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Hnetkovsky's Last Meeting as Student Trustee



Student Trustee Raechel Hnetkovsky with Board of Trustees Members Jan Ridgely, Barbara Shimer, Brenda Culver, John Brooks and Susan Batchelor. Also pictured is Board Secretary Sonja Music and IECC Chancellor Ryan Gower.



Raechel with her parents Steve and Nixie Hnetkovsky

Raechel Hnetkovsky spent the last year in the position of Student Trustee on the IECC Board. Her position was responsible for giving a different perspective when there were topics under discussion that would ultimately involve or impact students such as herself.

Raechel believes the position is very important and had a very memorable experience in her time serving. "I think it's incredibly important to have a student voice at these meetings because often times a lot of the decisions or discussions the board members have directly affect students and being able to represent them as a whole is valuable. I made so many memories with these amazing people ... but my favorite part of every meeting was getting to visit with everyone. They're such a great group of personalities!" said Hnetkovsky.

As she reflects, she recalls many things that she has learned or improved upon as trustee, including leadership, confidence, and advocacy.

Upcoming Events

May

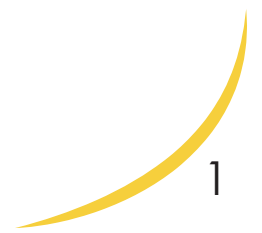
- 3-4 Grad Fest
- 5 Last Day of Classes
- 8-11 Final Exams
- 12 Graduation
- 16 First Day of Intercession Classes
- 29 Colleges Closed. Memorial Day

June

- 3 Last Day of Intersession
- 6 First Day of Summer Classes
- 20 Colleges Closed. Juneteenth Observed
- 30 Midterm

Bobcat Den Hours

Monday-Friday
7:30AM-4:00PM



Hnetkovsky's Last Meeting as Student Trustee (cont.)

She stated, "This was definitely a learning curve for me, so I encourage all who want to step out of their comfort zone to run for Student Trustee because you learn so much and get to see how the system works."

Along with learning about things that affect her and other students in the moment, she also took some valuable lessons away that will remain with her.

"The thing I will perhaps benefit from moving forward after this past year is learning that you can't please everyone when making decisions. The important thing is that you do what's right, even if people don't like it at first," she said.

Raechel is happy to have stepped out of her comfort zone and is so thankful for all the experiences she has been afforded, saying "I did something that I wasn't totally comfortable with at first, but I'm so glad that I did, because the lessons I learned are ones I will benefit from so much as I move forward in my career. A big thank you to everyone who I've interacted with this last year!"

Scholastic Bowl Showdown



Cisne team, first-place winners



Geff team, second-place

The Wayne County Scholastic Bowl took place on Friday, April 14th at FCC.

Teams participated from Cisne, Geff, Wayne City, Jasper, Center Street School, and New Hope School.

After a very competitive day, Cisne was able to edge out a win against Geff to earn first place.

College Admission Representative Carrie Halbert said having the scholastic bowl here on campus is a good way for kids in the area to get exposure to FCC, some for the first time.

"The Wayne County Scholastic Bowl is an opportunity for middle school students to visit a college campus possibly for the first time. It's important to create a college-minded attitude in middle school especially in students who excel in their grade level. These scholastic bowl students are just that, and we are excited to have them at FCC for the day. We at FCC encourage any age to visit campus and see what FCC can offer them," Halbert said.

FCC Offers Tuition-Free Summer Classes

Frontier Community College is giving students a chance to continue their education while saving a significant amount of money by offering tuition-free summer classes. There will be a total of five classes offered this summer, both in-person and online. “By offering these courses, we are hoping to make things a little bit easier for all students whether they’re close to earning a degree or not. Students who are already enrolled at FCC will benefit from these classes being offered, but we also want to



Pay NO Tuition

FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS OFFERING
5 TUITION-FREE CLASSES THIS SUMMER

Elementary Spanish II (SPN 1121) – This class can help you satisfy part of your foreign language requirement or serve as an elective. It is also a good class for education majors to take. Online class.

Composition and Analysis (ENG 1121) – This class can help you satisfy an English requirement for graduation. Meets Wednesdays 12-1:50 p.m.

Introduction to Business (BUS 1101) – This course should be taken by students interested in business, marketing or management. It also serves as a transfer elective. Online class.

Philosophy of Religion (PHI 2121) – This course will satisfy part of the humanities requirement for graduation. Meets Mondays from 12:30-3:10 p.m.

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CALL 618-842-3711 TO REGISTER

These classes are being offered tuition-free. Students enrolling in these classes are still responsible for fees, books, and materials.

make it known that juniors and seniors in high school, or anyone who has an interest in a subject or making progress towards a degree, is able to enroll as well,” said Dean of Instruction Paul Bruinsma.

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“The tuition free classes are removing a financial barrier to those students who otherwise may not be able to take summer courses. Also, this allows prospective or current students to take classes that will help them be closer to completing their Associate degree,” said College Admission Representative Carrie Halbert.

Students interested in any of these classes can call (618) 842-3711.

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Service Award Day Fun!



