

ICCHE NEWSLETTER

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FUTURIST TO HEADLINE FEBRUARY 2007 CONFERENCE



David Houle, keynote speaker

This year's exciting keynote speaker for ICCHÉ's February 8-9, 2007 Conference will be David Houle. David is a futurist and strategic advisor. His focus is on forward thinking growth strategies that can best take advantage of developing and future trends.

As the son of Cyril O. Houle, one of the pioneers of adult education, David grew up with a keen understanding of the value of adult education.

"As President [of David Houle & Associates], I work ... to brainstorm, create, develop and implement ... sales, marketing, and branding strategies."

"My greatest expertise has been in the area of start-ups, turnaround situations and companies needing to initiate change, new growth or launch a new product or service. In all these situa-

tions I act as a catalyst and facilitator to help organizations expand, grow and find new success."

"Increasingly, [clients] ask me to speak to them about future trends and lead discussions as to how best [to] take advantage of these trends and underlying dynamic flows that are reshaping their markets and the world."

Join David at the February 8-9, 2007 Conference and explore how your institution can position itself to meet the challenges of the future.



CONTINUING THE JOURNEY... PATHWAYS TO PARTNERSHIP II

**February 8th and 9th
Holiday Inn City Centre,
300 East Ohio
Chicago**

The IC CHE *Pathways to Partnerships II* Annual Conference promises to be to an excellent resource for continuing education professionals from institutions throughout the

State – don't miss this great opportunity!

With the interest expressed by last year's conference participants in continuing the theme of partnerships, the 2007 IC CHE Conference Committee focused its efforts on providing more thought provoking and idea generating opportunities for partnership development and imple-

mentation.

Anchored by the keynote speaker, David Houle, the Conference will also offer information sessions on topics such as constructing a business plan, intergenerational programming, marketing and articulation. In addition, college and university presidents will share their ideas on partnership development.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ICCHE WELCOMES STATE REPS!

The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) Executive Board is pleased to announce that the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) have agreed to provide ex-officio representation to the ICCHE Executive Board.

Representing the IBHE is **Rick Pearce, Ph.D., Assistant Director for Academic Affairs**. Representing the ICCB is **Preston Morgan, Senior Director for Workforce Development**.

These newly established positions provide linkage

from the state boards to the ICCHE Executive Board and membership.

We appreciate the willingness of both agencies in providing leadership, expertise and state-wide perspective which will support and expand our organization.

Strengthening relationships and expanding partnerships remains of high interest to the board. Therefore, the theme for the February 2007 conference is, Pathways to Partnerships-Part II.

I encourage all members to attend the conference and invite at least one colleague who has never attended.

Keep in mind, member institutions may send 10 rep-

resentatives (in addition to the institutional representative) at the member conference rate. You're sure to enjoy the presentations, meet new friends, learn best practices and rekindle your love of learning. Hope to see you in downtown Chicago, February 8-9, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Centre!

Mary Bates
Dean,
Community Education
Waubensee Community College

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*expanding
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HOLIDAY INN CITY CENTRE FEBRUARY 8-9, 2007 CONFERENCE

Join us for IC CHE's Annual Conference!

DATE:

Feb. 8th and 9th, 2007

PLACE:

Holiday Inn City Centre
300 East Ohio Street
Chicago, IL 60611

REGISTRATION FEE:

IC CHE Member \$155 (after 1/31, \$165)

Nonmember \$180 (after 1/31, \$190)

REGISTRATION:

<http://www.dce.siu.edu> beginning December 8th.

*To reserve a room at the hotel, please call the Holiday Inn City Centre at 312.787.6100 and mention the Illinois Council on Continu-



Chicago City Centre

ing Education Conference prior to January 15th to receive the discounted conference rate.

If you have questions concerning the Conference, please contact:

Dr. Carol Reiseck at carol.reiseck@CUChicago.edu or Jackie Welch at jackiew@siu.edu



Location of Chicago City Centre

Where Are We — Where Do We Go From Here?

ICCHE Fall 2006 Workshop generates ideas for collaboration

Dr. Walter H. Warfield, Executive Director Emeritus of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, and current Scholar in Residence, University of Illinois, Springfield, challenged attendees from the state's higher education institutions to strengthen partnerships with their K-12 peers at the annual ICCHE fall conference at Starved Rock State Park on September 22, 2006.

