



North Central Economic Development District
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Summit
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Speaker Bios...

DAVE IVAN, Community & Economic Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan State University

Dave Ivan conducts community & economic development programs statewide for Michigan State University Extension. A frequent guest lecturer on community success strategies with state municipal leagues and other regional and national community conferences, Ivan has conducted research on community sustainability, including a 2004 study entitled "Can Small Towns Be Cool?" and a 2002 USDA Rural Development study entitled "Small Town Success Strategies."

He served as the statewide coordinator for a Michigan initiative designed to create a community environment that supports entrepreneurship and business enterprise development that has received national recognition. His current research examines best practice community approaches in the New Economy. He has served as a member of the Michigan State University economic development, community development and land use area of expertise teams.



HERBERT L. KURYLIW, Network and Technology Architect, Northern Illinois University

Herb Kuryliw is responsible for the implementation of high speed networks used for research advancement, administrative resources, and academic initiatives. Mr. Kuryliw is currently involved in the design of an advanced regional research network in Northern Illinois named NIUNet. Responsibilities include the development of strategic partnerships with local governments, healthcare, schools, research facilities and private companies to share the costs of network infrastructures and promote the design of advanced networks in the Northern Illinois region. The successful model of NIUNet has resulted in replicated network throughout the State of Illinois. Current initiatives that Mr. Kuryliw has architected include:



- Illinois Municipal Broadband Communications Association (IMBCA)
- Northern Illinois Technology Triangle (NITT)
- Illinois Rural HealthNet (IRHN) – \$22M Federal Grant award
- Northwest Municipal Broadband Authority (NMBA)
- DeKalb Advancement of Technology Authority (DATA) - \$11M Federal Grant Award

Professional Activities:

- Northern Illinois University, 1982 to Present
- Governors Broadband Deployment Council, Council Member, 2005 to Present.
- Illinois Municipal Broadband Communications Association (IMBCA), Board of Directors, 2004 to Present, Secretary.
- The Advanced Engineering Taskforce for the Illinois Century Network, Member, 2006 to Present
- The NITT Technical Committee, Member, 2008 to Present
- Internet 2 Technical Representative for Northern Illinois University, 2004 to present.

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MARGE BEVERS, Greater Rockford Airport Authority, FTZ Administrator

Marge Bevers has served as FTZ administrator for four years, supporting the growth in activity (now at nearly \$200 million in foreign merchandise moving through Zone sites/subzones) and the addition of partners (from nine to 19 sites, and from three to four subzones). In November 2009, she submitted an application to expand the service territory to include all or part of 9 counties (Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, Kane, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago). With a new subzone set to activate in mid 2010 and other prospects close behind, growth should accelerate in coming years. The Greater Rockford Airport Authority serves as Grantee (administrator) of FTZ #176 which is co-located with the Rockford Customs & Border Protection at the Chicago-Rockford International Airport. Ms. Bevers communicates clearly to FTZ “Boot Camp” neophytes. She also speaks regularly at National Association of FTZs (NAFTZ) meetings to her peers and participates on three NAFTZ committees, co-chairing the Economic & Business Development Task Force. Prior to joining the airport staff, she worked in not-for-profit management for 25 years. Bevers is also a partner of B&B Properties which renovated the Richardson Bldg. in Rockford and recently bought a face block in downtown Rockford.



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DR. JERRY CORCORAN, President, Illinois Valley Community College

Dr. Jerry Corcoran, the tenth president of Illinois Valley Community College, has served the College for 19 years beginning his career in 1990 as part-time farm grant coordinator of the Dislocated Workers Center; 18 months and three job titles later he was named director of the program. In 1995, he was named director of purchasing. He established the college's first office of human resources in 1996. In 2003, he was named vice president for business services and finance/treasurer, and appointed president in 2008.



Jerry earned his Bachelor of Science degree in liberal arts from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Master of Arts in educational administration and supervision from Chicago State University, and Doctor of Education in curriculum and instruction from Northern Illinois University. He has also been an adjunct faculty member at IVCC for the Natural Sciences and Business division; English, Mathematics and Education division; and the Continuing Education Department's Business Training Center. Dr. Corcoran has had articles published in *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, *University Business*, and *Community College Times*. In 2008, he and a colleague presented a report at an International Seminar on Occupational Education on the subject of “Community College Education for Career and Technical Education.”

Jerry is an ex officio member of the Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and serves on the City of Oglesby Economic Development Committee. He is past president of the Illinois Community College Chief Financial Officers, past vice chairman of the Illinois Community College Insurance Cooperative, and has been a member of the Northern Illinois University Adult and Higher Education Advisory Council, Illinois Council of Community College Administrators, National Association of College and University Business Officers, Association of School Business Officials International, and Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Jerry and his wife Katherine reside on the family farm near Ottawa.

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