This weekend I had the privilege of attending our Those Who Excel banquet in Peoria. This annual event is one of the highlights in the school year that I look forward to because we honor those who give so much to our students. We also name our Teacher of the Year.

This year we honored 159 individuals and teams for their service to Illinois’ public education system. They were teachers, administrators, student support personnel and community members. They came from all over the state but all shared one common goal, the one that got all of us into education in the first place – they all want to make a positive impact on the lives of young people.

I met some wonderful people and heard about the great accomplishments they have been able to achieve. What strikes me about the people at this banquet is the number of people involved who would not be considered traditional educators. The cook, janitor or community volunteer that are just as committed to seeing young people succeed as any number of teachers or administrators. This type of commitment from non-educators to our students is truly a blessing and something that I hope we see more of in the future.

I also would like to announce that Annice Brave, from Alton Community Unit School District 11, has been chosen as our 2011 Illinois Teacher of the Year. Brave teaches English and journalism at Alton High School. She has been a teacher for 23 years, earning National Board certification in 2001.

Brave serves as chair of the English Department and is the faculty sponsor of the student literacy magazine, Calliope. She has been instrumental in developing a media class that combines writing with technology and also a student radio program in partnership with her local community college. She spends her lunch hour in her classroom so that students can work on the school newspaper and she is also a past president of her local teachers union.

Brave was chosen from among eight finalists. Other Teacher of the Year finalists include:

- **Melissa Angeles** teaches science at Hononegah Community High School in Hononegah Community High School District 207.
- **Dennis Brown** teaches journalism and social studies at Huntley High School in Huntley Consolidated School District 158.
- **Jennifer Jarden** is a sixth-grade language arts teacher at Trimpe Middle School in Bethalto Community School District 8.
- **Leanne Jebens** is a kindergarten teacher at Christa McAuliffe School in Kirby School District 140.
• Kimberly Radostits teaches Spanish at Oregon High School in Oregon Community Unit School District 220.

• Susan Thomas teaches social studies at Centennial High School in Champaign Unit 4 School District.

• Trish Vanderploeg is an eighth-grade teacher of English at Plum Grove Junior High School in Community Consolidated School District 15.

Congratulations to all of the finalists and all of the honorees at this year’s Those Who Excel banquet. Their contributions to students are investments in our future.

Have a terrific week.

Chris

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

• Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision) and Part 365 (Children’s Low-cost Laptop Program) – Public comment period ends Oct. 18

• Annual budgets must be filed with the county clerk within 30 days, Oct. 31, of adoption or any subsequent adoption (105 ILCS 5/17-1 and 35 ILCS 200/18-50)

• Annual Budgets must be submitted to ISBE – Oct. 31, annually

• Special Education 2010 Summer Claims Due – Nov. 1

• School Mental Health: Strengthening Schools, Supporting Students conference in Springfield – Nov. 9-10

• Illinois Technology Education Conference in Normal – Nov. 12-13

• Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet deadline – Nov 15

• 2010-2011 Health Examination and Immunization Data Collection deadline – Nov. 15

• Deadline for receipt of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) / Audit to ISBE from the Regional Office of Education / Intermediate Service Center (Cook County) (with the exception of an extension of time granted by the regional superintendent) (105 ILCS 5/3.7 and 105 ILCS 5/3-15.1) – Nov. 15 (Dec. 15 with an approved extension)

• Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois), Part 100 (Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing), and Part 675 (Providers of Supplemental Educational Services) – Public comment period ends Nov. 22

• Part 25 (Certification) – Public comment period ends Nov. 29

• FY11 NCLB Monitoring Instrument – Nov. 30

• FY11 NCLB Title I Comparability Analysis – Nov. 30

• Last day for filing the Annual Statement of Affairs (ISBE form 50-37) to ISBE – Dec. 15

• 2010-11 Teacher Service Record data deadline – Dec. 15

• 2010-2011 Nonpublic Registration, Enrollment, and Staff Report deadline – Dec. 31

• Postmark deadline for waiver applications to be considered by the General Assembly in Spring 2011 – Jan. 7

• 2010-11 Teacher Salary Study Form deadline – Feb. 1

• 2010-11 Eye Examination Data Collection deadline – June 30, 2011

School Health Task Force

Feedback Sought on Issues Related to Meeting Health Needs of Students

The Governor's Office is convening a School Health Task Force in response to HJR 0046 (96th General Assembly) to study issues related to meeting health needs of students during the school day.

