



**Illinois JCI Senate
E-Blast
February 15, 2025**

The spammers are going full force and using the board members information on the website. If you get an email asking for funds or help with gift cards, please look at the email address you are receiving it from. Please DON'T reply to those emails or text messages. Contact that person directly in a different email or text and just ask them.

The ELECTION MEETING will be on May 10, 2025 held at Scheels, 3801 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield in their meeting room at 9:30 a.m.. We can enter the building at 9:00 am when the doors open. We are getting this room for free, thanks to the Springfield Jaycees. Be sure to check out the great shopping.

Robbie Johnston #51099 has arranged for hotel accommodations at Microtel, 2636 Sunrise Dr., Springfield Room rate is \$94 a night plus tax for queen double and \$104 for king and queen suites. Call 217.753,2636 Room block is under IL JCI Senate. Contact Robbie at 217.553.2082 or robbie581@sbcglobal.net, if you have any problems booking. Continental breakfast included. Of course, you can stay where you like but that weekend the rates are up due to Mother's Day.

We will have a hospitality room for Friday night. Bill Patterson is bringing the drinks. We can have hot food. Chris Rick will be reaching out to the RDs, as we need a region to be in charge of the snacks.

Best part - there is an IHOP across the drive, maybe 25 yards.

If interested the following places have been lined up for Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch:

Dinner - Friday night - Chesapeake Seafood House, 3045 E. Clearlake Ave., Springfield @ 6:30 p.m. Sign up with Kay Degroot 217-899-2293 in advance (text her) as she is coordinating reservations for dinner- ordering off the menu and separate checks.

Lunch - Saturday - Casa Real Cantina and Grill, 1121 Lincolnshire Blvd., Springfield (this is right next to Scheels) @12:30 p.m. Sign up with Robbie 217-553-2082 (text her) as she is coordinating reservations for lunch - ordering off the menu and separate checks.

*Please help spread the word. The Roger D Colbert Scholarship deadline is
March 1st.*

ELIGIBILITY: All graduating high school seniors, who are **RELATED** to an Illinois Jaycee or Illinois JCI Senator that reside in Illinois, who will be enrolling in their first year of full-time study at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational school.

SPONSORSHIP: Your sponsor is a member of the Illinois Jaycees or Illinois JCI Senator to whom you are **RELATED** (child/stepchild, grandchild, brother, sister, niece, nephew). Your sponsor is required to attach a letter to your application per the application instructions. If you are related to more than one member of the Illinois Jaycees or JCI Senator, they may sign a joint letter.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD: Recipients are based upon involvement, leadership roles, honors and awards, volunteer community service, employment, personal statements, financial statement, scholastic achievement and sponsor letter. Specific questions can be found on the application.

[Roger D. Colbert Scholarship Application](#)

Message from the Illinois JCI National Convention Committee

Support JCI USA's 2024 Year End Convention - Wine Sponsorship Opportunity

We are excited to invite you to support JCI USA's 2024 Year End Convention in the Chicagoland area from **April 3-5, 2024**, by sponsoring bottles of wine for our **Awards Banquet**. For a **tax-deductible contribution of just \$60**, your sponsored bottle will be **prominently displayed** on the banquet tables, and we will include a **personalized message** of your choice on the label.

Your generosity will help make this event memorable for all attendees, and we greatly appreciate your consideration of this sponsorship.

How to Participate:

1. Write your message (50-character limit) for the wine label below.
2. If sponsoring multiple bottles, let us know if you'd like different wording on each bottle. Feel free to use the back of this page if more

space is needed.

3. **Make checks payable to the Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation.**
4. Alternatively, you can complete the [WINE SPONSORSHIP GOOGLE FORM](#) or pay via PayPal at: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/CH65T4FQU3E3N>

Thank you for your support!

The Illinois Jaycees (JCI) 2025 Management Team have asked us to provide a listing of TRAINERS that would be willing to assist local chapters with training needs.

It is my plan to compile a listing of Senator's that would include your Name, email address, and telephone number along with the topics that you would be interested in assisting them with training. My plan is to have a first draft of this listing to them by the Year-End GA in Bloomington.

Please email me your information as listed above to greg.hilleary@gmail.com

Thanks

Greg Hilleary #43305
Illinois JCI Senate - Illinois JCI 2025 Liaison
(217) 497-2957

Hello fellow senators, soon we will be headed to Mt Pleasant, MI for Spring Fling, March

The U. S. JCI Senate Foundation will have a Silent and Brown Bag Auction. We need you to donate items for others to bid on! We all have those items we need to purge but we just can't, what about donating them to the Auction so money can be raised for more scholarships.

If you are unable to attend but have something to donate please reach out to me and I'll make arrangements to get it there.

Thanks

Region 5 Representative US JCI Senate Foundation

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

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On-To

We hope that you can travel to some of these Region V and National events.

