

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



August 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 15 First day of classes
- 21 Cookout for Students
LRC Lawn / 11AM- 1PM

SEPTEMBER

- 2 College closed
Labor Day
- 11 Game-a-Palooza
Learning Resource Center
- 16 CBD Oils 101
West Hall 104 / 6:30-8PM
- 17 Self Defense for Women
Bob Boyles Hall / 6:30-8:30PM
- 24 Millikan College - Rep. Visit
Mason Hall Foyer / 8:30AM- 1PM
- 25 USI Representative Visit
Mason Hall Foyer / 9AM- 12PM
- 26 Nursing Application Meeting
LRC Rm 105 / 2-3PM'
- 27 TEAS Testing
Mason Hall 24 / 9AM- 1PM

OVER 120 STUDENTS ATTEND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



Frontier Community College held its New Student Orientation (NSO) on Wednesday, August 7. The annual event was held in Workforce Development Center and drew over 120 incoming students.

After a welcome by Jan Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services, new students broke out into small groups and rotated throughout campus to learn about various services and opportunities. Breakout sessions included: Student Success, Student Services 101, Learning Resource Center & Online Services, Club Exploration, and a Faculty & Student Panel.

Students returned to Workforce Development Center for lunch prepared and served by the First Baptist Church of Fairfield. Afterwards, students had the opportunity to learn more about financial aid and scholarship opportunities from Lori Noe, Coordinator of Financial Aid. T-shirts and door prizes were distributed at the closing of the event. Students who attended NSO gained a better understanding of classroom locations, student guidelines and expectations, and campus policies.

Carrie Halbert, Coordinator of Recruitment and Retention, organized the event and is confident students left feeling prepared for the start of classes on August 15.

FRONTIER EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS

Several employees were honored with service awards at an all-employee picnic that was held on Friday, August 2. Each employee received an award for their dedication to the college.

A total of five employees were recognized for five years of service: Debbie Bryant, Administrative Assistant to the Dean; Dr. Jay Edgren, President; Ellen Shreve, Emergency Preparedness Office Assistant; Robert Tennyson, Library Assistant; and Dena Weber, Program Director of Adult Education.

Three members of Frontier received awards for 10 years of service to the college: Linda Monge, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Tina Nation, Accounts Receivable Clerk; and Mary Morris, Assistant Professor of English.

Recognized for a total of 20 years of service were Tara Farleigh, Administrative Assistant to the President; and Jan Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services and Athletic Director.

Those not pictured were unable to attend the employee picnic, but they were recognized at the staff and faculty workshop on Thursday, August 8.



Pictured, from left to right: Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Tara Farleigh, Jan Wiles, Debbie Bryant, Dena Weber, and Robert Tennyson.

COMMUNITY ED OFFERS BUSY LINEUP OF CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR FALL SEMESTER

As the fall semester kicks off with a schedule full of transfer and CTE classes, so too will begin a plethora of Community Education classes and workshops. Frontier's Community Education committee has been hard at work this summer preparing the schedule, and they are pleased to announce that over 20 classes will be offered to the public.

Class offerings are catered to a wide variety of interests, ages, and skill levels. Several classes are returning favorites or back by popular demand, including ballroom dancing, book club, yoga, and quilting. Phyllis Gill will offer multiple stained glass classes at Gill's Glass Shed, located between Fairfield and Clay City. Gill has been teaching classes for over 20 years, and you can find many projects created by her students at the annual Community Art Show on Frontier's campus.

Several classes are new to Frontier and were added based on feedback provided from a community survey last year. Options include self-defense, acrylic painting, furniture refurbishing, and Latin American cooking. Due to the rising popularity and curiosity over CBD oils, a one-night CBD Oils 101 class will be led by local pharmacist Stephen Potts. Holiday-themed workshops will occur as the semester progresses, such as Pie-Making, Christmas Cupcakes, and Barn Quilt Painting (holiday pattern).