Your cooperation in completing a survey by Nov. 5 will assist in gathering baseline data needed to facilitate the work of the task force. Only anonymous, aggregate data is requested.
Please click on the following link to access the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VBBSKF7.

Webinars

**Webinar to Cover New Illinois Learning Standards Based on the Common Core**

Join us for a webinar on the New Illinois Learning Standards Based on the Common Core on Oct. 21.

Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/120021976.

This webinar will be led by agency staff to discuss the implementation of the New Illinois Learning Standards based on the Common Core. It will provide an overview on agency activities to support district and school level implementation, as well as to provide a timeline for implementation.

- **Title:** The New Illinois Learning Standards based on the Common Core
- **Date:** Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010
- **Time:** 1-2 p.m.

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

**System Requirements**

- PC-based attendees: Windows 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server required
- Macintosh-based attendees: Mac OS X 10.4.11 (Tiger) or newer required

**Webinar on Developing Advanced Placement Program Coming Up**

The webinar “Strategies and Resources for Developing or Expanding an Advanced Placement (AP) Program in Your District” is set for Nov. 9.

Space is limited. Reserve your webinar seat at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/695626016.

Representatives from the College Board, working in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education, will provide a comprehensive review of the advantages an AP program offers to participating students. The presentation includes research results documenting increased postsecondary success for AP students, as well as practical strategies and advice for schools regarding how to develop and implement a successful high school program.

- **Title:** Strategies and Resources for Developing or Expanding an Advanced Placement (AP) Program in Your District
- **Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010
- **Time:** 10-11 a.m.

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

**System Requirements**

- PC-based attendees: Windows 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server required
- Macintosh-based attendees: Mac OS X 10.4.11 (Tiger) or newer required

**Webinar to Discuss 21st Century Community Learning Center Program**

A webinar called “An Introduction to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program and the 2012 RFP Process” will be held Nov. 4.

Space is limited. Reserve your webinar seat at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/309169169.

The purpose of this webinar is to provide interested parties an understanding of what a 21st Century Community Learning Center Program looks like by explaining some of the federal requirements and expectations that shape the program. Included in the presentation will be cursory information about the 2012 RFP process, including eligibility, funding priorities, classifications of grantees and a timeline for the award.

- **Title:** An Introduction to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program and the 2012 RFP Process
- **Date:** Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010
- **Time:** 1-3 p.m.

After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.

**System Requirements**

- PC-based attendees: Windows 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server required
- Macintosh-based attendees: Mac OS X 10.4.11 (Tiger) or newer required
Curriculum and Instruction

Survey on Kindergarten Assessments to Be Distributed

In the next several days, a survey on kindergarten assessments will be distributed to elementary school principals in your district through the Illinois Principals Association. A statewide group of stakeholders has been convened, with support from the McCormick Foundation, to explore benefits of a statewide Kindergarten Developmental Assessment Process (KDAP). The KDAP would give educators and families information about the knowledge, skills and attitudes towards learning that children bring to kindergarten and support our efforts to establish a learning continuum to guide instruction and planning across the P-20 spectrum.

Please encourage your principals to respond. We will be happy to share the survey results with you when data are compiled.

School Business Services

Funding Available for FY 2011 School District Reorganization Feasibility Studies

The State Board of Education is accepting agreements for the FY 2011 School District Reorganization Feasibility Studies. Feasibility studies are a tool to be used by school districts wanting to investigate the advantages and/or disadvantages of reorganization options. Interested school districts should submit a proposed agreement with an independent contractor(s) to their Regional Office of Education (ROE). The ROE will submit the agreement to ISBE for approval.

State funding is available on a “first come-first served” basis. Each study will be funded between $4,500 and $8,000 based on the number of school districts involved in the study and the combined student enrollment of the districts involved in the study. Any study cost above the state funding will be the responsibility of the participating districts. In order to receive reorganization feasibility study funds in FY 2011, agreements must be approved by both the ROE and ISBE, and studies must be completed and approved for payment no later than June 30, 2011.


