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February Calendar

- 1 Game Night @ Bob Boyles Hall
4-8PM
- 13 Baseball @ Williams Baptist Coll.
@ 12:00PM (DH)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16-17 Baseball @ Lawson State CC
@ 12:00PM (DH)
- 18-19 Baseball @ Beville State CC
@ 1:00PM (DH)
- 19 College Closed
President's Day
- 20 Student Nurses Assoc. Bake Sale
@ LRC Lobby
- 20 IECC Board Meeting
- 23 Professional Development Day
@ WDC Rm 31, 2-3PM
- 24 Softball @ Volunteer State CC
@ 12:00PM (DH)
- 24-25 Baseball @ Columbia State CC
@ 2:00PM (DH)
- 26 Student Nurses Assoc. Blood Drive
in honor of Vicky Lemons
12:30-4:30PM @ LRC
- 27 Baseball vs. Williams Baptist Coll.
Opening Day @ 12:00PM (DH)
- 28 CTE & Transfer Open House
9AM - 1PM

Harris Hired as New Nursing Instructor



Brittany Harris of Champaign has been hired as a full-time nursing instructor for the nursing department at FCC. Harris began her new position on January 3.

Born and raised in Champaign, Harris brings over 7 years of experience in floor nursing to the classroom. Prior to her new position, she worked as a nurse at Swann Special Care Center (Champaign), a pediatric skilled care facility. She is also a former nurse at the Carle Foundation Hospital (Champaign), a Magnet-certified hospital. On her days off, Harris volunteered at a pregnancy resource center, performing ultrasounds and providing counseling for expectant mothers.

Harris is looking forward to teaching at FCC, where she will instruct both Level I and Level II Nursing classes. In addition to classroom lecture, she will be assisting students with clinical hours at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. "I am so grateful to be here at FCC," said Harris. "The nursing faculty has been so helpful and friendly, and the students are very bright and engaged in learning."

This may be Harris' first teaching position, but growing up she always knew she wanted to be a teacher someday. After graduating from high school, Harris chose nursing because of the research and study components. During her years of floor nursing she interacted with many students in clinical rotations, and she found herself enjoying the on-the-job training. "I like learning all the modern and best practices in the medical field, and I am passionate about sharing this information with others and teaching them all I can," said Harris. As she gained experience working in hospitals, she developed an itch to further develop her education. Teaching, Harris states, was clearly the best route for her future.

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When she isn't in the classroom, Harris stays busy getting acclimated to her new job and lesson planning for her various classes. She is settling into Fairfield and has found she enjoys the "simplified, small-town life." In her spare time, Harris enjoys reading and learning, cooking, home improvement projects, and traveling.

Harris obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Olivet Nazarene University (Kankakee, IL) in 2010. In the last month, she completed the Master of Science in Nursing Education from Olivet. Harris is also certified in Med-Surg nursing.



Pictured above are the Nursing Department staff & faculty: Julie Bullard, Advisor; Harris; Wanda Douglas, Instructor & Department Head; Beth Wilson, Instructor; and Karen Marks, Instructor.

FCC Celebrates CTE Month with Open House

Frontier Community College (FCC) is joining with community colleges throughout the state of Illinois to celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. FCC currently offers the following 13 CTE programs: Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Electrical Distribution Systems, Entrepreneurship, Executive Office Professional, Fire Science, Graphic Arts & Design, Health Informatics, Information Systems Technology, Nursing (through Olney Central College), Paramedicine, Phlebotomy, and Sport Management.

The CTE programs at FCC provide curriculum to earn either a certificate or degree that is typically completed in one to two years. Some of the programs, such as Graphic Arts & Design and Health Informatics, allow the student to transfer to a four-year university, where they can continue their education to earn a Bachelor's degree. FCC has articulation agreements with multiple universities in the region, including University of Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois University – Carbondale.

In recognition of Career and Technical Education Month, FCC will be hosting an Open House event for local high school students and community members on Wednesday, February 28. From 9AM-1PM, students will gather in Workforce Development Center and explore FCC's transfer and CTE programs and degrees, as well as tour the classrooms and meet with instructors. Lunch will be provided by First Baptist Church of Fairfield, and each person in attendance will receive a free T-shirt, compliments of FNB. The event is coordinated by Carrie Halbert, Recruitment and Retention Coordinator at FCC

Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares individuals for high-skill, in-demand employment that furthers Illinois' global competitiveness. Last year, roughly two-thirds (62.2%) of all Illinois community college graduates earned a CTE degree or certificate. CTE programs offer flexible scheduling, work-based learning, and stackable credentials that provide a pathway from education to employment not only for recent high school graduates, but also for returning adults, veterans, and incumbent workers. Success in CTE programming is amplified by academic support services, work-based learning opportunities, and business engagement. CTE's reach in Illinois' workforce continues to be expansive; currently, there are over 4,300 different CTE programs offered across the community college system.



FCC Announces Honors List for Fall 2017

Frontier Community College is pleased to announce its academic honors list for the Fall 2017 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.

