



ICAIA NEWS

Illinois College Automotive Instructor's Association



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ICAIA - Accelerating Forward!

The Fall 2024 ICAIA Conference is just a few weeks away. I hope you have started making plans to join us at Oakton College on October 17th and 18th for another knowledge packed conference.

The conference will have a full agenda starting with the vendor trade show. With many returning and new vendors, be sure to stop by and gather the latest developments in automotive instruction and program resources.

A robust list of training sessions to further your knowledge and understanding has been developed. A list of several of the planned sessions is available on the ICAIA website: www.icaia.org

A new conference agenda has been established to provide additional training hour credits for instructors. More details on the agenda are here in your newsletter.

The presenting of conference door prizes will occur during the Thursday Lunch to allow our great vendors and sponsors to be present during the awarding.

As you can tell, a lot of people have been diligently working behind the scenes to provide you another great conference! I look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks!

Derrek Keesling
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Treasury Report

The Association continues to be financially sound. Currently, the ICAIA Treasury is at \$40,290.93 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 2024-2025 school year.

Art Koudelka

ICAIA Executive Treasurer
Illinois Valley Community College

Conference Registration

Reminder that registering to attend an ICAIA conference can be completed either online or by mailing a completed registration form ahead of time. For conference planning and management purposes, we do not accept walk-in (day-of) registration.

New Conference Agenda & Increased Training Hours

ICAIA has a new conference agenda that will allow Instructors who attend both days and the banquet to receive 10 PD Credits (high School Instructors) and 10 ASE Training hours.

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 2024 ICAIA Conference

October 17 and 18, 2024



The Fall 2024 ICAIA Conference is being hosted by Oakton College
in their automotive training facility located in the main building at:

1600 Golf Rd.
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Contact: Michael Peat
Oakton Community College
Professor/Chair Automotive Technology
Phone: 847-635-1906
Email: mpeat@oakton.edu

Host Hotel:

Hampton Inn & Suites
1 Randhurst Village Drive
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
Phone: 847-590-1860
Group Rate: \$124 (plus tax)
Must reserve by: 9/25/24



Other Area Hotels:

Four Points by Sheraton
900 W Lake Cook Rd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
847-215-8883

Days Inn and Suites by Wyndham
1415 W Dundee Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
847-253-8777

Thursday Evening Banquet Location

The Red Barn Restaurant & Brewery
303 E Kensington Rd.
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
847-749-0064

Social starts at 6:00 pm
Dinner starts at 6:30 pm



Banquet Speaker

Dana Wynn, Director for Clean Energy Programs with the Illinois Community College Board will be the speaker at the Thursday evening banquet.



Attend an ICAIA Conference and:

- See the latest in the industry!
- Share ideas with peers!
- Learn a lot to take back to your school!
- Make new friends!
- Have a great time!



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.

Prior Registration Required

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

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 a **ISBE Evaluation form** at the conference registration table on Thursday morning. The form will need to be complete 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.

NEW ICAIA Conference Agenda and Increased Training Hours

ICAIA increased the training session hours in the agenda. Instructors who attend both Thursday and Friday, as well as the banquet to receive 10 PD Credits (high School Instructors) and 10 ASE Training hours. Now, fully attending both Fall and Spring ICAIA Conferences will 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

**ICAIA
on Facebook**



Stay up to date with ICAIA announcements as well as other opportunities to help your program. Search "Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association" on Facebook. Be sure to check it out and follow us today!

CRASH CORNER



Collision Instructors Roundtable

Collision Repair Instructors all over the Country are struggling. Programs are closing, budgets are cut, and some programs are experiencing enrollment decline.

Here in Illinois, we have lost several programs over the last few years, and we can't lose anymore. Also here in Illinois, we have several new Collision Education Schools investing into launching and growing an effective Collision Repair Education Program offering.

Join us for a Collision Program Roundtable discussion at this Fall IL ACIA conference on Thursday, October 17 at Oakton College in DesPlaines. The Roundtable discussion will be co-facilitated with the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Illinois (AASPI) Executive Director, Julie Lombardo; I-CAR/ICAIA industry expert, Greg Brink and Collision Repair Education Foundation (CREF) Executive Director, Brandon Eckenrode.

There is a lot going on in our industry to help with the talent shortage. I-CAR and several other organizations have initiatives to address the problem. We want to hear from you and work together. What are the best practices that are working, challenges that you are having, and open discussion about our programs.

If you are an Educator, Collision Repair Instructor, or know someone who is, please come and share your story. There are Industry contacts that can help. Together we can make a difference! Share your voice.

Thanks,
Greg Brink
ICAIA Auto Body Consultant

Upcoming Future Conferences

Fall 2024	Oakton College Dates: October 17 and 18, 2024
Spring 2025	College of Lake County
Fall 2025	Host site open. We need a host!
Spring 2026	Host site open. We need a host!
Fall 2026	Host site open. We need a host!
Spring 2027	Host site open. We need a host!
Fall 2027	Illinois Valley Community College

FAQ's:

1. My school does not have the facilities. Can I host an ICAIA conference?
YES. ICAIA conferences have been hosted in smaller schools by placing the vendor show in a hallway and utilizing various other classrooms for training sessions. Only the few vendors that want to bring in large equipment would need to be in the auto shop.
2. I am a one person program. Can I host an ICAIA conference?
YES. ICAIA staff is there to help support you. ICAIA takes care of all the registration details. ICAIA can help with contacting vendors and possible presenters. What the host school needs to do is coordinate lodging, facilities, food vendor, and banquet location. In fact, ICAIA is there to help you with that as well.

This past conference also proved that an ICAIA conference can be hosted by a couple of close schools joining together. If you do not have another close school to join with, partnering with your local community college or a supporting business is also possible.

3. Why should I host an ICAIA conference?
Hosting an ICAIA conference is way to show to your school's administration the many positive and great things occurring in our industry, your program, and with your students. There is no better way to open the eyes of your administration and student advisement staff to gain support with lab improvements, equipment purchases, and high-quality student registration.

Show everyone what you and your program is all about! Hosting can help build your connections with local vendors and industry. Hosting provides scholarship support for some of your outstanding students. Hosting supports your fellow automotive instructors. Hosting provides a great sense of pride and accomplishment.

Interested? Reach out to any ICAIA Officer and we are here to help!

Thank You to District 214!

Thank you to the faculty, staff, and administration of District 214 High Schools (Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove, John Hersey, Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Wheeling) for hosting the Spring 2024 ICAIA Conference. This unique offering showed that hosting an ICAIA conference is possible by schools joining together.

Buffalo Grove High School hosted the vendor trade show, lunch, and Thursday training sessions. John Hersey High School hosted Thursday afternoon and Friday morning training sessions. A special thank you also goes out to I-CAR for hosting a training session at their facility on Friday morning as well!

The conference featured many new and returning vendors, and a full schedule of training seminars to share the latest developments occurring in the industry.

The conference was well attended by instructors from across the State as well as adjoining States. During the Thursday evening banquet, three District 214 automotive student scholarships were presented for their hard work both in and out of the classroom:

- Vlad Petrenko: ICAIA Founding Fathers Scholarship
- Maksim Alferov: Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Illinois Scholarship
- Mateusz Rak: Workforce Education Scholarship

ICAIA thanks the many sponsors, vendors, presenters, and everyone at District 214 for hosting a great conference!



Looking forward to seeing you at the next ICAIA Conference!