- Mar. 14-16 [Region V Spring Fling in Mt. Pleasant, MI Registration Form](#)
- April 3-5 JCI USA Spring Convention in Chicago/Northbrook
- April 11-13 [Indiana Year End & Elections in French Lick, IN Registration Form](#)
- April 11-13 [Region VI Spring Meeting in Branson, MO Registration Form](#)
- May 9-10 Illinois Spring Meeting & Elections in Springfield, IL
- May 17 Kentucky Spring Meeting in Bardstown, KY - Lunch at Talbot Tavern at 11 am, Meeting at 1 pm
- Jun. 15-19 [US JCI Senate Annual Meeting in Chicago/Northbrook Registration Form](#)
- July 18-20 Ohio Pig Roast in Kent, OH
- July 25-27 [Illinois JCI Senate Picnic in Springfield, IL Registration Form](#)
- Sept. 11-14 [US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, OH Registration Form](#)
- Oct. 3-5 Fall GA & TOYP, Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL (Information will be in March 1 E-Blast)
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2 [Kentucky Fall Frenzy, Bardstown, KY Registration Form](#)

I really enjoy traveling to Region V and National events. Doing this allows me to meet up with friends old and new! I have been your On-To person for a couple years now and have decided to do something different next year. Would YOU like to share meeting/event information with the IL JCI Senate? It's really not difficult AND I'd love to show you where I get my information. Please let me know if you're interested in learning more about this fun area of the Senate!

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669

IL JCI Senate On-To Chair

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2025 US JCI Senate National Convention

Northbrook/Chicago Hilton

June 15-19, 2025

Hello Illinois Senate!

Hope you're doing well during this crazy winter! I wanted to share some fun news about the upcoming convention. We have had people step up to help with some vital components of the event and we are so thankful!

Manpower- Kathy Crick #710172

It takes a village to run a National Convention! Kathy has stepped up to oversee Manpower. We need people to help at the Hilton during the convention. There are a variety of jobs and one will be just perfect for YOU!

Please reach out to Kathy if you'd like to help at the convention! kcricker14@sbcglobal.net 708-254-1892

Transportation Chair - Kevin Ankenbrand #63771

Kevin will help the National Board get from the airport to the hotel. If you want to work with Kevin on this, please reach out! We plan on using Uber/Lyft, but we could have some situations where that won't work and we want to drive the person. Can you help? Are you good with the Uber or Lyft app?

Please contact Kevin to be part of his team!

kevinankenbrand@yahoo.com 618-240-3088

Hospitality Chair - Tony Symoniak #66367

Tony will be coordinating the Grab 'N Go breakfasts, hospitality snacks/desserts, working on the box lunch, and overseeing the banquet dinner. Can you help? Do you have an in with a factory/company that makes or delivers snacks? Can you get prepackaged items like granola bars, breakfast bars, cereal, individual oatmeal packs, coffee cakes, chips, pretzels, candy, etc?

Please contact Tony to be part of his team!

jaycees69@msn.com 630-710-1065

Beverage Chair - Bill Patterson #47979

Bill is organizing the beverages we will be consuming during the convention. We have to purchase the alcohol from the hotel, but we can bring donated beer, wine, pop, and water. Do you know of any businesses or individuals who might donate? Are you willing to help donate money or beverages? Just to give you some perspective, we need at least 50 cases of water!

Please contact Bill to be part of his team!

pfcoachbill@aol.com

708-280-3497

Registration Chair - Lynne McGill #70364

Lynne and her amazing co-chair **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** have been working for months on registration! There's still more work to be done. Want to help at the convention as people pick up their name tags and convention information? We need people to man the registration table. We also have some at-home jobs that could be done prior to June.

Please contact Lynne or Susie to be part of their team!

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Tour/Entertainment Team - John Gill #49450, Lucia Irwin #66765, Tony Symoniak #66367, Lara Thom #83098, Ann Lewis #72970, Maureen Niedenthal #67669

This dynamic team is working on providing tours and entertainment for convention goers. We're working on a baseball game trip, Chicago food tour, and painting class at the hotel. Do you want to help? We also want to offer information about what people can do in the Northbrook area. Also, do you have any entertainment connections in the Northern IL area in case we want to

offer some kind of entertainment at the hotel? Please contact someone on the Tour/Entertainment Team!

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Donations - Karen Helms #57838

Do you know of any businesses that might be willing to make a monetary or in-kind donation? We have partnered with the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation on this event. They are a 501(c)3 organization. We will be sending out letters to Senators this spring seeking donations.

Please reach out to Karen if you'd like to help contact people OR if YOU would like to make a donation! senate57838@gmail.com 847-636-8340

Directory Update:

New member:

Andi Whalen #83677

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Bloomington, IL 61704

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E-Blast Reminder

Deadline is Noon on the 30th/31st & 14th. Please send the information in Word.



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