CEO's List

Mark Andrist	John King
Bethany Bailey	Joel Koker
Audrey Balding	Cole Lydick
Darla Bankston	Brendan Mafnas
Danielle Barczewski	Sierra May
Karen Barnard	Morgan McCoy
Janaye Barnfield	Brant McGill
Donald Bielecki	Johanna Meyers
Dawson Boose	Jennifer Moises
Masor Borowiak	Haylee Neuman
Janet Bryan	Kristi Paul
Carly Burke	Kasey Pearson
Lawson Clayton	Alex Pearl
Nicholas Conner	Kylie Prather
Deana Coomer	Jacob Reiter
Madison Cowser	Steven Robinson
Kimmra Crawford	Sandra Sanders
Seth Cummings	Shaelyn Shreve
Christy Davenport	Faith Simpson
Stephen Delancy	Sabrina Simpson
Robert Faulkner	Chelsea Smith
Faith Fields	Ethan Smith
Elizabeth Fortier	Caleb Smothers
Misty Garrison	Jayden Stanford
Anna Gill	Melissa Stewart
Misty Gill	Otis Venters, Sr.
Larissa Hamilton	Otis Venters, Jr.
McKensie Harrison	Sheryl Walker
Andrea Hart	Allysa Walters
Robin Hooper	Bailey Walters
Christopher Iltshishin	Mikayla Walters
Kasey Ingram	Anna Wheeler
Robin Jones	Virginia Williams
Myranda Kenshalo	Twyla Wilson

President's List

Alexander Miles
Mattison Bartlett
Benjamin Belangee
Nicholas Cartright
Kendra Cessna
Troy Davis
Samantha Finn
Taylor Fitzgerald
Rebecca Harper
Riley Hartman
Dorothie Hedden
Jacob Henry
Brittany Hutchison
Titus Keaton
Ty Kinkelaar
Katelyn Kistner
David Lawson
Leia Nobles
Landon Oestreich
Teresa Simpson
Taylor Sterling
Melinda Tanner
Madissen Torrence
Alixandria Wheeler
Landon Willett
Mark Withrow
Trey Woosley
Kobe Young

Dean's List

Nathan Abraham
Meagan Borah
Joffre Briggs
Carrie Christman
Kennedy Coffelt
Chelsea Dulany
Brandon Fleck
Madeline Gillard
Blayne Hancock
Shealyn Healy
Carter Hilliard-Walker
Mark Koker
Colton Kroll
Brock Lewis
Adrian Lopez
Jacob Nelson
Jared Ortiz
Abigail Potter
Jessica Reeves
Baylee Robertson
Chance Runyon
Madison Scamahorn
Haley Settle
McKenna Smith
Bryan Soto
Naomi Thompson
Peyton Turrentine
Christina Walker
Cameron Wingler

Honors List students will be recognized at FCC's Awards Night, scheduled for Friday, May 4.



Professional Development Fridays for Spring Semester

Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instructional Services, has scheduled upcoming Professional Development Fridays for the Spring 2018 semester. The schedule will cover a broad variety of topics that are beneficial for all employees. “Professional Development Fridays are helping our FCC employees to better understand the tools and software they work with day to day,” says Bruinsma. “The goal is to equip individuals with new or enhanced skills and increase productivity simply from introducing new methods and tips.”

Professional Development Fridays were created by Dean Bruinsma in October 2017 in an effort to increase learning opportunities for FCC staff and faculty. With supervisor approval, any staff member can attend the hour-long training opportunity while on the clock. Staff members unable to attend the session are encouraged to utilize Go2Knowledge for other professional development activities. IT Technician Terry Chrtr led the Fall 2017 sessions, training employees about computer optimization and workspace efficiency. Prior to the meetings, Bruinsma encourages employees to send specific questions to the session leader to enhance their learning curve.

January:
Go2Knowledge

February:
Beginning/Intermediate Excel

March:
Outlook/Scheduling
Intermediate/Advanced Excel

April:
FCC Branding
Microsoft Publisher

Learning Resource Center Hosting Escape Room Event



An escape room is a physical adventure game in which players must solve a series of puzzles, riddles, and locks within a certain time frame. First seen in Asian countries, escape rooms are now popping up across the country and provide team-building entertainment for all ages to enjoy.

Merna Youngblood, Director of the Learning Resource Center (LRC), is a fan of escape rooms herself, and she thought of the idea when trying to plan creative events for the LRC. “I wanted to host something in the LRC that would be entertaining for our students,” said Youngblood.

“When we decided to plan an escape room, this opened up an opportunity for families and groups in the public to visit our campus and partake in the fun.” Youngblood established a committee of FCC employees to create a theme, decorate the room, and plan the path of clues to escape in 30 minutes or less.

The theme for the escape room is “Spring Break Escape.” In the introductory video that explains the concept and rules of the room, students are facing one final exam before spring break, and they must find their plane ticket to Hawaii in 30 minutes or less. Youngblood has included clues and puzzles that follow the theme, including an atlas, a textbook, and a suitcase. She even recruited the help of Construction Technology students, who built a contraption that must be unlocked to earn a key for the next clue.

Reservations are currently available and include time slots for the final two weeks of February. Many classes and student clubs have already booked reservations for the team-building opportunity, including Student Senate and Student Nurses Association.

