



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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Education and Networking!



One of the best values for education and networking in the State is your very own Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE).

In February, colleagues from around the state gathered on Chicago's Magnificent Mile for the **2012 Annual ICCHE Conference** for nearly two days of educational presentations and networking opportunities. See inside this issue for additional feedback on the excellent presentations at that conference.

And coming soon in April are ICCHE's Regional Meetings, where you have the opportunity to stretch your travel dollars by attending a local meeting, paying a low \$25 registration fee that includes lunch (!) and, as with all ICCHE meetings, have the opportunity to network with representatives from private, two-year and four-year public institutions.

The **Downstate Region** is first on **April 13** from 9:30 AM—3:15 PM at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL. Register online at <https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences>



The **Northern Region** holds their symposium the following week on Friday, **April 20** from 9:30 AM —2 PM at the University of Illinois Oak Brook Education Center in Oak Brook, IL. Register online at <https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences>
Read more about both conferences in this issue!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looks like Spring is here to stay. I hope that the spirit of collaboration and creativity evident through the conference begins to spread and bloom as abundantly as the trees and flowers. It was exhilarating to see attendees connecting in so many ways throughout the keynote activities. Please take some time to review your conference notes or the conference presentations posted at www.icche.org. As we continue to team up in these challenging times we can resolve issues, achieve more and generate many side benefits. By the way, have you given anyone a “Yes, and...” since the conference?



Tammie Johnson, ICCE President
College of Lake County

An exciting highlight of this year's conference was the debut of the new ICCE Facebook page. Teresa Koltzenburg from Western Illinois University, conference photographer and social media liaison, provided frequent updates throughout the conference. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/icche.org> for a review of conference presentations and great conference photos. Don't forget to “friend” ICCE.

A big thank you to all who made the 37th Annual ICCE Conference, *Stayin' Alive*, a success. It could not have been a success without the many volunteers who planned, prepared, presented and freely gave of their ideas, insight, knowledge, skills and time. Thanks, also, to all of you who submitted conference evaluations. Your input is invaluable in planning future regional meetings and conferences.

Two great spring meetings are planned. The Downstate Region meeting, *The Art and Science of Collaboration*, will be Friday, April 13 at the Workforce Development Center at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL. The Northern Region meeting, Friday, April 20 will focus on Social Media and will be held at the University of Illinois Oak Brook Education Center in Oak Brook, Illinois. Please call (618) 536-7751 or visit <https://www.dce.siu.edu/> to register for either meeting.

Be sure to mark your calendar for ICCE's Fall Meeting at Starved Rock State Park, September 28-29. If you have any suggestions for a speaker or a topic please contact me at tsjohnson@clcollinois.edu. More information will be available this summer.

I look forward to an exciting year as ICCE president. With your input and help I hope to fulfill our purposes ever more effectively in continuing higher education. Please feel free to contact me any time at tsjohnson@clcollinois.edu with your comments and suggestions.



ION Membership

ION Now Offering Individual Memberships

For the first time, the Illinois Online Network (ION) is now offering membership for individuals. You can now become an individual partner and get all the benefits of ION and its award winning course catalog. Your yearly membership fee provides you with a reduced price on all *Making the Virtual*

Classroom a Reality (MVCR) courses as well as discounted fees for the Faculty Summer Institute, Advanced Online Seminars and Course Evaluations. Registration for the next term opens April 16th. Don't delay – Join Today!

<http://www.ion.uillinois.edu/partners/become/membershipinfo.asp>



The Art and Science of Collaboration

April 13 Downstate Symposium

On April 13, ICCHÉ's Downstate Region will hold its annual meeting at Heartland Community College, Workforce Development Center, in Normal, IL, from 9:30 AM to 3:15 PM. Kelli Hill, Executive Director—Central Illinois Regional Collaborative Effort (CIRCLE) at Heartland Community College will offer a keynote address. Her presentation will target the Art and Science of Collaboration—Increasing collaborative opportunities around shared priorities to achieve social and economic goals.

