

GRADUATION CEREMONY TO BE CONDUCTED DIGITALLY

With a traditional graduation ceremony being impossible with state-wide restrictions due to COVID-19, Frontier Community College has decided to move graduation to a virtual format. The graduation ceremony will be made available for streaming on YouTube, July 31st at 7pm. This difficult decision was made with the safety of students, staff, families and community in mind. Graduation regalia and diplomas are currently being mailed to students. The digital graduation will feature the traditional addresses from FCC President



Dr. Jay Edgren, Board Member Gary Carter, Dean Paul Bruinsma, and a member of the student body. While the college is disappointed we will not be able to provide the traditional ceremony for students this year, we hope that this video will serve as a small token of our pride for our students and their accomplishments over their academic career at Frontier Community College.

JUSTN EXCITED TO BE BACK DESPITE ONE DAY TRAINING



Justn Young graduated from FCC with an Associate in Science and Arts degree and Administration Information Technology degree. She has worked at FNB and Airtex. Her current position is administrative assistant in Financial Aid. The most interesting part of being employed at FCC is her training. She was employed right at the time of the quarantine for COVID-19. Justn started work on campus on Friday and began working from home on Monday. What she most likes about being employed at FCC is the very helpful staff;

everyone has pitched in to help. Dual Credit is something she loves that FCC offers. It's a chance to get some college credits out of the way for very low cost to the student while still in high school. In her spare time she loves everything outdoors. Whether it be jeeping, side by side riding, fishing or swimming, Justn enjoys all of these activities with her family. Justn and her husband Brad have two children, Oliver 5 and Sadie 3.

Upcoming Events

JULY

- 21 Last day to withdraw from summer classes
- 24 Last day of summer classes
- 27 Final exams
- 28 Final exams

AUGUST

- 14 Faculty Staff Workshop
- 17-19 Registration, Testing
- 20 First Day of Classes

September

- 7 Labor Day, College Closed
- 17 Constitution Day

Frontier Community College is following Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan. Campus and community events have been modified to incorporate social distancing and other safety practices to help insure community and employee safety.



COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGH FCC FOUNDATION

The Frontier Community College Foundation received COVID-19 emergency funds to assist students who need additional financial resources as a result of the national COVID-19 pandemic, but did not qualify for CARES Act funding.

Frontier Community College students in need of additional funding for technology needs, childcare, transportation, housing, tuition, etc. are encouraged to apply for this grant opportunity. The funding application has a full range of areas covered in the grant. Funding applications are available on the Frontier Community College Facebook page, by contacting Lori Noe, Coordinator of Financial Aid, or emailing fccfa@iecc.edu.

Funding has been made available through donations to Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), and Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). These groups came together in partnership with the Southern Illinois University Foundation to create the Public University and Community College Student COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Core principles of the group are to get funds to students in need as quickly as possible, while providing funds to organizations that already have a relationship with students. The funds are emergency grants that students do not have to pay back. The grants will not impact students' financial aid awards.



EXCITING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Six (6) full tuition scholarships are available for students enrolling in the first year of the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) program offered at Frontier Community College. The CMA program is a two year, 71 credit hour degree. The recipients will be selected from students enrolled in the Certified Medical Assistant program this fall.

The CMA program trains students to perform a variety of clerical duties and assist with clinical situations in a health-related setting. Students in this program will develop an in-depth knowledge of conceptual, professional, and medical skills.

Certified Medical Assistants perform clerical duties, take vitals, as well as collect and prepare specimens. Most CMA careers are found in doctor's offices, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. The median yearly pay is \$33,600, with an expected job growth of 23%.

Six scholarship recipients will be announced on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Students interested in the CMA program need to apply to Frontier Community College online at www.iecc.edu. Call Frontier Community College to register (618) 842-3711. Fall semester classes start August 20, 2020.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE WITH TITLE III



After months of planning, Room 21 of Mason Hall is officially under construction. Contractors began working on the space Thursday, June 25 with initial demolition completed in preparation of converting the area into a state-of-the-art laboratory classroom for the new Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program.

As construction progresses, the lab will be outfitted with 20 student lab workstations designed for durability and functionality. Each student station will be equipped with a new medical laboratory grade microscope and accessible storage. Smart classroom audio and visual equipment will be purchased and installed as part of the remodel to provide students an

optimal learning environment.

Along with refrigerator and freezer storage, the MLT lab will be stocked with a variety of sophisticated diagnostic equipment including but not limited to analyzers, centrifuges, and agglutination viewers to provide students hands-on technical instruction preparing them for clinical experiences in local health care facilities.

The remodel, made possible through a U.S. Department of Education Title III grant, is the first phase in establishing a suite of science labs in Mason Hall. In Summer 2021, Rooms 22 and 23 will undergo similar remodels with the goal of improving health science classroom environments.

The current remodel of Mason Hall Room 21 has a targeted completion date of July 2020 with outfitting completed in time to welcome the MLT program's first student cohort when Fall classes begin on August 20, 2020.



YOUTH CLASSES HELD DESPITE PANDEMIC



Community youth classes were held as scheduled at Frontier Community College this month with classes such as painting, tie-dye, and sign-language still able to be offered for community youth despite the national pandemic. Adjustments were made to follow state COVID-19 guidelines with classes being held in the Workforce Development Center, giving each student their own work table, and masks being required when students were not able to be spaced 6 feet apart. Despite these modifications students remained engaged and able to learn fun new skills.