



# NEWSLETTER

## ICCHE

The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (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.

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## Starved Rock Fall Retreat

### Program Set!

The annual ICCHE Fall Retreat is scheduled for **September 29-30, 2011 at Starved Rock Lodge**, in beautiful Starved Rock State Park near Utica, IL.

Plan to join colleagues from throughout the state for networking and dinner from 5–9 PM on Thursday evening, September 29.

The Retreat will be held the following morning from 8 AM to noon. Beth Seaton will give a presentation on "Proposal Planning and Writing, and Grant Administration."

Beth is the Director of Sponsored Projects at Western Illinois University where she has been employed for over 20 years. As Director she is responsible for all grant pro-

posals submitted to external sponsoring agencies and awards administration for any resulting grants to the University.

Beth held previous positions in the research and grant administration field at Texas A& M University. Beth teaches the Fundamentals of Grants and Contracts Administration nationally for the National Council of University Research Administrators. Beth earned her B.S. in Economics from Texas A&M and her M.A. in Economics from Western Illinois University.

Program fee is a budget-friendly \$25 and includes continental breakfast. Registration in advance is requested. Please go to the



Waterfall at Starved Rock State Park

following site for additional information and to register:

<https://www.dce.siu.edu/>

See you there! ☀

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hard to believe it is already September! Where has the time gone?

With that being said, please remember to register for the Fall Retreat at Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center on Friday, September 30. This year we have invited Beth Seaton from WIU Sponsored Projects to talk about writing and administering grants effectively. As some of you recall, Beth presented at the Downstate Conference in April. Although not many were able to attend, her presentation was well received. We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to hear the great information Beth has to share.



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You should be receiving your membership renewal letter from Valerie Thaxton if you haven't already. Please remember, you can pay your membership dues by phone, fax or online with a credit card:

<https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences/icche-membership-dues>

On a different note, we would like to share some exciting, yet sad, news. After thirty-four years in the SURS system, Dr. Sandra Rhoads has announced her retirement. Initially, she worked in the community college system and was employed at SIU for the past 21 years. She was very active in ICche during that time. Although we are very excited for her, we are truly going to miss seeing her every day. Best wishes Sandy!

Looking forward to seeing you at Starved Rock!

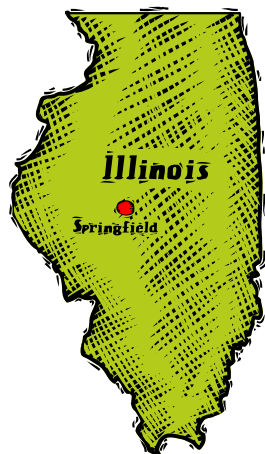
## IGEN Establishes 8 New Sustainability Centers

The Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) has funded eight new Sustainability Centers this fall, to bring to twenty the number of Illinois Community Colleges with Sustainability Centers established. New Centers are located at Danville, Elgin, Illinois Central, McHenry, Prairie State, Rend Lake, Richland, and Triton Community Colleges.

IGEN is "a continuously growing network of Illinois community colleges looking to develop a new kind of partnership with each other, with local employers and within their communities." The purpose of the Network is to "combine the power of community colleges, businesses, and the local community to stimulate the state's green economy by focusing on the critical problems we can solve together, but cannot solve alone."

For additional information, see: <http://www.igence.org>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING—AROUND THE STATE



### Dominican University

The Graduate School of Library and Information Science Continuing and Professional Education at Dominican University suggests that it's time to think about updating your own skills. The school is offering several terrific [courses for professionals](#), including *Storytelling with Janis Del Negro*, *Creative Problem Solving*, *Tapping into the Positive Side of Conflict*, *How to Motivate Staff*, etc.

Please click on the following link for additional information:

<http://www.dom.edu/gslis/professionals/index.html>

### Eastern Illinois University

On August 1, 2011 the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University welcomed [Dr. Carrie Johnson](#) as the new director of the [Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program](#). Dr. Johnson is an EIU graduate and previously worked at National-Louis University. We welcome her to our staff!

[Ms. Janna Overstreet](#), coordinator of the Academy of Lifetime Learning in the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University was invited to make a [presentation to the EIU Board of Trustees](#) on September 16, 2011. The Academy of Lifetime Learning provides community members age 50 and older an outlet for their creative and educational needs and has grown to over 1000 members.

The School of Continuing Education Office of Academic and Professional Development will host [5 non-credit conferences](#) this fall with over 1,000 participants anticipated to attend. They will also hold over 90 Academy of Lifetime Learning events between Labor Day and Christmas. They are expecting a very busy Fall in East Central Illinois!

### Governors State University

[Dr. Martha Kanter](#), Under Secretary of Education and the highest ranking post-secondary education officer in the US, chose [GSU as the final stop on her Midwest bus tour](#). The event, "Success by Dual Degrees: Meeting the President's 2020 College Completion Goal," focused on GSU's innovative Dual Degree Program and the positive impact higher education has on the economy.