Following lunch, a panel discussion will focus on Collaboration in Action. Panelists will include Dr. Rick Pearce, Vice President for Learning, Illinois Valley Community College; Elaine Sebald, Edible Economy Steering Committee Chair and Heartland Local Food Network, Inc.; and Dr. Amy Bloom, Assistant Director for Outreach, CdMaST at Illinois State University.

Concluding the day will be a Tour and “Mini-Mission” of the Challenger Learning Center. The Learning Center has developed an intense team-building program geared to helping organizations improve communication, teamwork and problem-solving through a simulated space mission. The Simulation takes participants out of the workplace environment and into an engaging interactive experience, where team members have the opportunity to switch roles, and demonstrate skill improvement methods. In addition, the Challenger Learning Center provides a rich educational experience where students can explore “all things outer space,” including rockets, our Solar System, the Galaxy and beyond.

Registration for the Downstate Symposium is available online at: <https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences>



Online Learning and Social Media

April 20 Northern Region Symposium

The University of Illinois Oak Brook Education Center in Oak Brook, IL, SW of Chicago, will host the ICCHÉ Northern Region Symposium on Friday, April 20 from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. The keynote address will be delivered by Scott Johnson, Illinois Online Network Program Coordinator (Director) at the University of Illinois.

Scott will be followed by a panel discussion on *Social Media Fads, Apps & Useful Trends for Higher Education*. Topics to be addressed by the panelists include:

- Deploying social media to meet educational institution goals
- Instructional design and social media
- How to use social media to build a better sense of school-wide community
- Social media in higher education at an academic medical center

Panelists will include Bill Hayward, V.P. for Higher Education at Slover Linett Strategies, Inc.; Laura Ellis, instructional design and adult learning principles, with Worldwide Training, Learning & Development for McDonald's Corporation; Kevin Hanneman, franchise owner and marketing consultant with We Simplify the Internet; and Marie Mahoney, Sr. Dtr., Marketing & Web Communications and Thurston Hatcher, web managing editor and social media manager for Rush University Medical Center.

A networking discussion on Social Media and Technology Policies will conclude the day. Registration is available on line at: <https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences>



New Jobs for Illinois College Grads

“College Changes Everything” is the slogan for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission Corps., which aims to impact such challenging issues as life expectancy, poverty, obesity, voting and income. By employing recent college grads as powerful role models and mentors, the State hopes to encourage college attendance for high-risk students—a win-win for all involved.

“The **Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)** currently has several job openings throughout the state for ISAC Corps members. The full-time job is for college graduates to work as “near peers” with students and their parents, who are involved in planning to attend colleges, especially students who will be the first in their family to go to college and/or are from low-income households. The program is a product of the College Access Challenge Grant awarded to Illinois by the U.S. Department of Education. Corps members are placed geographically in community college districts statewide.

This program provides a tremendous opportunity for recent college graduates to gain work experience in a variety of higher education fields and help make a difference in the lives of students and families. As a result of their work, Corps members have presented at state and national conferences, transitioned to graduate school, or used it as a stepping stone for future employment. Many former Corps members can be found working in high schools and colleges throughout Illinois.

Resumes are accepted online. Go to the College Changes Everything [Facebook page](#) for more information.”

From Illinois Board for Higher Education (IBHE) Friday Memo, 3/16/12



WHAT'S HAPPENING—AROUND THE STATE



College of Lake County

Inspired by the ICCHE annual conference emphasis on collaboration and creativity, Continuing Professional Development and the Center for Personal Enrichment got together and are offering a co-listed iPad Class.

CLC Youth Camps Expand

A portion of College of Lake County's “Camp Xplore!” is focusing on a space theme with *LEGO® in Space*, *Star Wars Adventure*, and *NASA Space Science and Astronomy* camps. The NASA camp will be taught by a solar system ambassador from NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, CA. Moon rock samples will be a highlight of the NASA camp.

