

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

During lunch, each table will have a facilitator and will be asked to focus on what can and should be done to move both Illinois and higher education forward. For example, how could “partnerships,” for example, or new policies or approaches, advance future prospects? Each table will be asked to pose at least one question or suggestion to which the panel and audience will react.

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **“Where Do We Go From Here?”**

Moderator: **Stanley O. Ikenberry**, President Emeritus, University of Illinois; Regent Professor, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois

Panelists:

The Honorable Barbara Flynn Currie, Majority Leader, Illinois House of Representatives

The Honorable Kirk W. Dillard, Illinois Senate

The Honorable Edward D. Maloney, Illinois Senate

The Honorable Richard P. Myers, Illinois House of Representatives

Gery Chico, Senior Partner, Law Offices of Chico and Nunes LLP

Judy Erwin, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education

Linda Katehi, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Closing Comments by B. Joseph White**, President, University of Illinois



HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT

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Garland Room, 5th floor

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Why Here? Why Now?

A candid discussion of the challenges facing Illinois and the state's colleges and universities has never been more important. Whether the issue is the Illinois economy, the quality of life in Illinois communities, job creation, energy, the environment, agriculture and manufacturing, future prospects for young people and families, or the financial health of our state, what happens in Illinois higher education makes a profound long term difference.

The Chancellor's Office, the Forum on the Future of Public Education in the College of Education, and the College of Media at Illinois and the University of Illinois' Institute of Government and Public Affairs are pleased to present this Higher Education Summit. We bring together leaders from government, business, education, and civic leaders to focus on what can and should be done to advance Illinois and higher education in this state. What are the trends? What do the people of Illinois expect? And what should we expect of ourselves?

Why should we have this discussion now? A long-awaited update of the state's Master Plan for Higher Education is presently under way. What happens at the Summit can inform that process. Far beyond this state and its colleges, education at every level has taken on new importance and urgency in the changing global economy. Innovation, creativity, intellectual capacity, what individuals know and can do: these are the crucial strengths going forward. How Illinois chooses to invest its dollars, our policies and strategic directions, and the standards and expectations we set for ourselves, can make all the difference as we enter a new era and a vastly more competitive world.

We begin today with a conversation on the "State of the State" led by former Governor Jim Edgar and a knowledgeable panel, to be followed by a comparable examination of the "State of Illinois Higher Education." In recent weeks, a poll of Illinois voters' views about Illinois and its colleges and universities has been conducted. We will talk about the findings of this survey and its implications. The Number One item on the agenda over lunch and following will be the question: Where do we go from here?

The success of this Summit depends on you and your contribution. Thank you for being here.

Agenda

9:25 a.m. **Welcome by Richard H. Herman**, Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **"The State of the State"**

Moderator: **Jim Edgar**, Former Governor, State of Illinois; Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois

Discussion will focus on the major issues facing the State of Illinois, especially those with implications for higher education.

Panelists:

Ronald Bullock, Chairman, Illinois Manufacturers' Association
The Honorable Daniel W. Hynes, Illinois State Comptroller
R. Eden Martin, Counsel, Sidley Austin LLP; President, The Civic Committee of The Commercial Club of Chicago

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Break**

10:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **"The State of Illinois Higher Education"**

Moderator: **Jim Nowlan**, Senior Fellow, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois

Robert F. Rich, Director and Professor at the Institute of Government and Public Affairs will release the results of a survey of public attitudes toward higher education. Panel and audience discussion will follow.

Panelists:

Al Bowman, President, Illinois State University
The Honorable Miguel del Valle, City Clerk of Chicago
Warrwick L. Carter, President, Columbia College, Chicago
Elaine S. Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, Illinois Community College Board
Dennis Jones, President, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems