



### EDS Students Receive Scholarships

Scholarships for Electrical Distribution Systems (EDS) students were recently given out at FCC.



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The Steve Rafferty Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Reese Linson of Mt. Carmel, IL. The Rafferty scholarship was established in March 2014. Rafferty served as a Lead Faculty for the EDS program at FCC from 2008 until his passing in 2014.

The Earl R. Pottorff Memorial Scholarship was given to Keegan Owen of Geff, IL, and Holden Allsopp of Whittington, IL. Earl Pottorff, a Fairfield native, built a successful 37-year career with Commonwealth Edison Company, the largest electric utility company in Illinois. After his passing in 2012, his wife Lorraine created the scholarship honor Earl and help others begin a career in the public utility field.



*EDS Instructor Dustin Wiggins, Keegan Owen, Holden Allsop, Dean Paul Bruinsma, and Advisor Kara Blanton*

### Upcoming Events

#### December

- 9 Last day of classes
- 12-15 Final Exams
- 16 Last day of semester

#### January

- 3 Colleges open
- 4 Faculty Workshop
- 5-6 Registration/Testing
- 9 First Day of Classes
- 16 College closed/ MLK Jr. Day

## EDS Students Receive Scholarships Cont.

Samuel Lynch, of West Salem, IL was awarded the Wayne-White County Electric Co-Op Scholarship in honor of Gerry Kinney.

The scholarship was designed specifically for EDS students at Frontier and covers the tuition, fees, and books of the recipient. This scholarship is given to a student who demonstrates passion and ambition for developing a lineman career, something Gerry

enjoyed for 17 years. Gerry's career was cut short after an accident involving a 7,200-volt power line, severely burning him and forcing the removal of both hands and forearms. He has become a positive influence and inspiration to many. Gerry enjoys sharing his story with current and future linemen while reinforcing the importance of safety in the electrical field.



*EDS Instructor Dustin Wiggins, Samuel Lynch and Gerry Kinney*

## Student Spotlight

Finn O'Connell, international student from North Balwyn, Victoria, Australia is eager to enjoy his second year on FCC's campus and second season putting on the Bobcat uniform. After being a multi-sport athlete in high school, playing baseball, basketball and Australian rules football, Finn signed as a pitcher and outfielder at FCC. Finn was a Victorian State Baseball Representative for the 16U and 18U teams and coached junior baseball and basketball in his free time. He was very excited to join the Bobcats and be at FCC. "I'm very excited and grateful to be a part of an organization that will push me to my athletic extremes. Being an international student, I am very much looking forward to the cultural and educational journey that this great community will continue to give me." Finn is an excellent addition to FCC both on and off the field and we are thrilled to have him be a Bobcat!



*Sophomore Finn O'Connell*

## FCC Events

The image contains three promotional posters for FCC events. The first poster on the left is for an 'ASIAN COOKING DEMO' on December 14, 6:00-7:30pm at Bob Boyles Hall, \$10 per person, CRN 35665, instructed by Paul Bruinsma. The middle poster is for a 'Holiday Paint Class' on Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00pm-8:00pm, with a registration instruction to visit Student Services. The right poster is for 'Breakfast with Santa' on Saturday, December 10th, 9AM-10:30AM at Cox Hall, CRN 36563, with a registration instruction to visit Student Services.

As the holiday season continues, FCC will be having some events open to the community within the next couple weeks.

On December 10th, Santa will be coming to FCC! Children will be able to enjoy a pancake breakfast, a craft and meet Santa with their Christmas lists before getting a picture with him.

On December 13th, there will be a Holiday Paint Class with instruction by Stacy Thompson from Creative Space in Albion. Participants will be able to choose between painting a joy snowman or a holiday gnome.

On December 14th, FCC will hold an Asian Cooking Demo, instructed by Dean Paul Bruinsma. Class-goers will learn how to prepare a delicious Asian cuisine in their own kitchen before enjoying the food they prepare.

## Faculty Spotlight

Health Science Specialist Julie Dehart brought 39 years of experience in the Medical Laboratory field to FCC after serving as a Microbiology Facilitator at both HSHS St. Anthony and Wabash General Hospital over that time. Julie received her Associates of Science Degree from Vincennes University before receiving a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from Indiana State University. Julie has enjoyed being able to take what she learned as professional to help students head in the same direction. “I love working with students. The MLT program has provided a great opportunity to be able to give my knowledge and expertise to them and see their young minds grow,” said Dehart.



Health Sciences Specialist  
Julie Dehart

## B&I Training Update

- Workforce Education Division (WED) attended the IAAP conference in Springfield last week. IECC has a booth at the show this year. This convention is for aggregate producers, an area of training Business and Industry (B&I) will be expanding into.
- B&I will be moving the WED/Coal Mining Technology to John A. Logan's extension center in West Frankfort. The building currently occupied at John A. Logan will have to be vacated due to upcoming construction, and they have offered the Extension Center as a permanent location.
- B&I is also expanding EMT class locations and will offer a cohort in Newton this spring.

## Title III Update

- Last month, first-year MLT students toured the medical lab facilities at HSHS St. Anthony Memorial Hospital. The Effingham lab is one of over 15 options available to FCC students for clinical rotations. After learning lab theory in the classroom and practicing in FCC's MLT laboratory, students have the opportunity to hone those skills in the real world with patients under the supervision of experienced lab technicians at affiliate partner facilities, such as St. Anthony.
- The cameras are rolling at FCC's Faculty Studio as Educational Technology Specialist Derek Dunn works with instructors to film and edit high-quality video content for FCC's hybrid and online courses. Instructors use green screen technology and the light board to bring illustration and make content more interesting for students. The rolling text monitor makes it easy for instructors to follow a script and Derek later masterfully edits the footage and deletes the bloopers. One instructor noted that filming in studio is a little intimidating at first, but you get the hang of it quickly and said the finished product is a lot better than sitting at your desk talking to your computer.
- Derek can also take the show on the road. Below is a photo of an MLT promo shot on location in FCC's Mason Hall MLT Lab. The promo video features Frontier Community College students Bob Ellis and Elaina Kunce. Ellis and Kunce describe the MLT program at FCC and discuss how MLT graduates can look forward to rewarding careers in the medical field.



FCC students Bob Ellis (portraying the bobcat) and Elaina Kunce



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