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Event Calendar

August

Fall Registration Going on Now!

- 3 Service Awards/Staff Picnic
- 7 Health Occ. Orientation
- 8 Adjunct Faculty Workshop
- 9 New Student Orientation
Registration Begins at 8am
- 9 Athletics Orientation
Following NSO
- 10 Faculty/Staff Workshop
10am-3:30pm Bob Boyles Hall
- 17 First Day of Fall 2017 Classes
- 21 Solar Eclipse Party at FCC!
12-3pm at LRC
- 22 Volleyball vs. John A. Logan
@ Center Street Gym - 6:30pm
- 29 Baseball vs. Lincoln Trail
FNB Field - 12pm
- 31 Baseball @ John A. Logan
2pm
- 31 Volleyball @ Rend Lake
6:30pm

FCC Employees Recognized for Service



Frontier Community College held its annual Employee Service Awards Day on Thursday, August 3. Staff enjoyed a carry-in lunch, as well as fun games and “eggstracurricular” activities.

Six FCC employees were recognized for their years of service and dedication to Frontier. Those being

recognized for their service years include Academic Advisor Eric Resor for five years, Office Assistant Debbi Hosselton, Administrative Assistant Kim Venters, and Learning Resource Center Director Merna Youngblood for ten years, and Maintenance Technician Kent Staley and Administrative Assistant Kathy Wheeler for fifteen years.

New employees were introduced as well, including Information Technology Technician Terry Chrtt, Head Baseball Coach Brandon Benton, and Maintenance Technician Tina Young.

Pictured above from left are: Eric Resor, Debbi Hosselton, Merna Youngblood, Kathy Wheeler, and Kent Staley. Not pictured is Kim Venters.



Dr. Paul Bruinsma takes a crack at Egg Roulette during everyone’s favorite game.



Carrie Halbert dominated cornhole while Terry Chrtt tries to keep up.

Solar Eclipse Safe Viewing Available at FCC



Frontier Community College is hosting a Solar Eclipse Safe Viewing Event on August 21, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

With the Fairfield area expected to experience 98% coverage of the total eclipse, Frontier Community College is inviting the public to join this safe viewing event. Eclipse glasses will be available for safe direct viewing of the eclipse, while pegboards and other devices will be on hand for indirect viewing.

Since the moon will be covering the sun, the temperature will be changing through the eclipse. Temperature measurements will be

taken throughout, which will be a good project for math and science classes.

Participants are invited to “Dance Along the Path” during the eclipse. NASA has asked eclipse viewers to share their videos on social media by using #EclipseDance. FCC will be recording and sharing videos of dancers during the event.

Those attending can bring their lawn chairs to enjoy the eclipse. The public is invited to attend, as well as area grade school or high school classes.

Frontier Employee Spotlight on Tina Nation

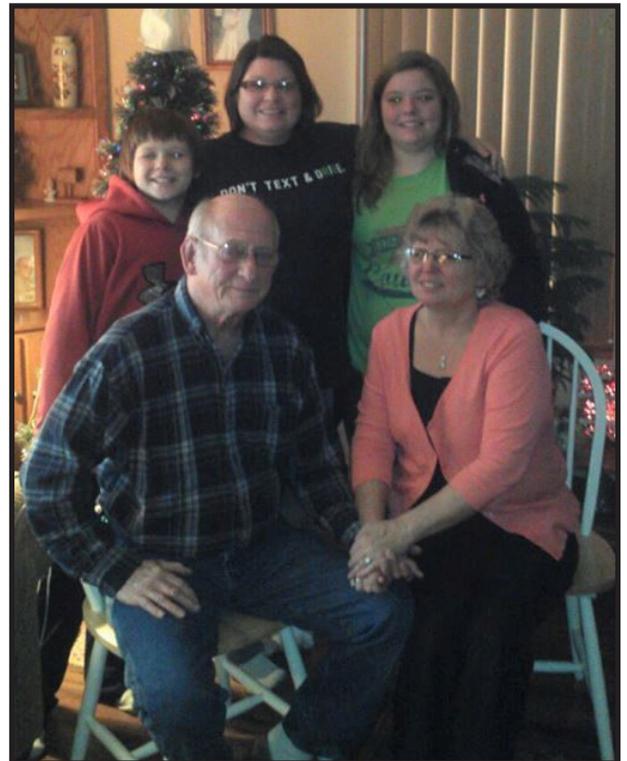
Frontier Community College Business Office Assistant Tina Nation not only has many years working at FCC, she also has obtained all of her degrees at Frontier. While working as a work study student at FCC, Tina started by earning her GED from Frontier in 1980. In 1986, Tina went on to receive her Certificate in Secretarial Science, and most recently completed her Associate’s in Science and Arts and Associate’s in General Studies Degrees at Frontier in 2015.

