



## CLEMENCE ELIZABETH COX HALL UNVEILED IN CEREMONY

A building on the campus of Frontier Community College has a new name thanks to the generosity of an area resident. Clemence Elizabeth Cox Hall, named in memory of the mother of Jerry Cox, will serve as the home for FCC's Center for Nursing, Learning Resource Center, and Academic Success Center. "I wanted to do something to honor my mother and continue to honor nurses," said Mr. Cox. "I hold nurses in high regard after serving in Vietnam and seeing firsthand what nurses do for our country. I still see how important nurses are through my own health while receiving care through VA services. I've personally seen the dedication of nurses to the men and women in our armed forces on the front lines and now during a global pandemic in the ongoing battle with COVID-19."



*IECC Dignitaries and Jerry Cox stand in front of the newly renamed Elizabeth Cox Hall*

The new name was unveiled at a ceremony on September 24, in front of the former Resource Learning Center. At the event, Dr. Ryan Gower, IECC Chancellor, Gary Carter, IECC Board Member, and Jay Edgren, FCC President, spoke to recognize the generosity and support from Jerry Cox. The event was attended by local press agents, Fairfield Memorial Hospital president Kathy Bunting, and numerous community members wanting to honor Mr. Cox for his support of local education.

Sarah Rush, President of the Frontier Community College Foundation, says this gift will change the trajectory of both the college and the students it serves. "This was a significant gift to the institution, and it will open opportunities for students to attend that

## Upcoming Events

### November

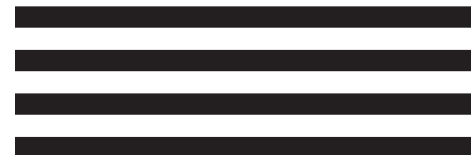
- 11 College Closed  
Veteran's Day
- 25 Start of Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Class Back in Session

### December

- 08 Last Day of Classes
- 20 Start of Winter Break

### January

- 03 College Re-Opens
- 10 First Day of Spring Classes



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otherwise might not have been able to,” said Rush. “We’re blessed that many people from Fairfield attend Frontier Community College for the Nursing Program and then stay here to live, work, and make our community a better place.”

IECC Board Chairman Gary Carter emphasized the importance of community involvement in their community college as Frontier continues to provide access to quality education. “It is important for our communities to take ownership of their community colleges,” said Carter. “Generous gifts like Jerry’s means so much to our students and they literally change their lives and by extension the lives of everyone in our area.”



*Dr. Ryan Gower speaking at the unveiling ceremony*

A recent economic impact study supports Chairman Carter’s position. According to the report, authored by EMSI, graduates of Frontier Community College can expect to earn nearly \$300,000 more over their career compared to those who only complete high school. Those dollars are naturally reinvested back into the community through property taxes and consumer spending. But according to Chairman Carter, the benefits don’t stop there. “While we are teaching our students how to make a living, we also create opportunities to teach them how to live. Through our athletics and student organizations, we get our young people involved

in service opportunities and encourage them to give back to our community with their time. The bottom line is that Illinois Eastern Community Colleges is here to strengthen our communities. Under the leadership of Chancellor Gower, we’re progressing and making our colleges even better.”

For Jerry Cox, the decision to support the College was an easy one. “I’ve been donating for a long time, and I’ve always participated in the growth of students at Frontier Community College. I’ve seen how they have a significant impact on our community with their hard work.”



*Additionally, the Foundation had a portrait commissioned by local artist Vicki Gifford of Mrs. Cox to hang in the lobby of the newly rededicated Clemence Elizabeth Cox Hall*

## GHOSTS AND GOBLINS AND BOBCATS, OH MY!



*Photo of 2019's Monster Mash*

This Halloween weekend, Frontier Community College will become extra Spook-tacular, thanks to a pair of on-campus events. On Friday, October 29 from 4-6pm, the parking lot in front of the Bobcat Den will host a Trunk-or-Treat event that will allow local kids to put on their costumes and get sweet treats from various on-campus organizations. This event is bound to be full of cute ghosts and scary goblins threatening tricks if their hunger for treats can not be satisfied.

Simultaneous to this event will be “The Monster Mash.” This spooky event will see the Bobcat Baseball and Softball teams playing an exhibition

match of slow pitch softball. Both teams will be wearing fun Halloween costumes. The cost of admission is \$5 per person, and all proceeds will be going to the Dr. Scranton Memorial Fund.

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Meet Hannah Parker, this month's featured Student Ambassador. She chose FCC because it had a “home-like” atmosphere with its caring faculty and staff. She is particularly fond of FCC's great student-to-teacher ratio, which allows her to get more personal attention from instructors than she would receive at larger schools. After graduation, she plans on earning her bachelor's in elementary education at a school to be determined in the future. Once she has finished her four-year degree, she hopes to return to Wayne County and teach in a local school.



*Hannah Parker, this month's featured Student Ambassador*

## HEAR YE HEAR YE; THE FIRST COURT IS CROWNED

The first annual homecoming at Frontier Community College was a great success, with all sorts of alumni and community members coming to campus to participate in numerous fun events. Whether it was getting sweaty playing friendly pickleball matches or dancing the night away at the line dancing reunion, everyone who got to attend one of the homecoming events left with a smile.

