



NEWSLETTER

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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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44th Annual ICCHE Conference to be held at EIU

ICCHE's 44th annual continuing education conference will soon be upon us. Moved from Chicago to EIU's Charleston campus, the conference will begin with lunch on Wednesday, February 6 and will conclude at 3 pm on Thursday, February 7. This year's theme is "Building a Brighter Future for Adult Learners."

Lori Suddick, President of the College of Lake County (CLC), will be the keynote speaker who kicks off the conference. She began at CLC in May of 2018 after serving nine years as Vice President of Learning and Chief Academic Office of the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. She was also a member of the inaugural cohort of the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence. Dr. Suddick will share a perspective developed as a first generation college student who

went on to provide eighteen years of visionary leadership to community colleges and who sharpened that perspective through collaboration with others.

Afternoon breakout sessions include several that address online learning. Kimberly Harrison and Kate Male of Aurora University will share processes and lessons learned as they strengthened support for online students and created orientation and professional development opportunities for online faculty. Rebekah Grossboll and Abby Mifflin of UIS will share how they revised their orientation program for online students to address factors that promote retention. Olukwaka-yode Adebawale

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ICCHE Members:

The annual conference is rapidly approaching, and I hope that you've made plans to make a trip to Charleston in a few weeks. As part of the conference, I will be hosting a discussion to define the direction of ICCHE over the next several years. In preparation for those discussions, I thought it might be helpful to remind everyone about some resources that may be helpful:

For those who may be new members, I hope that you've had a chance to review the new member resources on our website: <https://www.icche.org/resources/new-members>

And if you haven't had a chance to review the ICCHE mission recently, you can access it here: <https://www.icche.org/about/our-mission>

In the Fall, I encouraged you to think about your time as an ICCHE member and to consider what you value about your membership. What would you like to see ICCHE enhance? What would like to see de-emphasized? What opportunities may we be missing as an organization and which ones should we embrace?

The exciting thing about working in continuing higher education is that it is always changing. We have a new governor with new priorities for higher ed, the U.S. Department of Education is examining old rules and looking at new ones, and accrediting bodies are redefining their roles. This means that we have an opportunity to define ICCHE priorities to serve this ever-changing environment. We are limited only by our willingness to envision our future and engage with each other, so I hope that you will join me in Charleston to be part of the discussion.

Until then, best wishes to everyone for a wonderful and successful new year.

Sincerely,

Donna Gardner Liljegren, EdD
President, ICCHE Executive Committee 2018-19



Donna Gardner Liljegren, ICCHE President



2019 conference logo



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE



Elmhurst College

"Real Bluejays Wear Pink" Campaign Raises Over \$11,000 to Fight Cancer

The American Cancer Society named President Troy D. VanAken and Elmhurst College the top fundraisers of the "Real Men Wear Pink" campaign of DuPage County. President VanAken raised \$11,170 for the campaign, crediting his success in large part to the parallel, campus-wide effort Real Bluejays Wear Pink.

In its second year, the county's Real Men Wear Pink campaign raised nearly \$47,000 to support the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Throughout the month of October, 27 prominent men in DuPage County participated in the campaign, raising funds and awareness in the fight to end breast cancer.



L to R: Dr. Troy VanAken, Dr. Annette VanAken, Juliana Rancic, Bill Rancic

A highlight of the month-month long campaign was the campus wide Pink-Out on Oct. 25, when more than 500 students, faculty and staff gathered on the College Mall to form a giant pink ribbon. That evening, E! News anchor Giuliana Rancic and her entrepreneur husband, Bill, spoke before an audience of more than 700 about Giuliana Rancic's breast cancer diagnosis seven years ago and its impact on their lives.