In addition to Dr. Kanter and President Maimon, Anne Pramaggiore, President and COO of ComEd spoke. Dr. Maimon noted that "Dr. Kanter recognizes that GSU's Dual Degree Program, which promotes a seamless transfer from the community college to the university, is a model for meeting President Obama's goal."

### Oakton Community College

Dr. Margaret B. Lee, president of Oakton Community College, is the recipient of a [2011 Hands of Peace Olive Branch Award](#). Lee, a Wilmette resident, was honored Wednesday, July 27, at a ceremony at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston.

Hands of Peace, based in Glenview, is an interfaith nonprofit that brings together American, Palestinian, and Israeli teens to enhance their peace-building and leadership skills. Palestinian and Israeli teens travel to the area each summer, living with a host family as they participate in an intensive two-week program with their U.S. counterparts. Oakton serves as the host for this annual event.

### St. Xavier University

Saint Xavier University will celebrate Constitution Day and launch its [new prelaw program](#) with a lecture about the Founding Fathers and American constitutional rights, as well as a discussion about law as a profession. The event, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 20 in the Butler Reception Room, located in the Warde Academic Center at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> St.

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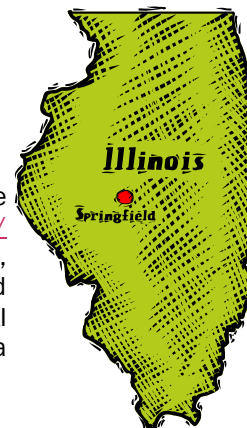
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## University of Illinois

### IVC Web Site Offers Students New Resource for General Education Courses

Students who are looking to fulfill General Education Core requirements now have a new online resource available to them. The IVC provides a Web page (<http://www.ivc.uillinois.edu/courses/gecc.asp>) that lists all seven categories of GECC requirements (Communication, Mathematics, Physical and Life Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts and Social and Behavioral Sciences) and links to the available courses. The listed courses also display the providing institution and the IAI number for each course. Students can provide advisors with the course title and IAI number of a course they plan to take.



### New Term for "Making the Virtual Classroom a Reality" Starts October 17

Illinois Online Network (<http://www.ion.uillinois.edu>) provides online training for educators teaching online and teaching with online tools. The *Master Online Teacher* certificate and *Certified Online Learning Administrator* programs are professional development opportunities for online faculty and administrators/support professionals. The "Making the Virtual Classroom a Reality" (<http://www.mvcr.org>) courses are offered throughout the year in five terms with the next term beginning October 17, 2011. For more information write to [ion-mail@uillinois.edu](mailto:ion-mail@uillinois.edu) or call 217.333.4393.

### November 18, 2011 Illinois Project Lead The Way Counselors and Administrators Conference Scheduled for Lisle

Sponsored by Illinois PLTW and the University of Illinois Outreach and Public Service, the Conference is aimed at PLTW participating middle and high school counselors, administrators, and curriculum and Career Technology Education contacts, as well as representatives of schools interested in joining this growing nationwide pre-engineering education and STEM partnership program. Community college and college/university staff interested in learning more about potential P-20 STEM partnerships involving the more than 130 Illinois PLTW schools are also welcome to attend. Please visit the Illinois PLTW website at [www.pltw.uillinois.edu](http://www.pltw.uillinois.edu) for more details and links to online registration.

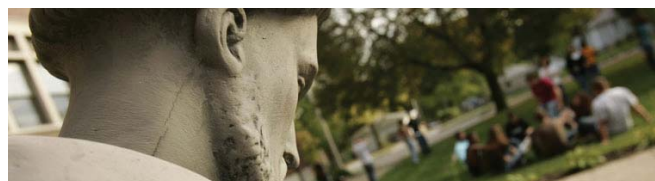
UIUC has selected as its new Chancellor, Phyllis Wise. See <http://www.uillinois.edu/our/news/2011/Aug3.Wise.cfm> for more information. Dr. Wise' term begins October 1.

## University of St. Francis

The University of St. Francis (Joliet, IL) will open a **Challenge Center/Teams Course** during the 2011-2012 academic year. The Challenge Center provides teambuilding and leadership development experiences to University of St. Francis students and employees; public and private schools; colleges; not-for-profit organizations; government agencies; and the business community.

The University of St. Francis Solutions Resource Center (Joliet, IL) is hosting for the second year, the **Online Certificate in Franciscan Studies**. This non-credit program was originally funded in 2007 by a grant from the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities. In 2010, USF was asked to manage the program and open it to a wider audience, providing a unique collaboration between a consortium and an educational partner.

