout resulted. Also, the first two drive-in workshops were held spring 2005. Both Up-state and Down-state groups hosted approximately 40 participants. Some were members and some were from institutions that have joined our group or are considering membership.

This has been a very rewarding year for me as your president. It has been an honor to represent such a fine group of higher education professionals. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have served on the Executive Board and task forces over the past year for their time energy and persistence.

I will look forward to seeing you in February and the drive-in meetings in April.

Best wishes,

Sandra Rhoads  
President



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT MARY BATES

To the ICCHE Membership:

As Todd Ruthman says, “It’s the things in common that make relationships enjoyable, but it’s the little differences that make them interesting.” The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) encourages individual action yet we believe that by working together we can create positive change for all students.

ICCHE was established in 1975 and has been led by twenty-three outstanding presidents from eighteen public and private Illinois educational institutions. It is my hope to follow their pathways to another successful year as the incoming President.

I am honored to serve as your president in 2006 and look forward to hearing your ideas for continuous improvement of the ICCHE organization and the learners we serve.

Enjoy the conference, re-kindle old friendships and create new beginnings.

Mary Bates

President Elect

Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education



The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) is an institution-based membership organization representing continuing education at post-secondary education institutions in Illinois. The council is comprised of individuals representing a diverse group of education professionals from a wide cross section of the higher education community.

The 2006 Annual Conference will address the following challenge:  
**What are the missing links in your efforts to create a more entrepreneurial organization?**

Universities and community college conference attendees will explore new opportunities to maximize resources and collaborations. Join your colleagues for dialogue, keynote presentations and breakout sessions that address the importance of partnering and entrepreneurship.

**Date:** February 9-10, 2006

**Location:**

Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre 300 East Ohio Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
(312) 787-6100

**Rate:** \$89 per night by 1/17/06  
The hotel has agreed to extend this rate for those who choose to stay over the weekend.

**Conference Sponsors:**

CareerCruising	<a href="http://www.careercruising.com">www.careercruising.com</a>
LiveText	<a href="http://www.livetext.com">www.livetext.com</a>
TaskStream	<a href="http://www.taskstream.com">www.taskstream.com</a>

Conference sponsors' exhibits will be open throughout the conference. Exhibitor registration is available online at [www.icche.org](http://www.icche.org)

***You are Invited***  
**to the 31st ICCHE Conference,**  
**February 9-10, 2006**

### *FEATURED SPEAKERS*

- **Helen Barrett** - International authority on electronic portfolios, author, director of Reflect Initiative  
*"Digital Storytelling for Reflection and Deep Learning in e-Portfolios"*
- **Dr. Paul Magelli** - Scholar-in-Residence, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation  
*"Shaping the Entrepreneurial Enterprise"*

### *PRESIDENTS PANEL*

- **Christine J. Sobek**, President, Waubonsee Community College
- **John F. Johnson**, President, Concordia University
- **Louis V. Hencken**, President, Eastern Illinois University

### *AGENCY PANEL*

- **Judy Erwin**, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education
- **Elliott Regenstein**, Director of School Reform, Governor's Office
- **Randy J. Dunn**, Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education
- **Geoffrey Obrzut**, President and CEO, Illinois Community College Board

### *BREAKOUT SESSIONS*

- ***Electronic Portfolios-High Schools and College Connections***
- ***The Entrepreneurial Spirit-Partnerships with Special Education Consortium***
- ***Hella Regional Training Academy-dual credit/ certifications/business partners and robotics***

### *DIGITAL POSTER SESSIONS*

- ***Digital Stories***

### *For More Information*

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

An Interview  
with  
Dr. Joy Thompson  
University of  
St. Francis

**Provided by Robin Nash—An Interview with Dr. Joy Thompson,  
University of St. Francis**

## **1 - Describe your position and background.**

For 14 years, I have been at the University of St. Francis, first as an administrator of graduate programs and now as associate professor and program director of the master's in Training and Development. Prior to that, I was a practicing artist as well as high school and community college art teacher. I have an M.F.A. in jewelry and metalsmithing and a Ed.D. in Adult Continuing Education from Northern Illinois University.

It was when I discovered that I had a passion for "making things happen" that I chose the field of adult continuing education.

## **2 - Briefly describe USF's continuing education program.**

At USF, although we have very little non-credit continuing education, over 70% of our 4,200 students are 25 or older. About one half of our students are distant students; approximately 1200 of those are online. Our adult students are mostly in graduate and degree completion programs in health care, business, and education. This fall we introduced two new degree completion programs: a BS in Leadership and a BS in Health Care Leadership.

## **3 - How long has your institution been a member of ICCHE?**

USF has been a member of ICCHE for as long as I can remember. I first heard of the organization when I was a graduate student of Bob Mason's at NIU. He encouraged me to get involved, and it has been beneficial to both me and to our institution.

## **4 - What are the benefits to you and your institution of membership in ICCHE?**

The benefits to me have included receiving a research grant, making connections for a new job, serving as a representative and on the board, and meeting great, like-minded people from throughout the state.

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The benefit to USF has been to learn about what other institutions are doing, to hear about the latest policies and trends from the state agencies, and to make connections with both prospective students and faculty.

A unique feature of ICCHE is that membership includes community colleges, private universities, and public universities. We find, many times, that we have more in common than we have differences.

**5 - What do you see as some of the major issues facing continuing education?**

One of the biggest challenges facing continuing education is growing competition, particularly from for-profit institutions. At the same time, resources are tight, and we need to accomplish more with less. Whether continuing education is credit or non-credit, a major issue that does not go away is internal control. How are you entrepreneurial when traditional faculty control curriculum? Should continuing ed be centralized or de-centralized? Who decides how marketing dollars are spent? And then there is the huge growth of technology in education, both for administrative purposes and for instructional delivery.

**6 - What does the future of continuing education look like to you?**

The future of continuing education requires leaders who are able to use needs assessment and evaluation to build and justify programs; who are able to collaborate and persuade across their institutions and in their communities; who understand the needs of adult learners; who are able to operate in a business-like manner with expertise in management, marketing, strategic planning, and budgeting; and who sustain a passion for their own and others' lifelong learning.



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### ICCHE SURVEY

1. Would you be interested in seeing groups developed that are based on a person's interests in higher education within ICCHE?
2. What kind of interest groups would you like to see developed?
3. Are there any activities that you would like to see planned for these groups?
4. How many times a year should these groups meet?
5. Should the interest group meetings be incorporated into the conference and/or have a separate meeting day?

Please provide Robin Nash with your feedback at:

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We would love to be able to publish a newsletter twice annually, but need your input. Please let us know what you think about our first newsletter attempt, suggestions for improvements, and, more importantly, articles, stories, etc.

Robin Nash and Sharon Walters