Building upon his more than 30 years of experience in the Illinois K-12 Education System, Dr. Warfield stated in his talk, "Where are we – where do we go from here?", that although the public schools of Illinois are better than they've ever been, they're not good enough. Chronic funding shortfalls and inequities, coupled with a decline in the number of teachers willing to leave the classroom to serve as K-12

principals and superintendents present enormous challenges to the state's more than 872 school districts. Only 150 of those districts have business managers, yet all are grappling with complex funding and curriculum challenges.

Dr. Warfield outlined several ways that higher education can assist local school districts by:

- continuing to provide comprehensive teacher preparation
- enhancing curriculum alignment with their K-12 partners
- working with new principals, superintendents and faculty looking for ways to innovate
- identifying ways to share resources – space, faculty, business skills, etc.
- developing productive, informative personal relationships between all levels of education, before attempting to build effective organiza-

tional relationships

- providing training in the skills essential for creating competent, engaged school board members for local communities

Currently, school curriculum is "a mile wide, and one inch deep." Dr. Warfield suggested that the answer is not to narrow the curriculum, but for higher education to partner with local K-12 school districts to make the curriculum deeper to ensure that universal access to public schools leads to equal, quality education for all. He believes that equal education does not mean that everyone is taught the same thing, nor that everyone is brought to the same standard, then permitted to graduate or given a degree, but rather that every student is provided with the resources and supports to enable them to reach the maximum of their ability.

"All students come to school with the light of God in them. If we let that light go out, we have failed them."

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Dr. Charles V. Evans Research Grant

Important changes have been approved effective with the 2007 Dr. Charles Evans Research Grant award.

Each year the Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) awards a Research and Scholarship Grant to support the organization's purpose of "arranging for information gathering and research related to continuing higher education."

Winners are announced at the annual conference, and invited to return the following year to present their work.

In 2007, the size of the award has been increased to \$2,000. In addition, one night's lodging at the Holiday Inn City Centre will be awarded to the winner when they return to present their projects.

Eligible recipients must work at a member institution or obtain the sponsorship of a member.

ICCHE welcomes the opportunity to support research that you may have already begun in your institution, or research that you would like to begin. Keep in mind that it should be of benefit to continuing education, credit or non-credit, in higher education.



Deadline for submission is January 15, 2007.

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Check out the ICCHE web site (www.icche.org) to see previous proposals, or contact Joy Thompson at the University of St. Francis with any questions:

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News Bites

- ICCHE Task Force review team exploring Statewide Data Survey
- ICCHE submits Letter of Inquiry and Proposal for Entrepreneurial Initiative to Kaufman Foundation
- December 8—next meeting of Executive Board
- Bylaws changes to be reviewed at upcoming Executive Board meeting

2007 REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

SAVE THE DATES

This coming spring, on Friday, April 20, 2007, the downstate region will host a panel presentation on *Educational Institutions Teaming Together* at the University of Illinois Springfield campus. The workshop will also include a networking lunch.

Initial plans include a panel with ICCB and IBHE representatives discussing partnership programs between high schools, community colleges and four-year institutions.

The following week, on Friday, April 27, the northern region will hold its 2007

workshop at Oakton Community College, in their state-of-the-art, recently expanded Skokie campus, with presentations focused on the theme of *Entrepreneurship*. Presenters will dialog with participants about ways to more effectively nurture entrepreneurial ideas and initiatives, both for institutions and for the students they serve.

In 2005, ICCHE launched its first regional meetings. Designed to enhance networking opportunities and promote professional development throughout the state, two regional meetings are held each year, one



in the northern region, and one in the downstate area. ICCHE members and anyone interested are free to attend either meeting—or both!

2007 ICCHE INNOVATIVE INITIATIVE AWARD

December 1 was the deadline for submitting applications for the ICCHE Innovative Initiative Awards.

These awards present an excellent opportunity to showcase your school's innovative programming success, gain recognition for your unit and institution, and learn more about suc-

cessful initiatives at other institutions.

Winners are invited to make a presentation about their initiative at the 2007 ICCHE Annual Meeting, February 8 - 9, 2007 in Chicago.

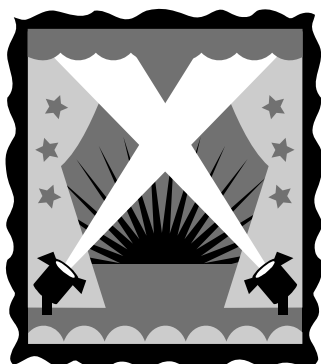
Join us at the Annual Conference, when the 2007 winner will be announced.

