

THE IAI BULLETIN

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Welcome to the New Bi-annual Illinois Articulation Initiative Bulletin

By Krista Jackson - IAI Coordinator

As we are always striving to improve our communication efforts between staff and faculty at our participating institutions and the IAI Staff, we have developed this bi-annual bulletin. Look for the bulletin to arrive via pdf file by email, and on the itransfer.org website each January and August. We hope you find it fosters better communication and understanding of the Illinois Articulation Initiative.

The bulletin will provide a regular opportunity to hear about changes, updates, and new developments within the website, various IAI related programs, structures, and policies. If you would like more information on any article or other material you find in the bulletin, please call or email us. Our contact information is located on the right of this page.

If you want to receive the bulletin via email, you can subscribe to the IAI Updates listserv at:

<http://www.itransfer.org/iai/container.aspx?section=faculty&subsection=Signup>. We hope you find the new bulletin both informative and helpful as you seek out more information regarding the Illinois Articulation Initiative. Thank you for all your efforts in making the Illinois Articulation Initiative a success for Illinois students!

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IAI Majors Reactivated

In June of 2008, the IAI majors were returned to active status. In early December, your institution's IAI Contact(s) and Transfer Coordinator(s) should have received a letter explaining the majors. This letter also contained information on coursework that had been in the majors prior to their deactivation.

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Illinois CAS is now u.select Illinois

In September of 2008, the Illinois Course Applicability System became u.select. u.select Illinois (formerly CAS) is a web-based transfer information system that provides fast and accurate course and transfer information.

If you would like to use the site, you can find it at: <https://uic.transfer.org/cas/>. To get the best functionality from the site, users may choose to create a login for yourself. Users can also take advantage of the guest login function, but to save course information or planning guides, they need to create a personal login.

Also in 2008, IGET, the Illinois General Education Track, became fully functional. IGET allows advisors and students to track their progress through the GECC (General Education Core Curriculum). IGET was chosen as the synonym for the GECC, as students are more familiar with general education tracks.



u.select logo

u.select also provides users the opportunity to create planning guides for a number of major programs at various Illinois institutions. The guides can provide information on courses already completed, if uploaded, as well as course articulations (where available) for courses from institutions referenced in the users course profile.

If you have questions, or need brochures for u.select, please email Lisa Marinelli, the Project Coordinator for u.select Illinois at lmachine@uillinois.edu, or call 217-244-0931.

"IGET, the Illinois General Education Track, is fully functional on the u.select site."

Transfer Coordinators and an Illinois Transfer Timeline



Transfer Coordinators' logo

At the most recent Transfer Coordinators' meeting this last November, Rita Pearson of Eastern Illinois University introduced a draft of an Illinois Transfer Timeline. The draft was so well received that Rita and other Transfer Coordinators are working hard at revising and editing the draft. It is hoped the timeline will become a meaningful map for students planning on college and transfer within the state of Illinois. It is expected to be rolled out in pdf format and via an interactive web

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Majors currently displayed on the iTransfer website are those for which IAI major panels have identified a maximum of a 4-course core. You can find them on the website at: <http://www.itransfer.org/iai/majors/default.aspx?file=iai§ion=students>.

The IAI staff is currently working at developing a more general majors page for future deployment. It will provide information about majors not in IAI, and will assist students in finding information about a wider variety of majors and career opportunities.



If you would like to read the majors' letter sent out to institutional contacts, it is available via pdf on the iTransfer website at: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Fact/Forms/IALibrary/majorletterfinalapproved.pdf>.

Barbara Risse Honored at the TC Meeting

At the recent Transfer Coordinators' meeting on November 12th, at the Alumni Center on Illinois State University's campus, Barbara Risse was honored for her service on behalf of Illinois Students. Barbara was a member of the Illinois Community College Board for many years and recently retired in August of 2008. During the meeting she received many kind words and plaque to commemorate her years of service and thank her for her support of the Transfer Coordinators.

Barbara Risse was a mentor, a mediator, a strong advocate for Illinois students, and a consummate professional. She will continue to be missed by all of us who worked with her for so many years.

Thanks for all your years of hard work, Barbara Risse.



Barbara Risse receives a plaque for her many years of service at the Transfer Coordinators.

The Transfer Coordinators, the IAI staff, the IBHE staff, and ICCB staff all wish Barb much happiness and relaxation in her retirement. Thanks for all your years of hard work, Barbara Risse.

If you would like to submit an article for the next bulletin, you can contact the IAI staff at iai@itransfer.org or call us at 309-438-8640. When selecting topics, please be sure the item is either the Illinois Articulation Initiative or iTransfer.org related. We will make every effort to include articles with appropriate topics in the next bulletin. Thank you from IAI staff!

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deployment on the iTransfer website in 2009.

