



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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“Persistence, Perseverance, and Success in Continuing Education” is Theme of Joint Conference

ICCHE's 42nd Annual Conference will be held Feb. 8–10, 2017 in Chicago. ICCHE is again collaborating with the Association for Continuing Higher Education-Great Lakes Region (ACHE Great Lakes) on the event, a partnership illustrative of the conference theme, “Persistence, Perseverance, and Success in Continuing Education.”

“ACHE Great Lakes is pleased to partner with ICCHE to provide professional development to our members in the Midwest and Canada,” says Regional Chair Bonnie J. Covelli, who is also a Past President of ICCHE. “On the national level, Illinois is seen as having one of the strongest state continuing education organizations. It is an honor to work on this joint effort to further the goals of both our organizations.”

Conference Highlights

An optional (\$50) pre-conference workshop and reception will provide a sweet beginning to the event. Valerie Beck, CEO/Founder of [Chocolate Uplift](#), will discuss “The ABCs of Success: Attitude, Belief, and Commitment.” Ms. Beck is “a pioneer in the business of chocolate tourism and other chocolate services to the public, to the trade, and to cocoa growing nations.”

“She has a motivational story on perseverance and following your dreams,” says ICCHE Vice President Kelly Lapetino. “There will also be a chocolate to taste during the presentation as sort of an appetizer. Yum!” The reception will take the form of

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear ICCHE Members,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve ICCHE as co-presidents of the organization. It has been our pleasure to serve and give back to an organization that has given both of us so much through the years. Thank you for entrusting us to lead the association this past year.



Beth Craig, ICCHE Co-President

We are a better organization because of you, our members. We are better higher education administrators, leaders and humans, because of you, our friends and colleagues. Our work does not end here, as we'll continue to be active with the association and continue to work and provide opportunities for adult students. In this field of work, we change lives and provide hope and opportunities for our students. We change our world and make it a better place to live.



Gayla Stoner, ICCHE Co-President

In just a few weeks, we look forward to initiating new President Kelly Lapetino and also look forward to seeing you and catching up at the annual conference. Safe travels and we'll talk soon.

Sincerely,

Beth Craig & Gayla Stoner
University of Illinois at Chicago
ICCHE Co-Presidents



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Aurora University

The Higher Learning Commission has approved a new [Master of Arts in Homeland Security](#) program to be offered online by Aurora University. It was developed in partnership with the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security. Applications for Fall 2017 are now being accepted.

Additionally, AU Online is accepting applications for [the B.A in Leadership Studies program with a concentration in Nonprofit Leadership](#). This program will launch online in Fall 2017. Students who complete the program are eligible for the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential offered by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.

Finally, Aurora University's CSWE-accredited [Master of Social Work](#) (MSW) program is now available through AU Online. Students with earned Bachelor of Social Work degrees can enter the program with advanced-standing. All students may select from specializations in Advanced Clinical Social Work, Faith-Based Social Work, Health Care, and MBA Leadership. There is also an option for an MBA-MSW dual degree.

Questions? Contact Dr. Donna Liljegren at dliljegren@aurora.edu.



Loyola University Chicago



Loyola's Institute for Paralegal Studies celebrated its 25th Anniversary in November of 2016 by launching a scholarship campaign to help educate the next generation of Loyola paralegals. The launch event was a great success, attended by alumni, current students and faculty.

Jean Hellman Ryan, Director, Institute for Paralegal Studies, and Walter Pearson, Dean, School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

The highlight of the evening was a talk by Al Gini, Loyola professor of business ethics, prolific author, and regular commentator on NPR. His topic was "The Importance of Being Funny: The Need for Humor in Our Personal and Professional Lives."



Prof. Al Gini embraces humor

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

In addition, Loyola's School of Continuing and Professional Studies has recently added three new programs in online and blended formats:

- [BA in Applied Criminal Justice Leadership](#)
- [Bachelor of Social Work](#)
- [Nonprofit and Church Leadership Certificate](#)

Or see <http://www.luc.edu/adult-education/index.shtml>

University Center of Lake County

Nora Mena joined the staff as Recruitment Specialist/Advisor in October of 2016. She can readily anticipate student questions, since her own educational path makes her a "double alumna" of University Center programs. Ms. Mena began her undergraduate studies at the College of Lake County, where she received her AA. She then transferred into NEIU, pursuing a major in psychology offered at the University Center.

After receiving that degree *summa cum laude* in 2014, Ms. Mena was hired by SIUC to serve as the Program/Student Advisor at the University Center for the teaching preparation programs offered there. That position provided the opportunity for her to work with traditional transfer students as well as with adult career-changers returning to school for teaching licensure via a second bachelor's degree.

Ms. Mena also continued her own education, receiving her MS in Workforce Education & Development from SIUC in December of 2016.

While an undergraduate, she began serving on the University Center's Governing Board as the student representative, a role she retained when she began her graduate work. While her new job required that she surrender her Board position, that was a small downside.

"The University Center has been a huge factor in my 'success story,'" Nora Mena said. "I would not be where I am today without it."

University of Illinois Springfield

During National Distance Learning Week in November, the University of Illinois Springfield hosted a reception honoring its online students and faculty. The reception highlighted the history of online and blended learning at UIS over the past 15 years and recognized UIS Associate Vice Chancellor for Online Learning Ray Schroeder for the distinguished national awards he received in 2016.

Five UIS online students were featured in video vignettes which highlighted their experiences as online students and the impact their online degrees have had on their careers. The videos can be viewed at <http://go.uis.edu/distance>.

