

**ICCB President/CEO Report
Presidents' Council/ICCTA Meetings
November 11-12, 2011
Chicago, Illinois**

Welcome to New ICCB Employees

I am happy to report that three new employees joined ICCB on Tuesday, November 1.

Robert Brice is the Associate Director for Highway Construction Careers Training Programs. He is in the Workforce Development Division. He came to us from Archer Daniels Midland. He will be working on job placement for college graduates in the constructions careers area. This position is funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Triana Harris is the Office Support Associate for the Academic Affairs, Student Services, and the Workforce Development Divisions. We hired her away from a local real estate agency where she was the receptionist for the last couple of years.

Kris Pickford is the Associate Director for Financial Compliance and Program Accountability. Kris has been working at the Opticians Association of America. He has written grants, formulated policy, and worked extensively with federal and state regulations for various programs.

In August, Suzanne Reese was hired to be the Associate Director for the Early School Leaver Program. This program is funded through a state and federal grant and is part of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Division. She was working at SIUC as a service center coordinator for Rend Lake and Kaskaskia colleges. She is located in our Southern Illinois office.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon

Congratulations go out to Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon on her efforts to visit every public community college in the state. She started her tour in February at John A. Logan College and ended her tour on October 6 at Rock Valley College. Needless to say, it is quite an accomplishment in the fact that she was able to complete the tour in less than nine months. I am sure I speak for the whole system in thanking the Lieutenant Governor in making this tour such a high priority during her first year in office. On Friday, October 22, Simon was the luncheon speaker at the Illinois Community College Faculty Association Conference in Springfield. While there, the group honored her on her accomplishment by giving her a framed picture with the names of each of the 48 community colleges that she visited.

Best Wishes to State Senator Ed Maloney

State Sen. Ed Maloney announced that he will not seek reelection to the State Senate this upcoming year. Maloney has been Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee for the last six years and has been a strong advocate of our community colleges. The senator will finish out the rest of his term next year before his successor takes office in January of 2013. We wish Senator Maloney the best in whatever new endeavors he decides to take on and we thank him for being such a good friend of our system.

ISAC Visits

Recently, ICCB Vice Chair Suzanne Morris and I met with new ISAC Board member Miguel del Valle to discuss ways that agency can better serve our community college students via the MAP grants. A couple of weeks later, I also met with College of DuPage trustee, Kim Savage, who also serves as a new member on ISAC. During both of our visits, we discussed the recommendations that the ICCB Task Force developed last year. Vice Chair Morris and I both felt the meetings were very productive in getting our point across. Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 22 in Deerfield with ISAC Interim Director John Sinsheimer. Hopefully, as a result of these meetings, we will see some positive changes that will benefit all Illinois community college students.

Illinois Attorney General's Office of Disability Rights

I met with staff from the Attorney General's Office Disability Rights Bureau, along with Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson and Jeff Newell, Director of Distance Education on October 12 to discuss the efforts of community colleges to come into compliance with the ADA with respect to websites and information technologies. The meeting was productive in that we were able to share some of our best practices in other states and in other higher education systems. We will continue to meet with members of the AG's staff to share and/or develop assessment instruments for information technology.

Illinois Consortium on International Studies and Programs

The Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs celebrated their 25th anniversary in Champaign on October 20-21. This organization provides study abroad experiences to students and professional development opportunities to faculty to "promote cultural diversity, global awareness, competency, and understanding." Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson represented ICCB at the event. We hope to have an article in the next ICCB magazine highlighting their achievements over the last 25 years.

Republic of Georgia

Representatives from the Illinois Community College System met with representatives from the Republic of Georgia on September 29 in Chicago to discuss the history of the system, the governance of the colleges, and the role of ICCB in the Illinois Community College Act. Participants included Geoff Obrzut, Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Julie Smith from the Governor's Office, and Mike Monaghan. The international representatives also visited City Colleges of Chicago, College of DuPage, and Oakton Community College during their visit.

Triton College Recognition

A special thanks goes out to Triton College President Dr. Patty Granados, her Board of Trustees and her Foundation Board for the recent honor they bestowed on me and two other recipients at the 19th Annual President's Reception in River Grove. Over 300 people were in attendance, including Mike Monaghan and Dr. Elaine Johnson. It was a wonderful evening and I am very truly grateful for the special recognition. It obviously makes me proud to be an alumnus of both Triton and our community college system as a whole.

CareerBuilder

The Illinois Community Board is very excited to announce a newly formed partnership with our ICCB and CareerBuilder. Owned by Gannett Co, Inc., Tribune Company, The McClatchy Company, and Microsoft Corp., CareerBuilder is the nation's leader in workforce solutions with a vast online and print network to help job seekers connect with employers. CareerBuilder.com powers the career sites for more than 9,000 web sites, including 140 newspapers and broadband portals such as MSN and AOL. CareerBuilder launched a Supply/Demand portal, which pulls data from national employment resources to identify occupations and corresponding markets with the greatest supply and under-supply of candidates. This intelligence helps to cut down on time and money spent on reaching hard-to-find talent for our enterprise customers and will help community colleges understand the job market in-real time. In addition, it answers the following questions:

1. What is driving recent trends in labor force?
2. How is the education field affecting (and being affected by) these trends?
3. What are the fastest growing and decline industries and where are they located?

Additional information will be forthcoming.