



A BUSY MONTH FOR ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education program across all IECC is going through some changes to better serve its student base. The first and largest change is that all the IECC's Adult



Education classes will now be run through the Adult Education Office at FCC. This change will help place students in the classes that best fit their schedule and location. There will be a central method of registration in the new system, making the process much easier for students wishing to enroll.

To kick off this centralization of the program, Adult Education Office located at FCC held the first-ever IECC Adult Education instructor's workshop. Instructors and faculty members from across the district met at the OCC Banquet Hall for an afternoon of professional development, socializing, brainstorming, and collaboration. Meeting in this manner helped instructors learn from one another on best practices and get to know others who work in the field. This meeting had a great turnout, and many valuable ideas were shared to help better educate our Adult Education students.

This meeting is not the only exciting announcement to come out of the Adult Education Department this month. In addition to the restructuring, a new partnership was developed with North American Lighting, NAL. This collaboration has been in the works for a considerable time, and an agreement was finally made that will significantly benefit all of IECC's Adult Learners.

Upcoming Events

July

- 01 Midterm
- 05 No Class, Independence Day Observed
- 28 Last Day of Classes
- 29 First Day of Finals

August

- 10 Faculty Workshop
- 17 First Day of Classes

September

- 06 College Closed Labor Day
- 17 Constitution Observance Day Classes in Session

Frontier Community College is following Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan. Campus guidelines have been modified to remove restrictions for those who have been vaccinated.



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The partnership will allow GED-seeking students to be employed at NAL while still in the Adult Education Program. Once a student has completed two of the GED tests, they are eligible for this



exciting employment opportunity that historically has only been available to those that have completed their GED or received their High School Diploma. Students employed by NAL who complete the remainder of their Adult Education curriculum and earn their GED will earn a \$500 bonus from NAL. With these great changes coming to IECC's adult education department, they are sure to continue the upward trend in their enrollment.

KIDS CLASSES HAVE AN EXCITING START

The summer has arrived, and once again, Frontier Community College's campus will be filled with the smiling faces of local kids. Summer kid's classes are a great opportunity for local youth to become comfortable on campus from a young age. To kick off the summer, the LRC hosted a Plant a Seed and Read event that gives kids the chance to plant a vegetable, read books about nature, and do fun outdoor-themed crafts.

As if this was not enough to capture young kids' attention, on June 8th, this come-and-go event had an extra unique four-legged visitor. Local 4-H member, Sara McGehee, came to campus with her alpacas. Sara read two books to the kids about alpaca's allowing everyone in the room to learn more about this fun animal. After story time was over, Sara led the students in groups to meet Apollo and Winston. The kids were delighted to pet the alpacas soft and freshly sheered coat. The bravest of the kids even got to feed the alpacas, who did not seem to mind the extra treats.

This exciting kick-off will lead to a full schedule of fun and educational classes for area youth. Highlights include a Paint Party, Origami, and a brand-new offering in our Medical Laboratory Technician lab, "CSI Camp." In this camp, older kids will get a chance to be lead forensic investigators for a fictional murder case. Students will use lab equipment to perform DNA matches to prove whether the subject is innocent or guilty. The class will be taught by Dean Paul Bruinsma and MLT students. This is sure to be a great first introduction to the world of Medical Labs for all youth that participate.



ATHLETIC FAMILY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



While students have just left the campus for the summer, Amanda Kotch, Coordinator, International Students, Athletics, and Student Activities, is already prepping a new program for athletes this fall. Fairfield, Illinois is known as the home of friendly people. Yet, Amanda realized that many of our athletes do not experience the charm and hospitality that gives the town its nickname, as they have no off-campus ties to the community.

To solve this problem, Amanda has created the Athletic Family Mentorship program. This program will attempt to place approximately 96 athletes attending FCC in the fall with “Host

Families.” While the students will not live with the “Host Families,” the families will still act in many ways like a host family for an international student. The family will invite the student to dinner at their house, participate in various family events when they can, and keep in contact with the student throughout their time here.

This participation in family activities will give students not from the area a chance to immerse themselves in the community and hopefully make some friends along the way. This effort helps create a support system for the athletes, many of who are away from their family for the first time. This program is also an excellent chance for local community members to learn more about another culture, as many of these athletes come from countries around the globe.

If you are interested in being a host family for one of FCC’s student-athletes, email Amanda Kotch at kotcha@iecc.edu for more information.



BRENDAN REID SIGNS TO PLAY D1 BASEBALL



Bobcat Baseball Player, Brendan Reid, has signed to continue his baseball and academic career at Purdue-Fort Wayne. He finished the spring season pitching 33 innings with a 4.64 ERA while striking out 43 batters and only walking 16. Brendan graduated with a 3.95 GPA this spring and will be studying biochemistry while at Purdue-Fort Wayne. Fun fact: Brendan Reid was the first Bobcat recruited by Coach Brenneman and was the first to commit to the baseball program when Coach Brenneman arrived in 2017.

UPDATES FROM TITLE III



- John Flach of Teutopolis was awarded the bid for the Mason Hall Rooms 22 and 23 construction project. The renovation of both rooms into dedicated Science Labs is scheduled for completion on August 1, 2021, just in time for Fall 2021 classes.
- The Title III project has entered into an agreement with Tutorme to provide 24/7 online tutoring for FCC students enrolled in select Health Science and Math classes. The Title III team will collect data regarding student use and perception of the online tutoring platform to determine its impact on student success.

• Frontier's faculty recording studio has been busy developing content for a Financial Literacy module which will be available to students as part of the Online New Student Orientation course. Area financial professionals have been recording interviews which will be developed into content to guide FCC students in making sound financial decisions regarding student loans, credit, banking, and investing. FCC student Alexa Price shown in this photo, is acting as online host for the module.