Tina’s second stint working for FCC started in 2009 as an Accounts Receivable and Records Clerk. Over time her position has evolved into Business Office Assistant. She is proud to be an FCC employee not only because of the excellent customer service provided to FCC students, but also because of the great group of coworkers she has. “We are family and rally around our fellow workers in time of need.”

Even though there unfortunately is not a visual aid to go with it, Tina says her favorite memory from her time working at FCC is when Debbi had to vacuum her off after spilling toner on herself! She also cherishes the memory of being the speaker at a recent GED graduation ceremony.

Outside of FCC, Tina enjoys spending time with her husband of 30 years, Sam, and their children Sam Nation, Jr. of Salem and Heather Caudle of Fairfield. Tina also holds memories of her late daughter Terry Stanford near to her heart. Together, Sam and Tina have five grandchildren. Besides spending time with family, Tina also enjoys reading, attending church, and playing with her daughter’s puppy.

“I think what makes FCC such a special place to work is the people, students, and instructors. I am excited about our growth with sports and anxious to see what the future holds.”



Pictured in the front row above is Tina with her husband of 30 years Sam Nation. In the back row is grandson Landon Caudle, daughter Heather Caudle, and granddaughter Gabby Caudle.

Terry Chrtt Hired as Information Technology Tech

Terry Chrtt has been hired as the new Information Technology Technician at Frontier Community College. Terry began his duties on July 24, 2017.

At FCC, Chrtt will be responsible for assisting in the construction and maintenance of campus computer systems and networks to maximize the role of technology at FCC.

Prior to coming to Frontier Community College, Chrtt was employed at the Fairfield School District #112 local grade schools. Prior to this, Chrtt attended Frontier Community College to obtain his Associate in Applied Science in Information Systems Support in 2016 after being laid off from Airtex. Chrtt is also a United States Army Veteran.

Chrtt also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Economics from the University of Minnesota – Morris.

At home, Chrtt enjoys spending time with his children. Five of his children live in the Fairfield area, while the remainder of his immediate family live in his home state of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Chrtt is excited to be part of the staff at Frontier Community College, stating, “I have always been a bit of a computer enthusiast dating back to high school. I am excited to be working at FCC as the IT Tech, and I am looking forward to growing in the job and learning so many new things.”



Bobcats Coach Benton Highlights Kiwanis Program

Frontier Community College Bobcats Baseball’s new head coach Brandon Benton was the guest speaker at the Fairfield Kiwanis Club July 19 meeting.

Coach Benton came to Frontier from Carthage, Texas where he was the Assistant Coach at Panola College for three years. He has also been on the coaching staff at Central Hinds Academy in Raymond, Mississippi, Greenville College, and St. Aloysius High School in Mississippi. Benton brings with him to Southern Illinois his wife Sarah, and children Hadleigh, 2, Major, 1, and one on the way.

During his Kiwanis program, Coach Benton spoke about his vision for turning Frontier Bobcats baseball into a winning program. Benton stressed the importance of not only winning, but recruiting quality students. Expectations for the players as students will be set at a high level to ensure success on and off the field. Another goal of Coach Benton is to increase the number of players on the team. The Kiwanis members enjoyed the presentation given by Coach Benton during the program and asked many questions.



