



ICCTA Board Highlights



Advocacy

- The Joyce Foundation has granted an additional \$50,000 to be used towards Community College Baccalaureate advocacy efforts. ICCTA has also submitted a proposal to the Strata Foundation for a \$25,000 grant for advocacy efforts.
- Going forward, the Board of Representative meeting packets will include a full list of ongoing legislative bills that pertain to Illinois community colleges.
- The Governor's office announced over \$20 million in capital grants to be used for Manufacturing Training Academies at community colleges in Illinois.
- ICCB announced a funding increase of \$19 million over the next five years. The grants will be distributed to 31 of the 39 Illinois community colleges and can be used for increasing capacity in nursing and healthcare programs.
- Received updates from the President's Council on their Legislative Initiatives and upcoming President's Council Retreat in October 2026.
- Heard remarks from Illinois Senator Doris Turner on why it's important to never stop advocating for community college needs.

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Member Engagement

- Reviewed updates to the 2025-2027 ICCTA Strategic Plan with ideas that were discussed at the August Executive Committee Retreat.
- Congratulated the ACCT Central Regional Award Winners: William Kelley (Harper) for the Trustee Leadership Award; Dr. Avis Proctor (Harper) for the CEO Award; and, Dr. Amani Wazwaz (Moraine) for the Faculty Member Award.
- Presented a resolution to past president Patricia Joan Murphy (Moraine) for her dedication and commitment as ICCTA President 2025-2026.
- Received and approved the financial audit for Fiscal Year 2026.

Trustee Education

- Trustees attended a seminar presented by representatives from Kaskaskia College, ICCB, and the Governor's Office on Post-Secondary Pathways.
- Student Trustee, Rylie Jones, of Lincoln Land Community College gave an inspiring speech about her experience running a campaign for the Student Trustee elections and how it had a lasting impact on her self-confidence and leadership skills.
- The Trustee Roundtable introduced a new format of small-group discussions and reporting back to the group as a whole. This allowed for all 12 topics to be discussed.

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ICCTA Next BOR Meeting

November 13-14, 2026

Chicago Marriott, Naperville, IL

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