



# 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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## ICCHE 38th Annual Conference!

**February 6-8, 2013**

Join colleagues from throughout Illinois for the 38th Annual ICCHE Conference at the beautiful Doubletree Hotel near Chicago's Magnificent Mile on February 6–8, 2013. The theme of the conference is *Diversifying our Landscape: Reinventing our Future*.

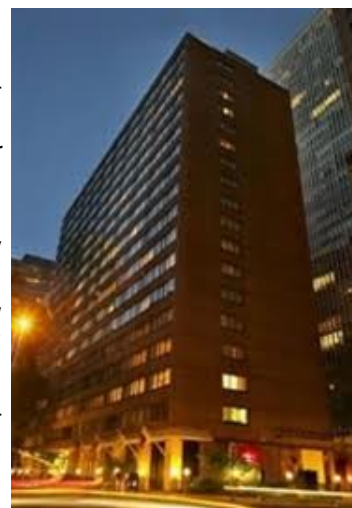
Diversity in credit and non-credit programming is a large part of the equation in addressing shifting markets and audiences. Join us in sharing and discovering sustainable programming solutions as we all reinvent our futures.

The learning begins on

Wednesday from 3–5 PM when Ray Schroeder, from the University of Illinois–Springfield, presents on *MOOC's: An Update, Primer and Plan*.

The conference's plenary sessions are focused on institutional strategy, new audiences, market/technology updates, and tactical programming options for success.

ICCHE works hard to keep costs affordable for this excellent learning and networking opportunity. Registration for one and one half days of learning, including all materials, continental breakfast each day, opening reception, and lunch on Thursday, is just



Doubletree Hotel near the Magnificent Mile in Chicago

\$195 for members. The Pre-conference fee is just \$30 additional.

See [dce.siu.edu](http://dce.siu.edu) for further information and online registration. ☀

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello ICCHE Members,

Can it really be time again for the ICCHE Annual Conference? Wasn't it just last week that on strains of impromptu songs and stringed accompaniment, we sailed to melodic bliss and filled the Doubletree ballroom with magnificent music? We took risks, got out of our chairs "up on the floor" to "get physical" in interactive group brainstorming and problem-solving. We caught up with colleagues and found new friends, instead of walking away from a room full of opportunity, new ideas and prospective partnerships.



Tammie Johnson, ICCHE President  
College of Lake County

If you weren't able to attend last year you may be thinking one of two things: "That sounds scary. I'm not going near that place *this* year," or "I can't believe I missed it! Where do I register for the 2013 conference?"

Don't worry and don't be afraid. I didn't plan this year's conference. (I promise there will be no disco music.) Terry Borg and his stellar planning committee have a powerhouse lineup of topics and presenters arranged for your continued professional growth.

Already registered for the 2013 ICCHE Annual Conference "*Diversifying Our Landscape: Reinventing Our Future*"? Great! We can't wait to see you. Bring a friend. We'll make them feel right at home.

If you haven't registered and can attend only one conference this spring *make it this one*. The networking and professional opportunities will be priceless:

- Get the latest MOOC update in Ray Schroeder's pre-conference.
- Reconnect, explore Chicago's great restaurants and get to know new friends in a variety of dinner groups.
- Breakfast or lunch with your choice of the brightest, most innovative minds in Illinois continuing higher education on Thursday and Friday.
- Hear from renowned professionals from Illinois higher continuing education agencies.
- Relax and refuel in the beautiful Windy City. (Snow has been ordered as in previous years, but we don't make any guarantees).

To register visit [www.icche.org](http://www.icche.org) or [www.dce.siu.edu](http://www.dce.siu.edu) and click on 'Conferences'.

Serving as ICCHE president this past year has been a rare privilege. I did not anticipate the personal and professional growth I would experience. Your kindness, support and encouragement have been life-changing and empowering. I'm about as speechless as I ever get. Thank you!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 2013 ICCHE Annual Conference in Chicago, February 6-8!



## Illinois Shared Learning Environment Initiative

As part of Illinois' Race to the Top initiative, Illinois is developing a statewide technology infrastructure known as the Illinois Shared Learning Environment (ISLE).

This initiative is funded in large part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. Illinois will be working with a consortium of pilot states, including Colorado, Massachusetts, New York and North Carolina.

State agencies involved include the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. They will be working in conjunction with representatives of small rural school districts, mid-size districts, Chicago Public Schools, regional offices of education, Early Learning council, representative of workforce development interests, etc., from throughout the state.

