

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



August 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 16 First day of classes
- 21 IECC Board Meeting
- 25 Volleyball Tri-Match vs. LTC & Shawnee CC
- 27 VB vs. WVC / 6:30PM
- 30 VB vs. Kaskaskia / 6:30PM

September

- 3 College closed - Labor Day
- 3 VB vs. Rend Lake / 6:30PM
- 10 VB @ MacMurray JV / 7PM
- 13 VB @ Lincoln Trail / 6:30PM
- 14 Volleyball Tournament @ Illinois Central College
- 17 Constitution Day
- 18 VB vs. Vincennes / 6PM
- 20 VB vs. John Wood / 6:30PM
- 25 VB @ Rend Lake / 6:30PM
- 28 VB vs. WVC / 6:30PM
- 30 VB Tri-Match @ Parkland

Over 120 Students Attend NSO for Upcoming Fall Semester



Frontier Community College held its New Student Orientation (NSO) event on Wednesday, August 8. The event was held in the Workforce Development Center and drew over 120 students throughout the district.

After a welcome by President Dr. Jay Edgren, students broke out into small groups and rotated throughout campus to learn about various services and opportunities. Breakout sessions included: Student Success, Student Services 101, Learning Resource Center & Online Services, Club Exploration, and Faculty/Student Panel.

During the closing session, students received a free T-shirt as well as door prizes. They also had the opportunity to ask any final questions. Students who attended NSO gained a better understanding of classroom locations, student guidelines and expectations, and campus policies.

Carrie Halbert, Coordinator of Recruitment and Retention, organized the event and is confident students left feeling prepared for the start of classes on August 16.

FCC Employees Gearing Up for Fall Semester



Faculty and staff of FCC gathered in Bob Boyles Hall for the semi-annual employee workshop on the morning of Thursday, August 9. President Dr. Jay Edgren began the meeting with a welcome and introduction of new employees across all campus departments. Organizational updates included discussions regarding enrollment, strategic goals, and more.

Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instructional Services, then presented instructional updates and also noted the recent sale of a tiny house, which was completed by FCC's Construction Technology Program (see below). Closing out the meeting was Jan Wiles, who serves as the Assistant Dean of Student Services and Athletic Director. Wiles provided training for sexual harassment prevention as well as athletic updates for the workshop, mentioning the 2017-2018 athlete rosters and fall schedules.

Grayville Campsite Purchases Tiny House

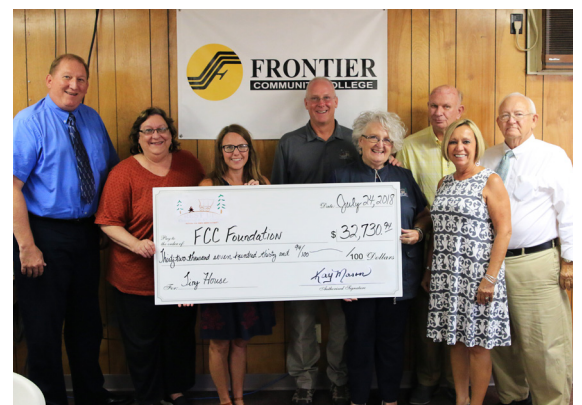
On July 23, a tiny house constructed on Frontier's campus traveled 30 miles down Highway 15. It was sold to Rest Up Camping & RV Corral in Grayville, who will soon be booking it for overnight stays.

The tiny house was a hands-on, comprehensive project that was built by the Construction Technology Program. Under the leadership of Instructor Steve Brokaw, students completed construction in the spring of 2017. FCC's tiny house has been featured on multiple tiny house websites and YouTube channels.

Campsite owners, Mike Clark and Kay Mason, have future plans for the Construction Technology Program to build additional cabins. These projects may begin as soon as this upcoming fall.

The tiny house project was funded by the FCC Foundation, and Clark and Mason presented a check at the Foundation Dinner on July 24. The funds raised will provide additional projects for the Construction Technology Program, FCC scholarships, and more.

Pictured are FCC Foundation members, from left to right: David Savage (incoming Vice-President), Diane Robinson (Treasurer), Sarah Rush (President), Clark, Mason, Preston Mathews, Terri Carter (Secretary), and Don Gillison (outgoing Vice-President).