Pictured at the July Fairfield Kiwanis Club program is FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren, Bobcats Head Baseball Coach Brandon Benton, and Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma.

The focus of Kiwanis is to help children in the community through fundraising, volunteering, and by donations. Kiwanis always welcomes new members to help the children of the community. To learn how to join the Fairfield Kiwanis Club, contact Terry Prizer at (618) 363-9304.

EVENTS, CLASSES, AND HAPPENINGS AT FCC!

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8am**

Frontier Community College



**PROVIDED BY THE FF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

FREE NACHO LUNCH!

FOR STUDENTS @ NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION!

**BEGINNING AT 12PM FOR ALL
NEW STUDENTS AT NEW
STUDENT ORIENTATION!
SERVING WILL BE IN THE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
CENTER AT THE END OF
ORIENTATION. LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

SEE YOU AUGUST 9! REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8AM!

Phi Theta Kappa Begins August 24



First Meeting:

Date:

Thursday, August 24

Time:

11:45 a.m.

Location:

Mason Bldg. Room 24

Celebrating 100 Years!



The Bobcat Beat

Bobcats Baseball Welcomes Jimmy Brenneman



Frontier Community College Head Baseball Coach Brandon Benton has announced that Jimmy Brenneman is joining his staff as an assistant coach. Brenneman concluded his second year at Clarendon College in Clarendon, TX, as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator in 2017.

“I’m really eager to bring Jimmy and his family to Fairfield. Jimmy is an outstanding recruiter who works relentlessly and is passionate about bringing in top quality players that will make our team better on and off the field. He has been a part of a rebuilding process at Clarendon College and we are excited about him doing the same here,” Benton said. “Jimmy brings great regional ties for our recruiting base having played at Lincoln Trail CC.”

Brenneman will serve as the teams pitching coach and recruiting coordinator. Prior to Clarendon Brenneman spent the 2015 season at Globe Tech CC in New York City. In 2014, Brenneman was a private instructor and helped coordinate baseball camps at Cincinnati Baseball Sports Academy.

Brenneman played one year of pro ball in 2013 with the Roswell Invaders of the Pecos League and the Gateway Grizzlies of the Frontier League.

Brenneman played college ball at Campbell University in Bouie Creek, North Carolina from 2010-12. He was a part of the school’s first 40-win season in 2012 (41-19). He finished in the top-20 of NCAA Div. I in each statistical category: Stolen Bases (30), Runs Scored (66), and Hit By Pitch (27) that year. Also, led all of NCAA Div. I in HBP in 2011 (31). Before CU, he played at Lincoln Trail CC in Robinson, Illinois in 2009-10. He was 1st-Team All-Conference selection both years and 1st-Team All-Region (XXIV) in 2010.

Brenneman has a BS in Sports Management from Campbell University.

Athletics Rosters Set - Ready for Fall Seasons to Begin

All three Frontier Community College Bobcats athletics teams are ready for their fall season to begin now that their rosters are set. Volleyball begins their regular season on August 22 at home (Center Street School Gymnasium) against John A. Logan College at 6:30 p.m. Baseball will get their first game of the fall exhibition season in on August 29 at FNB Field against Lincoln Trail College at noon. Softball will kick things off on September 2 at Lincoln Trail College’s Fall Invite with games at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bobcats volleyball and softball rosters are set with 12 and 15 players respectively. The baseball roster for 2017-2018 has grown immensely, with 43 players currently committed. Last year, the Bobcats baseball roster sat in the 20s.

To stay up-to-date on Bobcats Athletics’ games, scores, news, and more, visit www.fccbobcats.com or like Frontier on Facebook: Frontier Community College, Bobcats, Bobcats Baseball, and Bobcats Volleyball.



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Scenes from Bobcats Volleyball Camp 2017



1st-4th Grades



Junior High



High School