In a new partnership, College of Lake County youth programs will be offering Advanced Academics onsite at a local Catholic middle school academy. The three-week camps will offer earth science, computer, drama, creative writing and other academic topics.

St. Xavier University

Saint Xavier University is pleased to announce the Vernon O. Crawley Scholarship for exemplary students completing their degree at Moraine Valley Community College and choosing to continue their education at Saint Xavier University.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING—AROUND THE STATE

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There are eight \$12,000 scholarships available to students of merit, who in the judgment of a Moraine Valley Community College faculty member will benefit from the academic programs, services and learning experiences at Saint Xavier University.

The Vernon O. Crawley Scholarship is exclusive to students

1. attending Moraine Valley Community College full-time;
2. taking 12 or more credit hours per semester; having earned a minimum of a 3.5 GPA.

The candidate nominated must be in the last semester of his/her program and have received his/her associate degree prior to starting at SXU in the fall 2012. Transfer students from Moraine Valley Community College must officially apply at Saint Xavier University. Students may [apply for admission](#) for free online.

Moraine Valley Community College faculty members who have a vested interest in facilitating a student they have taught to take the next step in their journey to achieve academic success should nominate their candidate to Saint Xavier University by contacting Julie Grzadzinski at grzadzinski@sxu.edu by the **deadline of April 6, 2012**. The submission must include a brief statement explaining the nominee's academic accomplishments, honors, awards, community service and special talents.

In fall 2012, a reception honoring the Vernon O. Crawley Scholarship recipients and faculty members will be held at Saint Xavier University.

Application Deadline: April 6, 2012

Scholarship Application

Reminder: This Scholarship Application must be submitted by a faculty member at Moraine Valley Community College on behalf of the student.

University of Illinois—Champaign Urbana

The Bachelor's degree in Earth, Society and Environmental Sustainability is now being offered by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and can be completed online beginning August 2012. Students with an associate's degree or a similar number of college credits, may complete this degree in as few as 60 credit hours.

- This program is designed specifically for students with previous college credit.
- It's a fully online degree.
- Several areas of specialization are available, including Sustainable Business, Society & the Environment, and Environmental Informatics.
- Our interdisciplinary curriculum is taught by regular University of Illinois faculty.
- The 2011-2012 tuition rate for each online course is \$375 per credit hour (USD).

Please view the ESE website at: <http://www.earth.illinois.edu/sustain/> for additional information about the program or feel free to contact Dr. Jonathan Tomkin at: tomkin@illinois.edu or (217) 244-2928 for additional information about the program.



Annual Conference Redux

By Tammie Johnson



Adam Shames, MA
Morning Keynote Facilitator

February 8-10, 2012, ICCHE members gathered with colleagues from around the state to learn, network, and celebrate continuing education at ICCHE's Annual Conference, *Stayin' Alive: Alert, Lively, Innovative, Vibrant Education*. Links to many of these outstanding presentations will soon be posted on ICCHE's website, www.icche.org. Feel free to contact speakers for additional information about their presentations.

MORNING KEYNOTE FACILITATOR—ADAM SHAMES

Familiar to many ICCHE members from his 2009 presentation at Starved Rock, Adam Shames, M.A., facilitated "*Educating for Innovation: Creativity Competencies for the 21st Century*." Adam led a morning of energizing, creativity-generating, full engagement, active live learning, including brainstorming, songwriting, instrument playing, and creative problem solving. There was no phoning in your participation that morning!

Adam Shames thanks you all for your very active—and musical—participation in our morning together! If you enjoyed his icebreakers and would like to learn more about them and other tools in facilitating groups, he invites you to preview/purchase his 40-page [TeamBreakers E-Book](#).

A little more about Adam Shames in case you were unable to attend the conference: Adam is an organizational consultant, facilitator, trainer and speaker whose clients range from McDonald's, Siemens, Panasonic and the Federal Reserve to educational institutions and nonprofits. He is an expert in creativity, teambuilding and adult learning, and specializes in live events and meetings that help organizations build cultures of innovation and collaboration. A former "Teacher of the Year" with a master's degree from Stanford University, Adam is the founder of the Kreativity Network (www.kreativity.net), writes about creativity in his "Innovation on my Mind" blog (www.innovationonmymind.com) and is an adjunct faculty member for DePaul University School of New Learning.