(See photo on page 4.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

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Pink Out on Elmhurst College Mall (10/25/18)

Northern Illinois University

- The Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education will launch a [bachelor's degree in Sport Management](#) this fall. The new program capitalizes on the department's rich heritage of preparing graduate students for careers in the thriving sport industry, which includes all of Chicago's major professional teams and other pro baseball, basketball, football and hockey clubs across the country. It also complements the [minor in Sport Sales](#) – the only program of its kind in the United States – and builds on a relationship with the Department of Marketing in the NIU College of Business. The department also will offer a [minor in Sport Management](#) to students across the NIU campus. (See photo on page 6)
- The Department of Special and Early Education has earned another five years of approval from the [Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies](#) as a [Gateways to Opportunity Entitled Institution](#). It allows [Early Childhood Education](#) majors at NIU the option to attain Gateways to Opportunity ECE Credentials at the completion of their courses, improving their marketability to potential employers. NIU, a participant

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Member News Notes

- Thanks to the surprise resignations of two more accomplished leaders, **Matt Hlinak** of **Dominican University** has stumbled into the presidency of Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society, as well as the chair of the governing board of the University Center of Lake County. Both organizations have a long history of serving adult learners in Illinois, and Matt's New Year's Resolution for 2019 is to avoid ruining either legacy. [Editorial note: This item is running as submitted. See related note below.]
- **Gary Grace**, founding Executive Director & Dean of the **University Center of Lake County**, will be retiring at the end of March. Hired by the Governing Board in 2001 once UC became an independent 501(c)(3) organization, he has overseen its growth and development with good sense and good humor. From its original 12 public and private institution members, the partnership expanded to as many as 20 and is currently at 18. From office and classroom space rented from the College of Lake County and in other Lake County locations, UC now occupies a building of its own in Grayslake and a floor of a building shared with CLC and the Illinois Job Center in Waukegan. In addition to serving adult students through evening, weekend, and online academic programs, UC now also serves Lake County's business and civic organizations with a conference center to help address workforce development needs. Once the sole employee, Gary now oversees a staff of eight—survivors of heavy State budget cuts that eliminated several other positions.

The search for his successor was ably helmed by **Matt Hlinak**, whose own good sense and good humor was frequently in evidence. **Joel Williams**, currently Executive Director of PADS Lake County, and a former part-time faculty member at **Elmhurst College**, will begin working for the University Center in mid-March, so as to ensure a smooth transition as he moves into the Executive Director role.

- **Lynn Gibson**, who retired in June 2018 as superintendent of the Rockton, Ill.-based Hononegah Community School District, joined the **NIU College of Education** last fall as a visiting assistant professor in the Dept of Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations. Gibson teaches courses in Educational Administration, including the master's-level Principal Prep program and the Ed.S.-level Superintendent Prep program, as well as in the School Business Management program.



Lynn Gibson

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

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Northern Illinois University (cont'd)

in the 2008 development and piloting of the Gateways program, was among the first institutions to earn approval. The latest endorsement comes a year before the Illinois State Board of Education requires all Early Childhood Education programs in the state to become Gateways Level 5-entitled institutions.



NIU Sport Management
NCAA wall

Job Openings

- **NIU's College of Education** is recruiting for an **Assistant Director of External Programs**. The focus of this position is to cultivate business-to-business partnerships with school districts and businesses. In addition to partnership development, the position will also have a direct student recruitment function. See <https://employment.niu.edu/postings/40234> for the official posting. Questions can be directed to Terry E. Borg via tborg@niu.edu or (815)753-0295
- **SIUC Extended Campus** seeks **2 program/student advisors** to work in Lake County. One will work at the University Center of Lake County and one at Naval Station Great Lakes. [Download details and application instructions.](#) Apply by February 1, 2019. Questions to Cathy Resman via cathy.resman@siu.edu
- **UIS** seeks a **Director of Research Administration** to oversee and manage the activities of the UIS Office of Research & Sponsored Programs and work closely with other administrative and academic units to maintain and enhance the research enterprise at UIS. Details and application instructions via: [Director of Research Administration opportunity at UIS](#).

44th Annual ICCHE Conference

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of UIS will outline a framework for identifying and measuring learner analytics in online learning environments. Bonnie Covelli will share how to include blogging and visuals within a discussion board.

Other sessions will address collaboration and topics related to adult learners. MyCredits Transfer Coordinator Dena Lawrence will address “The Magic of Collaboration.” Mary Ettling and Stephanie Simpson will share SIUE’s experience in creating the position of community development director, a role designed to focus on institutional visibility and community partnerships. Gina Rosie-Cook and Erin Cravin of Prairie State College will share how PSC has embedded experiential learning opportunities into their vocational healthcare programs.