"ISLE is building on national open source infrastructure and technologies in collaboration with the Shared Learning Collaborative (SLC) and Learning Registry. Its infrastructure will

provide capacity for statewide student-level data and for a variety of applications (apps) to support P-20 education, including: academic education, career and technical education, and workforce development programs. It will advance the personalization of learning and empower P-20 and workforce users to manage their academic and career pathways.

The ISLE, SLC, and other new educational technologies make it realistic to work together, identify a set of apps that fulfill life-long learning needs in ways that streamline services, reduce costs, and are beneficial to all stakeholders."

This initiative will promote common standards throughout the U.S., promote economies of scale for standards-aligned resources, allow teachers access to more effective instructional content and assessments, and support teachers in improving student achievement, in addition to linking student data across local systems to create integrated learner profiles.

For more detailed information, visit the [Illinois State Board of Education](#) site. ☀

## Women Employed Toolkit

Chicago non-profit, [Women Employed](#), has developed a series of (5) publications aimed at assisting colleges and organizations with tools and practical examples to guide their work with single mothers. In Illinois, nearly 150,000 single mothers, with one or more children, live below the poverty level.

Illinois' system of affordable community colleges is an important first step in providing needed skills for these women. However, single mothers entering higher education face numerous challenges, too often resulting in decreased rates of college graduation.

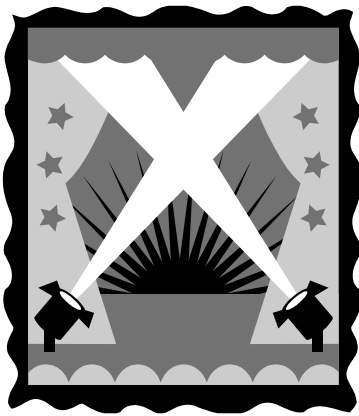
Titles in the series include:

- [Low-Income Single Mothers at Community College: Recommendations for Practices to Improve Completion](#)
- [Non-traditional Student and Single Parent Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
- [Single Mothers and College Success: Creating Paths Out of Poverty.](#)
- [CCP Promising Practices: Harper College Women's Program](#)
- [CCP Promising Practices: Black Hawk College Early Alert.](#)

All five publications are available on the [Women Employed Student Supports webpage](#). For questions or to request the toolkit, contact Meegan Dugan Bassett, [mbassett@womenemployed.org](mailto:mbassett@womenemployed.org), 312-782-3902, x249. ☀

# Spotlight—

by Hilary Ward Schnadt



## SPOTLIGHT on Retirement

In this issue, rather than turning the SPOTLIGHT on a single ICCHE member, we take note of the fact that several ICCHE stalwarts have retired or will do so in the months ahead. Bill Sutton has retired from the University of Illinois where he was Central and Southern Illinois Regional Director of University Outreach and Public Service. Valerie Thaxton has retired from Southwestern Illinois College, where she served as Vice President for Community Services and Campus Operations. Will Hine continues to serve as the Dean of the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University, but his announced retirement has already triggered a search for his successor. All three retirements represent significant losses for ICCHE, as well as for the three institutions. However, to tweak Shakespeare, “I come to praise Caesar, not to bury him.”

Bill Sutton served as a long-time ICCHE Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee, keeping our finances in order through many changes in ICCHE leadership. A regular at the annual ICCHE conference and Fall Retreat, he could be counted on for an incisive question or comment. Not one to sit idle, he began tackling projects around the house upon retirement. We wish him well in this next phase of life.

Valerie Thaxton served as the chair of the membership committee for nearly twenty years. She also served a term as President in 2000, and, immediately prior to that, as the Annual Conference Coordinator while President-Elect. In an earlier SPOTLIGHT interview, she cited the conference coordination as her favorite ICCHE assignment, because she “really enjoyed working with the conference planning committee and watching the conference come to life.” It tapped her love of planning major events, a preference honed as a Director of Student Activities early in her career.

Here’s a final bit of advice from Valerie for ICCHE members: “I think one of the best things that we ‘seasoned’ folks can do is be a good mentor. From my mentor, I learned not to ‘go to the well’ too many times asking for special favors or concessions – that way when you do ask, everyone will know that you really need it.” Let’s offer a tip of the hat to a woman who delights in wearing them.

Will Hine also served a term as President (in 1993). However, he has had a much longer and perhaps more influential ICCHE career as a Past-President. In fact, when Charlie Evans was asked in an earlier SPOTLIGHT interview to cite one of ICCHE’s most significant achievements, he singled out Will’s creation of a Past President’s group, because it was created to tackle projects that needed doing. This is in keeping with the Servant Leadership Model that Will embraces and that he advocates as a role for continuing education divisions within universities. In 2010, ICCHE recognized his many contributions by bestowing the Past President’s award for long-term, outstanding service to Will.

