

# ICCTA Board Highlights

Notes from the ICCTA Board of Representatives' February 6-7, 2023, meetings, held in person in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

## ADVOCACY FEDERAL ISSUES



*How many Illinois trustees can you identify in this photo from ICCTA's February 7 meeting with U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth in Washington, D.C.?*

- Received briefings on community colleges' [2023 federal legislative priorities](#);
- Voted to support the proposed 2023 Farm Bill, which includes Capacity Building Grants for community college agriculture and natural resources programs;
- Hosted a constituent meeting with U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth of Illinois on short-term Pell grants, workforce training, and the healthcare professional shortage; and
- Shared ideas on promoting [Community College Month](#) in April, including recruiting current students to return to their high schools to discuss how community college has influenced their lives; and
- Endorsed Amanda Howland (Lake County) for re-election to the Association of Community College Trustees' Board of Directors.

## STATE ISSUES

- Discussed state legislation of interest to Illinois community colleges:
  - [House Bill 1005](#): Requires the City Colleges of Chicago to provide nursing programs at each college
  - [House Bill 1013](#): Requires all public universities and community colleges to provide childcare
  - [House Bill 1055](#): Requires free community college tuition in areas designated as R-3 under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act
  - [House Bill 1133](#): Allows a community college district to spend down its Working Cash Fund to zero

- [House Bill 1264](#): Requires trustee subdistricts in college districts with a population above 300,000
- [House Bill 1408](#): Allows public bodies to continue conducting meetings via audio or video conference
- [House Bill 1630](#): Establishes a pilot bachelor of science in nursing program
- [Senate Bill 93](#): Requires greater accountability for-profit colleges (cap on default rates)
- [Senate Bill 150](#): Requires public universities and community colleges to adopt free-speech policies

- Were informed that the Illinois Board of Higher Education has adopted the [7.5% funding increase](#) recommended by the Illinois Community College Board. Gov. JB Pritzker will deliver his Fiscal Year 2024 budget address on February 15;
- Learned that ICCTA will draft a letter for trustees to send to members of the Illinois General Assembly's higher education committees from their college districts; and
- Acknowledged Dr. Maureen Banks (Parkland), who was recently appointed by Gov. Pritzker as ICCB's trustee representative.



Student trustees from the College of DuPage and Hudson Valley Community College helped share the community college story -- and promote Community College Month in April -- during the 2023 National Legislative Summit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2022

- February 15: Governor's Budget Message / State of the State Address, Springfield
- February 24: Deadline for [ICCTA award nominations](#)  
ICCTA East Central Region meeting, Heartland Community College, Normal

### MARCH 2022

- March 9: [Illinois Council of Community College Presidents joint meeting with Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Service Officers](#), Westin Chicago Lombard, Lombard
- March 9-10: [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBD
- March 10: [Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting](#), Westin Chicago Lombard, Lombard
- March 10-11: [ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings](#), Westin Chicago Lombard, Lombard
- March 15: [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), location TBA
- March 17: ICCTA West Central Region meeting, Spoon River College, Macomb Outreach Center
- March 24: [Illinois Community College Board meeting](#), Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby
- March 31: Deadline for [ICCTA award nominations](#)

### APRIL 2022

- April 1-4: [American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention](#), Denver, CO
- April 4: Illinois consolidated election (including community college trustee elections)
- April 13: [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), virtual or Chicago
- April 20: [State Universities Retirement System Board meetings](#), location TBD
- April 27: Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield

## NEXT MEETING

The ICCTA Board of Representatives will meet on Saturday morning, March 11, 2023, at the Westin Chicago Lombard Hotel in Lombard, Illinois.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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