



# *A Blueprint To The Future*

*2016 Annual Conference – Chicago, Illinois*

Dear NCSLA Member,

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will assemble June 26-29<sup>th</sup> at The Westin Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for its 2016 annual meeting and conference. Serving as conference host is the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Executive Director U-Jung Choe.

The annual conference theme is “**A Blueprint To The Future,**” and during the conference a variety of current issues will be discussed over the course of two and a half days. So come join us in Chicago where NCSLA originated 82 years ago!

Every August, the Princeton Review issues its annual college rankings, including the list of Top Party Schools, with the release of its “Best 380 Colleges” book. The testing and admission services company’s controversial party ranking, not surprisingly, is unpopular with university officials and has been declared by others as an insult to students, unscientific and a mere “promotional” gimmick. Regardless, the annual Top Party School rankings garner headlines and place college drinking in the news.

This past year, based on surveys administered to 136,000 students at 380 colleges, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) was named the nation’s Top Party School. Needless-to-say, that is one title the UIUC does not covet. [Click here](#) to view the entire list of top 20 party schools, as ranked by the Princeton Review for 2016, and see if your *alma mater* or any school in your state made the list.

**COLLEGE TOWN USA**, a panel comprised of university officials, a state regulator, a supplier representative and a student, will examine what steps are being taken to address underage and excessive drinking on the UIUC campus and in that community. The goal of the panel, however, is to open up a broader discussion about what action is being taken across the country to address student drinking on America’s campuses. So please come prepared to share what measures are being taken in your communities to address college student drinking. Join the following presenters on Tuesday, June 28, for this informative panel:

*Moderator:* Lynn Walding, Executive Director Control States, Diageo PLC

*Panelists:* Lindsay Anderson, Executive Director, Office of Government Relations, University of Illinois System;  
Dr. Deirdre Weathersby, Clinical Counselor & Interim Coordinator of Prevention for Alcohol and Other Drug Office, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;  
Ted Penesis, Education Manager, Illinois Liquor Control Commission;  
Chris Bell, Graduate Student, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Start making your plans NOW to come to Chicago, Illinois from June 26-29, 2016 for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! **Take advantage of the lowest rates and register by Friday, May 13, 2016.** Visit [www.ncsla.org](http://www.ncsla.org) today for details, and watch for more exciting updates on the NCSLA 2016 Annual Conference to be broadcast in the coming weeks. *Not a member of NCSLA?* Joining is easy - just complete the [online application form](#) on the NCSLA website. You won’t want to miss a minute of these beneficial business sessions in addition to the valuable networking opportunities with colleagues and friends!

It has been an honor to serve as President of NCSLA this year, and I invite all our members to join me in Chicago for this educational and informative conference. I hope to see you there!

Jerry Waters, Sr.  
NCSLA President