

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**July 18, 2006**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

More than 43 percent of graduates from the 18 high schools in the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District enrolled at one of the four IECC colleges in 2005. This was reported to the IECC Board of Trustees at the regular meeting, Tuesday, July 18 at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The information was included in the IECC Performance Report for fiscal year 2006, which was approved for submission to the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The report also showed that the IECC tuition and fee structure over a three year period averaged \$52, compared to the state average of \$64 for community colleges.

For the 2005 academic year, 717 students were served through adult education courses. For the fall semester 2005 and spring semester 2006 there were 1,915 students enrolled in dual credit courses for high school juniors and seniors. Graduate satisfaction with the quality and effectiveness of IECC offerings was 89.7 percent for 2005-06.

The Performance Report is a document compiled and completed by all higher education institutions to determine progress, activities and support for the Illinois Board of Higher Education's "Illinois Commitment," and the six goals within the commitment, which are economic development, teaching and learning, affordability, access and diversity, higher expectations and quality, productivity and accountability.

The district and its colleges have responded to each of the six goals for the Performance Report, describing current activities, along with planned and future activities that will continue and expand IECC's efforts.

The district has met and will continue to meet the six goals that are outlined in the Illinois Commitment. IECC remains the only higher education resource for many district residents.

Workforce development and preparation continue to be emphasized and supported through staffing, centers, and funding. The district enjoys strong collaboration and partnership with the district's 17 school districts, plus joint agreements, articulation

agreements, capstone programs, and dual enrollment with Illinois and Indiana universities.

Also approved by the trustees was the IECC Accountability and Program Review Report for the 2005-2006 academic year.

This report contains summaries of instructional program reviews and program improvements, reviews of occupational programs, evaluation of instructional, student and academic support services, public service, administrative functions, and overall academic productivity relative to program quality, need and cost.

Thirty-four degree and certificate programs were reviewed, along with humanities and the arts, and administrative services. The report, which will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board, helps the district focus on its mission and priorities.

The District-Wide Marketing/Information Plan for 2006-2008 was also approved. The document was compiled by the Directors of Public Information and Marketing, Recruiting, and Office of Institutional Development. The plan has broad goals for reaching residents of the district and beyond with information regarding educational and cultural activities that are available and to improve and increase communications within the district.

The Marketing Plan includes the publications that IECC will be preparing and mailing, along with recruiting efforts of personnel, reports that will be prepared to see the effects of marketing and recruiting programs on enrollment, training that will be done, and public relations contacts that will be made with various groups.

Finally, the plan sets forth the advertising program and goals of each of the colleges and the district office.

A review of Title III in the IECC District was given by Jervaise McGlone, Program Director. The Title III grant for institutional advancement has been \$389,000 for each of the five years the grant has been received.

Among the accomplishments of Title III have been placement testing online, regular meetings of Learning Skills Center Directors, infusion of technology in development courses, training of adjunct developmental faculty and academic advisors, student and staff surveys, establishment of 10 year data sets, four years of faculty mini-grants and training for faculty and staff.

Revisions were approved to the Radiography Program application and admissions process. Students seeking to enter the program must submit a comprehensive application and meet stringent requirements prior to admission. Once the application process is completed, the procedures set forth the ranking of applicants and clarify the grade point average and course requirements needed for admission and successful completion of the program.

Affiliation agreements for the Medical Assistant Program were approved with Casey Healthcare, Casey, Illinois, and Sikorski Chiropractic, Robinson, Illinois.

Bids totaling \$28,404.21 were accepted from various vendors in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri for janitorial equipment, supplies and consumables. The bid of Corporate Express, St. Louis, Missouri, \$21,957.60, was accepted for copy paper.

The bid of Gateway Computers, Salt Lake City, Utah, was accepted for 31 laptop computers, at \$1,231.00 each for a total of \$38,161.00.

The bid of United Visual, Inc., Itasca, Illinois, \$27,305.00, was accepted for projectors.

Bid of McLean Implement, Inc., Albion, Illinois, was accepted for a diesel lawn mower for Wabash Valley College, for \$14,250.00.

Michelle Burgess was employed as Chemistry Instructor.

Shirley Smithenry and Angelia Williams were employed as Nursing Instructors.

Chad Killinger was employed as Women's Basketball Coach and Pool Manager at Lincoln Trail College.

Theodore LaVinge was employed as Custodian at Lincoln Trail College.

Kerry Pinkstaff was employed as Custodian/Groundskeeper at Wabash Valley College.

The resignation of Denise Young was accepted as Women's Basketball Coach at Lincoln Trail College, effective August 1.

The retirement of Ted Davis, Director of the Learning Resource Center at Frontier Community College, was announced, to be effective September 1.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Tuesday, August 15, at 7 p.m.