



ICCTA Board Highlights



Advocacy.

- Received updates on the Fiscal Year 2027 state budget and other House and Senate bills of interest, including:
 - HB5319 - Community College Baccalaureate
 - FY27 PATH Funding
 - SB2715 - FOIA
 - HB5093 - Community College Tuition
 - SB20 - Cannabis Community College Vocational Pilot Program
- Reviewed Federal Funding opportunities released by the Dept. of Education. The following opportunities have a submission deadline of **June 23, 2026 at 11:59PM ET**:
 - Strengthening Institutions Program (\$366mill)
 - Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program (\$10mill)
 - Rural Postsecondary & Economic Development Grant (\$45mill)
 - Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (\$9mill)
 - Open Textbook Pilot Program (\$7mill)
 - Transitioning Gang-Involved Youth to Higher Education (\$5mill)

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Member Engagement

- Unanimously elected ICCTA's officers for 2026-2027:
 - **Bob Hammon** (Kishwaukee College): Vice President
 - **Amanda Howland** (College of Lake County); Secretary
 - **Laura Wedekemper** (Kaskaskia College); Treasurer
 - Their one year terms will begin on July 1, joining incoming president **Shawn Boldt** (Highland) and past president **Patricia Joan Murphy** (Moraine Valley).
- Recognized the 2025-2026 leadership team and the 15 trustees that earned Trustee Education Awards this year.
- Welcomed student trustee **Benjamin Vergara Parra** (Harper College) and his experience as an international exchange student from Brazil and how Harper College helped keep his "American Dream" alive.
- Heard updates from **Dr. Avis Proctor** at ICCCP, **Dr. Brian Durham** ICCB, and **Allena Barbato** with ACCT.
- Thanked outgoing president Patricia Murphy for her leadership and heard updates from incoming president Shawn Boldt on his goals for the upcoming year.

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ICCTA Next Meeting

September 18-19, 2026

The Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL

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