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## Event Calendar

### December

3 Fairfield Kiwanis Christmas Parade 5pm

9 LAST DAY OF CLASSES

12-15 Finals Week!

16 Last Day of Semester!

December 20 - January 2  
College Closed for Winter Break

25 Christmas

### January

1 New Year's Day!

3 College Re-opens

4 Faculty Workshop

5-6 Registration/Testing

9 First Day of Spring Classes

16 College Closed: MLK Day

## Mason Named Christmas Parade Grand Marshal

With the college he helped establish celebrating 40 years of service this year, Frontier Community College's first president Mr. Richard Mason was selected as the 2016 Fairfield Kiwanis Christmas Parade Grand Marshal. The honor was bestowed upon Mr. Mason for his continued dedication to faith, family, education and community.

As founding president of FCC, Mr. Mason watched the college grow from 50 courses in the early 1970's to 700-800 courses in the 1980's. He saw the campus grow from one small administration building to six other buildings. He also served as interim chancellor of IECC from the early spring of 1994 until that fall when a new chancellor was named, and he returned to FCC until his retirement in 1996.

"I am very proud of Frontier and its continued growth over the past 40 years," Mr. Mason said. He continues to be involved with Frontier, serving as a member of the Foundation since his retirement, the first ten years as its chairman.



Above: Frontier Community College's first President Mr. Richard Mason serves at the Grand Marshal of the 2016 Fairfield Kiwanis Christmas Parade. Below left: FCC staff, faculty, students and a couple future students participated in the Polar Express float, handing out candy, golden ticket coupons, and spring sports schedules. Below right: Polar Express passengers Grant Halbert and Cheyanne Garrison (back) and FCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma as the conductor, with daughter Sophia, cruise through the parade route.



# FCC Receives Fire Truck Donation from Fairfield Fire Department & City of Fairfield



The City of Fairfield and the Fairfield Fire Department recently donated a 1982 model fire engine to the Emergency Preparedness program at Frontier Community College. The engine was donated after the city fire department purchased a new fire engine to replace the 1982 model. Pictured from left are Alderman Ed Prince, FCC Director of Emergency Preparedness Scott Meserole, FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren, Fairfield Fire Chief Andrew Miller, Fairfield Mayor Chuck Griswold, Alderman David Fletcher, and Alderman Jim Griffith.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DEPARTMENT MOVING INTO NEW OFFICE



The Emergency Preparedness office has moved across the street into their new location: the old bookstore and technology offices.

Furniture, files, and belongings were moved at the beginning of December as the staff begins to unpack and settle into their new space.

New signage also hangs in replacement of the old bookstore sign to signify the new office location.

# Program Showcase Hosts Students from 10 Area High Schools

Frontier Community College was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from South East Illinois Area Health Education Center. The Small Grant Awards Program is designed for health professionals who are interested in projects for the advancement of public health.

Leaders at Frontier Community College utilized the grant to provide funding support for the recent FCC Program Showcase that took place on Frontier's campus on November 16. This event showcased the various healthcare training programs available at Frontier Community College in addition to other career and technical and transfer programs available to potential students.

High school students and guidance counselors from throughout the region attended the event. Students from Fairfield, Grayville, Albion, Lawrenceville, Newton, Wayne City, Cisne, Olney, Clay City, and Ob-long High Schools attended the showcase event.

Nearly 130 individuals participated in the day's activities. This event provided an opportunity for potential students to learn more about the various programs available at Frontier Community College.

Potential students were able to interact with faculty and staff during four different informational sessions. Also, the event allowed students to learn more about the process of attending college through discussions surrounding selection of the right career, obtaining financial aid to help fund higher education, and making the most out of the college experience.

Participants had the opportunity to interact with current students throughout the day. Ultimately, the goal of this event was to provide an invaluable opportunity for students to explore the different academic programs and corresponding career options available at Frontier Community College so that they can make informed plans for their future endeavors. The event was a huge success thanks to the support of the South East Illinois Area Health Education Center.



Above: Frontier Community College Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma and FCC Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Carrie Halbert accept the grant check from South East Illinois AHEC Director Beth Wilson.

