



STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY GIVE-AWAY

The Learning Resource Center had to get crafty this semester with a way to host their annual event for students. Typically Game-A-Palooza is masterminded by Merna Youngblood, as a day of fun and friendly competition between students. Unfortunately with COVID-19

numbers, even Merna's mad genius was unable to figure out how to safely implement a physical event of that nature. Instead, Merna and the LRC decided to create a day to appreciate students on campus.



On Student Appreciation Day, students were treated to a free pork burger box. These boxes included a burger, chips, a cookie, and a soda. The boxes were purchased from a local BBQ eatery, Big Boy Catering, and served by faculty and staff volunteers. If students came at the right time, they might have had Dr. Edgren digging through a cooler to get them a soda. All in attendance were very happy with the event. Thank you to the LRC staff for thinking of such a great way to show how much Frontier Community College cares about its students!

Upcoming Events

December

- 11 Last Day of Classes
- 14-17 Finals
- 18 Last Day of the Semester

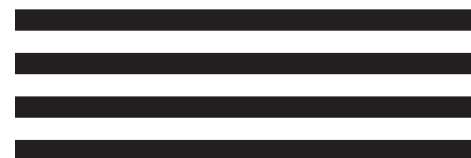
January

- 5 College Opens
- 7-8 Class Registration and Testing
- 11 First Day of Classes
- 18 College Closed: MLKJ Day
- 23 First Home Volleyball Game

February

- 15 College Closed: President's Day

Frontier Community College is following Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan. Campus and community events have been modified to incorporate social distancing and other recommended practices to help insure community and employee safety.



NEW CONSTRUCTION ON CAMPUS

Construction is happening at Frontier Community College, FCC, in the college's near-constant move to upgrade its facilities to improve the student experience on campus. This month's change comes in a remodel to the Library, where a new testing center is under construction. While this change is not massive, it will provide a much-needed testing center for students. This new center will be where the computers were previously located, through the front doors to the left. The walling off of this section will give students a place where they can take monitored tests such as Pearson VUE, the GED, and official placement exams. The school is hopeful that with this new center and proper staff certification that students will not have to go off sight for computer-based testing.



ADMISSION PACKETS SENT TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

This year Frontier Community College, and all of IECC, decided to send Admission Packets to students that applied to attend FCC in the Fall of 2021 during our new priority application period. Inside the packet was a colorful guide packed full of information that prospective students and their parental figures would find useful in the college decision process. Along with this guide, a letter from FCC President, Dr. Edgren, was included welcoming students and discussing the benefits of attending local schools, as well as an admissions checklist with a hand-written note from Carrie Halbert. The college hopes this packet will show students they are more than a number while attending FCC, and that campus is an enriching and rewarding place to call home. Packets received a positive response from prospective students and has already prompted students to lock in their spots for Fall 2021.

START HERE AND GO ANYWHERE

- QUALITY**
BestValueSchools.org recently listed Frontier Community College among the top 15 Associate Arts Programs in the nation.
This ranking was based upon the quality of education, graduation rate, and value.
- AFFORDABLE**
Frontier Community College is a financially smart decision. You can save thousands of dollars by starting your education at FCC. What will you do with that extra cash in your pocket?
Even better, 93% of our students receive grants or scholarships.
- \$389,000**
Frontier Community College graduates make an average of \$389,000 more in their lifetime than someone with only a high school diploma.
- PERSONAL**
You can expect an individualized education at Frontier Community College. The average size of our classes is 14, so you get one-on-one attention from your instructors. They get to know you and they care about you and your future.
- 500+ YEARS**
Our instructors are experts in their fields. Combined they have over 500 years of work experience in the fields they teach. We have a proven track record of equipping you with the skills you need to be competitive in the workplace.
- FLEXIBILITY**
Frontier Community College is about providing you flexibility. When you finish at FCC, you can begin your career or you can transfer to a four-year university. We also offer evening and online classes to fit virtually any schedule. Altogether, we offer 49 two-year degree options.

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The "Colorful Guide" that was featured inside the Admission Packets

STUDENTS GIVE BLOOD FOR ONE ANOTHER

In this season of giving, students at the college have been very giving with a present that most would not be eager to receive, blood. As both our MLT and Phlebotomy programs near the end of the semester, volunteers are needed to practice drawing blood. The MLT program had those in Phlebotomy draw their blood, and then the



MLT students took their own blood samples to use for labs in their course work.

The red donations did not stop with fellow medical students. Phlebotomy's next-door neighbors, the Automotive department, also shared their veins for Phlebotomy's learning. Rodney Maxey, Head of FCC's Automotive department, sweetened the deal for his students by offering five extra credit points per arm volunteered for practice. Students who gave blood were happy to report that the process was "painless" and the Phlebotomy students did as well as anyone they've had professionally draw their blood.

THE DIGITAL SHIFT

On November 26th, Frontier Community College started its scheduled transfer to online instruction. All classes



will take place in a digital format until the end of the semester, December 17th. The move to a digital format was planned at the beginning of the semester to alleviate worries surrounding COVID-19 and holiday travel. During this time, the college will thoroughly clean and prep campus for the return to in-person instruction at the start of the Spring Semester, January 11th.

College offices will remain open during this time, excluding December 22nd- January 4th, when the faculty and staff take their winter break. Registration for the Spring Semester is still open. Anyone wishing to enroll in classes should call the college at (618) 842-3711.

UPDATES FROM THE TITLE III TEAM

- Distance Learning Specialist Debbie Bryant successfully completed the Peer Reviewer training through Quality Matters. Ms. Bryant will now be assigned course reviews for outside institutions through Quality Matters in preparation for enrollment in the Quality Matters Master Reviewer training.
- A team of FCC Administration, faculty and Title III members have met with architects to initiate plans for the scheduled remodel of Mason building Rooms 22 and 23
- The faculty recording studio has been utilized in a variety of ways in recent weeks from generating holiday greetings and recording course content to completing open captioning for increased course accessibility to those who require accommodations.
- Year Two of the Title III Grant emphasizes the development of more robust online services. The Title III team is currently networking with various stakeholders to delineate student needs, current processes, and strategies to enhance the FCC student experience.
- The entire Title III team sends warmest holiday wishes and hopes for a happy, healthy 2021 for all.