"An ongoing commitment by Frontier Community College is to provide a large variety of community education offerings to the areas we serve," said Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction. "This is integral to our mission, in which we strive to strengthen our communities."

To view the full lineup of Frontier's community education classes, visit iecc.edu/fcc. Call 618-842-3711 to register for a class. Space is limited for many classes, so interested individuals are encouraged to register soon.

YOUNG RECOGNIZED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Frontier Community College recently began an initiative to recognize an employee of the quarter, and employees were asked to nominate a fellow full or part-time coworker. Frontier is pleased to announce that Tina Young has been honored as the first recipient.

Tina Young is a member of the Operations & Maintenance department and cleans several campus buildings in the evenings. She was nominated for her hard work and dedication to the college. Comments received from employees who nominated Young stated that she “goes above and beyond” her duties and “always does her work with a warm smile.” One employee wrote, “She leaves us with encouragement in the way of cards and notes. She’s a great asset to this college and a blessing to have in our lives.”

Frontier Community College appreciates Young and all that she does for the campus. She was also recognized at the employee picnic on August 2 and received her gift from Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction.

Frontier in a Flash

A photographic reflection of recent happenings within the FCC community

- 1) Several second-year students gathered with employee Annie Lankford for a photo before the beginning of New Student Orientation. Many students volunteered to serve as group and session leaders for the big day.
- 2) Jan Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services, and Julie Bryant, Coordinator of Public Information & Marketing, attended a 3-day conference for enrollment management July 24-26. The conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 3) Newlywed couple Zach and Heather Gerch were recognized at the employee workshop with a cake to celebrate after a catered lunch.
- 4) Employees were caught up in a fierce competition of the card game Dutch Blitz at the employee picnic on August 2.
- 5) Rotary Plaza is beautifully lit up on a warm August evening.





The Bobcat Beat

 @FCCBobcatsAthletics

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Volleyball & Softball Host Camps for Community Kids

SPORTS CALENDAR

VOLLEYBALL

August

- 22 vs. Rend Lake / 6:30PM
- 24 vs. Lincoln University / 10AM
w/ Shawnee (Tri-Match)
- 28 vs. St. Louis CC/ 6:30PM
- 29 vs. Kaskaskia / 6:30PM
- 31 @ Wabash Valley / 2PM
w/ Lewis & Clark (Tri-Match)

September

- 3 vs. Brescia University / 4:30PM
w/ Midway Univ. (Tri-Match)
- 4 @ Millikin University / 6PM
- 10 vs. SWIC / 6PM
- 11 @ Lewis & Clark / 6PM
- 13 vs. Kaskaskia / 3:30PM
w/ Ancilla Univ. (Tri-Match)
- 17 vs. Vincennes University / 6PM
- 18 vs. Illinois CC / 6PM
- 20 @ John A. Logan Tournament
- 22 @ Lincoln Trail / 12PM
w/ Parkland (Tri-Match)
- 24 @ St. Louis CC / TBA
- 27 vs. Wabash Valley / 6:30PM
- 28 @ Shawnee / 10AM



Frontier's volleyball and softball teams kicked off the fall semester with camps for community kids, and both teams were pleased with the turnouts.

Volleyball held a 2-day camp on August 1 & 2 at the Center Street School gymnasium. They offered two sessions: one for grades 1-4 and another for grades 5-8. Led by Coach Nixie Hnetkovsky, the volleyball athletes assisted campers with serving, passing, setting, and more. Hnetkovsky incorporated fun games and drills into the camps, and 7th and 8th graders received special instruction in offense and defense.

Softball held a 1-day camp on Saturday, August 10, at Southwest Park in Fairfield. They also offered two sessions, and athletes provided one-on-one training in the areas of hitting, fielding, throwing, and more.

Coach Hnetkovsky and her team are now gearing up for a busy fall season, with the first game scheduled for Thursday, August 22. Frontier will host Rend Lake, with the match set to begin at 6:30PM. This is Hnetkovsky's inaugural season as head coach, and she is ready to hit the ground running.