Below: Approximately 130 students filled the Workforce Development Center on November 16 for the annual Program Showcase.



## Susan Suddarth New Part-Time Business Office Clerk

Susan Suddarth has been hired as part-time Business Officer Clerk at Frontier Community College (FCC). Suddarth began her duties on November 21.

At FCC, Suddarth will be assisting in processing student payment agreements, payments and waivers, processing accounts payable vouchers, fleet management, and monitoring item receipts among other daily Business Office duties.

Prior to coming to FCC, Suddarth worked at Airtex Products for 23 years in Purchasing, Engineering, Warranty, Quality, and the Distribution Center. She received her Bachelor's in Business Administration from McKendree University in 1991 and is currently working on her Master's in Business Administration.

Suddarth is married to her husband of seven years Lindsay Suddarth. They have three daughters: Elissa, Meghan, and Heather, along with four grandchildren: Charly, Blayne, Leyth, and Tate.

On joining the FCC family, Suddarth stated, "I am excited to be a part of Frontier and am looking forward to my future here."



# Several Scholarships Awarded in November



The semi-annual Clemence Elizabeth Cox Scholarship has been awarded to Austin Atteberry of Mt. Erie and Bethany Summerfield of West Salem for the 2016 fall semester. The \$500 scholarships are awarded during the fall and spring to second-level nursing students at Frontier Community College. Both recipients will complete the Associate Degree in Nursing in May 2017.

This memorial scholarship has been established by Jerry Cox of Mill Shoals, the son of John and Clemence Cox. Jerry is a retired salesman for Airtex Products, a Southern Illinois University graduate, and a Vietnam veteran.

Grateful for the care that both his parents received in the hospital and nursing home, and knowing the care nurses give to the VA patients, Jerry thought it only fitting to award the scholarship to nursing students.



Logan Hill of Fairfield has been named the recipient of the fall 2016 Debra Jean Withrow Scholarship, a scholarship that is awarded to local nursing students enrolled in the IECC Nursing Program at Frontier Community College. Logan received \$500 and will complete the Associate Degree in Nursing in May 2017.

The scholarship was established in January 2007 in memory of Debra Jean Withrow, a surgical nurse who worked at Fairfield Memorial Hospital at the time of her death in 2005. She was involved in teaching students and served as the President

of the local chapter of AORN, The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses.

The semi-annual Vicky Lemons Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Teia Esmon and Allison Tullis of Fairfield for the 2016 fall semester. The \$500 scholarships are awarded during the fall and spring to nursing students at Frontier Community College.

Vicky Lemons was well known and loved in the Fairfield community and at Frontier Community College. Serving as a member of the nursing faculty at FCC from 2006 until her passing in March 2015, Vicky played an important part not only in the education of her students, but in their everyday lives as well.

This memorial scholarship has been established by Vicky's family and friends in an effort to give back to the students she loved helping so much. Even in passing, Vicky continues to help students achieve their nursing goals through this scholarship reward.

## Thomason Receives IL Rural Health Association Scholarship

Jennifer Thomason, second year Health Informatics student at Frontier Community College, has received a \$1,000 scholarship for spring 2017 from the Illinois Rural Health Association.

The Illinois Rural Health Association granted just five Medical Billing and Coding Scholarships to Health Informatics/HIT students.

Criteria for the scholarship included current enrollment in a Medical Informatics or HIT program, with the intent to work in rural health.

The Health Informatics program at FCC is lead by full-time faculty member Jodi Peach. Thomason and Peach are pictured at right.



# Scholarships Continued



Pictured l-r: EDS Faculty Ed Patton, Tanner Carlson, Derek Endicott, Gerry Kinney, Colby Hopfinger, & Jason Downer. helping others and meeting new people.

Taner Carlson of Albion has been awarded the Luke Vaughan Memorial Scholarship at Frontier Community College (FCC). Taner is currently enrolled in FCC's Electrical Distribution Systems Program. The Luke Vaughan Memorial scholarship is a merit based annual scholarship.

