



ICAIA NEWS



Illinois College Automotive Instructor's Association

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ICAIA - Accelerating Forward!

I hope everyone is planning to join us on March 28th and 29th as the Spring 2024 ICAIA Conference is setting up to be very exciting. Illinois High School District 214 has put together a robust group of vendors and presenters to provide us the latest knowledge of technology, teaching practices, and ways to improve our programs.

This multi-site conference will kick off on Thursday, March 28th at Buffalo Grove High School where the vendor trade show, morning Session 1, and lunch will take place. Thursday afternoon sessions will take place at both Buffalo Grove High School and John Hersey High School. And Friday morning sessions will take place at both John Hersey High School and the I-CAR Chicago Technical Center.

This conference will feature two limited enrollment sessions and signup will be first come when registering. Be sure to review the latest schedule and conference information on the ICAIA website.

The presenting of conference door prizes will be moved to Thursday Lunch from the evening banquet 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 a great conference and constantly improving the association. I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference!

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Treasury Report

The Association continues to be financially sound. Currently, the ICAIA Treasury is at \$33,713.14 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 2023-2024 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.

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

Spring 2024 ICAIA Conference

March 28 and 29, 2024

The Spring 2024 ICAIA Conference is being hosted by Illinois High School District 214.

- This multi-site conference will start at Buffalo Grove High School where the vendor trade show, Thursday morning sessions, and lunch will take place.
- Thursday afternoon sessions will take place at both Buffalo Grove High School and John Hersey High School.
- Friday morning sessions will take place at both John Hersey High School and the I-CAR Chicago Technical Center.

<p>Buffalo Grove High School 1100 W Dundee Rd. Buffalo Grove, IL (Enter through door 6)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vendor trade show & Lunch• Thursday morning and afternoon sessions	<p>John Hersey High School 1900 East Thomas St. Arlington Heights, IL (Enter through doors 17 or 23)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday afternoon sessions• Friday morning sessions	<p>I-CAR Training Center 800 Corporate Woods Pkwy. Vernon Hills, IL</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday morning session
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Be sure to review the latest schedule and conference information on the ICAIA website.

This conference will feature two limited enrollment sessions and signup will be first come when registering online. There is no extra registration fee, but you must be pre-registered online to attend!

ASE Education Foundation – ETL Training Session
Thursday, March 28th 10:00 – 11:30 and 1:00 – 4:15
Limit 30, held at Buffalo Grove High School

I-CAR Understanding & Calibrating ADAS Sensors
Friday, March 29th 8:30 – 11:45
Limit 25, held at I-CAR Technical Center

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



Host Hotel:

Hampton Inn & Suites
1 Randhurst Village Drive
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
Phone: 847-590-1860



Other Area Hotels:

Four Points by Sheraton
900 W Lake Cook Rd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
P: 847-215-8883
Group Rate: \$93.00 (plus tax)

Days Inn and Suites by Wyndham Arlington Heights
1415 W Dundee Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
847-253-8777
Group Rate: \$84.00 (plus tax)

Conference Host Schools and Instructors:

- Buffalo Grove High School - Sean Murrin & Nick Schaefer
- Hersey High School - Jim Van Bladel & Eric Dieterich
- Elk Grove High School - Jeff Zdenovec
- Prospect High School - Tim Schaap & Jack Hoffman
- Rolling Meadows High School - Rich Geier & Tim Jacoby
- Wheeling High School - Shane Rayburn

Thank you to the schools of District 214, their instructors, staff, administration, and students for coordinating and hosting the Spring 2024 ICAIA Conference!

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 **9 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.

ICAIA Conference Agenda

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 – 11:30	Technical Session #1
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch / Door Prizes
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
1:00 – 2:30	Technical Session #2
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 4:15	Technical Session #3
4:15 – 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 – 10:00	Technical Session #4
10:00 – 10:15	Morning Break
10:15 – 11:45	Technical Session #5



Did you know ICAIA has a Facebook page?

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!

Automotive Teaching Careers

As teachers we find joy in watching our students develop new skills, grow, and succeed both academically and in life. How did you become interested in an automotive teaching career?

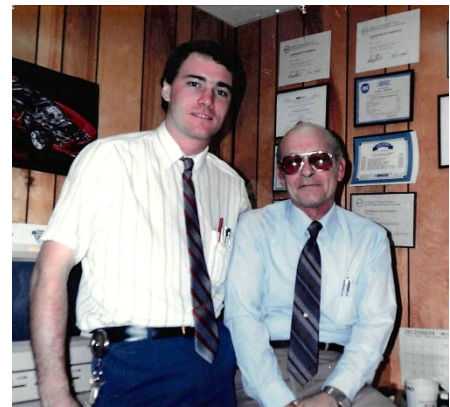
For many, it may have been a former teacher who made an impression and asked. That is my story. I was in my last year of studies and getting ready to enter the industry when a former instructor asked me “Have you ever thought about teaching?”

I answered “No” and he responded, “I think you would be good at it. You should think about it, and I would like to help you.” This started my life on a new trajectory. Now, nearly 40 years later, I am still finding joy in being a teacher.

As you find students that display the qualities of being a good teacher, take a moment to ask them the question. Our industry, like many others, needs more teachers/trainers. I ask each member to seek out those students that display the qualities of being a good teacher and ask them the question. Offer to help guide and mentor them on this fantastic journey.

Adjacent is a picture of myself, early in my teaching career, with the former instructor (Charles Romack) who asked me “Have you ever thought about teaching?”

Mike Behrmann



Teaching Positions Listing

Checkout the latest automotive teaching position postings on the ICAIA website:

- Highland Community College
- Rock Valley College
- Waubensee Community College
- Parkland College

If your school has an upcoming position, be sure to reach out to Art Koudelka to have it listed on the ICAIA website.

Seeking Retired Automotive/Truck Instructors

Tech Sessions Inc. is searching for part time teachers/trainers in the automotive/truck repair industry.

Classes are on an as needed basis and are conveniently scheduled. Travel is required. All expenses paid and compensation for travel time. Please text to Bruce Specht 630.542.7220 for further information.

Thank You to Parkland College!

Thank you to the faculty and staff at Parkland College for hosting the Fall 2023 ICAIA Conference. The event featured many new and returning vendors at the Vendor Show. A full schedule of training seminars was also provided to share the latest developments occurring in the industry and our teaching/education profession.

The conference was well attended by instructors from across the State as well as adjoining States. During the Thursday evening banquet, 5 Parkland College automotive student scholarships were presented for their hard work both in and out of the classroom:

- Robert Zufall: ICAIA Founding Fathers Scholarship
- Elijah Bell: Jim Krudl Rising Star Scholarship
- Tyler Staten: Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Illinois
- Jordan Coombs: Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Illinois
- Victoria Allen: Automotive Equipment Sales

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



**Looking forward to seeing you at the next
ICAIA Conference!**





Upcoming Future Conferences

Fall 2024	Oakton College Dates: October 17 and 18, 2024
Spring 2025	Host site open. We need a host!
Fall 2025	Host site open. We need a host!

Looking for a way to show to your school's administration the many positive and great things occurring in your program and with your students? Consider becoming a host for a future ICAIA conference. ICAIA is here to help and handles several aspects such as all participant registration. Putting a spotlight on your program can help convince administration to improve your facilities, provide scholarships to your students, and can also open industry connections with many of your local vendors.

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



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!