#ICCHEACHE Social Media Efforts

Written by Kimberly Harrison

Attending the Annual Conference? Presenting a session? Use the hashtag #ICCHEACHE to connect with fellow conference-goers before, during, and after the conference. Pre-conference, you could Tweet:

Getting excited about the upcoming #ICCHEACHE conference! Want to know more? Check out <http://www.icche.org/conference>.

I'm headed to the #ICCHEACHE conference 2/8-2/10. Who's meeting me there? @ICCHEorg @ACHEinc

Or, to promote your presentation, perhaps:

Want to learn more about <<insert your topic here>>? Come join me at #ICCHEACHE on <<insert day & time>>! <http://www.icche.org/conference>

If you don't already, please follow us on Twitter (@ICCHEorg) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/icche.org/>).



Will you be coming to Chicago a bit early or staying for the weekend after the conference?

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ICCHE/ACHE Conference—cont'd

participation in one of Valerie's Original Chocolate Tours. Participants will leave the hotel to "experience delicious innovations and surprises" at 3 stops in the North Michigan Avenue/Gold Coast area: [Teuscher Chocolates of Switzerland](#), [Hendrickx Belgian Bakery](#), and [Foodease Market](#).

On Thursday, [Valencia Ray](#), M.D. will give the keynote address, "Change Agility: A Neuroscience Perspective on Persistence, Perseverance and Success in Today's World." Dr. Ray draws on neuroscience research to describe the importance of various mindsets, highlighting those that enhance growth and learning. She will provide "5 Principles to Perform at Your Best" to illustrate "how our mindset affects our ability to persist, persevere and have success in continuing education, leadership and life and what you can begin to do to develop greater change agility, confidence and adaptability in our rapidly changing and uncertain times."

An array of breakout sessions follows. A sampling of topics includes:

- "Gen Z Friendly Classrooms" by Ray Schroeder and Emily Boles, University of Illinois Springfield
- "Identifying the Professional Development Needs of Adjunct Faculty" by Stephani Cuddie, Indiana Wesleyan University
- "Communities of Excellence" by Kevin Riley, Waubesa Community College
- "Partners in Progress: Establishing Value-Added Relationships" by Aaron Patterson, Cambridge Educational Services
- "Creating a Student Ambassador Community" by Natasha Teetsov, Loyola University Chicago
- "The Hero's Journey: Every Hero Needs a Mentor" by Mabel Menard, Omer Pamukcu, and Robert Harris, University of Phoenix.

ICCHE's Annual Business Meeting will be conducted during lunch, along with the presentation of several awards. The afternoon breakout sessions will be followed by an exhibitor reception with door prizes. **Cambridge Educational Services is hosting a dinner for those who RSVP in advance to conference@icche.org.**

Friday's half-day session includes the announcement of the Innovative Initiative Award. Joseph Conan Cassidy of College of DuPage will then present "Collaboration, Matriculation and Differentiation: Move from Defending your CE Program to Leading Positive Change on Campus."

An hour devoted to Round Table Discussions on a variety of topics of interest will allow a final opportunity for collaboration and the exchange of views across sectors. The conference concludes with an ICCHE tradition. Those who have persisted and persevered through the entire conference—and who have submitted conference evaluation forms—have the opportunity for success in continuing education by winning some of the logo swag donated by ICCHE members.

To register, visit <http://www.icche.org/conference/register>. Call (312) 787-6100 for hotel info. The site is DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago-Magnificent Mile, 300 E. Ohio St.

Thank you to the 42nd annual ICCHE-ACHE Great Lakes Joint Conference Sponsors! University of Phoenix, Chicago (Platinum Sponsor), Cambridge Educational Services (Gold Sponsor), Jenzabar, Aceware, Cengage Learning, Spectrum, University of Illinois, and Illinois Online Network.

ICCHE Career News

Elmhurst College

Sheri Bucaro is now the Admission and Community Outreach contact for Elmhurst's **School for Professional Studies**. She joined the staff in fall of 2016. Her professional career has included roles at Roosevelt University, Aurora University/George Williams College, and IIT, but as an Elmhurst alumna she feels she has now "returned home."

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Executive Director **James L. Applegate** has announced his departure from the agency, effective February 15, 2017. In his note in the January 13th edition of the [IBHE Bulletin](#), he thanked the board and staff, listed significant accomplishments of the past three years, and noted that they had been "done in partnership with the leadership of our colleges and sister higher education agencies." ICCHE sends thanks and best wishes.

Loyola University Chicago

Dianne Dawson Daniels joined the **School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS)** in July 2016 as Associate Professor of Leadership Studies. She specializes in leadership, management, and organizational development topics and teaches core courses.

Palak Shukla also joined the **SCPS** in July as Communications Specialist. She is a recent alumna of Loyola's School of Communication and handles the digital media, website and marketing communication.

Adrianna Sakolari became an Administrative Assistant for the **Institute for Paralegal Studies** in October of 2016.

Northwestern University

The School of Professional Studies is seeking an Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and several Program Coordinators. Visit <http://www.northwestern.edu/hr/careers/> for details.

University Center of Lake County

Assistant Dean for Academic Services & Programs **C. Myra Gaytan-Morales** successfully defended her dissertation in December of 2016 to complete the requirements for her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Illinois State University. Her work is entitled *Pathways to a Brighter Future: Narratives of Latino Students' Perceptions at Community College*. The degree will be formally conferred in May of 2017.



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! for details.

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.

The budget impasse
Lets adversity trump hope.
Can we reverse course?

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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| February 8, 2017,
1–2:45 pm | ICCHE Executive Board meeting
Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile |
| February 8–10,
2017 | 42nd Annual ICCHE Conference
Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile |
| Date TBD | Northern Region Professional Development event |
| March 22-24, 2017 | UPCEA Annual Conference , Chicago See:
http://conferences.upcea.edu/annual2017/ |



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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