

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



March 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 15 Scholarship applications due
- 16 Barn Quilt Painting
12-5PM @ WDC
- 19 IECC Board Meeting @ FCC
- 22 Wayne County Scholastic Bowl
@ Workforce Dev. Ctr.
- 26 Summer & Fall registration opens
- 26 SIU-E Rep Table Visit
10AM-2PM @ Mason Hall
- 27 Advisory Committees
(AUM, EDS, Fire Science)
6PM @ WDC
- 28 USI Rep Table Visit
10AM- 12PM @ Mason Hall
- 29 Professional Development Day
2:30PM @ LRC

April

- 1 Easter Cupcakes
6-8PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 6 Phi Theta Kappa Rummage Sale
- 8 Jelly Making
6-8PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 13 Breakfast with the Bunny
9AM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 26 Community Art Show
4-7PM @ West Hall
- 27 Lineman Rodeo
10:30AM @ WDC (EDS Poles)

GED Instructor Development Reflecting on Classroom Success

With the second eight weeks of the semester underway, the Adult Education Department is pleased with the commitment and success of its students. Recent reports indicate strong numbers in the program as well as measurable gains from those who are enrolled. What is contributing to the positive findings, though? Cheryl Holder, Director of Adult Education at Frontier Community College (FCC), indicates a leading factor is the professional development of instructors for the program.

So far this fiscal year, Frontier Community College (FCC) has enrolled 140 students in the Adult Education Program, and many have already taken the computerized exam to earn their GED. Forty-six percent of students have post-tested, and nearly half have increased at least one grade level. Eighteen students have successfully graduated from the program, and Holder expects to see more as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

"It is so exciting to see students working hard and successfully earning their GED," said Holder, who oversees eight GED instructors throughout the district. The 18 graduates were enrolled in GED Test Prep courses in Fairfield, Flora, Lawrenceville, and Bridgeport. Holder noted that instructors play an important role in this success, as "they prepare them [students] to not only pass the GED exam but also move forward with the next step in their lives, whether that be college or straight into the workforce."

The Adult Education Program has been investing in their instructors professionally, and the results are showing all-around. While the state's average instructor retention rate is only 60%, FCC has a 75% rate. All eight instructors have participated in professional development activities to enhance Adult Education instructional offerings. One such activity is STAR, or Student Achievement in Reading, training. This initiative was created by the U.S. Department of Education to assist states and local programs in improving the reading achievement of intermediate-level adult levels.

STAR is a comprehensive initiative for implementing evidence-based reading

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instruction (EBRI) with this learner population. Instructors use diagnostic assessment procedures to gauge strengths and weaknesses of each student, then they target the reading instruction accordingly. EBRI helps students improve in the four essential components of reading - alphabets, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Instructors must complete a minimum of 12 hours of professional development, and Dena Weber, Program Director of Adult Education, said each instructor within the IECC district is on track to do so.

"The training our instructors receive is really helping with student guidance in the classroom," said Weber. "One particular focus is College & Career Readiness (CCR), and they are trained to use those strategies to better prepare students for the GED and college enrollment."

Separate from the improvements in training, though, is the passion that instructors have for helping others. Holder is quick to note the commitment of these teachers and the strides they take to ensure each student is learning and preparing for a future suited to their interests and dreams.

"I have seen so many students come through this program who need someone to believe in them," said Stacey Legg, instructor for GED Test Prep courses in Fairfield. "In Adult Education, we are their biggest cheerleaders and show them the way to success. My favorite part of teaching these classes is seeing my students gain their GED, move on to a college education, and earn a self-sustaining, life-changing career. There is nothing else like it!"

SNA Hosts Successful Blood Drive



The Student Nurses Association (SNA) of FCC hosted a blood drive on Wednesday afternoon, February 27. The event was held in the Nursing simulation lab and drew FCC employees, students, and the community.

A total of 18 participants donated blood, and 17 units of blood were collected by the American Red Cross.

Although SNA has hosted a blood drive for many years, this is just the fifth year that SNA has held it in honor of Vicky Lemons. Lemons was a well-loved Nursing Instructor of FCC who passed away in 2015. Vicky cared deeply about her students and had a passion for helping others.

