



## New Student Orientation Welcomes Over 90 New Bobcats



On Tuesday, August 15th, FCC hosted incoming students for New Student Orientation (NSO). The day started with students gathering in the Workforce Development Center for registration, breakfast, and filling out various college forms. Following breakfast, Coordinator of International Students, Athletics & Student Activities Amanda Kotch addressed the students to welcome them and explained the process of NSO. They were split into five groups and scattered across campus to make their way to each of the “stations.” There were presentations of the Bobcat Den and what it offers to students, Student Services, Academic Support, Entrata/Canvas, and Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies. Students were able to tour the campus as they made their way to and from presentations as a tour guide would point out classrooms, lounges, and other areas of student interest along with answering any questions they may have. Feedback from prior orientations had shown that students feel more comfortable starting the school year with a more in-depth knowledge of where their classes, labs, and resources are and preferred seeing all them in person rather than just on a map or walking around on their own. Having a “tour style” orientation allowed the groups to stay on track to get to their assigned areas while also getting more comfortable on campus and becoming more informed through their guide.

## Upcoming Events

### September

18 Constitution Observance Day. Classes in session.

### October

6 Senior Health Fair

9 Columbus Day. Colleges closed.

10 No Classes. Professional Development Day

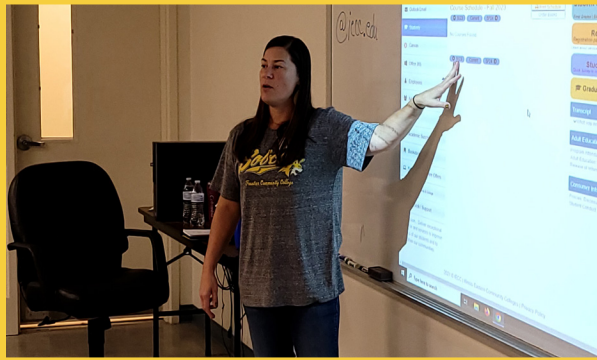
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### Bobcat Den Hours

Monday-Friday

7:30AM-4:30PM

# New Student Orientation Welcomes Over 90 New Bobcats cont.



*New Students Learning, Mingling and Asking Questions*

At the conclusion of NSO, each student was asked to fill out a survey containing questions about their experience and provided an opportunity to give feedback. The NSO Committee will look at the results to continue their effort to provide the most informative, enjoyable orientation moving forward.

## International Program Growing at FCC

FCC's international program is growing. This year FCC has representation from Australia, Canada, Columbia, and Germany on campus. There will be a total of eleven international students on campus.

While baseball is our largest area on campus with international students, this year Frontier has three academic students from Germany that are here through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program, which operates in conjunction with the German and US governments. The CBYX program began in 1983 as part of the President's International Student Exchange Initiative in cooperation with the German Bundestag.



*Coordinator of International Students, Athletics and Student Activities Amanda Kotch with three of FCC's newest international students*

# International Program Growing at FCC cont.

In celebration of 300 years of German immigration to the United States, this program was established as a symbol of the long-standing friendship between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany. Through the program, our respective governments have provided more than 26,000 young Germans and Americans with an opportunity to make transatlantic friendships of their own.

Each year, 75 German participants come to the United States to live with a host family, attend a local college, and complete an internship in their career field. These students are generally a little older than the typical junior college student and have already been in the workforce in their home country. This is the first year FCC has participated in the program, and we are very excited to host them.

## New Year, New Student Ambassadors

Four new students have begun their time as ambassadors for the 2023-2024 academic year. Though their backgrounds and interests may vary, one thing they all have in common is the desire to be a strong representation of the FCC student body. They will assist various parts of campus and represent FCC's student body by participating in campus events, such as recruiting activities, among other responsibilities. We're excited to have a great group of ambassadors to represent FCC and look forward to what they'll all accomplish in their journey as Bobcats.



*Student Ambassadors (L-R) Addie Bailey, Bob Ellis, Avery Stence and Charley Robertson*

## What's Happening at FCC

- On Friday, October 6th, a Senior Health Fair will take place in West Hall at FCC hosted by State Senator Terri Bryant and State Representative Dave Severin. Free screenings and refreshments will be provided. Seniors may attend to learn about the many ways to live a happier and healthier lifestyle. A variety of vendors will be on hand to discuss programs that benefit seniors, and legislative brochures will also be available.
- On Friday, October 27th, there will be an event for local home-school and private school students to come to FCC's campus to learn more about the Automotive Technology and Electrical Distribution Systems programs.
- A Transfer Workshop will also take place later in the semester at FCC. Students will be able to learn about our dual credit programs and how to use our classes to start their college career plan early. The date for the event is to be determined.

