



## **ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS**

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#### **Illinois Federation of College Democrats Endorse Obama for Senate**

**CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS – MARCH 5, 2004** – The Illinois Federation of College Democrats Executive Board voted unanimously to endorse State Senator Barack Obama for United States Senate during their monthly board meeting. Board members agreed that Obama is the best candidate for the Democratic nomination.

IFCD President Tarak Shah said "Obama's background as a professor makes him the right choice for students across Illinois. He will be a tireless champion in the United States Senate to make higher education more accessible for every Illinoisan who wishes to attend college or university."

Board members noted that there are many qualified candidates in the race for nomination, but none of them has a better record as a legislator than Senator Obama. His experience in Springfield will make him a powerful addition to Illinois' delegation in Washington.

In addition to their endorsement, the Illinois Federation of College Democrats also announced the support of five College Democrat chapters across the State including Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Parkland College in Champaign, and the endorsement of the executive board of the University of Illinois Urbana campus for Senator Obama's candidacy to U.S. Senate.

Additionally, prominent College Democrats from throughout Illinois have offered their personal endorsement to Senator Obama. They include IFCD President Tarak Shah, IFCD Vice President of Communications Amanda Hale, IFCD Vice President of Legislative Affairs Zach Koutsky, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign President Lauren Kidwell, Illinois State University President Caitlin Dougherty, Lake Forest College President Merrica Dominic, Parkland College President Scott Redenbaugh, Illinois Wesleyan University Co-President Beth Dennis, and Loyola University President Jake Boesch.

The Illinois Federation of College Democrats is an umbrella organization for over twenty College Democrats chapters in Illinois. The IFCD is a subsidiary organization of the College Democrats of America, the official collegiate youth wing of the Democratic National Party.

For more information about the IFCD, please visit their website at [www.geocities.com/ilcollegedems](http://www.geocities.com/ilcollegedems).