FCC Christian Club Busy in Spring

The ONE.LOVE. Christian Club participated in many activities last fall, and this semester their schedule remains busy.

In January the club took a trip to Evansville, Indiana, where they attended the Winter Jam concert at the Ford Center. Last month, they gathered to create Valentine cards for residents in the skilled care unit at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. The club plans to have a dinner and movie night soon.

ONE.LOVE. Christian Club meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in the Learning Resource Center conference room. Any and all students are welcome to attend, but club sponsor Lori Noe says there are typically 10-14 students in regular attendance. During meetings, students have prayer, devotions, and time for fellowship. Noe said students also use this time together for lunch, as the club meets in between morning and early afternoon classes.

For more information about ONE.LOVE. Christian Club, contact Lori Noe by e-mail at noel@iecc.edu or by phone at 618-847-4105.

Students Recognized for Fall 2018 Honors

Frontier Community College is pleased to announce its academic honors list for the Fall 2018 semester. Students were announced to the CEO's List, President's List, and Dean's List, all of which are established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. All students will be honored at the upcoming Awards Night on Friday, May 3.

CEO's List

Braxton Allen
Bethany Bailey
Mattison Bartlett
Cara Bohannan
Diana Brenneman
Ronnie Britt
Cheyanne Bruce
Craig Carscadden
Ramsey Clark
Nicholas Conner
Madison Cowsert
Caleb Evans
Joseph Fenton
Audrey Fleener
Alicia Garrison
Morgan Gregory
Anirban Haldar
Jonathan Hammack
Malorie Harrison
Samantha Helms
Hailee Hope
Myranda Kenshalo
John King
Cole Lydick
Allison McClanahan

John McCuan
Irene Morris
Landon Oestreich
Jaclyn Pearce
Kasey Pearson
Sadie Powell
Kylie Prather
Vanessa Richardson
Jessica Rinebold
Heliceliz Rivera
Danishka Rodriguez
Charles Ross
Conner Ryle
Sabrina Simpson
Rebecca Smith
Robert Smith
Caleb Smothers
Evan Staat
Julie Thomas
Joshua Trout
Abigail Walker
Bailey Walters
Trey Woosley
Kourtney York

President's List

Anne Anderson
Kayla Ash
Kathy Bailey
Meagan Borah
Kaeleigh Brown
Chelsea Dulany
Joshua Goldman
Tyler Henry
Clint Holtenbrink
Jackson Hydorn
Jayden Jeminson
Joy Koker
Emily Lewis
Whitney Morrison
Zachary Norton
Jessica Owen
Sydnee Phillips
Abigail Potter
Laramie Sayles
Madison Scamahorn
Jakob Shuck
Abra Slover
Christina Strantz
Noah West
Anna Wheeler

Dean's List

Malik Blair
Kyle Buchanan
Blake Bunting
Forrest Cantrell
Christy Davenport
Gary Davis
Julia Earnst
Braxton Gerek
Austin Gollner
MacCrae Grant
Caisie Hart
Riley Hartman
Kyndra Henderson
Asher Hughey
Brittany Hutchison
Katelyn James

Mark Koker
Lee Donovan
Mikayla Masterson
Jazmine McClane
Shayla Miller
Haylee Neuman
Aubrey Noe
Brendan Reid
Caleb Rush
Morgan Schumm
Andrew Shoultz
Kensey Smothers
Bradley Taylor
Brody Tisdale
Logan Vaughn
Sara Williams



FCC Leading Community on NYC Summer Trip

For the first time, the Community Education program at Frontier Community College is offering a 4-day trip to New York City for interested community individuals. The trip is scheduled to depart Monday, July 8 with a return date of Thursday, July 11. Enrollment for the trip opened at the beginning of February, and the reservations quickly filled up. FCC will be joined by over 25 college students and adults for the trip of a lifetime to The Big Apple.

FCC partnered with Explorica, a travel organization that provides educational tours across the globe, to carefully plan the trip. The package is titled New York City: Landmarks of Manhattan, and travelers will visit popular sites such as the Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, and Central Park.