“In difficult times, we need to ask ‘How can we help?’” Will reminds all of us. It is a question that he has never hesitated to ask himself, especially where ICCHE was concerned. Since research has always been important to him, he has often had a ready and well-informed answer, and “communication, collaboration, and cooperation” were usually involved. Let us all collaborate to wish him well in his retirement.

**Bill Sutton, Valerie Thaxton, and Will Hine** will all be missed but long remembered. As we give thanks for their contributions to ICCHE, let us also resolve that ongoing effort by continuing members of ICCHE would be the best tribute that any of them could receive.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING—AROUND THE STATE

## Aurora University

### **Aurora University offering online programs through AU Online**

Aurora University now offers students the opportunity to complete select degrees completely online. Through AU Online, students can pursue their bachelor's degree in the following areas:

#### Online Undergraduate Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication
- Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
- RN to BSN

#### Online Graduate Programs

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration with Leadership Concentration
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice

#### Online Endorsement Programs

- *Bilingual/ESL Endorsement*
- *Special Education Endorsement*

Aurora University also offers a Corporate Partnership Advantage program.

For more information, please contact:

Joseph De Johns  
Online Education Liaison  
Phone: 630-844-6887  
Email: [jdejohns@aurora.edu](mailto:jdejohns@aurora.edu)



Also, come to an **Adult Degree Completion Program Open House** Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 5—7 PM. Bring your transcripts for an immediate evaluation of prior college credit. Register at [aurora.edu/adultopenhouse](http://aurora.edu/adultopenhouse).

## College of Lake County

### **The Wellness Registry Launch**

The Wellness Registry and its Consumer Wellness Advocate Certification Program officially launches from its new home at the College of Lake County, in Vernon Hills, Illinois with a morning event on January 25, 2013. Founded in 2010, the mission of The Wellness Registry is to empower consumers with the knowledge, skills, abilities and credentialing required to promote community-level outreach dedicated to *preventing* illness, injury, disability, and disease and promoting lifelong well-being. The Wellness Registry accomplishes its mission, in part, through awarding the Consumer Wellness Advocate (CWA) certification. The launch event will showcase the Consumer Wellness Advocate certification program and highlight recommendations for bringing the program to your workplace, community and schools. To join us for this event go to: <http://012513wellnessevent.eventbrite.com/#>. For more information visit: <http://www.clcillinois.edu/cwa/>.

## Dominican University

**Dominican University and Triton College have announced a partnership** that will allow Triton College students to take classes online and on-site leading to a bachelor's degree in legal studies from Dominican's School for Professional and Continuing Studies. In addition, the partnership will provide Dominican with office space at Triton's University Center which will give Triton students the opportunity to meet conveniently with Dominican staff who can facilitate their seamless transfer to the private four-year institution.

"Our partnership with Triton College and its University Center opens the door to exciting, new opportunities for both of our institutions to collaborate more effectively in meeting the needs of Triton students who want to pursue a bachelor's degree

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from Dominican University," said Donna Carroll, Dominican University president.

"The University Center at Triton College expands transfer opportunities for students and community members to earn bachelor's and master's degrees on Triton's campus from select public and private four-year institutions. I am extremely pleased to expand our partnership to include Dominican University. The quality programs and services that Dominican provides will be of great benefit as we look to enhance access in support of our students' success and completion," said Patricia Granados, president of Triton College.

Other Illinois universities involved in Triton's University Center include Benedictine University, National Louis University, Southern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University and Governors State University.

For more information about Dominican University's partnership with Triton College, visit the University Center website at [www.triton.edu/universitycenter](http://www.triton.edu/universitycenter).

### Elmhurst College

In February 2013, the *School for Professional Studies* is launching the **Elmhurst Online Center**:

[[http://public.elmhurst.edu/admission/school\\_for\\_professional\\_studies/online\\_learning\\_center](http://public.elmhurst.edu/admission/school_for_professional_studies/online_learning_center)]

and will be featuring innovative, non-credit, certificate programs in **Mobile Applications Development**. Three certificate options, offered through *Elmhurst Partners*, the College's training and development division, will be offered including:

- **iOS Application Certificate**
- **Android Application Certificate**
- **Windows Phone Application Certificate**

In today's increasingly mobile world, mobile app developers are in great demand. The number of job openings in the field has tripled in the past year, according to *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and skilled mobile app professionals commonly earn annual incomes in the six figures. To register for the program, go to [BlueNet](http://bluenet.elmhurst.edu/WALive/WALive?TYPE=M&PID=CORE-WBMAIN&TOKENIDX=2709856801), [<http://bluenet.elmhurst.edu/WALive/WALive?TYPE=M&PID=CORE-WBMAIN&TOKENIDX=2709856801>] click on the Prospective Students icon, and then click on the link titled "Register and Pay for Elmhurst Partners Classes".

