



### THREE BOBCAT BASEBALL PLAYERS SIGN TO D1 TEAMS

The FCC Bobcat baseball team has been busy helping students take their academic and athletic abilities to the next level following their graduation from Frontier Community College (FCC). Three players have already signed to play Trent Rice, Drew Janssen, and Cole Rasbury.

Trent Rice is from Bowling Green, KY, and attended South Warren High School. While at Frontier Community College, he has played as catcher on the Bobcat team and posted a .361 batting average in the shortened season last spring. He is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and carries a 4.0 GPA. After FCC Trent will move on to Southern Illinois University.



Trent Rice's 2020 Headshot

Coach Jimmy Brenneman says, "Trent is everything we look for in student-athletes at FCC. He's a leader on and off the field, a great teammate, and is a 4.0 student. I'm very happy for Trent. He is well-deserving of this opportunity."

Drew Janssen (Antwerp, Belgium) signed to attend and play baseball at Gardner-Webb University, outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, after the spring semester. In Drew's 25.1 innings pitched at Frontier Community College(FCC), he caught attention with a 2.81 ERA

### Upcoming Events

#### January

- 5 College Opens
- 7-8 Class Registration and Testing
- 11 First Day of Classes
- 18 College Closed: MLKJ Day
- 23 First Home Volleyball Game

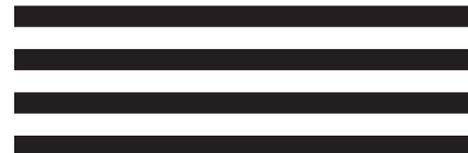
#### February

- 15 College Closed: President's Day

#### March

- 8 No Classes: Casimir Pulaski Day
- 9-14 No Classes: Spring Break

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 recommended practices to help insure community and employee safety.



and 39 strikeouts. While putting up these impressive stats, Drew still found time to excel in the classroom, earning a 3.2 GPA.



Drew Janssen on Field

Drew's on and off-field performance lead to an interesting world first. With his signing to Gardner-Webb, he will be the first Belgian to ever play baseball at the D1 level. Drew's home news station in Antwerp, the second-largest city in Belgium, reported on this achievement in the link below. This news piece, in Dutch, features shots of Drew throwing, and an interview!

Finally, Cole Rasbury, from Bellville, Texas, has committed to playing at Butler University next fall. Rasbury, while at FCC has played as an outfielder and has had a .350 batting average. Keep an eye on this one, he has stolen 19 bases in 20 attempts.



Cole Rasbury's 2020 Headshot

While putting up these impressive stats on the field, Rasbury has also maintained a 3.1 GPA, preparing him well to pursue a business degree while at Butler.

These three players have already made the 2021 baseball season an exciting one, before the official season has even begun. Make sure to come to a Bobcat Baseball game this spring, so you can catch them and all of the team in action.

## OVER 190 STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS



We are beyond proud of our students for their continued dedication to academic excellence in times of uncertainty! Our Academic Honors list this semester is a testament to our student's dedication to furthering their education. Honors are based upon high student GPA, with the CEO/Chancellor's list requiring a 3.90 or above GPA, President's list requiring a 3.75 to 3.89 GPA, and the Dean's list requiring a 3.50 – 3.74 GPA. To view the full list of students receiving honors, visit [iecc.edu/FCC](http://iecc.edu/FCC).

## CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED ON TESTING CENTER

While students were off-campus, the FCC grounds team has been hard at work constructing a testing center inside the Learning Resource Center. This nesting doll of centers will allow the college to host numerous types of proctored tests, which will reduce the need for students traveling to take certification exams.

The testing center has 12 computers with individual testing spaces certified by Pearson. Students need not worry, as the computers will still be available for general use when an official test is not being conducted. If you have questions about what tests can be taken and other general use, contact Robert by calling the LRC circulation desk.



The inside of the new Testing Center

## TWO FCC EMPLOYEES RETIRE DURING WINTER BREAK

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Jan Wiles and Merna Youngblood both retired from Frontier Community College, FCC, effective December 31st. Over their time at FCC, they have touched countless lives with their dedication to helping students in their academic endeavors.

Jan Wiles was Athletic Director and Assistant Dean of Student Services at Frontier Community College. Jan Wiles has committed a large portion of her career to the service and aid of FCC students. Jan first joined the college as the Coordinator of Student Success in 1999 and since has held many titles, including PTK Advisor, Student Advisor, and then in 2011 moved into her current role as the Assistant Dean of Student Services. Jan will be dearly missed on campus, and it will be a great challenge to fill her shoes with someone as kind, caring, and student-oriented.



Merna Youngblood was the Director of the Learning Resources Center at Frontier Community College. Youngblood joined the FCC staff in October 2006. During her tenure, she has seen many changes in the library. “Technology has been the biggest change over the years,” stated Youngblood. “Students previously searched for information, but now we are constantly bombarded with information. The task for a librarian has changed from assisting with searching to helping students know what information is reliable, accurate and the best for the research in which the student is working.” Merna’s forward-thinking, dedication to students, and love of a good prank will be missed dealy by all on campus.

We hope they find time to relax and enjoy themselves with their newly found free time, after their years of hard work they both deserve it.