The 4-day excursion will include: round-trip transportation from St. Louis, Missouri; sightseeing tours and site visits; hotel stays; daily breakfast and dinner; and a full-time private tour guide. Guests will also have the chance to see a Broadway performance. The itinerary is as follows:

Day 1

- Travel to NYC
- Midtown walking tour
 - Rockefeller Center
 - St. Patrick's Cathedral
 - Times Square
 - Grand Central Terminal
- Dinner
- Empire State Building visit

Day 2

- Ferry to Ellis Island
- Statue of Liberty
- Lower Manhattan tour
 - Trinity Church
 - Wall Street
 - 9/11 Memorial
 - Chinatown & Little Italy
- Dinner

Day 3

- Radio City Music Hall
- Metropolitan Art Museum
- Central Park walking tour
- Madison & Park Avenue
- Dinner
- Broadway Show

Day 4

- American Museum of Natural History
- Travel home

The trip to New York City has generated much buzz within the community, and individuals have provided feedback to FCC expressing interest in future trips. The college hopes to visit Washington, D.C. for its next trip.

Frontier in a Flash

A photographic reflection of recent happenings within the FCC community

- 1) The Flora Health Occupations class visited FCC's Nursing Department to learn more about the medical field and FCC's Health Informatics, Phlebotomy, and Nursing (through OCC) Programs.
- 2) Several ladies of FCC gathered to throw a baby shower for Cat Halterman, Financial Aid Assistant, who is expecting a girl at the end of the month.
- 3) Debbie Bryant, Administrative Assistant to Dean Bruinsma (pictured right) celebrated her birthday with coworkers before embarking on a Hawaiian vacation.
- 4) Jeremy Carter, owner of Carter Trucking and Carter Athletic Academy, threw the first pitch at the March 8 baseball game.
- 5) Students in the Anatomy & Physiology class take a break for the camera before completing their lab.





The Bobcat Beat



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Baseball, Softball Seasons in Full Swing

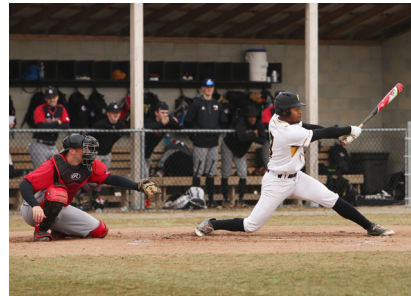
MARCH SPORTS CALENDAR

Baseball

- 14 @ Southeastern / 3PM
- 16 Southeastern / 12PM (DH)
- 19 @ Illinois Central / 4PM (DH)
- 21 Wabash Valley / 3PM
- 23 @ Wabash Valley / 12PM (DH)
- 26 Lincoln Trail / 3PM
- 28 @ John A. Logan / 3PM
- 30 John A. Logan / 12PM (DH)

Softball

- 14 Southwestern / 4:30PM (DH)
- 16 @ Kaskaskia / 12PM (DH)
- 17 Lincoln Trail / 1PM (DH)
- 19 Parkland / 4:30PM (DH)
- 21 Lake Land / 4:30PM (DH)
- 23 @ Shawnee / 12PM (DH)
- 24 Elgin CC / 1PM (DH)
- 28 Wabash Valley / 4:30PM (DH)
- 29 St. Louis CC / 4:30PM (DH)
- 30 @ Southeastern / 12PM (DH)
- 31 Arkansas State / 10AM (DH)



The 2019 season kicked off in the State of Mississippi for both Frontier Baseball and Softball, and the teams have a busy schedule ahead of them for March. Although Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring, Coaches Brandon Benton (baseball) and Marty Slover (softball) would have to disagree. Just a few weeks into the season, the Bobcats have had to make several adjustments due to winter weather and wet field conditions.

As of March 13, baseball is 13-8 on the season with a 7-game winning streak. The team has been undefeated at home, having hosted Lindenwood-Belleville JV, Morton College, Rend Lake, and Illinois Central.

Softball participated in the Farewell to Carnell Classic while in Mississippi, going 1-2 for the first weekend in March. As of March 13, wet field conditions have prevented the team from playing any games.

Schedules are subject to change due to inclement weather and other conflicts, and all announcements are posted on the FCC Bobcats Athletics Facebook and Twitter accounts.