Application Materials for Energy Efficiency Grants Available on IWAS

Application materials for the Energy Efficiency Grants are available on the IWAS system. Applications must be submitted to the Regional Offices of Education by Jan. 15, 2011. The Energy Efficiency Grants are a dollar for dollar state matching grant program, providing up to $250,000 for energy efficiency projects in schools. All school districts, charter schools, vocational center or public university laboratory schools are eligible.

The FY 2010 Capital Bill provided $50 million for Energy Efficiency Grants. The grants are planned to be distributed over the next two fiscal years, with $9 million released this fall. The grants can be used for insulation, windows, doors, energy controls, lighting, energy recovery, energy conservation, alternative energy systems and other projects designed to reduce energy consumption. The grant application can be found on the IWAS system.

Pursuant to Public Act 96-1064 (http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=096-1064&GA=96), each award of a grant of State funds of $250,000 or more for capital construction costs or professional services is conditioned upon the recipient’s written certification complying with the business enterprise program of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities Act and the equal employment practices of the Illinois Human Rights Act. The business enterprise program only applies to the State-funded portion of the capital project. A directory of certified Minority and Female Business Enterprises can be found on the following webpage: http://www.cdb.state.il.us/CDBWEB_MBEFBE.nsf/webs earch?OpenForm.

For more information and assistance, contact Kimberly Beachy with the School Business Services Division at 217-785-8779.

Nutrition

Illinois School Breakfast in Action Summit Scheduled for Nov. 16

School breakfast participation increased almost 20 percent in fiscal year 2010 in Illinois. In recognition of
this significant improvement, the Nutrition Programs Division announces the Illinois School Breakfast in Action Summit during Illinois School Breakfast Week, Nov. 15-19, 2010. This one-half day complimentary event will offer:

- Proven best practices of nontraditional breakfast service in different sizes of schools across Illinois;
- Current research related to breakfast consumption by a representative from the Bell Institute of Health and Nutrition;
- Effective marketing strategies to increase student breakfast participation;
- An examination of expenses and revenue related to breakfast service;
- Ways to maximize nutrition in the breakfast meal with USDA Foods;
- Grant and scholarship resources, tips of the trade and samples of breakfast items; and
- Ideas for developing school and community partnerships to foster high breakfast involvement by all school staff.

The conference date is Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the program starts at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m. The location is 40 West Intermediate Service Center, 2701 West Washington Blvd., Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Pre-registration is required. Go to http://www.isbe.net/nutrition and click on Illinois School Breakfast in Action Summit under Special Events and Workshops. If you have any questions, please contact the Nutrition Programs Division at 800-545-7892 or 217-782-2491.

**Data Analysis and Progress Reporting**

**2010-11 Teacher Service Record Now Open in IWAS**

The 2010-11 Teacher Service Record (TSR) is open for districts and other reporting entities to provide data on full- and part-time employees working as of Oct. 1, 2010, in a position that requires a teaching, administrative or school service personnel certificate issued by the Illinois State Board of Education. This includes any retiree working in a position requiring certification, performing duties other than as a substitute.

The deadline for submitting these data is Dec. 15, 2010.

Questions about completing the TSR can be directed to the ISBE Data Analysis and Progress Reporting Division at tsr@isbe.net or 217-782-3950.

**2010-11 Eye Examination Data Collection Period Begins on IWAS**

Starting Oct. 16, 2010, the Student Health Data – Vision system will be available in IWAS for school year 2010-11 data submission. Completed reports must be received no later than June 30, 2011.

Links to important related documents are provided below.

- **User Guide:** [http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/vision_iwas_guide.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/vision_iwas_guide.pdf)
- **Data Entry Worksheet:** [http://www.isbe.net/research/xls/eye_exam_wksht.xls](http://www.isbe.net/research/xls/eye_exam_wksht.xls)

A report must be submitted for every eligible school, without exception. Schools that are not the home school for any student should submit the report by selecting the option which allows them to declare they have no data to report.

Please share this information with the school nurse or health technician and those submitting the Eye Examination data to the Illinois State Board of Education. Questions can be addressed to Md. Shafiqul Azam in the Data Analysis and Progress Reporting Division at 217-782-3950 or mazam@isbe.net.

