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October Calendar

- 1 Volleyball Tri-Match @ Center Street
- 3 IECC District Workshop
- 6 Volleyball Tri-Match @ Lincoln Land
- 7 Volleyball vs. Sauk Valley CC
- 7 Bobcats Softball 5K - 8am
- 9 Campus closed - Columbus Day
- 10 Flu Shot Clinic @ LRC - 11-1pm
- 16 Volleyball Tri-Match @ Kaskaskia
- 16 2nd 8-week classes begin
- 17 USI Representative Visit to FCC Campus
- 19 Rockin for Puerto Rico! - 5:30-8pm
Hurricane Relief Fundraiser
- 20-21 Volleyball Tournament
Lincoln College
- 25 Volleyball @ Vincennes University
- 27 Volleyball @ Lewis & Clark CC
- 29 Volleyball Tri-Match @ Millikin Univ.
- 30 Halloween Trunk or Treat - 4pm
LRC Parking Lot

Rockin' for Puerto Rico!



Pictured, left to right: Bottom: Jean Carlos Matos and Joseph Pagan. Top: Jared Ortiz, Jhensen Malave, Gamaliel Echevarria, Amed Sanchez, Nadia De La Torre, Ho-Chi-Ming Hernandez, Bryan Soto, Kenny Otero, and Adrian Martinez. Not pictured: Brendan Mafnas

On Wednesday, September 20 Hurricane Maria made landfall on Puerto Rico, leaving behind extreme damage and devastation. Over two thousand miles away, twelve Frontier Community College students, who hail from Puerto Rico, were desperate to make contact with their family and friends who had been directly impacted. Concerned for their own students, FCC instructors Linda Monge and Mary Morris asked themselves, "What can I do to help?" Together, Monge and Morris created the upcoming event on FCC's campus, Rockin' for Puerto Rico!

Rockin' for Puerto Rico! will take place on Thursday, October 19 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on the Bobcat Den parking lot. This evening of fun will consist of live music from James Beeson and Tom Baker's Mardi Gras brass band, dancing and complimentary salsa lessons, and tacos and loaded nachos available for purchase. Frontier Perks will also be open right inside the Bobcat Den, and anyone who purchases a drink will receive a free Puerto Rico flag sugar cookie. The public is both invited and encouraged to attend the event.

The twelve students, pictured above, moved from their hometowns in Puerto Rico to Fairfield to participate in the Bobcat athletics while working toward Associate degrees. The students said their families have yet to regain electricity and access to drinking water, and no one knows exactly when those needs will be restored.

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Students Nadia De La Torre and Jean Carlos Matos are from the same town of Bayamon in Puerto Rico, which is close in proximity to the capital of San Juan. However, Nadia was able to reach her family within 4 days, while Jean Carlos anxiously waited two weeks before hearing from his. Student Kenny Otero has made contact with his father but is still waiting to hear from his mother. Some students had little to no damage to their houses, while others lost part of their home. None of the students are sure whether or not they will be able to return home to their families over Christmas break, due to the damage and current travel difficulties to and from Puerto Rico.

Having most of them in her classes, instructor Linda Monge noticed life wasn't "business as usual" for these students. "I could detect the worry and concern they had for their families, as they hadn't even heard if they were safe or if their homes were still standing," Monge said. The students face many challenges each day living in a culture so different than at home in Puerto Rico, and Hurricane Maria just added another concern. That's why she hopes this fundraiser will bring some comfort to the students and put a smile on their faces.

Instructor Mary Morris is very excited for her vision to be put into action, as she hopes the community will come together to support these students. "These kids are working so hard here to focus on schoolwork and keep up with athletic requirements," said Morris. "I could tell they were all doing their best in the face of something I can't even imagine. We want to show them we are here, we care and we want to help."

All proceeds from Rockin' for Puerto Rico! will go directly to World Vision for Hurricane Maria relief in Puerto Rico.

Athletes Show Support for Hurricane Relief



Hurricane Harvey was devastating to all involved, and the Lady Bobcats softball and volleyball teams (pictured from left to right) wanted to show their support for the victims. Both teams sported blue Texas Strong t-shirts last month. The volleyball team wore these shirts for the pregame warmup of their September 26 match versus Vincennes University.

