



ICCTA Board Highlights

ICCTA
Illinois Community College Trustees Association

Advocacy

FEDERAL ISSUES

- Met with U.S. Senators **Dick Durbin** and **Tammy Duckworth** of Illinois on community colleges' [2025 federal legislative priorities](#), including workforce Pell Grants and [protecting the U.S. Department of Education](#);
- Were advised that that community colleges should be strategic in responding to recent Trump administration executive orders; and
- Welcomed Association of Community College Trustees vice president of public policy **Carrie Warick-Smith**, who thanked Illinois trustees for participating in the 2025 National Legislative Summit.

STATE ISSUES

- Discussed ICCTA's Community College Baccalaureate initiative ([House Bill 3717](#) and [Senate Bill 2482](#)). Trustees are urged to contact members of the Illinois Community College Caucus to sign on as co-sponsors; and
- Learned that the Illinois Community College Board's Adequacy and Equity in Community College Funding Work Group will release its report on March 21.

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Trustee Education

- Were encouraged to register for [ICCTA's March 14-15 meetings in Lisle](#). Education and networking opportunities include the Trustee Roundtable and a seminar on "The State of DEI"; and
- Announced that the ICCTA Board of Representatives and select committees will meet in Springfield on Tuesday, May 6, followed by Community College Lobby Day on Thursday, May 7.

Member Engagement

- Applauded [remarks from student trustee Ashley Hatcher](#) of Waubonsee Community College, who described her leadership service as a transformative experience. She said that the most impactful way that trustees can help student leaders thrive is through mentorship;
- Encouraged trustees to volunteer as judges for the association's [2025 award program](#);
- Reminded trustees to complete ACCT's [member interest survey](#); and
- Noted the attendance of trustees, presidents, administrators, and students from 28 community college districts from around the state.

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ICCTA's next meeting

March 14-15, 2025

Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel
Lisle, Illinois

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