You can send him an email at adam@kreativity.net.

Adam's takeaways:

A recent IBM global CEO study found creativity to be the number one leadership quality.

Innovation is all about improving what's now and creating what's next.

You do that by giving yourself more permission to come up with, share, and try out new ideas and programs. Some reminders:

"Yes, and": Spend time building on each other's ideas instead of focusing on what's wrong with them.

"P.T.S./P.T.F.": Allow time for giving yourself permission to suck; take on small pilot projects with permission to fail.

"F, F, O": Encourage fluency ("divergence time") in meetings, flexibility (seek other perspectives) and originality (follow passion and empower others to follow theirs) as creativity competencies both individually and as an institution.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

In the early afternoon conference, attendees could choose from three excellent breakout sessions. Vickie Cook from Greenville College presented *Leveraging the iPad for Productivity in Higher Education*. This interactive session on maximizing tablet technologies, focused specifically on iPad apps. For more information about this session visit www.vickiecook.blogspot.com/.

Mary Ettling from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville presented *Dual Admission Programs: Moving Beyond the "Agreement" to Serve Students* about SIU-E's new approaches to Dual Admission and 2 + 2 Programs. Visit www.icche.org for Mary's presentation.

Erin Landers and Dr. Kathy Taylor from Greenville College and Dr. Denise Derrick from Kaskaskia College presented *Creating Sustainable Partnerships Through Collaboration*, sharing how Greenville College and three Illinois community colleges with a united mission and vision provide access to high quality education. Visit www.icche.org for their presentation.

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Annual Conference Redux—cont'd

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NETWORKING FORUMS

In the late afternoon, attendees were free to explore their interests in a wider range of issues by choosing to rotate between seven different table discussions. Networking forums included *Marketing: Best Practices*; *Learning is Forever (LIFE)*; *Third Age Learning*; *Best Technology for Continuing Higher Education*; *Youth Programming: What's New?*; *Hot Topics in Continuing Higher Education*; and *Social Media: What's Working For You?*

Special thanks to this year's network facilitators: Marcia Koenen, Aurora University; Helena Lira, Western Illinois University; Will Hine, Eastern Illinois University; Vickie Cook, Greenville College; Marti Jernberg—Northern Illinois University; Valerie Thaxton, Southwestern Illinois College; and Vanessa Sneed, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. The networking forums have proven to be a popular way for attendees to connect with Illinois colleagues and share strategies, updates and ideas.

EXHIBITOR RECEPTION

The day's finale was the "Stayin' Alive" disco exhibitor reception complete with disco music, a mirror ball, and delicious hors d'oeuvres. Thanks to our generous exhibitors, their helpful information and wonderful drawing prizes.

AWARDS

Friday's session began with Barry Hancock of John Logan Community College, the 2011 winner of the **Charles V. Evans Research Grant**. Barry presented a summary of his research project, *Perceptions of Illinois Community College Administrators on the Impact of the U.S. Economic Recession and State Financial Pressures on Programs for Adults*. Visit www.icche.org for Barry's presentation.

Ray Schroeder from University of Illinois – Springfield, **Innovative Initiative Award winner**, presented a fascinating introduction to the university's first appearance on the stage of massive online open education, *eduMooc*. Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/edumooc/> for complete information.

ENGAGING THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY PANEL

Michele Vaughn of College of Lake County, Kathy Engelken of Illinois Campus Compact and Felecia Thompson of Thompson, James & Gipson, LLC, shared strategies for and inspiring stories of successful collaboration with faith-based organizations within communities.