The Lady Bobcats volleyball team also demonstrated their support for relief in Puerto Rico, which was affected by Hurricane Maria last month. At the tri-match on October 1, food and baked goods were available for purchase, and all proceeds were given directly to Hurricane Maria relief. Way to go, girls!

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
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ONE.LOVE.Christian Club invited students and staff to attend See You At The Pole last month on September 27. Corey Musgrave from New Beginnings Church in Fairfield provided a devotion to kickoff the event, followed by prayer around the pole, located in front of Classroom Building West. Approximately 25 students attended this event.

On September 29, ONE.LOVE. members visited Feed My Sheep, a local soup kitchen, for their service activity. Students enjoyed serving the needy and being a positive influence to others.



2017-2018 Student Ambassadors Announced

Masor Borowiak and Adrian Lopez have been selected to serve as Frontier Community College's 2017-2018 Student Ambassadors. Student Ambassadors represent the college and the student body at recruitment events, campus functions, and community outreach appearances. Ambassadors receive 12 hours of tuition and a \$200 textbook scholarship each semester during their academic year of service.

Masor Borowiak is the daughter of Trevor and Jackie Borowiak of Albion and is one of nine children in her family. Borowiak, a 2017 graduate of Edwards County High School (ECHS), is a first-year student at Frontier Community College (FCC) pursuing an Associate in Applied Science Degree in graphic arts and design. "My goal is to learn as much as I can at Frontier," says Borowiak. "It is exactly what I need to jumpstart my career in becoming a graphic artist."

Besides receiving the FCC Student Ambassador Scholarship, Borowiak also received the 2017-2018 Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship and the 2017 Genelle V. Jackson and Jessie V. Allhands Education Scholarship.

During her time as a basketball player, Borowiak lettered varsity each year and was the team captain her senior year. She also received the Lions Award in 2014-2015, All Tournament Team in 2014, Most Steals Award in 2014, and Highest Free Throw Percentage in 2014.

In addition to being an athlete, Borowiak was heavily involved in extra-curricular activities during her high school career. She served as the Vice President of National Honor Society and President of Art Club. She was also a member of Student Council, Adolescents Learning Positive Health Alternatives, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish Club, Science Club, Yearbook, Choir, Show Choir, and Band. Outside of school, Borowiak served as the Student Ambassador for the American Red Cross in 2016.

Currently, Borowiak volunteers at the Hope Center in Albion and works as a store clerk in her father's grocery store, Borowiak's IGA, in Albion.

"Last year, I took the new graphic design dual credit class at Frontier Community College. It was the first year FCC partnered with ECHS to offer this early morning course. Although my daily commute to Fairfield was very demanding, especially during my basketball season, it was well worth it. This course was the catalyst to my decision of majoring in graphic design in college."



Masor Borowiak plans to continue her education after graduating from Frontier by transferring to the University of Southern Indiana to pursue her Bachelors of Arts in graphic design.

Adrian Lopez is the son of Maricela Lopez and Salvador Galvan of Fairfield. A 2017 graduate of Fairfield Community High School, Adrian is a first-year student at FCC pursuing a transfer Associate in Science and Arts degree as he studies the pre-requisites for kinesiology.

During his high school career, Lopez stayed busy playing basketball, golf, and baseball. In addition to athletics, Lopez participated in many extra-curricular activities, including Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and National Honor Society, in which he was elected the President. Lopez was also a student ambassador and a student athletic trainer.

When he isn't taking classes at FCC, Lopez helps others through tutoring and works as a manager at Save-a-Lot in Fairfield.

One of the reasons Lopez chose FCC includes the proximity to home. "I thought I was ready to leave the nest...I was wrong," said Lopez.

Adrian Lopez plans to continue his education upon graduation by transferring to University of Illinois or Washington State University for a Bachelor's in Kinesiology. He then plans to work towards becoming a physician's assistant. "But who knows," says Lopez, "I might just continue and become a doctor."

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