# Greeting Future Bobcats

College Admission Representative Carrie Halbert and FCC athletes often visit local schools on Fridays for “High Five Friday.” Most recently they visited Northside Elementary School and greeted the young students as they entered the building. From hosting kids’ classes in the summer to visiting schools during the year, FCC faculty, staff, and students all continuously make an effort to strengthen the relationship with the community while providing a fun way for the children to learn, meet some of the students, and possibly get a glimpse into their future as Bobcats.



*FCC athletes greeting students at Northside Elementary School*

# Frontier at the Fall Fun Fest

Fall Fun Fest (FFF) takes place every September (13th-16th) in Fairfield, and allows the community to join together for a variety of performances, delicious food, and other fun activities. FCC maintains a presence at FFF annually, but did so in a different way this year. FCC athletes decided to have a booth set up to sell pulled pork sandwiches, pulled pork nachos, and walking tacos. Another fun twist is the Queen of Hearts drawing taking place at Frontier’s booth on Friday evening. The student athletes at Frontier continue to show initiative by staying involved in community events, such as this student-led booth. “We’re happy to have a group of athletes who always want to go that extra mile to get involved with the community and events,” said Chief Academic Officer Paul Bruinsma.



# Business & Industry Update

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Business and Industry (B&I) submitted a bid for MSHA Part 46 training for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District in the city of Chicago, focusing on sand and gravel training. This specialized area aligns with their strategic objectives to expand to non-coal related mine training in the northern part of the state. The proposal was accepted and there will be a new miner training session in September. This endeavor may not initially yield substantial revenue, but provides a foothold in the Chicago area.

The Mining and Industrial Training (MIT) office is completing its transition off of the John A. Logan campus by the end of September. Files and equipment are currently being moved to the Terry L. Bruce West Richland Center. MIT will be participating in the upcoming Illinois Mining Institute conference and mine rescue competition. Our instructors will be officiating the contest. IECC will have a booth at the event.

Emergency Preparedness (EP) will be offering CPR/First Aid for all IECC employees. A district-wide schedule has been created, providing employees with multiple opportunities to get trained. The first training session is at LTC on September 15th. Brent Maguire, Program Director of EP, is working with LTC and FCC to spearhead emergency response protocols for the campuses.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted multiple workshops in August, as well as convening the first advisory board meeting. Workshops on starting a small business and starting an Airbnb were offered. Michelle Brooks, Director of the SBDC, is attending the National SBDC conference in Nashville the first week of September.

On August 9th, B&I proudly hosted the inaugural Safe + Sound Conference in Olney. This was a collaborative effort with OSHA and the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center, marking the first of its kind in this part of the state. There were approximately 45 people representing over 25 organizations in attendance. B&I recently met with NAL, the City of Fairfield, Fairfield Memorial Hospital, and Crawford Memorial Hospital to assess their training needs and create plans. A license application has been submitted to be able to offer a Cosmetology Certificate as well as a license to offer a Physical Therapy Certificate.



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# The Voyager

## Title III Update

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The faculty and staff at Frontier Community College are committed to delivering exceptional education and services to improve the lives of our students and to strengthen our communities. The Title III Grant is designed to extend those exceptional opportunities to previously marginalized students through expanded online and hybrid course offerings, while supporting and enabling our faculty to maintain the quality and accessibility our students have come to expect.

While the FCC faculty are exceptional in their expertise in their fields, the rapidly advancing technology utilized in education can seem daunting. Educational Technology Specialist Derek Dunn has taken up the challenge to make the process as simple as possible for faculty. Dunn has been working this summer on a “How-to 101,” a collection of tutorials available to faculty on Canvas. This is a go-to resource covering broad topics such as Open Broadcast Software, Canvas, Camtasia Video Editing Software, and more. For each program, Dunn includes detailed and followable instructions for things such as recording, editing, inserting backgrounds, questions and videos, close captioning, and creating discussion posts.

The Faculty Recording Studio (FRS) is very well equipped with a variety of high-quality, yet intimidating, equipment. “How-to 101” also includes instructional videos making the technology of the FRS user friendly. Included in the collection are videos regarding microphones, cameras, lighting, as well as the use of the teleprompter and green screen.

Dunn plans to add to the tutorials throughout the year and welcomes suggestions for new topics.

