



# The VOYAGER

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The Frontier Community College Newsletter

## GAME-A-PALOOZA IS STILL ON!

A student favorite, Game-a-Palooza, will be held this year on September 15th starting at 11:00am next to the LRC. The event usually takes place inside the library with a variety of indoor games and food being served for both dinner and lunch. This year the event is being modified to ensure the safety of all its attendees. Outdoor games are now the focus of Game-A-Palooza, with fun events such as a Campus-Wide Scavenger Hunt, Chalk Sidewalk Art, Bucket Frisbee, Hillbilly Golf, Washers, Horseshoes, Corn Hole, and Croquet! Food will be from Big Boy Barbeque in Fairfield who will be making individually packaged meals for students, and Tropical Snow will be on campus making snow cones. All food and events are free for students, staff, and faculty.



## INSTRUCTORS ADAPT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

With current restrictions placed on in-class procedures, faculty have had to get creative on how to continue to teach classes in a way that give students the full Frontier Community College experience. One method being employed by speech instructors is moving their classes outside to allow for proper distancing and increased circulation. This allows the student presenting to give their speech without losing the ability to facially emote due to a face covering. Both students and the instructors are reporting to enjoy this new speech venue.



## Upcoming Events

### September

- 7 Labor Day, College Closed
- 17 Constitution Day

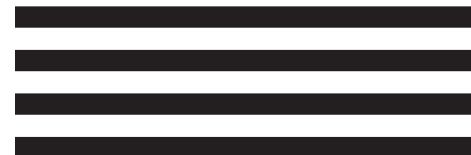
### October

- 12 Columbus Day, College Closed
- 15 Midterm

### November

- 3 Election Day, College Closed
- 11 Veteran's Day, College Closed
- 25 Last Day to Withdraw from Classes
- 26 - 27 Closed for Thanksgiving

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.



## IECC ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES \$327,000 GRANT

The IECC Adult Education Program, housed at Frontier Community College, has received a \$327K grant allocation from the Illinois Community College Board. This is a \$25K increase in funding over last year. The funds are designated for Adult Education and Literacy within the IECC District. Through the grant, the Adult Education Program can continue to reach out to the community and assist adults to achieve their High School Equivalency and become college and career ready.

Individuals within the community who are at least 17 years of age, without a high school diploma and not currently enrolled in school can utilize the Adult Education services. IECC Adult Education and Literacy program offers Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Adult Secondary Education (ASE) courses to assist students with reading, writing and math skills. The program also offers classes to prepare students to earn their high school equivalency through the GED® test. The program also provides college and career readiness classes to prepare students for postsecondary education and workforce readiness. The grant also funds English as a second language (ESL) classes at select locations in the district for community members whose native language is not English and to also introduce students to U.S. culture.

## CAMPUS CONTINUES TO REOPEN



Thanks to new safety procedures and advanced cleaning techniques, Frontier Community College has been able to welcome students back on campus for face-to-face instruction. This has been made possible by classroom remodeling, completed thanks to grant money received by the college to assist with COVID-19-related expenses, and by requiring masks to be worn inside campus buildings at all times.

With the returning of students to campus, FCC is excited to announce that it will be opening its facilities to the public starting September 14th. This includes Frontier Perks, the Bobcat Den, and other public facilities.

Due to instructional use, Bob Boyle's Hall will continue to not be available for rental during the week, but can be rented during the weekend, subject to availability.

## MLT CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED



Construction has been completed on Frontier Community College's new medical laboratory technician, MLT, classroom, and state of the art equipment is being unpacked and setup for students to begin using. Starting on June the 8th classes will be using this new space.