



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 members include two- and four-year colleges and universities, both public and private.

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ICCHE Joins Forces with REACH for Northern Region Professional Development Event

ICCHE's Northern Region will collaborate with Resources for the Education of Adults in the Chicago Area (REACH) for this spring's professional development event. Scheduled for Thursday, June 2 at Benedictine University in Lisle, it will include a full day of food and fun.

The topic for the day is "Working in a Multi-Generational Environment." While this is a workplace issue across many employment sectors today, it should hold particular interest for continuing educators. Those who build programs for lifelong learners may be developing options for audiences in a wide range of ages. Therefore, it is fitting that we develop a good understanding of how different generations view the work-

place, construct career paths, and interact with fellow workers.

The event will also serve as the annual meeting for REACH, so the luncheon will include scholarship award announcements. Each year, REACH awards up to five "Carolyn Cooney REACH Your Goals" scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. The luncheon will also include raffles, a silent auction and a live auction to raise funds for the REACH scholarship fund.

Check-in for the event will begin at 8 am and the day will run from 9 am to 4 pm.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Happy Spring Everyone!

The arrival of spring brings great weather and the opportunity to get outside and enjoy outdoor activities. This is a welcome change from the cold days of winter.

Much like the changing of seasons, higher education in Illinois is also facing many changes as we move through the fiscal year. In these times of uncertainty, we rely on our ICCHE colleagues to help us navigate these changes and to keep focused on our mission to serve students.

The 2016 ICCHE Annual Conference was a success! ICCHE partnered with ACHE to host the Great Lakes joint conference at the Doubletree Hotel, Chicago Magnificent Mile February 10-12. A good time was had by all with many wonderful presentations and great opportunities to visit with colleagues and meet new friends.

REACH (Resources for the Education of Adult Students in the Chicago Area) will present a Professional Development Day & Scholarship Luncheon in tandem with the ICCHE Northern Symposium on Thursday, June 2 at Benedictine University in Lisle. The topic of the event is Working in a Multi-Generational Environment. The event promises to be informative. The ICCHE Executive Board will be meeting at this event as well. For more information, or to register, check out <http://www.reach-chicago.org/scholarships/PDDSL.php>

Stay tuned for more details coming soon regarding the Fall 2016 ICCHE Conference that will be held in Springfield.

Enjoy Spring!

Beth Craig & Gayla Stoner



Beth Craig, ICCHE Co-President



Gayla Stoner, ICCHE Co-President

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Elmhurst College

ELSA-Palooza 8: A Smashing Success!

On April 12, 2016, the Elmhurst Learning and Success Academy (ELSA) hosted its 8th annual ELSA-Palooza event. Since its first class in fall, 2005, ELSA has provided a post-secondary, college experience program for young adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities. ELSA-Palooza began in 2008 as a way to showcase the musical and vocal talents of ELSA students, to highlight the extraordinary work completed by the ELSA senior class, and as a way to bring a local band, *The Naturals* (hailing from *Creative Exchange Music Therapy* in Westchester, IL: www.creativeexchangemusic.com) to campus for a concert! Special thanks to the *Palumbo Family Foundation* for their ongoing support of ELSA-Palooza.



For most high school special education students, the learning and career preparation ends after graduation. ELSA picks up where the high school curriculum ends and provides an inclusive, four-year certificate program on the beautiful west suburban campus of Elmhurst College. ELSA emphasizes experiential learning in three key areas:

Academics and Career Exploration

Independent Living Skills (residential component is optional)

Social and Recreational Skills

Applicants must be between 18 and 28 years of age, have completed high school with a diploma or certificate, and have the ability to read, write, and do arithmetic at a minimum third grade level. For more information on ELSA, please visit www.elmhurst.edu/elsa or call (630) 617-3752.



ELSA-Palooza 8 participants enjoying themselves

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE (cont'd)

Northwestern University

Northwestern University's School of Professional Studies Department of Distance Learning is responsible for designing, building, and supporting online courses for graduate, undergraduate, certificate, and professional development programs. To support our staff's collaboration with our School's faculty, we have created the [SPS Distance Learning website](#) – a centralized hub of resources, guides, and information. The site features:

A [weekly blog](#) covering topics of learning technology, online teaching pedagogy, learning analytics, and more.

Instructional guides and examples of [learning technologies](#), including video tools, conferencing software, and collaboration tools.

An archive of our monthly [Online Learning Webinars](#) that feature presentations on technology and online teaching best practices.

Collections of [exemplar online course assets](#).

[Online learning resources](#) from around the world.

The [SPS Distance Learning staff](#) are constantly working to improve and develop the content of the site. If you have any feedback or content suggestions, please share them with Christine Scherer, SPS Content Specialist, at christine.scherer@northwestern.edu.

ICCHE Career News

- * ICCHE Co-President **Bethany M. Craig** has left Eastern Illinois University and joined the University of Illinois at Chicago. As of May 11, she now serves as Director of Program Development for UIC Extended Campus.
- * **Kimberly M. Harrison**, Director of Instructional Support & Online Operations at Elmhurst College's School for Professional Studies, recently completed her PhD in Instructional Technology at Northern Illinois University. In addition, in February, she presented "Engaging Students through Visual Literacy" at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning. Congratulations, Dr. Harrison!
- * **Kenneth E. Schaefle**, Director of Individual Recruitment for North Park University's School of Business and Nonprofit Management, will retire on June 30.

41st Annual Conference Recap

By Vickie Cook and Hilary Ward Schnadt

ICCHE's Annual Conference was held on February 10-12, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel in Chicago. Approximately 50 ICCHE members braved the budget woes of their institutions and found a way to participate in the conference. The ICCHE Board was appreciative of the eight sponsors who supported the ICCHE conference.



