



2023 Fall Semester Approaching

As the summer is winding down and the new school year is close to beginning, Frontier Community College has been preparing for the arrival of returning students, as well as new ones. FCC is holding New Student Orientation (NSO) on Tuesday, August 15th from 9am-12pm

FCC New Student Orientation!
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 Come at 8:30 for a free breakfast!

- **Breakfast** • **Club sign-up**
- **Campus Tour** • **& More!**

All new students can join us Tuesday, August 15th, to see your classrooms, pick up your books, meet some FCC faculty and staff, and get to know some of your fellow Bobcats!

Upcoming Events

August

- 14-16 Registration/Testing
- 15 New Student Orientation
- 17 First Day of Classes

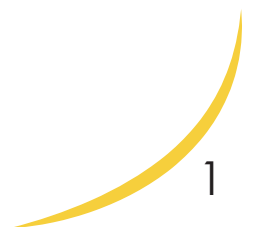
September

- 4 Colleges Closed. Labor Day
- 18 Constitution Observance Day. Classes in session.

Bobcat Den Hours

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

FCC's NSO is putting an emphasis on providing students all the information they need to feel confident and comfortable from the moment they begin class. Students will receive in-depth tours of the buildings on campus and what is provided in each of them. Students will also be able to receive their textbooks, meet some of the FCC faculty and staff, and get to know some of their classmates as their journey as Bobcats is almost underway.



NJCAA All-Academic Teams

NJCAA All-Academic Student Athletes

1st Team	4.0 GPA
2nd Team	3.8-3.99 GPA
3rd Team	3.6-3.79 GPA

Baseball

First Team: Owen Byberg, Aiden Carter, Aric Ehmke, Jacob Gresham, Finn O'Connell

Second Team: Eli Matheson, Maxwell Tripure, Aydin Wright

Third Team: Tyler Brook, Trenten Creek, Dawson Holtz, Bryce Humphrey, Keegan Martin, Dawson Schumann, Ben Vaughn

Softball

First Team: Karlie Bean, Morgan Carr, Destiny Powers, Madison Shipley, Abigail Whiting

Second Team: Tenley Gilbert, Kaylee Halsema, Alivia Middleton

Volleyball

First Team: Kenna Davis, Brooke Johnson, Nealia Toedebusch, Alyssa Young

Second Team: Addie Dungy, Jenna Rhineburger



The National Junior College Athletic Association announced its All-Academic Teams for the 2022-2023 year. Frontier had a total of 29 student-athletes that were named on one of the teams, including 14 first-team athletes with a 4.0 GPA, eight second-team with a GPA between 3.8-3.99, and seven third-team with a GPA between 3.6-3.79. Collectively, the three teams performed well academically and ranked highly. Teams as a whole earn their placings in NJCAA with a Team GPA of 3.0 or higher. The baseball team earned 21st place nationally with a 3.31 GPA, the softball team finished 17th nationally with a 3.60 GPA, and the volleyball team 14th nationally with a 3.61 GPA. All of the coaches and student-athletes at FCC take pride in their performance both on the field as well as in the classroom.

What's Happening at FCC

- Along with NSO, a couple more orientations will take place at FCC. On Friday, August 11th, student ambassadors will receive their orientation. Also, on Monday, August 14th, athletic orientation will be completed from 8am-12pm.
- Program showcase is scheduled for this fall. A definitive date has not been set but will likely be in late September/early October. The showcase gives juniors and seniors from local high schools the opportunity to come check out some of FCC's programs that interest them.
- On Friday, July 21st, FCC hosted Kids in Motion, giving the children a chance to see campus and all it entails, some of them for the first time. They received a tour of the buildings as well as some snacks at the Bobcat Den. Overall, the day provided a fun way for the kids to see all that FCC offers, including all that they may one day utilize as Bobcats.



Kids in Motion outside of Cox Hall

FCC Continues Green Energy Initiative

Frontier Community College made a recent addition to campus, as a solar-powered picnic table was placed just outside of the Adult Education building. The table, concrete slab, and sidewalks leading up were all purchased through the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) Grant.

IGEN was formed in 2008 through an inter-governmental agreement with support from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Governor's Office, and the Illinois Community College Board. Their mission is to provide a platform for collaboration among all Illinois community colleges and their partners to drive the growth of the clean energy economy and green workforce.



New solar-powered picnic table outside of the Adult Education building at FCC

Since 2018, IGEN has awarded over \$11M in funding from grants through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The eco-friendly table will provide students with another place on campus to sit and study, socialize, or relax while being able to charge their devices. Wired and wireless charging is one of many features, including an LED lighting system, surge protection for devices, and an adjustable umbrella to maximize the sun's exposure on the panels for peak seasonal efficiency.

The table installation is an example of the continued commitment to green energy at FCC along with the solar panels on the north-side of campus which have been fully operational since May 2022. "We are always looking for ways to make additions to campus that will benefit students - being able to do so while being environmentally conscious is even better," said Chief Academic Officer Paul Bruinsma.

Title III Update

Monday, July 31st marked the retirement of Distance Learning Specialist and Title III team member, Debbie Bryant. In her role, Debbie worked closely with instructors to design high quality hybrid courses. She was also instrumental in the creation of FCC's online New Student Orientation, College Virtual Tour, and Financial Literacy Course. She assisted the team in all aspects by providing a strong work ethic and creativity. When learning of Debbie's retirement, former Title III Project Director Carol Dreith spoke about those qualities saying, "Deb's ability to think outside the box and her commitment to making hybrid



Distance Learning Specialist Debbie Bryant
on her last at FCC

learning rigorous, yet achievable for students using the Quality Matters model has been integral to the success of the Title III program." After completing the necessary certification, she became a Quality Matters Master Reviewer. Debbie is happy to be able to enjoy retirement and spend time with her family but will miss Frontier and looks back on her time here fondly. "Frontier is an institution of bright and caring faculty and staff. They are willing to take on new challenges to help our students, both academically and personally. I am proud to have been a part of the FCC family for the past nine years," said Bryant.

Historic MLT Class

FCC's Medical Technician lab is fully stocked and ready for the largest freshman class of Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) students yet. Eleven future graduates will enter this month, making it the largest entering class in the program's history.

Through the generosity of several area hospitals, including Fairfield Memorial, Wabash General, and St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham, several new pieces of diagnostic equipment have been added to the curriculum for Fall 2023. Additionally, FCC's MLT program has added an additional Adjunct Instructor, Laura Smith, who will teach Immunohematology beginning this fall semester.

Throughout the summer, the MLT faculty have been hard at work converting many of the courses to a hybrid format. The new and expanded hybrid offerings will make a great career opportunity available to students encumbered by employment or family obligations by making the courses available online and limiting on-campus attendance to one day per week.

Business & Industry Update

- The Mining and Industrial Training office has moved from the John A. Logan campus to the extension center in West Frankfort. The staff is settled in and is loving the new facility.
- The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) office renovation is complete. SBDC Director Michelle Brooks is settling into her new role and is networking with the chambers, and local and regional organizations.
- Business and Industry continues to add new programs and make building updates at the Terry L. Bruce West Richland Center. One new addition to the building is the Programmable Logic Control (PLC) Training Lab. The PLC units have been moved into the room and trainings should be available beginning early in the fall.
- The conference room is undergoing a transformation into a mini library/reading room that will still double as a conference room. There will be West Richland Center memorabilia and a small selection of books.
- There will be a variety of trainings being offered in the coming months including “Starting a Small Business in Illinois,” OSHA 10, “Excel for Beginners,” and “Hospitality Sector Roundtable.”