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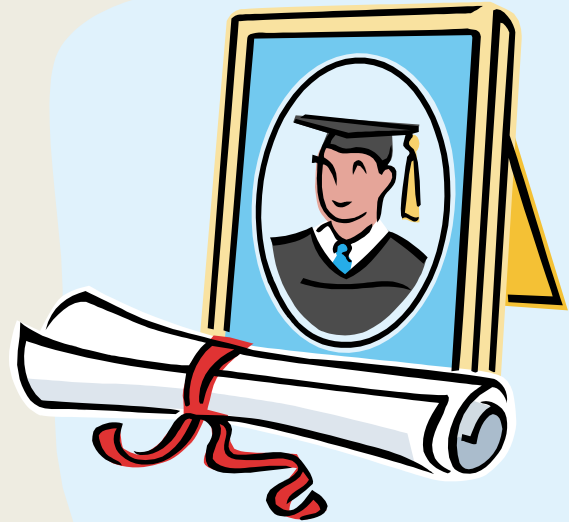
The American Diploma Project

The American Diploma Project (ADP) has come to Illinois. *“The American Diploma Project (ADP) is an Achieve initiative created to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared to face the challenges of work and college,”* as stated in the pdf publication, [Closing the Expectations Gap](#), provided by Achieve, Inc., the American Diploma Project Network.

In addition: *“ADP is designed to ensure that all states:*

- *Align high school standards and assessments with the knowledge and skills required for success after high school.*
- *Require all graduates to take rigorous courses, aligned to college and career-ready standards that prepare them for life after high school.*
- *Streamline the assessment system so that the tests students take in high school, also can serve as placement tests for college, and hiring for the workplace.*
- *Hold high schools accountable for graduating students who are ready for college or careers, and hold postsecondary institutions accountable for students’ success once enrolled.”*

You can find information about the ADP from a variety of sources. The ADP website is: <http://www.achieve.org/>. You can also find information on the Illinois Board of Higher Education website by checking the information listed as: [A Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education: Planning for College and Career Success](#) at: <http://www.ibhe.org/masterPlanning/default.htm>.



Information from IACRAO – Illinois Transcript Exchange (ILTE)

By Jess Ray – ISU Registrar

Colleagues,

Some of you may not have heard about the Illinois Transcript Exchange, therefore I would like to share the following information with you:

“Every year the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) considers graduating high school students in Illinois for various scholarships through our High School Scholarship Program (HSSP). ISAC's goal is to eventually collect the data from the transcripts electronically for all the high schools in Illinois.

This will enable ISAC to consider as many Illinois students as possible for the scholarships and to speed up the data

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A Special Resolution for Barbara Risse

The IAI Steering panel members passed a resolution honoring Barb Risse at the November 14th meeting. The special resolution honors Barb for all her work and efforts on behalf of Illinois students.

It reads as follows:

“Whereas, Barbara Risse was a moving force in the creation and development of the Illinois Articulation Initiative; and

Whereas, Barbara Risse exemplified the pinnacle of professionalism, cultivating communication and collegiality across sectors and among all institutional constituents; and

Whereas, Barbara Risse advocated on the behalf of students to foster ease of transfer and to support them in achieving their academic goals; and

Whereas, Barbara Risse served as the institutional memory, promoting consistency and a culture of best practices among all IAI panels, while also charting a course for cooperation among institutions of higher education in the state; and

Whereas, Barbara Risse fostered a community of discussion of educational objectives across sectors within the state:

Therefore, we, the Illinois Articulation Initiative Steering Panel, do hereby recognize Barbara Risse’s extraordinary contributions to the Illinois Articulation Initiative, higher education, and the students of the state.”



The Dual Credit Task Force

There is abundant information available regarding the Dual Credit Task Force on the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s website at:

<http://www.ibhe.org/DualCredit/default.htm>.

The task force had it’s final meeting in November of 2008. As result of the various task force meetings through 2008, they have completed a report with its recommendation to the General Assembly which is also available via pdf on the IBHE website at:

<http://www.ibhe.org/DualCredit/materials/DCTFReport.pdf>.



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collection process. ISAC has contracted with XAP to facilitate this process that ISAC is calling the Illinois Transcript Exchange (ILTE). Since ISAC is absorbing the cost of ILTE, high schools are able to sign up at no cost to them. As of November 2008, 86 high schools are participating in ILTE.

Another component of ILTE is that high schools are able to send transcripts electronically to the 41 colleges that have signed up to receive them as of November 2008. This is also at no cost to the college. Our goal at ISAC is to make college accessible to all Illinois students. We feel that ILTE will help us in this endeavor. Any college that wishes to receive more information, or that would like to sign up to receive electronic transcripts from participating Illinois high schools can contact Abel Montoya at amontoya@isac.org or at 1-800-899-4722 ext 3708."

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