The final event of the week left two students with a new title “royal” title. The coronation happened at an exhibition baseball game attended by a roaring crowd of local 3rd graders, cheering and jeering for the two teams comprised of FCC Baseball players. After this fun competition, the royal moment of the week began

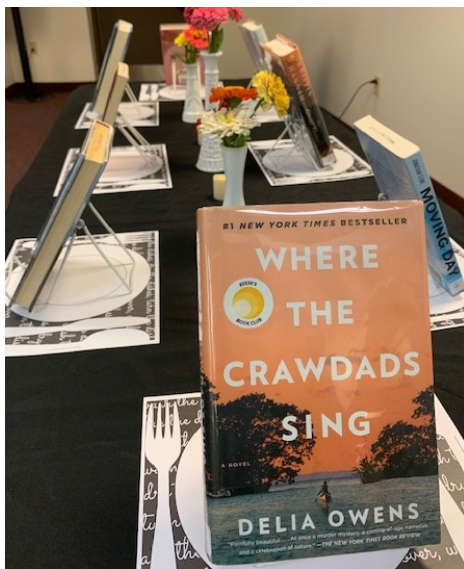
with the homecoming coronation, featuring King and Queen candidates nominated by clubs and on-campus organizations.

At the end of the ceremony, Zach Sliger and Ali Paintner were awarded the titles of FCC’s first Homecoming Queen and King. The FCC Baseball team nominated Zach, while the FCC Softball team nominated Ali. Next time you see them on campus, make sure to bow and submit your applications to become a royal knight.



*Homecoming court nominees with new Homecoming King and Queen, Zach Sliger and Ali Paintner*

## BOOK TASTING FILLS MINDS NOT STOMACHS



This month, Lori Noe, Director of Instructional Support Services/ the Learning Resource Center, hosted Gamma Upsilon’s monthly meeting in Clemence Elizabeth Cox Hall. Gamma Upsilon is a professional honorary society of women educators. During this meeting, Lori Noe presented her position at FCC and the Academic Success Center. After the presentation about her role at FCC, Lori hosted a “book tasting.” Lori arranged a book buffet of book club favorites and provided a menu with a title’s synopsis. Participants could then “taste” the novel to determine if they were interested in checking out the FCC Library book. The event was a success and was featured in Gamma Upsilon’s newsletter!

*The “Buffet of Books” for the Book Tasting*

## BELOVED FCC EMPLOYEE JOY SMITH PASSES

The passing of beloved employee Joy Smith this past Monday is a tremendous loss for FCC. Joy was a constant positive force on campus, always bringing her smile and upbeat attitude to everything she touched. Joy was hired in 2020 to facilitate the construction and implementation of the Title III Faculty Recording Studio. Though her time on FCC's campus was short, her impact on the campus can not be overstated. While at FCC, Joy's technical knowledge and youthful desire to learn helped establish the recording studio that has drastically improved the quality of online classes throughout FCC. While building the studio, she became a technical wizard of recording and editing and helped produce countless educational videos for student orientation, online



*Joy Smith in the Faculty Recording Studio*

classes, and various educational events. Without her hard work and dedication to the college, implementing the Faculty Recording Studio would have been nearly impossible. Even through her battle with cancer, Joy never ceased to live up to her name and always brought a loving smile. The thoughts and prayers of the entire FCC campus are with Joy's family as she begins a new life with her Lord and Savior.



*Joy Smith dressed as a suffragette for the Title III Halloween Contest*

## ADULT EDUCATION HOSTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

This month was the annual meeting of the Adult Education Area Planning Committee. This meeting is a chance for local organizations to connect and better understand how vital community programs can work together to serve the community best. Around 40 different representatives were in attendance and presented their ideas and community efforts to the group.

One common theme of the meeting was a lack of transportation in the region for lower-income families. While many families have a single vehicle, access to this shared vehicle can be limited. The lack of public transport throughout the district and the lack of personal vehicles leave many potential students unable to attend Adult Education classes simply because they can not physically get to class.

This meeting did not present any quick fixes to these complex problems, but the panel did serve its function of informing community programs of areas that they can help one another. At the meeting, many ideas were presented to solve problems, hoping that they could be discussed further and implemented to serve the community better.



*Angel Maguire, Director of Adult Education*

## TITLE III UPDATES

- Grant Year Two concluded with the Department of Education authorizing the establishment of a Distance Learning Classroom in Mason Building # 21 (the Medical Laboratory Technology Lab.) The installation, which will be completed in the coming months, will facilitate the new cooperative MLT program partnership with Kaskaskia College in allowing students to attend lectures remotely while allowing for real time interaction with program faculty.
- External Auditor, Dr. Duane Dunn of Pinnacle Evaluation services visited FCC on September 17, 2021 to conduct an evaluation of FCC's Title III Project to date. Dr. Dunn provided feedback and suggestions for continued project success. A formal report is anticipated in October 2021.
- The 100% completion of Mason Hall Rooms 22 and 23 was delayed again due to supply chain issues. Seating remains on order along with workstations and additional instrumentation for both Science labs as well as the MLT lab.
- The Title III team was deeply saddened by the illness and passing of our colleague and friend, Educational Technology Specialist Joy Smith on October 12, 2021. Joy's hard work and dedication to the FCC Title III project will always be appreciated and remembered. Joy was instrumental in the establishment and operation of the Faculty Recording Studio located in Clemence Elizabeth Cox Hall. She will be greatly missed.