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Statue of St. Francis at University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL

## Illinois Summit on Aging, Education and Service

ICCHE Members are invited to join the **Illinois Summit on Aging, Education and Service on September 26 from 9:30 AM – 4 PM** in Normal at the new Alumni Center, **Illinois State University**. The theme of the summit is “How Can I Help?” The focus is primarily on the civic engagement of older adults – how the involvement and leadership of older generations can help address the priorities of education. We believe that Illinois can grow and prosper when generations work together, especially when contributing to reading and literacy.

The Illinois Summit on Aging, Education and Service is jointly sponsored by key education, aging and service organizations in Illinois along with the National Governors Association (NGA) Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults. Illinois was chosen by NGA to improve the health and lives of older adults and increase their involvement in service, learning, and work. A team of dedicated professionals in Illinois has been working to map out the best strategies to engage older adults and tap into their talents to benefit our communities.

The summit follows a Senate proclamation that encourages generations to work together to increase reading achievement for all ages, “Illinoisans of all generations will gather stories about successful reading programs and will join leaders of aging, education, service and faith-based organizations in a Celebration of Reading on September 26, 2011 during the Summit on Aging, Education and Service.” (Proclamation from the Illinois Senate, June 22, 2011)

“We look forward to your wisdom and involvement to develop new strategies for achieving the goals of education....If you have questions, please contact Jane Angeles, project director, Illinois Policy Academy on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults,”  
[jane.angelis@gmail.com](mailto:jane.angelis@gmail.com)



## ICCET Fall Conference

The **Illinois Council for Continuing Education and Training** is holding its fall conference on November 16, 2011 at the Decatur Conference Center in Decatur, IL, prior to the ICCCA Conference. The title of the conference is *Collaboration Power: Leveraging Partnerships to Create Programs with Impact*.

**9:30-10 a.m.** Registration/Continental Breakfast

**10 a.m.** Welcome & Introductions

**10-11:30 a.m.** Roundtable Discussions & Networking on specified topics (ideas include: Youth Programs, Trips & Travel, Marketing, Instructors, Online Programs)

**11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.** Lunch & Presentation of 2012 Slate of Officers; drawing for free Spring Conference Registration

**1-3 p.m.** Collaboration Power: Leveraging Partnerships to Create Programs with Impact

**3:15 p.m.** Wrap Up & Evaluations

“Join Dr. Allen Goben, President of Heartland Community College and national consultant with Customized Leadership Solutions, as we explore the power of partnerships for creating successful programs. During this interactive keynote session, you will explore the importance of internal collaborative program development as well as exemplary practices for establishing successful campus partnerships. You will also find out why you **MUST** cultivate external partnerships to fuel positive impact across your campus. You’ll leave energized and full of the creative tools to be successful leaders in continuing education and training. Special focus will include a look at systemic approaches that offer broader impact than just excellent programs.”

Registration is \$99 (to receive the \$85 rate, reference ICCCA). Mail check payable to ICCET along with registration to Lewis and Clark Community College, Attn: Katie Hass, Wade 1103, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL 62035.



# ICCHE Spotlight

by Hilary Ward Schnadt



Cheryl Brunsmann,  
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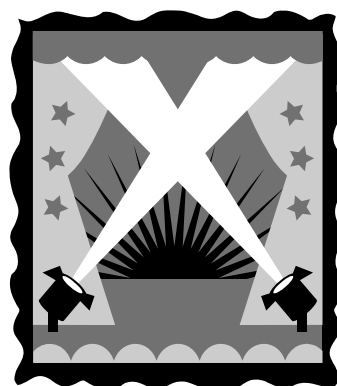
This issue the spotlight is on **Cheryl Brunsmann, Assistant Director of Community Education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**, and longtime ICCHE Board member. Cheryl describes her job as “responsible for most of the noncredit leisure learning offerings provided by the Unit, Office of Educational Outreach.” There is nothing leisurely about her approach to the task, however. Her involvement in the local community is wide-ranging and enthusiastic.

“We recently began a living history speaker’s bureau, ‘Through My Eyes,’ whereby retirees and others from the community come into University classrooms at the request of faculty members to speak about their real life experiences and memories. This has been received very well. My office also partners with the Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois in hosting an annual “Healthy Living Expo” for senior citizens and their families and caregivers. I serve on the Board of Directors for Edwardsville’s Main Street Community Center and recently joined the local Chamber’s Education Committee. My job is the envy of many – I get to be involved with such a variety of things and people; I feel like my main role is often as a friend raiser for the University! I love it!”

In a unit that works on a cost recovery model, Cheryl is pragmatic about the impact that the current economy has had on continuing education. “My role is with areas of personal enrichment – (discretionary spending). I have not been surprised, therefore, when those classes have had the declines. I think people are being more careful of how they spend their ‘entertainment / discretionary’ money.”