**Automotive Service Tech
Assistant Professor Rodney
Maxey and President Jay
Edgren**



**Athletic Director and Life
Science Associate Professor
Nixie Hnetkovsky**



**Advisor Kara Blanton and
President Jay Edgren**



**Coordinator of Transition
Services Hayden McDuffee and
President Jay Edgren**



**Director of Adult Education
Angelique Maguire and
President Jay Edgren**



**Coordinator of Literacy
Development Sharis Wilson and
President Jay Edgren**

Seven employees were recognized at the service award picnic on Thursday, April 6th, for their time employed at Frontier Community College. Rodney Maxey, Nixie Hnetkovsky, Kara Blanton, Hayden McDuffee, Angelique Maguire, Sharis Wilson, and Michelle McLaskey (not pictured), received awards for their respective times of service at FCC. We are thankful for all of the hard work they have put forth in their time here and the dedication in doing their part in making FCC a desirable college for prospective students and a good experience for those currently and previously enrolled.



**First-place scavenger
hunt team**



**Second-place
scavenger hunt team**



**Third-place scavenger
hunt team**

Following the service awards, FCC staff participated in a scavenger hunt. From taking a picture in front of the gazebo downtown, to finding dog treats at the Dollar Tree and candy-coated peanuts at Hucks, everyone was moving around town eager to finish in first. The hunt was well-received and finding new ways to practice team-building is always appreciated. A thank you to the Administrative Assistant to the President Tara Farleigh for organizing the event.

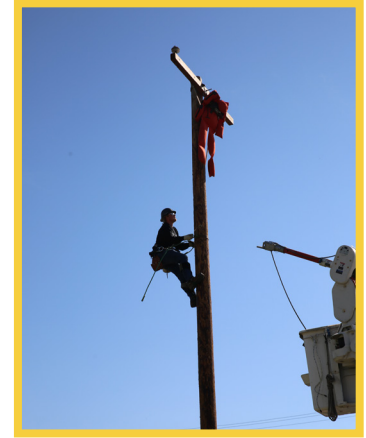
Friendly Competition Underway in the 2023 Lineman Rodeo



Participants lining up on the pole before the National Anthem



EDS Instructor Dustin Wiggins and rodeo winner Elliott Huber



Student performing a hurt-man rescue

The 2023 Lineman Rodeo took place on Saturday, April 15th. 16 participants competed against one another in six different events to show off the skills and expertise gained from their time in the Electrical Distribution Systems program. The events they participated in were egg climb, fuse swap, hurt man rescue, speed climb, under-slung switch - open & close, and the mystery event. The overall champion of the Lineman Rodeo was Elliott Huber. A huge thank you to CenterPoint Energy, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, and SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative for sponsoring the event.

Student Spotlight

Karlie Bean is a pitcher and first baseman for the FCC softball team. Bean is from Gays, Illinois where she played volleyball and softball in high school. She was involved in student council, national honor society, and also played on a travel softball team. Along with excelling on the field as her travel team won a national championship, she also excelled in the classroom as she was listed on the high honor roll. Karlie is excited to be a part of the FCC family and what it will entail. "I am so excited to be at Frontier and see all the opportunities that will be presented," said Bean. The softball team is on fire as of late, winning 8 of their last 10 games. More on the team's season and success will be shared in the near future.



FCC P/1B Karlie Bean

Title III Update

- The inaugural Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Pinning Ceremony will be held Friday, May 12, 2023 at 3:30 PM. The pinning ceremony is rooted in the 12th century crusades when knights who aided the sick and injured were given a Maltese cross to wear. As monks were later inducted into the Knight's Order, they were likewise given a Maltese cross which they wore on their arm. The legendary nurse, Florence Nightingale, received the Red Cross of St. George in the 1860's for her service during the Crimean War. She in turn began the tradition of presenting a badge to nursing students as they completed their studies as proof of their qualification to serve. FCC will continue that tradition by presenting a pin to each of the MLT graduates. The public is invited to the ceremony to share in the celebration with the MLT Class of 2023.

**Upcoming home
baseball games**

- 4/25 vs. Shawnee Community College 1PM & 3PM
- 4/27 vs. Olney Central College 3PM
- 5/4 vs. Kaskaskia College 3PM
- 5/6 vs. Kaskaskia College 12PM

**Upcoming home
softball games**

- 4/25 vs. Kaskaskia College 2PM & 4PM
- 4/29 vs. Lake Land College 12PM & 2PM
- 5/2 John A. Logan College 2PM & 4PM

Business & Industry Update

- The Business and Industry (B&I) division hosted a one-day workshop on Tools for Economic Development at the West Richland Center. The workshop covered important community growth topics such as TIF, Opportunity & Enterprise zones, Business Districts, Main street and Tourism, and Strategic Planning. Over 40 individuals from area communities attended the workshop. The event was well received and the feedback was excellent. Mike Stanford, City Administrator from Flora, had this to say about the event:

“The seminar more than exceeded my expectations. It was great to hear from other communities and how they are using the different economic tools to grow business and housing in their area. Also, to hear about possible issues you may run into and ways to work with other taxing bodies to make the program benefit everyone. I am already looking forward to the next workshop to gain more ideas that could help out the City of Flora.”

- Monthly safety training will begin in April at Dana Incorporated in Robinson. Additionally, in May there will be an on-site Basic Electrical class and a leadership series will also begin.
- B&I is in talks with Carter Trucking in Fairfield to do quarterly “safety day” training. They are also working with Sherwin Williams in Flora and Baldwin Vision Systems in Fairfield to provide OSHA workplace safety training.
- The first Business & Industry quarterly newsletter was released in early April. The report was sent electronically to their client database and chamber members throughout the district.
- There has been a continued effort made to collaborate with local members of the Chamber of Commerce to have “lunch and learns” and “breakfast and brainstorm” meetings. Recent topics included - “How to Start a Small Business in Illinois” , “Google My Business” , “Customer Service” , and “Canva and Poster My Wall.”