Wilbur Wright College was the recipient of the 2006 award for their winning *Computer Security and Forensic Investigation* Certificate Program. Courses provide hands-on training in information security engineering and computer forensic investigation.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BILL SUTTON



In this issue, the spotlight is turned on **William (Bill) Sutton**, Regional Program Director for University Outreach and Public Service at the University of Illinois

Please describe your background, and how you arrived in your current position in the field of continuing education.

I completed my Master's in Education Degree, through the Department of Administration, Higher and Continuing Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in December of 1980. I was attracted to the field of Continuing Education because of my relationship

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with the Director of Continuing Education and Public Service at the Urbana campus. We became friends and he encouraged me to pursue graduate studies. We had several conversations about me obtaining a graduate degree and working in the Continuing Education field. He was able to convince me, and I went on to work in his department as a graduate intern while completing my degree. To this day, I am forever grateful to him for providing me with such a wonderful opportunity during an important time of my life.

My first job after completing the degree was working as a program developer for two years in the Continuing Education Department at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. It was an excellent position for me to learn about the array of programming (credit and noncredit) and the administrative details related to the delivery of Continuing Education programs.

My next stop took me to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as Director of Conferences and Institutes. I spent three years working long hours, as anyone in the conference business will attest to, as well as coordinating and managing a variety of conferences and summer institutes.

My third career move, before rejoining the University of Illinois, brought me to St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri as Director of Continuing Education in their evening program. I was responsible for the program development, planning, budgeting, and execution of credit and non-credit programs designed primarily for corporations, government agencies, public service agencies and professional organizations. I spent approximately three years in this capacity.

Describe your current role and responsibilities.

Currently, I hold the position of Regional Program Director for University Outreach and Public Service at the University of Illinois. For the past nineteen years, I have learned a great deal in this position. It has given me the opportunity to work on a wide range of projects. Our office supports University of Illinois educational outreach and public service activities statewide. We work with local and regional leaders to match the resources of the University to community needs; assist the Chicago, Springfield and Urbana-Champaign campuses with the promotion and delivery of off-campus programming; provide local services that are easily accessible for off-campus and online students and facilitate partnerships between the University campuses and other institutions to increase access to the resources of the University of Illinois.

Briefly describe your school's Continuing Education program, i.e. the types of programs/courses offered, structure, size, etc.

As I stated earlier, in my current job as a Regional Program Director for University Outreach and Public Service, a system wide administrative unit, I work in assisting the three campuses of the University of Illinois - Chicago, Springfield and Urbana in their offering of Continuing Education programs – graduate and professional development external from the campuses, specifically in the central and southern Illinois region.

What is your role in Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education?

Beginning in 2002 I was asked on several occasions to represent my supervisor at the ICCHE Executive Board meetings and to present the treasurer's report on his behalf. I eventually was given the task of completing his term as Treasurer and then agreed to continue serving in this

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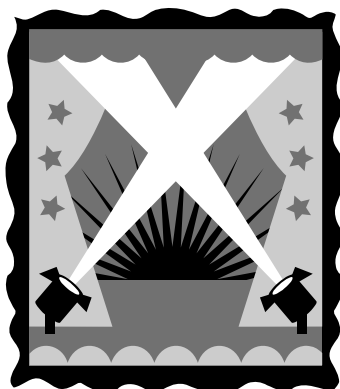
Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education

Leadership in Lifelong
Learning

MISSION: ICCHE is a comprehensive organization of continuing higher education representing all regions of the state of Illinois. Founded in 1975, ICCHE is the only organization in Illinois whose membership includes two and four year colleges and universities, both public and private.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are not already a member, consider joining ICCHE today! The \$75 annual fee includes membership for an institutional representative and up to ten professionals from the same institution.

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role with the organization. I have served in this capacity for the past four years. I take great pride in this assignment and in working with the Board to ensure

that financial matters of the organization are handled consistently with standard business practices.

What are the benefits to your institution of membership in ICCHE?

I believe our University was involved in the initial development of the organization during the early 1970's. The need for such an organization then and now is extremely valuable to practitioners working in the field of Continuing Education in Illinois. I believe we are life long learners;

by living you are constantly learning. Life is a string of ongoing lessons that we experience every day. ICCHE will become even more valuable in the coming years as we respond to the ever increasing needs of individuals and organizations for education, and to the challenges of new problems in a society that is changing technologically, economically, and socially.



We're on the Web!
www.icche.org

Comments/Questions/Input??

Please let us know your thoughts about the ICCHE e-newsletter! How can it be improved? What types of information would you like to see included? Please forward comments or questions about this e-newsletter, and/or information for future issues to the attention of :

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