

# Coming and Past Events . . .

## SPRING & FALL EVENTS

### It's Working in Moline: Higher Education and P-12 Planning Service Learning Events



Vice President Gary Johnson and Don Maxwell, Western Illinois University; Joe Vermier, Regional Superintendent of Schools; and President Keith Miller and Kim Armstrong, Black Hawk College discuss service learning and P-16+ connections.

Moline-- On March 12, faculty and students from higher education and from P-12 (preschool through high school) came together to discuss their service-learning experiences and working together. Black Hawk President Keith Miller hosted the symposium and joined Joe Vermier, regional superintendent, WIU Vice President Gary Johnson in setting the event. They all agreed that P-16+ service learning "begins with communication." Kim Armstrong and Don Maxwell coordinated the preparation and the event.

The meeting at Black Hawk College is one of nine P-16+ service-learning symposia that were held in the spring with an additional nine planned for

September and early October. The goals for the symposia are to strengthen ties between higher education and P-12 through service learning; to integrate service into the curriculum at all levels of education; and to create an awareness about how students can help one another to improve reading, math, and readiness.

The symposia series is sponsored by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Deputy Governor for Education, the Senate Education Committee and the P-16+ Service-Learning Task Force. If you are interested in planning a P-16+ service-learning symposium see contact information in the next column.

#### P-16+ Service-Learning Symposia

##### Completed

- August 7: Illinois Board of Higher Education, Springfield
- October 20: Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- February 8: Illinois State University, Normal
- March 12: Black Hawk College, Moline
- March 29: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- April 10: Governor's State University
- April 12: College of Lake County
- April 17: McHenry County College
- May 11: North Central College, Naperville

##### Coming in the Fall

- September 28: Chicago Educational Alliance and City Colleges
- October 4: John Wood Community College, Quincy
- Millikin University, Decatur
- University of Illinois/Springfield
- Highland Community College, Freeport
- Parkland Community College, Champaign
- Eastern Illinois University
- Bradley University, Peoria
- Knox College, Galesburg
- Western Illinois University, Macomb

For further information, contact P-16+ Service-Learning News [mccoyle.lib.siu.edu/p16](http://mccoyle.lib.siu.edu/p16) or Jane Angelis, 618-453-1186, FAX 618-453-4295, [ilii@siu.edu](mailto:ilii@siu.edu)

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COMING NOVEMBER 1, 2001

## IT TAKES A COMMUNITY INTERGENERATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO THE CHALLENGES OF EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

Keynote: Dr. Carol D'Amico,  
Assistant Secretary of Education,  
U.S. Department of Education  
"Good Citizens of All Ages Working  
Together for a Quality Education."

Responses by Educational Leaders

- Keith Sanders, Executive Director, IL Board of Higher Education,
- Deputy Governor Hazel Loucks,
- State Superintendent Glenn "Max" McGee,
- Joseph Cipfl, President and CEO, IL Community College Board
- Senator Lisa Madigan, D-Chicago

An Intergenerational Celebration  
The 15th Anniversary of the  
Intergenerational Initiative  
The 10th Anniversary of LifeLong

### Overview of Sessions

The conference brings together citizens of all ages to celebrate the ways they are improving education by individual efforts, cooperative P-16 ventures, and community partnerships. The conference has something for everyone and every age.

### Sample of Topics

- Developing Intergenerational Programs
- Finding Intergenerational Understanding
- Intergenerational Approaches to Learning Standards, Reading, and Taking Tests
- P-16+ Service Learning
- Topics for Older Learners (55+) Presented by Older Learners
- P-16+ Service Learning and Workforce Development
- Issues in Older Adult Education (55+) and Programming
- Trends in Gerontology
- Preparing for the Workforce as a Community Effort
- Youth Leadership

Teacher Certification and Continuing Education credits available  
Registration materials will be available September 1. [iii@siu.edu](mailto:iii@siu.edu), 618-453-1186, [www.siu.edu/offices/iii](http://www.siu.edu/offices/iii).