LRC's Robert Tennyson Receives Innovation Award; Honored at ALA 2018 Conference

Robert Tennyson, who serves as the Library Technician in the Learning Resource Center (LRC), was recently recognized by the Rethinking Resource Sharing (RRS) Initiative. The acknowledgement came after he was nominated for the mobile checkout service he recently introduced to FCC employees. Tennyson received an honorable mention and was also recognized at the American Library Association's 2018 Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Tennyson's mobile checkout is a traveling library service that visits all buildings on campus to accommodate employees. Tennyson noticed that employees were unable to visit the LRC due to working hours and multiple responsibilities, so he wanted to bring the LRC to them. Once per month, Tennyson visits each of the ten buildings and brings library services catered to the employees' reading interests (such as genres and authors), which was determined through an intercampus survey earlier in the spring. Employees simply return their items at the next mobile checkout visit for extra convenience.



Tennyson is pictured receiving his certificate from Merna Youngblood, Director of the Learning Resource Center.

The RRS Initiative strives to continually implement and objectively evaluate innovative resource-sharing strategies and policies to optimize access to informational resources. The RRS Initiative awarded two institutions with the award, and FCC was one of three institutions to receive an honorable mention. The other two honorable mentions included Seton Hall University Libraries and University of Ottawa Libraries.

The Learning Resource Center is a library open to anyone within the IECC district. In-district individuals can obtain a library card for free, regardless of whether or not they are within city limits. LRC resources include books, E-books, newspapers, magazines, and DVDs. Services include a computer lab, free Wi-Fi, printing, laminating, and CD/DVD duplication.

Technician Academy Features High-Quality Education of Automotive Program

Earlier in the summer, an article was published on the website of Technician Academy, titled *Frontier Community College is Working to Fill the Void of Quality Technicians*. Technician Academy provides personalized on-site and online automotive training for both automotive students and employees. The company has made multiple visits to FCC's automotive classes to teach special lessons in electrical and mechanical components.

The article, published by Richard Young, the Director of Content and Programs, discusses the Automotive Technology Program, led by Rodney Maxey. Young described how the program has become a premiere leader in the Southern Illinois region, as graduates now leave with ASE and Snap-on NC3 certification. Incorporating these certifications into the program allows for graduates to confidently enter the workforce and easily find employment.

Ultimately, Young believes the Automotive Technology Program provides an excellent foundation for those enrolled. "[The program] brings a great value," says Young. "This foundation helps each student successfully move into the automotive repair industry."

You can read the full article by Young on Technician Academy's website at www.technician.academy.



FCC Employees Honored for Years of Service

Multiple employees were honored for years of service at Frontier’s company picnic on Friday, July 27. The employees were presented with an award for their dedication to the college.

Nixie Hnetkovsky, Life Science Instructor, and Rodney Maxey, Automotive Technology Instructor, were both recognized for 15 years of service. Academic Advisor Kara Blanton was honored for 10 years of service, as was Leslie Scott, Assistant Director for Emergency Preparedness. Scott Meserole, Program Director for Emergency Preparedness, was recognized for his 5 years of service.

Pictured with President Dr. Edgren are, from left to right: Nixie Hnetkovsky, Scott Meserole, and Leslie Scott. Not pictured: Instructor Rodney Maxey and Academic Advisor Kara Blanton.



Community Education Program Visits The Muny

Earlier in July, a group of over 30 individuals joined FCC on a trip to The Muny, America’s largest and oldest outdoor theatre located in St. Louis, Missouri. The evening of entertainment ended with a riveting performance of *Jersey Boys*, part of The Muny’s 100th season lineup.

Organized by Community Education Director Megan Black, the group departed FCC’s campus and headed for the St. Louis History Museum, which was featuring “100 Years of The Muny.” Afterwards, they traveled to Forest Park and headed to The Muny for a backstage tour, which is offered exclusively to group visits. After a dinner on The Muny grounds, the *Jersey Boys* performance began.

The trip was a large success for the Community Education Program, and Black hopes to schedule future cultural experiences for local individuals. The program is currently planning a Christmas-themed trip to St. Louis or Evansville, Indiana.



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Gillison Resigns from Foundation After 40 Years of Service



Dr. Don Gillison announced his resignation from the Frontier Community College Foundation at the summer meeting on July 24. Gillison was a very active and supportive member of the Foundation for over 40 years, and he had also served as the Foundation's Vice-President.

