



ICAIA NEWS

Illinois College Automotive Instructor's Association



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Waubonsee Community College is excited to invite you to the Fall 2026 ICAIA conference being held in our new Technical Education Center on October 15 and 16!

We have a riveting list of presenters coming from around the country, and even one from New Zealand! There are a number of new presenters coming from various parts of the industry, as well as some of our favorite returning presenters that have become a staple to ICAIA.

This conference has a large collision and refinishing selection as well. Please encourage your auto body counterparts to register as they will not want to miss this conference.

We have sessions covering everything from basic electrical, advanced diagnostics, ADAS, Scopes, new OEM technologies, Modern Fillers, Primers, and Putties, and so much more. There is sure to be something for everybody!

Our banquet is at the historic Two Brother's Roundhouse and won't disappoint with food or drinks. While Giant City Lodge provided us all with a very intimate dining experience in the Spring, Two Brothers have assured us that there will be electricity the whole night. 😊

We can't wait for you to join us for what is sure to be a memorable Conference!

Guy Tiberio and Tyler Friedland
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Treasury Report

The Association continues to be financially sound. Currently, the ICAIA Treasury is at \$66,641.61 with expenses for the upcoming conference yet to be paid.

When you pay your membership dues, you will receive an e-mail from me (Art Koudelka - ICAIA Executive Treasurer) with your membership length (1, 3, or 5 years). ICAIA Membership follows the school year, and dues are paid in the Fall. Therefore, this year's ICAIA dues pay for the 2026-2027 school year.

Art Koudelka

ICAIA Executive Treasurer
Illinois Valley Community College

Conference Registration

We encourage everyone to use the online registration for the conference. For conference planning and management purposes, we do not accept walk-in (day-of) registration.

PD Credits & ASE Education Foundation Training Hours

The ICAIA will offer up to 10 ISBE PD hours for Illinois high school instructors that participate in the 2-day conference.

The ICAIA conference also allows instructors who attend the full 2-day conference up to 10 ASE Education Foundation hours. Certificates will be mailed to participants after the conference.

Database Report

When paying your ICAIA Dues, please sign up for 3 or 5 years. It saves a lot of work behind the scenes and helps prevent members from missing mailings and communications.

If you have any changes for the database, or if you want to know your dues status, I can be reached at selza@d211.org or cell phone 630-605-6771.

Steve Elza

William Fremd High School

Fall 2026 ICAIA Conference

October 15 and 16, 2026



WAUBONSEE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOTE: The conference is being held in the Technical Education Center which is located on the very south end of the campus. Entering at the South Campus Entrance is near the building and follow the ICAIA signs for parking.

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Other Area Hotels

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Thursday Evening Banquet

Two Brothers Roundhouse

205 N. Broadway
Aurora, IL 61611
Phone: 630-264-2739

Prior Registration Required

ICAIA reminds everyone that for conference planning and management purposes, we do not accept walk-in (day-of) registration.

Online Registration

ICAIA members can register for conferences and pay membership dues online!

ICAIA recommends using the online portal as a quick and easy way to register for the conference and pay any membership dues. Just follow the link located on the main ICAIA website www.icaia.org. The online registration service is provided by Brushfire and delivers a simple and easy to use process for members and vendors to complete the registration process. Utilizing the online registration portal provides:

- Increased convenience (available 24/7)
- Increased speed (No forms to fill out)
- Improved tracking (Helps the host school and Association plan for numbers)

Industry partners interested in participating in the Thursday morning Trade Show can also register via the online portal.

There is a small fee associated with utilizing the online registration portal, but online registration does deliver great value to the member, vendor, host school, and the Association.

ISBE Professional Development Credits for Illinois High School Instructors

ICAIA will be offering **10 ISBE PD Credits** for Illinois High School Instructors attending both days of the ICAIA conference. These credits will be issued through Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) which has graciously agreed to provide these PD Credits again.

Illinois high school instructors that need **ISBE PD Credits** should pick up an **ISBE Evaluation form** at the conference registration table on Thursday morning. The form will need to be completed and returned to Art Koudelka (ICAIA Executive Treasurer) before leaving on Friday, by 12:15 pm. There will be a drop box at the registration table on Friday morning for your convenience.

If your evaluation form is not returned by Friday 12:15 pm, you will **not** receive ISBE PD Credits for the conference.