**Health Examination and Immunization Data Collection Deadline Coming Up**

Starting Oct. 16, 2010, the Student Health Data – Immunization system will be available in IWAS for school year 2010-11 data submission. Completed reports must be received no later than Nov. 15, 2010.

Links to important related documents are provided below.

- **User Guide:** [http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/Immunization_user_guide.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/Immunization_user_guide.pdf)
- **Immunization and Compliance with State Law:** [http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/immunization_requirements.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/immunization_requirements.pdf)
• Data Entry Worksheet:
  http://www.isbe.net/research/xls/immunization_worksheet.xls

• How to Calculate Actual Unduplicated Count:
  http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/Unduplicated_Count.pdf

• Health and Immunization Questions and Answers:
  http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27894/documents/SchoolHealth/FAQ09.doc

A report must be submitted for every eligible school, without exception. Schools that are not the home school for any student should submit the report by selecting the option which allows them to declare they have no data to report.

Please share this information with the school nurse or health technician and those submitting the Immunization/Health Examination data to the Illinois State Board of Education. Questions may be addressed to Md. Shafiqul Azam in the Data Analysis and Progress Reporting Division at 217-782-3950 or mazam@isbe.net.

2010-11 Unfilled Positions Survey Available in IWAS

The 2010-11 Unfilled Positions Survey is available in IWAS for data entry. The deadline for completing the survey and submitting it to ISBE is Nov. 15, 2010.

Districts are to report the number of budgeted positions they were unable to fill as of Oct. 1, 2010. All districts are required to complete the survey, even districts that did not have any unfilled positions. To avoid duplicating unfilled positions reported by public school districts, other reporting entities (e.g., special education cooperatives) should only report their unfilled employee positions.

Questions about the survey content can be directed to Jim Sweeney in the ISBE Data Analysis and Progress Reporting Division at jsweeney@isbe.net.

Funding and Disbursement Services

Revised ARRA Reporting Instructions – October 2010

The Federal offices of Management and Budget as well as the Department of Education have issued clarifying guidance pertaining to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The local education agency ARRA reporting requirements and instructions have been updated to incorporate these changes. In addition, information on the purpose, permissible use and prohibitions of the new Education Jobs Fund program has been provided and can be accessed at http://www.isbe.net/arra/pdf/arra_reporting_inst.pdf.

A summary of the significant changes to this revision include:

• New Department of Education and Office of Management and Budget ARRA Guidance Links (Page 1)
• ARRA fraud reporting statement and procedures (Page 2)
• Reminder: renewal of DUNS numbers with the Central Contractor Registration Site (Page 3)
• Revised statement regarding the return of interest income (Pages 4-5)
• Education Jobs Fund – permissible use, prohibitions and reimbursement requests (Pages 9-11)

If you have any questions regarding ARRA reporting procedures please contact the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at 217-782-5256.

Special Education Summer School State Aid Claim Deadline is Nov. 1

The Special Education Summer School claim authorized under Section 18-4.3 is statutorily required to be received at the Illinois State Board of Education on or before Nov. 1, 2010. Claims are for eligible students educated in 2010 summer programs and must be filed electronically via the Illinois State Board of Education's Web Application Security System (IWAS). No claims will be accepted or honored after the statutory date.

Eligibility requirements for pupils claimed for summer school are:

1) the pupil must be enrolled in one or more courses offered for at least 60 clock hours in the summer session;
2) the pupil must be eligible pursuant to the requirements for continued summer school services per his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP);
3) there shall not be a tuition charge to families to insure a "free, appropriate public education."
Questions regarding completion of the Special Education Summer School claim should be directed to Jodi Whitlow, Division of Funding and Disbursement Services, at 217-782-5256 or jwhitlow@isbe.net.

Special Education Summer Individual Orphanage claims authorized under Section 14-7.03 must be transmitted electronically using iePoint >2010.1.8 or NetCheck via Harrisburg Project. Technical issues regarding iePoint >2010.1.8 or NetCheck should be directed to Harrisburg Project support staff at 800-635-5274.

