

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



December 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 7 Last day of classes
- 10 Final exams begin
- 11 IECC Board Meeting
- 14 Last day of semester
- 19 College closes for Winter Break

January

- 2 College reopens
- 2 Staff & Faculty Workshop
- 3-4 Registration & Testing
- 7 First day of classes
- 21 College closed
MLK Day

FCC will be closed from December 19 through January 1 for Winter Break. The campus will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

FCC Hosts 60 Students for Annual Program Showcase



First and second-year students of FCC shared their personal experiences during the student panel session of the Program Showcase. The panel was led by Annie Lankford, Academic Counselor for Trio Student Support Services.

Over sixty high school students visited the campus of Frontier Community College for its annual Program Showcase on Thursday, November 29. The event was spearheaded by Carrie Halbert, Coordinator of Retention and Recruitment at FCC.

After a welcome from President Dr. Jay Edgren, students learned about financial aid opportunities from Lori Noe, Coordinator of Financial Aid. Students then broke out into groups to attend several sessions located in FCC's Workforce Development Center. Discussions included: Automotive Technology; Construction Technology & Electrical Distribution Systems; Campus Tour; Transfer Degrees or Undecided; Nursing & CNA; Phlebotomy & Health Informatics; Graphic Design, Sport Management, & Information Systems Technology; and Student Clubs.

Following the individual sessions, guests returned to the open area of WDC to attend a student panel, which featured current students across a broad range of programs, clubs, and backgrounds.

Participating high schools included those from Fairfield, Cisne, Edwards County, Flora, Grayville, Newton, Wayne City, and more.

FCC Recognized at Fairfield's Kiwanis Christmas Parade

Frontier Community College not only participated in the 2018 Kiwanis Christmas Parade in Fairfield, but also served as a patron sponsor for the event. The annual lighted parade was held on Saturday, December 1.

The theme for this year's lighted event was "Christmas Stories," and the college's parade committee designed the float to incorporate Frontier Perks, the Adult Volunteer Literacy Project, and the college itself.

The overall project was created in part by students in the Construction Technology Program, who utilized their trade to assemble the coffee mugs, storybook, and float base.



Phlebotomy Students Preparing for Externships



Students enrolled in the one-year Phlebotomy Program are gearing up for the Spring 2019 semester, when each student will begin externships at area hospitals.

Prior to their second semester, students practice the skill of blood collection during normal class hours. Instructor Becky Carter has been visiting campus buildings to recruit willing volunteers so that students may gain experience to use in their externships.

Beginning in January, students will be placed under the direct supervision of skilled phlebotomists at hospitals in Fairfield, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Vernon, and more.

Above, a Phlebotomy student collects a blood sample from Debbie Bryant, who serves as Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Dr. Paul Bruinsma.

FCC Collects Goods for Holiday Food Drive



Frontier Community College joined with Wabash Valley College and Lincoln Trail College to collect canned goods for the third annual Holiday Food Drive. The event ran through the month of November, and the district collected a total of 11,588 nonperishable food items for our communities! All goods have been donated to local food pantries.

The initiative for FCC's campus was organized by the Adult Education Department, and a total of 1,202 items were donated. In second place was WVC with 3,230 items, and LTC was the champion with a grand total of 7,156 items.

EDS Students Receive Scholarships



Student Jonathan Hammack received the Wayne White Electric Co-Op Scholarship in Honor of Gerry Kinney. Hammack is pictured with Kinney, who serves as Lab Assistant for the EDS Program.



Student Jakob Shuck is pictured receiving the Luke Vaughan Memorial Scholarship from Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction.

Two students of Frontier Community College were recently awarded four scholarships to be used for the Spring 2019 semester. The students are Jonathan Hammack of Greenville and Jakob Shuck of Centralia. The four scholarships presented include: the Luke Vaughan Memorial Scholarship, the Steve Rafferty Memorial Scholarship, the Earl Pottorff Memorial Scholarship, and the Wayne White Electric Co-Op Scholarship (in honor of Gerry Kinney). All four scholarships are reserved for the Electrical Distribution Systems (EDS) Program.

Jakob Shuck was the recipient of the Luke Vaughan Memorial Scholarship, which awards \$250 to one student. Luke Vaughan began his electrical career as a Journeyman Electrician at Airtex Products in Fairfield. He later cofounded Vaughan Electric, Heating and Air, a local company that is still in operation today. Luke was an honest, hardworking man that took great pride in his work. The \$250 scholarship was set up by his family to assist the recipient on the path to their electrical career in hopes that they find the same fulfillment Luke experienced.

Shuck also received the Steve Rafferty Memorial Scholarship, which awards \$250 to an eligible EDS student. This scholarship was established in 2014 in honor of Steve Rafferty, who served as the Lead Faculty for the Electrical Distribution Systems Program at FCC from 2008 until his passing in March 2014.

Student Jonathan Hammack received the Earl Pottorff Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 cash scholarship. The late Earl Pottorff was born in Fairfield but built a 37-year career with Commonwealth Edison Company, the largest electric utility in Illinois serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. Earl and his wife Lorraine settled in Fairfield after his retirement, where he lived until his passing in 2012. Lorraine established the scholarship in December 2012 to honor Earl and help another young man begin a career in the public utility field. It is the first donation presented to the FCC Foundation specifically for a Career and Technical program that will last in perpetuity. The Earl Pottorff Memorial Scholarship is presented each year in the amount of \$1,000 to a student enrolled in the EDS program.

Established in the summer of 2016, the Wayne-White Electric Co-Op Scholarship in honor of Gerry Kinney provides full tuition and books for one EDS student. Gerry Kinney enjoyed being a lineman for 17 years, but his career was cut short when he came into contact with a 7,200 volt power line. This severely burned him and forced the removal of both hands and forearms. Overcoming great obstacles, Kinney is now a positive influence and inspiration to many. He enjoys sharing with those who wish to pursue the career that he enjoyed as a lineman, and he reinforces the importance of safety in the electrical field. Today, Kinney serves as a Lab Assistant alongside Lead Instructor Ed Patton for the EDS Program.