Cheryl has been involved in ICCHE for ten years and has held a wide range of roles within the organization. She currently serves on the Executive Board as a Public University member, and also as co-chair of the Downstate Regional Program Committee (with Helena Lira of Western Illinois University) and as a reader for the Innovative Program Awards. Representing her director on the Innovative Program Awards committee was her introduction to ICCHE, but she soon got more than she bargained for. “I love to joke that my Director at the time, Lynn Heidinger-Brown, tricked me. She asked if I would be willing to help out this statewide organization that needed a secretary. I was new enough at SIUE that I couldn’t say ‘no.’ She failed to mention the succession in place that led me to President.” Cheryl credits the wonderful mentors and colleagues that continue to surround her for much of her success in those roles.

When asked whether social networking tools pose a threat or an opportunity for ICCHE, she saw them clearly as “opportunities for us to stay better connected. . . . I believe ICCHE, like most of us in our own work environments, welcome any opportunity to stay connected!” Making connections is clearly a theme in Cheryl Brunsmann’s professional life and ICCHE has been the better for it.



# ICCHE Innovative Initiatives Award

The ICCHE Innovative Initiative Awards program presents an excellent opportunity to showcase your outstanding programs, to gain recognition for your unit and your institution, and to learn more about successful new initiatives at other institutions. At its annual meeting on February 9 and 10, 2012, in Chicago, ICCHE will again present an award for an outstanding program that is both innovative and replicable.

In an effort to be efficient with our resources, we ask that you apply electronically for the award using a fillable PDF form that can be downloaded from the ICCHE website, [www.icche.org](http://www.icche.org). You may also request the form by e-mailing Helena Lira, Chair, ICCHE Awards Committee, at [H-Lira@wiu.edu](mailto:H-Lira@wiu.edu). All communication with the selection committee will be handled via e-mail, so please send only electronic sources as support for your program's nomination. You may include attachments of your program brochures or links to applicable websites, but paper forms, brochures, and DVDs/CDs will not be accepted by or distributed to the selection committee. ICCHE appreciates your support of the 2012 Innovative Awards.

## Questions?

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ICCHE Annual Conference Attendees

Please e-mail your completed nomination form to Helena Lira, Chair, ICCHE Awards Committee, [H-Lira@wiu.edu](mailto:H-Lira@wiu.edu).

To be considered, nominations must be submitted electronically by December 1, 2011. Please note that winners are asked to make a Friday morning presentation at the 2012 ICCHE Annual Meeting in Chicago at the Doubletree Hotel.

**About the PDF Application Form:** The form can be saved to your computer and e-mailed as an attachment or e-mailed directly from Acrobat Reader. Text will automatically shrink to fit the available space within the text boxes. Remember, you may send other information about your program electronically as attachments or web links. Please print a copy of the completed form for your records in case the electronic file is lost.

## Selection Guidelines:

*The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) will recognize an innovative initiative (credit or non-credit), which relates directly to and furthers the purpose of the organization. Institutional representatives and professional members are invited to submit exemplary initiatives on the application form.*

*These criteria will guide the Innovative Awards Selection Committee in selecting the educational institution that will receive this award. The nominated program:*

- Contributes to the purpose of ICCHE;
- Meets a need in the community served by the institution;
- Impacts the institution, personnel, administration, budget, partners, community, etc.;
- Is unique to continuing higher education;
- Can be easily replicated by other institutions.

Winners will make a presentation describing their initiative in a special session of the ICCHE Annual Meeting, on Friday, February 10, 2012, in Chicago at the Doubletree Hotel.



## ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON CONTINUING HIGHER EDUCATION

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you are not already a member, consider joining ICCHE today!

The \$125 annual fee includes membership for an institutional representative and up to ten professionals from the same institution. And for an annual institutional fee of \$200, and unlimited number from the institution can be members and enjoy all the benefits! See [www.icche.org](http://www.icche.org) for details.

**We're on the Web!**

[www.icche.org](http://www.icche.org)

### ICCHE Listserv

To send a message to all the people subscribed to the ICCHE Membership list, send an email to [icche@lists.eiu.edu](mailto:icche@lists.eiu.edu) and staff will post to the listserv.

Note: You must be listed as a member of ICCHE in order to use the listserv.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE GREAT INFORMATION AT:**

**Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)**  
<http://www.ibhe.org>

**And**

**Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)**  
<http://www.iccb.state.il.us>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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|---------------------|--|
| September 29, 2011  | 3–5 PM Executive Board Meeting, Starved Rock   |
| September 29, 2011  | 5–9 PM, Networking and Dinner, Starved Rock    |
| September 30, 2011  | 8 AM–12 noon, ICCHE Fall Retreat, Starved Rock |
| February 9-10, 2012 | Annual Conference, Chicago, IL                 |

## COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/INPUT??

Like our new look? Suggestions for changes? Want to be a roving reporter and/or join the fun?

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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