CONCLUDING SPEAKER—SUSAN BUSENBARK

Susan Busenbark, Dean, Rock Valley College garnered positive responses from many attendees with her presentation of Rock Valley's *Running Start Program*, which allows select, qualified students from area high schools to earn both their high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree concurrently by attending Rock Valley College (RVC) full-time during their junior and senior years of high school. Visit <http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/StudentServices/HSConnections/Running-Start.cfm> or call Rock Valley College at (815) 921-4080 for more information.

BASKET DOOR PRIZES

The conference concluded with the popular basket drawing. Hilary Ward Schnadt and Kathy Johnson assembled a beautiful array of baskets and gift bags from the generous donations of our members.

2013 ICHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

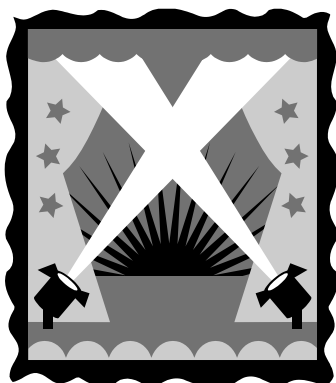
If you are interested in helping to plan next year's conference please contact Vickie Cook at vickie.cook@greenville.edu.



Helena Lira (L)—Western Illinois University, and Cheryl Brunsman—SIU Edwardsville at the Stayin' Alive Exhibit and Reception

Spotlight—Valerie Thaxton

by Hilary Ward Schnadt



This issue's spotlight is on longtime ICCHE board member Valerie Thaxton, VP for Community Services and Campus Operations at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). Having served as the chair of the membership committee for about 20 years, Valerie is the archetypal "woman who needs no introduction," since she has likely met all of ICCHE's current membership along the way. Such long service rates another feather in her cap, however.

Not surprisingly, Valerie is brimming with enthusiasm for the organization and can cite its membership benefits at the drop of a hat. "ICCHE provides some great staff development opportunities at very minimal costs. Through a breakout session at an annual conference a few years ago, my institution was able to develop a program that has produced revenue for us and it meets a great need in the community."

She also knows the value of the personal touch for building relationships and networking opportunities. "I became involved in ICCHE when I received a personal phone call from Lynn Dietrich from SIUE (she has since retired) inviting me to ride to a conference with her."

Over the years, Valerie has worn more than one hat at ICCHE, including service as President and President Elect/Conference Coordinator. The latter assignment was especially satisfying. "While I enjoyed all of those roles, my favorite was as President Elect/Conference Coordinator. I really enjoyed working with the conference planning committee and watching the conference come to life. Early in my career I was a Director of Student Activities and I have always enjoyed working on major events."

Although she will celebrate 29 years of employment at SWIC on July 1, it has not become old hat to her. "I'm lucky to have one of those jobs that you love coming to every day. I get to work with a lot of talented colleagues and collectively, we are involved in some very exciting projects and initiatives."

Valerie loves to travel and has tried to bring back a hat from each of the more than 50 countries she has visited. She used some of those hats to great effect at one ICCHE conference for a "Hats off to Charlie Evans" presentation at the time he announced that he would be stepping back a bit from ICCHE. She also uses those hats to speak through SWIC's speaker's bureau to grade school and civic groups in her community.

Our hats are off to Valerie Thaxton for her long-time service to ICCHE.



Valerie Thaxton,
Southwestern Illinois College

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, an unlimited number from the institution can be members and enjoy all the benefits! See www.icche.org for details.

We're on the Web!

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Facebook!**

ICCHE Listserv

To send a message to all the people subscribed to the ICCHE Membership list, send an email to 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

April 13, 2012 - Friday	Downstate Region Spring Conference. Heartland Community College
April 20, 2012 - Friday	Northern Region Spring Conference Oakbrook Center
June 2012	Executive Board Meeting; Date TBA
September 27, 2012—Thursday	Executive Board Meeting
September 27-28, 2012—Th, Fri	Annual Fall Retreat
December 2012	Executive Board Meeting; Date TBA
February 7—8, 2013—Th, Fri	ICCHE Annual Conference

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/INPUT??

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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