Luke Vaughan began his electrical career as a Journeyman Electrician at Airtex Products. He later co-founded Vaughan Electric, Heating and Air, a local company that is still in operation today. Luke was an honest, hardworking man that took great pride in his work. He enjoyed

The Memorial Scholarship was set up by his family to assist the recipient on the path to their electrical career in hopes that they find the same fulfillment it brought Luke Vaughan.

Frontier Community College awarded the Earl R. Pottorff Memorial Scholarship to Derek Endicott of McLeansboro. Endicott is currently enrolled in FCC's Electrical Distribution Systems program and will complete the certificate in May 2017.

The Earl Pottorff Memorial Scholarship was established in December 2012 by Lorraine Pottorff in memory of her late husband. It is the first donation presented to the FCC Foundation specifically for a Career and Technical program that will last in perpetuity. The Earl R. Pottorff Memorial Scholarship is presented each year in the amount of \$1,000 to a student enrolled in the Electrical Distribution Systems program.

Colby Hopfinger of Flora has been awarded the Wayne-White Electric Co-op Scholarship in honor of Gerry Kinney at Frontier Community College (FCC) in Fairfield. Colby is currently enrolled in FCC's Electrical Distribution Systems certificate program and will graduate in May 2017.

The Wayne-White Electric Co-op Scholarship in honor of Gerry Kinney was established in the summer of 2016. The cooperative held a fundraiser to raise money to establish a scholarship to enable someone to attend the Electrical Distribution Systems program at FCC. The recipient will learn the trade and skills to begin a career as an electrical distribution lineman, just like Gerry enjoyed for 17 years.

Kinney survived being shocked and burned on both hands with 7,200 volts by a high voltage power line in July 2015. Losing both forearms and hands, Kinney defied the odds by surviving the accident. Kinney now is happy to be able to share his experience with FCC students to reinforce the importance of safety in lineman work.

Jason Downer of Fairfield has been awarded the Steve Rafferty Memorial Scholarship at Frontier Community College (FCC) in Fairfield. Jason is currently enrolled in FCC's Electrical Distribution Systems certificate program and will graduate in May 2017.

The Steve Rafferty Memorial Scholarship was established in March 2014. Rafferty served as the Lead Faculty for the Electrical Distribution Systems Program at Frontier Community College from 2008 until his passing in March 2014.

# Paneling & Walls Going up Inside Tiny House

Those making it up to view the tiny house just once or twice a month might be quite surprised at the progress that has been made in such a short period of time!

The shower has been installed, walls around the bathroom are up, inside paneling has been installed, and more! Not only have the Construction Technology students been working on the tiny house, but they have also taken time out to work on the roofs of the dugouts at the baseball field. It has been a busy month for the Construction Technology program as you can see below!



# Local Church Providing Free Food For FCC Staff, Faculty, Students

The Fairfield First Baptist Church provided a variety of free finger foods for the staff, faculty, and students of Frontier Community College in November. This was their second event, providing a free nacho bar at the end of October as well.

Seeing a need for students to have food services available on campus, the First Baptist Church graciously brought food items, door prizes, and free materials and resources to the lunches. Both events were well attended and appreciated by all who participated. The church anticipates holding more events in the future, with dates to be determined.

Below, staff and students pack the Frontier Perks Coffeehouse and student lounge to enjoy the church provided meal.



# EVENTS, CLASSES, AND HAPPENINGS AT FCC!



On November 18, TRIO SSS students helped serve a Thanksgiving meal with the First United Methodist Church's Foodtastic Friday group to FCHS students and faculty. Pictured back row l-r: Blake Bradham and Tristan Payne. Front row: Brittany Peddicord, Tiffany Earnst, Cheyanne Garrison, Emilio Esquivel, TRIO SSS Advisor Annie Lankford, and Jonah Weaver.

KEEP CALM  
AND MAKE IT TO  
WINTER BREAK

COLLEGE CLOSED:  
DECEMBER 20, 2016 - JANUARY 2, 2017

## 2016 Breakfast with Santa a Success!



The 2016 Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Frontier Community College Student Senate Club, was held on Saturday, December 3 at Bob Boyles Hall on FCC's campus. Several youngsters from around the area attended and enjoyed pancakes, making a craft with Santa, and taking their picture with Santa Claus.