The Special Education Summer Individual Orphanage claims may only be transmitted until midnight Nov. 1, 2010. Questions regarding completion of this claim should be directed to Jodi Whitlow, Division of Funding and Disbursement Services, at 217-782-5256 or jwhitlow@isbe.net.

Technical issues regarding IWAS should be directed to the ISBE call center at 217-558-3600 during business hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Federal Interest Income – Quarterly Reminder

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34-Education, Part 80 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, Subpart C-Post Award Requirements, Section 80.21 Payment, requires grantees and subgrantees to promptly, but at least quarterly, remit interest earned on advances to the appropriate federal agency. The grantee or subgrantee may keep interest amounts up to $100 per year for administrative purposes.

To ensure compliance with federal administrative requirements, local education agency fiscal officials should develop internal controls and a sound methodology to calculate and return, at least quarterly, remit interest earned in excess of $100 on federal program funds. Interest calculation methodologies must be based on actual, not estimated, interest earnings on federal funds. Further details as to how federal interest should be calculated and remitted can be found on pages 7-9 of the State and Federal Grant Administration Policy and Fiscal Requirements and Procedures which can be accessed at http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/fiscal_procedure_handb k.pdf.

Interest should be returned using the following guidelines:

- Checks for interest earned should be made payable to the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Checks should not include the return of unexpended disbursements from the Illinois State Board of Education. Even though unexpended disbursements and interest payments are made payable to the Illinois State Board of Education, separate checks should be issued for both.
- Checks should be accompanied by a statement identifying the program and the program year from which the interest was earned.

All checks must be mailed to: Illinois State Board of Education, Funding and Disbursements Services Division (E-320), 100 N. First St., Springfield, IL 62777-0001.

Finance and Audit Committee

Public Encouraged to Attend Budget Hearings to Be Held Across the State

ISBE kicked off a series of public budget hearings across the state at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in Chicago at the James R. Thompson Center. ISBE’s Finance and Audit Committee conducts public hearings each year to gather opinions as they prepare the education budget to be submitted to the General Assembly and Governor.

Here are the remaining public forums:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010 — 3-5 p.m. — Springfield** — ISBE Office, 4th floor Board Room, 100 N. First St., Springfield
- **Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 — 5-7 p.m. — Mundelein** — Carl Sandberg School Multipurpose Room, Mundelein S.D. #75, 855 W. Hawley St., Mundelein
- **Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 — 3-5 p.m. — Belleville** — St. Clair County Regional Office of Education, 1000 S. Illinois St., Belleville
- **Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 — 4-6 p.m. — DeKalb** — DeKalb County Regional Office of Education, 2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb
- **Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010 — 4-6 p.m. — Champaign** — Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion, Room C, 200 W. Green St., Champaign

Participants are asked to bring five copies of written testimony. A sign-up sheet will be available at each meeting. See http://www.isbe.net/news/2010/oct4.htm for
Special Education Services

**70/30 and Class Size/Age Range Request Forms Posted Online**

Special Education Services has recently posted the following information on the ISBE website:


Questions regarding the completion of these forms should be directed to Betty Hendrickson in Special Education Services at 217-782-5589 or via e-mail at bhendric@isbe.net.

Career and Technical Education

**Illinois Technology Education Conference Slated for Nov. 12-13**

The Technology Education Association of Illinois will hold the 17th annual Illinois Technology Education Conference in Normal on Nov. 12-13.

The conference kicks off at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, with keynote speaker Topper Steinman. Steinman has more than 30 years of experience in public school teaching, counseling and consulting and has presented numerous workshops and seminars throughout the country. The conference will also feature a tour of the newly renovated Turner Hall, home to the Technology Department at Illinois State University.


Professional Development

**Illinois Science Teachers Association’s Annual Conference Slated for Nov. 4-6**

The Illinois Science Teachers Association’s 43rd annual Conference on Science Education is set for Nov. 4-6 in Springfield. The theme of this year’s conference is “Cultivating Illinois Science.”

Up to nine continuing professional development units are available for the conference, which kicks off at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Crowne Plaza. Visit [http://www.ista-il.org/conference.htm](http://www.ista-il.org/conference.htm) for advance

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**Bullying Prevention**

**Variety of Resources Available to Battle Bullying in Our Schools**

Recent media reports of suicides across the country related to bullying because teens were gay or believed to be gay have put even more attention on efforts to fight bullying. Please take time to look at existing resources to keep children safe.