Ray Schroeder, Associate Vice Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield and Director, Center of Online Leadership at University of Continuing Education Professional Association, Washington, DC presented a Pre-Conference workshop that analyzed the economic developments shaping the field and the opportunities that lay ahead for higher education.

Dr. Terri Winfree, the 14th President of Prairie State College brought extensive experience in higher education and continuing education to share with the ICCHE conference participants. Terri believes strongly in leading with courage, inspiration, and entrepreneurial approaches to challenges in higher education. Her keynote address, *Creative Partnerships and Collaboration Equal Success* was well received by the audience.



Many ICCHE member-led sessions highlighted the expertise and high level of commitment to education in Illinois. One of the most popular conference features continued to be the roundtable discussions wherein hot topics and issues of the day were considered by a variety of participants



Dr. Karen Swan brought the expertise of her research work, *Understanding Social Presence: The Three Perspectives*, related to teaching and learning in blended and online classrooms as the final conference keynote. Karen's latest book will be released soon and will focus on the construct of social presence and research related to this phenomena in the classroom.

Will Hine received the Past Presidents Award for his long and tireless work on behalf of ICCHE. The Innovative Initiative Award went to "One Patient, One Team: Palliative Care Approaches Across the Continuum" a MOOC that resulted from a collaboration among University of Illinois Springfield, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Illinois Hospital Association, and Illinois HomeCare & Hospice Council.

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Northern Region Event—cont'd



Cost to ICCHE members who are not also REACH members is \$55.

Visit <http://www.reach-chicago.org/scholarships/PDDSL.php> to register.

Click http://www.reach-chicago.org/files/REACH_PDDSL_2016.pdf to download a flyer.



41st Annual Conference—cont'd



Bonnie Covelli presents Past Presidents' Award to Will Hine

Officers were elected at the annual business meeting and some constituency representatives were elected, including two in the new category of For-Profit Institutions and Multi-University Consortia. Newly-elected reps are listed below along with those whose terms were already underway. One slot remains open.

Officers

Co-presidents—Beth Craig and Gayla Stoner
Vice president/president elect—Kelly Lapetino
Secretary—Donna Gardner Liljegren
Treasurer—Michele Gribbins

Public University Rep

Amy Barsha (2015-2017)
 Open (2016-2018)

Community College Rep

Julie Elzanati (2015-2017)
 Diana Higgins (2016-2018)

Private University Rep

Matt Hlinak (2015-17)
 Hannah Fishburn (2016-2018)

For-profit/Multi-U Rep

Hilary Ward Schnadt (2016-2017)
 Venus Fisher (2016-2018)

The 42nd Annual ICCHE Conference will be held February 8 – 10, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel in Chicago. Call for presentation proposals and award nominations will be solicited in late summer or early fall.

ACE Names Mario Sankis 2015 Student of the Year

By Jon Riskind



Mario Sankis, a former Marine, retired police officer and cancer survivor who attends Eastern Illinois University and plans a legal career, is ACE's 2015 Student of the Year.

Sankis, 35, of Round Lake Beach, IL, was presented with the honor at ACE2016, ACE's 98th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, during the March 14 morning plenary session.

The Student of the Year Award, formerly the Adult Learner of the Year, is presented annually by ACE to an individual who has benefited academically or professionally from the use of ACE credit recommendations for workforce or military training. Recipients must demonstrate outstanding achievements in their community or workplace while successfully balancing demands such as family, career and education.

"I am fortunate to attend an institution such as Eastern Illinois University, which accepted the ACE credit recommendations I earned through my military training and experiences," Sankis said. "I look forward to graduating this spring with my Bachelor's degree in General Studies and then pursue a law degree and ultimately achieve my goal of becoming a judge."

Sankis served in the Marine Corps from 1999-2003, including as a military police officer assigned to the HMX-1 Presidential Helicopter Squadron under Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. He also was a police officer for more than a decade in Washington, DC, and Round Lake Beach.

He survived cancer after being diagnosed with the disease at age 30. He retired from the Round Lake Beach Police Department in 2014 because of a neurological disease that prevented him from physically performing his duties. Shortly before the onset of the illness, he was honored by the village of Round Lake Beach for using CPR to save the life of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle.

Sankis began his college career while a Round Lake Beach police officer, taking classes at the College of Lake County. When he retired from the police force, he transferred to Eastern Illinois, which accepted 51 hours of military credit recommendations. Mario was able to complete his degree while remaining in Round Lake Beach by completing his EIU coursework at the University Center of Lake County in Grayslake, the Harper College Professional Center in Schaumburg and online.

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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 nine additional 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! for details.

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

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[Like ICCHE on Facebook!](#)

Find ICCHE Networking group on LinkedIn.

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.

ICCHE Haiku Corner

Inspired by the [IT professionals who rendered various computer error messages into Haiku](#), this new feature encourages ICCHE members to tap their creativity while reflecting on continuing education.

Furloughs and layoffs
Higher ed ready to break
Where's the State budget?

Send your 5/7/5 syllable wit and wisdom on continuing education to hwschnadt@ucenter.org for future issues.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| June 2, 2016
9 am—4 pm | ICCHE Northern Region Symposium in tandem with REACH annual conference
Benedictine University |
| June 2, 2016
12:30-1:30 | ICCHE Board Meeting |
| September 22-23, 2016 | ICCHE Fall Conference
University of Illinois Springfield |
| October 17-19, 2016 | ACHE 78th Annual Meeting, New Orleans |
| February 8—10, 2017 | 42nd Annual ICCHE 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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