### Conference Planning Committee

Margaret Plaskas, Waubausee Community College; Marilyn Okon, Department of Human Services; Mary Walsh, IL Association of School Boards, Lana Campbell, Southern IL University Carbondale; Joan Wood, Pekin, retired librarian, Gary Wood, retired career counselor, Cheryl Lefler, IL Coalition for Community Service, Anita Revelle, Illinois State University; Tarry Platner, RSVP and YWCA, Normal; Cathy DeMetrio, Intergenerational Consultant, Chicago; Mary Selinski, IL Department on Aging; Sally Petrone, Department of Human Services, Cathy Bisoodial and Sue Giller, Glenn School, Normal, Jan Novotny, Joliet Junior College; Linda Shipman, Normal Public Schools; Carol Earl, IL Department on Aging; Mary Caroline Mitchell, Lincoln Land Community College; Kay Diamon, Springfield Public Schools; and Jane Angelis, Intergenerational Initiative, Southern IL University Carbondale

HELD MAY 13, 2001

## A living intergenerational circle celebrates Intergenerational Week

An intergenerational circle was produced by students from Riverton Elementary School and their adopted grandparents at the Illinois State Library as a part of the Illinois Department on Aging's Intergenerational Week celebration. The circle started with the youngest and ended with the oldest member in the group. Each member of the circle offered a comment on why their generation was special. Student Jake Jerome said, "Attending this even was special because I am with my adopted grandparent." The event was sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging, the Illinois State Library, and the Cooperative Extension Service and provided a statewide satellite broadcast.



## A TRIBUTE TO REY BRUNE

### An Educator's Educator and Advocate for Students and Accessibility

*Dick Wagner, Staff Associate,  
Illinois Board of Higher Education*

During a luncheon last summer, I first learned of some of the impact World War II had on Rey Brune's life and values. He asked me to tell people that he was a veteran of World War II. He said, "Dick, I am very proud of that."

I first met Rey in the early 1970s when he was chairman of the Illinois Community College Board and I was a junior staff member of the Board of Higher Education. But it was not until he was appointed a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education by Governor Jim Thompson in 1977 that I had the opportunity to work with him closely. I was executive director of the board for 18 of the 22 years Rey Brune served. He was an unflinching advocate for the interests of students, for making sure that anyone who wanted to go to college had the opportunity to do so, and for trying to keep a college degree within financial reach of families of all means. He worked to make higher education available and affordable in all corners of the state and for all citizens, particularly place-bound and other nontraditional students who had been underserved. He supported partnerships between colleges and universities aimed at



*Rey Brune, Board Member IBHE  
and ICCB*

breaking down the geographical and academic barriers that hinder access to higher education for many students.

It was at that luncheon last summer that I learned that Rey Brune did

not have a college degree. He told me that his college studies had been interrupted when he enlisted in the navy in World War II and that when he returned to campus after the war he learned that the lack of student-sensitive policies regarding transfer of courses and residency requirements would require that he begin his collegiate studies again. But he concluded that he had other important things to do—like taking a new job in Springfield and earning a living and meeting Camille and starting a family and, fortunately for all of us, becoming involved in citizen public service. His service as a founding member of Black Hawk College and as a member of the Illinois Community College Board was outstanding.

It was an honor to work for Rey Brune. I say "work for" because not a week went by without Rey sending me a letter

with questions and perspectives and counsel on the issues of the day. Oh yes, there were always enclosed in those letters one or two political jokes as well. As many of you know, Rey enjoyed political jokes immensely.

When Rey retired from the Board of Higher Education in October 1999, the Board adopted a resolution that read in part: "We are especially appreciative of Rey's soft spoken but purposeful voice on the Board for the causes he championed and the issues he believed in. His style has embodied a call-'em-as-I-see-'em sincerity, and his willingness to challenge conventional wisdom has served the Board well. Always well-prepared and well-informed, Rey has been willing to ask tough questions and take tough stands even when a different route would have been easier and more popular."

At the same time, Rey was always a gentleman, a good listener whose kindness, fairness, and keen wit endeared him to fellow Board members and to staff. We admired him as a faithful public servant and as a devoted family man whose wife, Camille, often graced board meetings and events. Rey Brune achieved what we all hope for—a life well-lived, a life well-loved.