Additional online certificate programs offered through the Elmhurst Online Center include an undergraduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and graduate certificates in Network Administration and Application Development.

### Oakton Community College

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), a national advocacy organization representing nearly 1,200 community, junior, and technical colleges, has appointed **Merrill Irving Jr.**, associate vice president of continuing education, training, and workforce development, at Oakton Community College (Des Plaines, IL) to a one-year term on its newly-formed **Advisory Committee on Leadership Initiatives**. The committee will counsel the AACC on programs that provide emerging and seasoned leaders with professional development opportunities.

"I'm excited to serve on this prestigious committee," said Irving, whose appointment begins July 1. "It's a great opportunity to actively engage with other community colleges, while working with the AACC to enhance the way we mentor and develop leaders in higher education."

Irving, a member of the Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education, joined Oakton last summer and oversees a division that enrolls 36,000 students annually. In his post at the College, Irving serves as the chief administrator for Oakton's Alliance for Lifelong Learning and supervises College-wide operations in workforce programs, noncredit courses and

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curricula accreditation, adult education, online programming and courses, corporate training, and intergovernmental agreements. He also is a liaison to the Cook County Workforce Investment Board and the Illinois Community College Board.

Prior to Oakton, Irving was the chairperson for continuing education and professional development at Miami Dade College (MDC) Wolfson Campus in Florida. He received a bachelor of arts in political science and a master of public administration from West Virginia University, and a doctor of education in educational psychology from the University of Southern California.

#### **Teacher of the Year:**

The Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCFA) selected Nicole Perry, associate professor of biology at Oakton Community College as its 2012 Instructor of the Year. Perry received the award at the ICCFA Conference in Springfield, on October 26, 2012.



*Nicole Perry, Oakton Community College  
ICCFA 2012 Instructor of the Year*

### University Center of Lake County

**The University Center of Lake County has a new member—Elmhurst College.** Elmhurst has joined the University Center to make its Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (MS-SCM) degree program more accessible to professionals in northeastern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin. Recruiting for this new program will soon get underway.

"We're very pleased to welcome Elmhurst College into the University Center," said Executive Director and Dean G. Gary Grace. "Our goal is to offer the region access to a flexible array of undergraduate and graduate programs, and Elmhurst's well-respected supply chain management program seems to be a particularly good fit. Lake County is home to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and to numerous Fortune 500 corporations, and serves as a transportation crossroads."

"This partnership is an exciting opportunity for Elmhurst College to bring Illinois' first supply chain graduate program, already highly regarded and well-known in the western and northwestern sectors of the Chicago metropolitan area, to a new segment of employers and employees in an area that is home to some of the biggest economic players in the country," said Dr. Timothy Ricordati, dean of the School for Professional Studies at Elmhurst College. "Elmhurst College is delighted to enrich the University Center's innovative efforts to address the academic and workforce development needs of the region."

The MS-SCM program is designed for professionals with at least three years of work experience in any area of the supply chain process, and provides them with a broad perspective on that process. Combining coursework related to logistics, transportation, warehousing and procurement management, the 21-month, part-time program culminates with a team presentation of a "real world" consulting project that requires a year of work and development.

For more information about this program, contact the University Center at 847/665-4000 or visit its website: [www.ucenter.org](http://www.ucenter.org).



## 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](http://www.icche.org) for details.**

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### 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.

## Basket items needed!

The ICCHE Basket Committee is still looking to "Diversify the Landscape" of ICCHE door prizes for the Annual Conference. This is a great treat for attendees and a cool way to circulate your institution's brand. Please send **institutional logo items** to:

Hilary Ward Schnadt  
ICCHE Baskets  
University Center of Lake County  
1200 University Center Drive  
Grayslake, IL 60030-2614

*(Donations can also be brought to the conference.)*

Then, don't forget to submit **YOUR evaluation form** at the end of the conference for the chance to "Reinvent (Y)our Future" as the winner of some fun prizes! ☀

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 6, 2013	ICCHE Executive Board Meeting
February 6, 2013	Pre-conference ICCHE Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
February 7-8, 2013	38th Annual ICCHE Conference, Chicago, IL
April 2013	Regional conferences



## 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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