Michelle Gribbins, Tiffani Saunders, Dave Holland, and Ahmad Jumah will report on the UIS Open Educational Resources Faculty Fellows program.

On Thursday morning, Dr. James A Howley, EIU’s Director, B.A. in General Studies, Educational Attainment, and Outreach will open the day as keynote speaker. His topic will be “Equity Matters: Growing Adult Learner Programs through Inclusive Practices.” Alert readers of ICCHE’s September 2018 newsletter will recollect that prior to joining EIU, he served as the Dean of Instruction at Wilbur Wright College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago. His career also includes service at Governors State University: eight years as the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies (GSU’s adult learner program) and six years as the Chair for the Division of Liberal Arts.

Three sets of breakout sessions will fill the morning until the business meeting luncheon. Some topics from Wednesday will be repeated, to enable attendees to catch sessions they missed. But new topics will also be introduced. Bonnie Covelli of the University of St. Francis will share a professional development model for students or staff based on the theory of authentic leadership. Vance Martin of UIS will provide a blueprint for “Building an Accessible Future for All Learners,” while Dena Lawrence will describe best practices for developing transfer pathways and articulation agreements.

The annual business meeting will take place over lunch and will include elections as well as the announcement of the Innovative Initiative Award and the Past President’s Award for Outstanding Service. Our final conference session will be devoted to round table discussions led by current ICCHE president Donna Gardner Liljegren on defining ICCHE’s value proposition for members. See related article on page 2. The conference will end with the traditional drawing for ICCHE swag by those who have completed a conference evaluation form.

For more information about the content of the conference, email Vice President & Conference Chair Myra Gaytan-Morales or call her at (847) 665-4108.

For information about conference logistics, see related article on page 8.

Conference Logistics

Still need to register? Visit <https://sce.eiu.edu/CourseStatus.awp?&course=19ICCHE>

Need hotel reservations? [Unique Suites](#) in Charleston is holding hotel rooms at a special rate of \$66.60 per night. Reserve your room by calling 217-348-8161.

EIU will shuttle conference attendees between Unique Suites and the conference site.

Traveling to Charleston from the Chicago area? Consider taking the train. The start and end times of the conference were established in accordance with the [Amtrak schedule](#).

Depart Union Station at 8:15 am on Wed (2/6) via Saluki line to arrive in Mattoon at 11:05 am.
(Due to track work, the last leg between Champaign and Mattoon will be by an alternate means.)

Depart Mattoon at 6:16 pm on Thurs (2/7) on the Illini line to arrive at Union Station at 9:45 pm.

The EIU conference team has arranged to use the EIU shuttle bus for the conference. It will plan to meet both these trains.

If you will be traveling to and from Mattoon on another train schedule, contact **Peggy Brown** at pabrown@eiu.edu or (217) 581-5114 to arrange travel to and from the train station.

Driving to the conference? Contact Peggy Brown (as above) for a **campus parking permit**.

Getting hungry? Lunches on both days are included in the registration fee. Attendees will be responsible for their own dinner on Wednesday; the EIU conference team will provide restaurant recommendations and sign-up sheets for those who want to network with colleagues. The shuttle will also be available. For Thursday, the conference planning committee has assumed that most attendees will be eating the breakfast provided by the hotel. However, they have arranged for box dinners that can be eaten on the train or on the road.

Hoping to sightsee? Visit [Charleston Tourism](#).

Download a [Charleston map](#) or [Visitor's Guide](#).



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 nine additional professionals from the same institution. Or, for an annual institutional fee of \$200, 11–20 professional staff from the institution can be members and enjoy all the benefits!

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

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ICCHE Listserv

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

icchemembers@googlegroups.com

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.

ICCHE 2019
Quality in Higher Ed
Let's learn from each other!

—Kimberly Harrison, Aurora University

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 24,
2019

IBHE & ISBE [College & Career Interest Task Force](#), Chicago & Springfield

February 6,
2019,
10–11 am

ICCHE Executive Committee meeting, EIU, Charleston

February 6–7,
2019

ICCHE's 44th Annual Conference, EIU, Charleston

July 18, 2019

[College Changes Everything](#) Conference, Tinley Park



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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