In addition, ISBE’s Innovation and Improvement Division has a Safe at School web page ([http://www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/safe_at_school.htm](http://www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/safe_at_school.htm)).

The School Bullying Prevention Task Force, which was created by Public Act 96-0803, is in the process of preparing a report on prevention and ways to address bullying in schools. More information, including a list of members, is available at [http://www.isbe.net/SBPTF/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/SBPTF/default.htm).

The string of suicides related to bullying and sexual orientation prompted a statement by U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan. One resource recommended by the U.S. Department of Education is [http://www.bullyinginfo.org](http://www.bullyinginfo.org).
registration information. Costs vary for association members and nonmembers.

The conference features a Friday evening gala at the Illinois State Museum and tours on Saturday of science-based facilities in and near Springfield. The conference’s keynote speaker is Alan McCormack, a professor at San Diego State University and president-elect of the National Science Teachers Association. For a complete list of conference events, visit the website above.

For more information about the Illinois Science Teachers Association, go to http://www.ista-il.org/.

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### Student Opportunities

#### IDOT Seeks Entries for Annual Work Zone Safety Calendar Contest

The annual Illinois Work Zone Safety Calendar Contest for elementary students in kindergarten through sixth grade is under way. The contest goal is to help reduce work zone-related crashes in Illinois.


For more information on the contest, visit http://www.dot.il.gov/trafficsafety/WZS/WZScontest.html or contact Jessica Baker, at 217-785-3062.

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### Classroom Opportunities

#### Solve for Tomorrow Contest to Award Technology Grants

Applications are available for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest, which aims to increase the pursuit of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

Teachers nationwide can apply to compete for 25 technology grants worth $15,000. Out of the applications received, 50 classes will be selected and provided audio and visual equipment to create a video addressing the question, “How can science and math help improve the environment in your community?” The top 25 videos will earn grants, and the top 10 will compete in online voting. The teachers and student representatives of the top five finalists will be invited to an awards ceremony in New York City.

Visit http://www.samsung.com/solvefortomorrow for more information and an online registration form. The deadline to apply is Oct. 24.

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### In the News

#### ISU’s College of Education Inducts New Members Into Hall of Fame

ISBE’s own Linda Tomlinson was recently named to Illinois State University’s College of Education Alumni Hall of Fame. Tomlinson is the assistant superintendent for School Support Services and serves on the State Teacher Certification Board. She earned a doctorate in educational administration and foundations in 2006 from ISU.

Other educators recently inducted into the college’s Hall of Fame are:

- Sharon Kay Weiss of Peoria, principal of St. Patrick’s Grade School in Washington, Ill.
- Deanne Perkins of Normal, a teacher and chair of the special education department at Kingsley Junior High in Normal.
- Cathy Flannery of LaSalle, who recently retired from a consultancy at McGraw Hill.
- Patti Hodges of Springfield, director of field services at the Illinois Education Association.
- Ngozi Onuora of Decatur, an instructor at Millikin University.
- Keith Jepsen of New York City, president of Global Student Loan Corp.

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### Principal Appreciation Week Just Around the Corner

Did you know Oct. 22 is Principal Appreciation Day?

In fact, this week is Principal Appreciation Week, and the Illinois Principals Association offers some suggestions for marking the state-endorsed occasion:

- **Write for your principal:** Write poems, letters or notes of appreciation and leave them on the desk of your principal.
- **Activities After School:** Plan a reception at the end of the school day for teachers and staff to show appreciation and celebrate their principal.
- **Flower Shower:** Shower the principal with flowers from students and staff.
For more ideas to honor principals, assistant principals, deans and other building leaders in schools, and to read Gov. Pat Quinn's proclamation for the special week and day, visit [http://www.ilprincipals.org/](http://www.ilprincipals.org/) and look under "IPA News" for an article on Principal Appreciation Day/Week.

**Weekly News Clips**


**Employment Opportunities**

**ISBE External Vacancy List**

An External Vacancy List for the Illinois State Board of Education is available at [http://www.isbe.net/hr/Default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/hr/Default.htm).