

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of blue, ranging from light sky blue to deep navy blue. The shapes are primarily triangles and polygons, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The central area is white, providing a clean space for the text.

# IACAC College Fairs: *Past, Present & Future*

Presented by the members of the  
IACAC Illinois College Fair Committee

## Some interesting dates

- ▶ 1951 - NACAC published first ever national schedule of high school college fair programs
- ▶ 1964 - college fair schedule becomes the responsibility of affiliate ACAC's
- ▶ 1967 - identification of college fairs attended by surveyed members: 182 separate programs, only 63 of which were scheduled through IACAC
- ▶ 1970 - very specific CF guidelines (13pgs.) released to IACAC host schools

## Earliest print calendar found - 1975-76

- ▶ 84 fairs listed - no times or contact names
- ▶ 15 at schools that no longer exist
- ▶ Majority of fairs listed in November
- ▶ All NACAC fairs listed
- ▶ The ECC, RVC and MCC fairs (minus Waubonsee) were listed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Oct.
- ▶ CF calendar was printed in the membership directory

## More recently

- ▶ 1999-2000 - first calendar with times and contacts listed - on which 115 programs were listed BEFORE Nov. 1; 205 total fairs listed.
- ▶ 2001-02 - IACAC-approved definition established and only fairs meeting this definition (or City of Chicago programs) listed in the calendar: 92 total fairs listed
- ▶ 2001-02 - first regional program ever - College of Lake County
- ▶ 2002-03 - ICE (Illinois College Exposition) name established and 9 ICE programs offered

## Even more recently

- ▶ 2007-08 - calendar moves online!!
- ▶ 2012-2013 - presented at NACAC; updated marketing materials for better print and online presence
- ▶ 2013-2014 - changed fee structure to encourage IACAC membership, registration increased; changed name from ICE to IRCF
- ▶ 2014-15 - **stay tuned...**

# Our purpose

- ▶ The Illinois College Fair Committee shall be responsible for establishing the [Illinois College Fair schedule](#), overseeing policy and procedures, promoting the Illinois Regional College Fairs, and overseeing the planning and implementation of the [Articulation Unplugged](#) program held each fall. The Illinois College Fair Coordinator shall be the chairperson and the committee shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall serve a three-year term. In addition, the Treasurer-Elect shall serve as the tenth member of the committee. Efforts will be made to include a member who serves on the [Chicago National College Fair Committee](#) and at least one member who will also serve as the chief organizer(s) of Articulation Unplugged.

# Our committee's role

- ▶ The mission of the Calendar Committee is:
  - ▶ to continually evaluate and prepare the yearly college fair schedule
  - ▶ to monitor the quality of each program listed on the [IACAC College Fair Calendar](#)
  - ▶ to regulate the policies established for Illinois Regional programs and [Articulation Unplugged](#): schedule, fee structure, etc.
  - ▶ to promote The [IACAC Statement of Practices and Courtesies](#) as it applies to college fair programs and Articulation Unplugged
  - ▶ to oversee and monitor Articulation Unplugged program
  - ▶ to align the committee goals and initiatives with the IACAC Strategic Plan

# College counseling resources

Ideas on resources that are NOT college fairs



# The Calendar

- ▶ On April 15<sup>th</sup>, our committee debuted the most impressive calendar to date!
- ▶ Its unprecedented versatility is ... well ... *unprecedented* and cannot be found in any other ACAC.
- ▶ Let us show you what we mean...

<http://www.iacac.org/college-fairs/>

# Filters

**Add a filter** to show only one type of fair (City of Chicago, Illinois Regional, NACAC, transfer, IACAC Recognized, or view them all). Or filter by date to only see Fall or Spring fairs. You can even apply multiple filters.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- A search bar with the placeholder text "search by keyword" and a "search" button.
- Text indicating "Showing 1-100 of 122" results.
- An "add filter" button, which is highlighted with a red box.
- A dropdown menu for the filter type, currently set to "Type", also highlighted with a red box.
- A dropdown menu for the filter value, currently set to "is".
- A list of filter options: "City of Chicago", "IACAC Recognized", "Illinois Regional" (checked with a checkmark), "NACAC", "State Articulation", and "Transfer Fair".
- "Add" and "cancel" buttons next to the filter options.
- A table header with columns: "Date", "Program", and "Type".

# View invited high schools

For Illinois Regional and many IACAC Recognized programs, we provide the list of invited high schools. Want to know what programs a high school is invited to? You can search by high school to see that, too.

Map List List by Date Calendar Search Recent Updates **Invited Schools**

[Invited Schools](#) → [School Details](#)

## Glenbard West

<http://www.glenbardwesths.org/>

This school has been invited to the following fairs:

Fairs Invited To	Type	Date	Time
<a href="#">College of DuPage</a>	Illinois Regional	10/20/2015	6:00-8:00 pm
<a href="#">North Central College</a>	Illinois Regional	03/21/2016	6:30-8:30 pm
<a href="#">Lyons Township High School</a>	IACAC Recognized	04/06/2016	6:00-8:00 pm
<a href="#">Addison Trail High School</a>	IACAC Recognized	04/19/2016	6:00-8:30 pm

# Stay informed

View a list of programs with **recent updates**: date changes, cancellations, additions, time changes, etc. You can also [sign up for an email alert](#) notifying you any time a calendar change occurs.