IVCC will email you your ISBE PD credits within a few weeks (after the conference) for the ICAIA High School Instructors that turned in their ISBE Evaluation form on time.

ICAIA Conference Agenda and Training Hours

Instructors who attend both Thursday and Friday, as well as the banquet can receive up to 10 PD Credits (high School Instructors) and 10 hours that can be applied toward the ASE Education Foundation hours. Fully attending both Fall and Spring ICAIA Conferences can provide instructors with 20 hours of update training.

Thursday

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Trade Show Set-Up
8:00 – 1:00	Trade Show
8:00 – 10:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 10:00	Pickup of Conference Materials
10:00 – 11:45	Technical Session #1
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch / Business Meeting / Door Prizes
1:00 – 2:45	Technical Session #2
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 4:45	Technical Session #3
4:45 – 6:00	Free Time & Travel
6:00 – 6:30	Social
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner Banquet
7:30 – 8:00	Keynote Speaker & Presentations

Friday

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:15	Technical Session #4
10:15 – 10:30	Morning Break
10:30 – 12:00	Technical Session #5

CRASH CORNER



I hope everyone's year is off to a good start. I know the first few weeks can be hectic and challenging. Now would be a good time to take a break and recharge. What a better way to do that, then attending the fall conference at Waubensee College. They have a new state of the art facility for the Automotive and Collision Repair programs. Romero has done a great job in lining up several good training sessions for us. We need the collision Instructors to show so we can continue to have good presenters. You need to see this shop, it is fantastic!

The conference is a great time to update your skills and network with the other instructors and get some new ideas. I look forward to seeing everyone, and if know any instructors that don't attend the conference, get them to come. It's always a good time and I walk away having learned something new.

Greg Brink

YETI Roadie 24 2.0 Hard Cooler Giveaway



Automotive and diesel instructors attending ICAIA can stop by the Electude table during the trade show on Thursday morning to enter for a chance to win the Yeti Cooler (a \$250 value).

Simply show this newsletter at the Electude table to enter!

Instructors who attend the “From Screen to Shop” technical session (see below) get a 2nd entry into the raffle.

Join The Conversation

Plus: Earn an Extra Giveaway Entry from Your Friends at Electude!

Attend ***From Screen to Shop: Instructor-Led Strategies That Improve Automotive Learning*** to hear fellow automotive educators share practical Electude tips, classroom strategies, and examples of student improvement.

Automotive instructors often develop their most effective teaching practices through experimentation, adaptation, and collaboration with other educators. In this instructor-led session, automotive educators will present concise case studies showing how they have used digital learning, classroom routines, student performance information, and hands-on activities to address real instructional challenges.

Each presenter will explain the challenge, the strategy implemented, the student response, evidence of improvement, and lessons learned. Electude will moderate the discussion and facilitate an audience challenge clinic. Attendees will leave with a practical collection of peer-tested techniques they can adapt for their own programs, whether or not they currently use Electude.

Bring your questions, challenges, and best ideas for an interactive discussion focused on what is working in today’s automotive classroom.

Participate in the session and receive **one additional entry in Electude’s cooler giveaway for a YETI Roadie 24 2.0 Hard Cooler!**

Upcoming Future Conferences

Fall 2026	Waubonsee Community College October 15 th and 16th
Spring 2027	Kankakee Community College March 2027 – Dates TBD
Fall 2027	Joliet Junior College October 2027 – Dates TBD
Spring 2028	We need a host!
Fall 2028	We need a host!



Did you know ICAIA has a Facebook page?

Stay up to date with Association announcements as well as other opportunities to help your program. Be sure to check it out and follow us today!



Thank You to Southern Illinois University!

Thank you to the faculty, staff, students, and administration at Southern Illinois University for hosting the Spring 2026 ICAIA Conference. It showcased numerous tradeshow vendors and engaging presenters that shared the latest technology, information, and training trends with ICAIA members!

During the Thursday evening banquet, three SIU automotive students were presented scholarships for their hard work both in and out of the classroom:

- Phoenix Mejia: Jim Krudl Rising Star Scholarship
- Edgar Castillo: AES Wave Scholarship
- Bart Glowacki: ICAIA Founding Fathers Scholarship

ICAIA thanks the many sponsors, vendors, presenters, and everyone at SIU!



Looking forward to seeing you at the next ICAIA Conference!















