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**ERIC ZARNIKOW ELECTED AS TRUSTEE TO THE COLLEGE BOARD**

CHICAGO – Eric Zarnikow, executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state’s college access and financial aid agency, was among four nominees selected by the College Board’s Committee on Nominations, and was recently elected by the organization’s members to its governing board. Zarnikow will serve a five year term on the Board of Trustees of the College Board, from 2017 to 2022.

A not-for-profit organization that works to connect students to college success and opportunity, the College Board was founded in 1900 to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of over 6,000 of the world’s leading educational institutions and other education-related entities with a shared goal of promoting excellence and equity in education. The College Board’s programs and services for college readiness and success, including the SAT<sup>®</sup> and the Advanced Placement Program<sup>®</sup>, are intended to help students prepare for a successful transition to college, and the organization also provides the education community with research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators, and schools.

“I am honored to serve as a trustee to this exceptional organization,” said Zarnikow. “Particularly given the close alignment in the mission of the College Board and ISAC, I look forward to working with my colleagues to improve college readiness, access, and success.”

The 31-member Board of Trustees is responsible for assisting in legal and fiduciary decisions; approving the mission, strategic goals, and objectives of the organization; establishing policies; and advising those responsible for the management of the organization. Zarnikow will chair the Audit Committee, and will serve as a member of the Executive and Finance Committees.

ISAC is a member of the College Board, and Zarnikow had previously served as a non-trustee member of the Audit Committee.

**About ISAC**

The mission of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is to help make college accessible and affordable for students throughout Illinois. ISAC provides comprehensive, objective, and timely information on education and financial aid for students and their families--giving them access to the tools they need to make the educational choices that are right for them. Then, through the state scholarship and grant programs ISAC administers, ISAC can help students make those choices a reality.

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