Top left: Sophia Bruinsma, daughter of FCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma and wife Lacey, warmed up to Santa Claus with a hug. Bottom left: Santa made a new friend in FCC Director of Instructional Services Megan Black during craft time. Above right: Members of Student Senate were on hand to assist the participants and give Santa some guidance. Students attending are, from left: Sarah Conrad, Vanessa Vinson, Maddison Smith, Santa Claus, Darian Anderson, and Justin Johnson.

# WINTER BREAK HOURS @



COFFEEHOUSE

Monday-Thursday  
7am - 9pm

Friday  
7am - 4:30pm

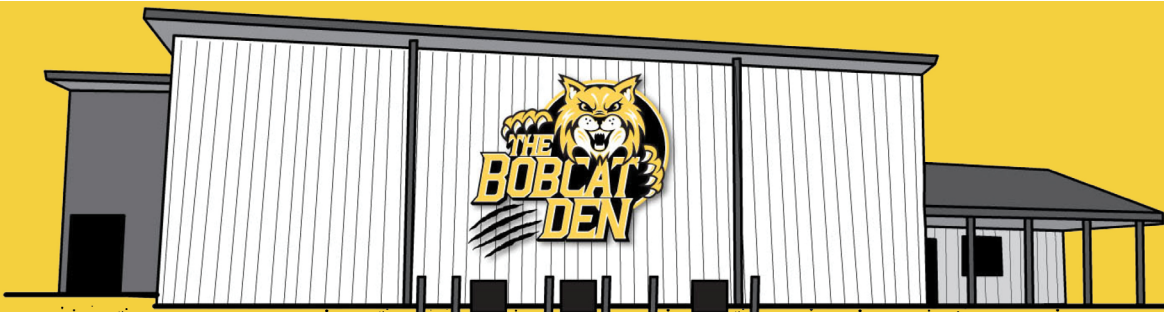
Saturday  
CLOSED

The college is closed  
Dec. 20 - Jan. 2  
but the Den & Perks are

**OPEN!**

Check out their  
hours during break!

Monday - Friday  
7am - 2pm



## LET US HELP YOU REACH YOUR NEW YEAR'S GOALS!

- \* Personal Training
- \* Workout Plans
- \* Silver Sneakers
- \* Single/Family Memberships
- \* Fitness Classes: Spring 2017 -  
Chair Yoga, Yoga, Spin, Total Body Workout

### Memberships:

	Single	Family
1 Month:	\$20	\$45
3 Months:	\$55	\$125
6 Months:	\$100	\$215

\*Must be h.s. age or older for memberships\*

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Hours: Mon-Th: 7am - 9pm | Fri: 7am-4:30pm | Sat: 8am-12pm





# The Bobcat Beat

## MORE BOBCATS SIGNING AND RE-SIGNING FOR 2017

Recruiting and re-signing for 2017-2018 is in full swing for all three Bobcats sports. Softball has made several moves this month, with volleyball receiving an official signed letter of intent from Lixi Wheeler of Carmi, and baseball re-signing several players for next year. Should be a busy winter for baseball, softball and volleyball as they work to fill roster spots for next year!



Above left: Lixi Wheeler of Carmi officially signs her letter of intent to play for Bobcats Volleyball in 2016-2017. Above right: Kylie Prather of West Frankfort is joined by family and coaches as she signs to play for Bobcats Softball next year. Below left: Brittany Hutchison of Harrisburg was one of the first new signings for Bobcats Softball for 2016-2017. Below center: Mt. Carmel senior Kasey Pearson officially joins Bobcats Softball for next season. Below right: Kierra Schoenbaechler of Lynnville, Indiana most recently signed her letter of intent to play for Bobcats Softball next year. Four current softball players have re-signed for next season as well: Christina Walker, Samantha Finn, Haley Settle, and Misty Gill. Baseball players re-signing for next year include: Ho-Chi-Ming Hernandez, Isaac Johnston, Bryan Camacho, Joseph Guevara, Kenneth Otero, and Jean Carlos Matos.