In 1977, recognizing a need for support of higher education within the community, Dr. Gillison formed a group with Richard Mason (the first FCC President), Preston Mathews, and the late Joe Fleming. They formed the College of Continuing Education Foundation, which later became the Frontier Community College Foundation.

Within the first year, the Foundation received a \$500,000 donation, and this was pivotal in developing FCC's campus. The first project was the construction of Classroom Building West (now renamed West Hall), which was largely organized by Dr. Gillison.

Reflecting on his time in the Foundation, member Preston Mathews noted that Dr. Gillison was "one of our very best members," as he never missed a meeting and attended many FCC events over the years. "He did anything it took to try and help Frontier Community College," said Mathews.

At his final meeting, Dr. Gillison was presented with a plaque for his years of service and dedication to the FCC Foundation. He is pictured above with President Sarah Rush. With Gillison's resignation from the Vice-President position, member David Savage was sworn in to replace him.

Adult Education Receives Literacy Grant

The Adult Education Program, housed on FCC's campus, recently received a grant from the Illinois State Library, a division of the Office of Secretary of State. The funds have been designated for adult literacy within the community. With the grant, the Adult Education Program is now reaching out to the community for help with the Adult Volunteer Literacy (AVL) Project, which provides assistance to those who want to improve their reading, math, writing, and language skills.


Individuals within the community in need of literacy tutoring must be at least 17 years of age and not currently enrolled in school. They must also compute or comprehend below the ninth-grade level on an approved pre-test. Additionally, the AVL Project provides support for English language learners (ESL) in the areas of reading, writing, comprehension, computation, and speaking.

Those interested in joining the AVL Project would offer one-on-one tutoring for adult learners. After 12 hours of required training, tutors would be carefully matched with adult students and provided all necessary information and support to assist the learner. Tutors will meet with the student on a scheduled basis throughout the community. Interested individuals can sign up for literacy tutoring by contacting the Adult Education Office.

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Program is a grant-funded program that offers a variety of courses to meet the diverse needs of individuals in the community. Classes and supportive services, such as GED Test Prep, are offered at no cost to students. The program's courses are designed to prepare students for the GED exam and other tests, and students also receive guidance for a future educational or career path.



The Bobcat Beat

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SPORTS CALENDAR

VOLLEYBALL

August

- 25 vs. LTC & Shawnee CC / 10AM
- 27 @ Wabash Valley / 6:30PM
- 30 vs. Kaskaskia / 6:30PM

September

- 3 vs. Rend Lake / 6:30PM
- 10 @ MacMurray / 7PM
- 13 @ Lincoln Trail / 6:30PM
- 14 IL Central Tournament
- 18 vs. Vincennes / 6:00PM
- 20 vs. John Wood / 6:30PM
- 25 @ Rend Lake / 6:30PM
- 28 vs. Wabash Valley / 6:30PM
- 30 @ Parkland College / 11AM

October

- 3 vs. Lewis & Clark / 6:30PM
- 5 @ Lincoln Land Tournament
- 11 @ Kaskaskia / 6:30PM
- 19 St. Louis CC Tournament
- 20 @ Vincennes Tri-Match
- 23 @ SWIC / 6:30PM
- 29 NJCAA Region 24 Tournament

Volleyball Hosts Kids Camp



The Bobcats Volleyball team held a two-day camp for kids in the community on August 2 & 3. Held at Center Street School's gymnasium, where the Bobcats host home matches, Coach Marjorie Jordan and her team trained over 30 kids in the basic skills of the sport. Special focus was given in the areas of serving, passing, bumping, blocking, and spiking. Camps were divided into three separate groups based on age.

Baseball & Softball Teams Approaching Exhibition Season

Softball and baseball athletes arrived on campus the first week of August, and they have been quick to join the fields for practice.

While softball has no home games scheduled, the team will have a busy September by participating in the Lincoln Trail Round Robin Tournament, IECC Showcase, John A. Logan Invitational, and more.

Baseball's 48-man roster has been holding practice on FNB Field to prepare for their upcoming fall schedule. The first home game is set for Saturday, September 1, with a 12:00PM first pitch. The team will play fifteen games between now and October 14. Baseball will also host the Region 24 Fall Classic at FNB Field on October 5-6.