## Get emailed when fairs are updated

## Recently Updated Programs

Showing 1-25 of 122 [add filter](#) [export](#)

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Updated	Program	Date	Type	Time
04/05/2015	<a href="#">Hinsdale District 86</a>	04/21/2016	IACAC Recognized	7:00-9:00 pm
04/05/2015	<a href="#">Addison Trail High School</a>	04/19/2016	IACAC Recognized	6:00-8:30 pm
04/05/2015	<a href="#">Lyons Township High School</a>	04/06/2016	IACAC Recognized	6:00-8:00 pm

# Export to Excel

View the programs as a [list](#), in a calendar, or **export to an Excel file (.csv)**. If you search or add a filter, it will export just your custom results.

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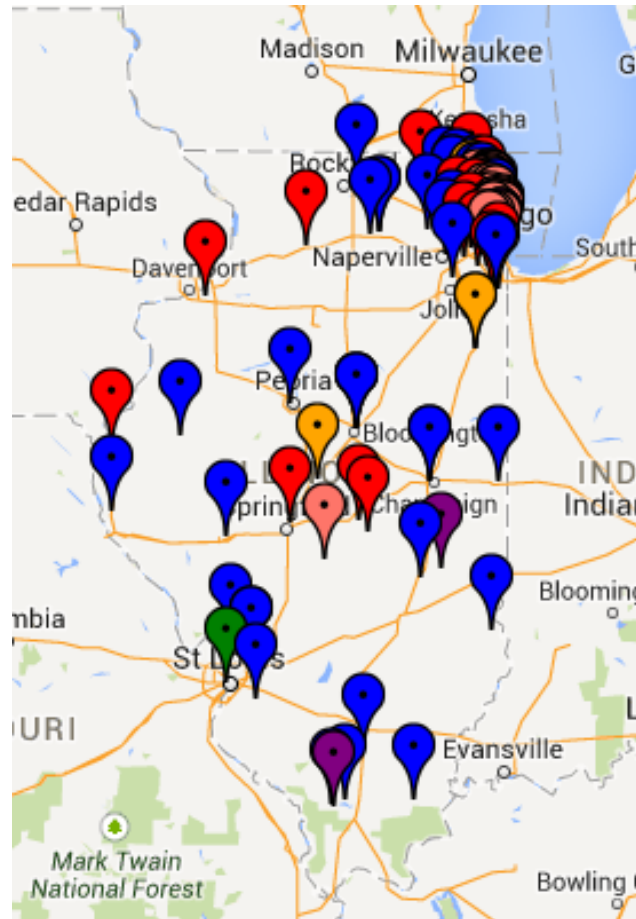
Type is City of Chicago

[add filter](#)

[export](#)

<input type="button" value="up"/> Date	Program	Type	Time
09/09/2015	<a href="#">Resurrection &amp; Notre Dame</a>	City of Chicago	7:00
09/23/2015	<a href="#">Gwendolyn Brooks</a>	City of Chicago	5:00

# Map view



# View on a map

Plot the fairs on a map or [search the map by address](#). Apply filters to the map to narrow your search results.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for viewing fair listings on a map. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains several tabs: **Map** (highlighted with a red box), **List**, **List by Date**, **Calendar**, **Search**, **Recent Updates**, and **Invited Schools**. Below the navigation bar is a color key: **Illinois Regional** (blue), **IACAC Recognized** (red), **Transfer Fair** (orange), **State Articulation** (green), and **NACAC** (purple). A search bar is located below the color key, with the text "Search Illinois" and a dropdown menu set to "Any". A **SEARCH** button is to the right of the search bar. Below the search bar, it says "Showing 1-100 of 122" and "add filter". To the right of this, there are pagination controls: "100 per page", "Page 1 of 2", and navigation arrows. The main part of the screenshot is a map of the Chicago area, showing various suburbs and fair locations marked with colored pins. The map includes labels for cities like Schaumburg, Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Niles, and Chicago. The map view is currently set to "Map" mode, with a "Satellite" option also visible.

# View it in a calendar

Prefer a traditional calendar? [View by month, week, or day](#). Apply filters or search the calendar to show just what you need.

[add filter](#)

◀ ▶ today

September 2015

month week day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Resurrection & Notre Dame	Macomb Area		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Kankakee Community College Kankakee Area	Lake Forest Academy	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Parkland College Moline Township District 307 Schools Parkland College	NACAC Indianapolis National College Fair Southern Illinois University Carbondale Danville Area Community College	Eastern Illinois University	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NACAC Performing Arts Fair	Illinois State University Articulation Unplugged Counseleur College Fair	Western Illinois University Rand Lake College	Northern Illinois University College & Career Expo Owendolm Brooks	Josephinum Academy CICS Northtown Academy St. Benedict Northeastern Illinois University Chicago State University		NACAC Chicago National College Fair
27	28	29	30			
NACAC Milwaukee National College Fair	Lycee Francais de Chicago	Future Focus	Lindblom Math & Science Morgan Park High School Morton College	Brother Rice/Mather McAuley Mather High School Black Hawk College Mt. Zion High School	Corliss High School	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Waubesaee Community College	Darcy Julian HS Sullivan High School Lake Land College Bible Community College	Capital Area Education Fair Moraine Valley Community College Rock Valley College Taylorville High School Moraine Valley Community College	Amundsen High School Richover Naval Academy McHenry County College	Kenwood Academy	



# THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



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<http://www.betadac.com/>

## Ready to register?

- ▶ June 1<sup>st</sup> - registration opens for IRCFs
- ▶ View all of these calendar tips at <http://www.iacac.org/college-fairs/#help/>
- ▶ Questions, comments, feedback, ideas?