



SMALL SCALE, LARGE TALENT

Isabel Chau, Taylor Klingler, and Chloe Yates were selected as the winners of the Tiny Art contest held by the LRC. This fun-sized project had students paint small 4” by 6” canvases with any design they desired. Canvases were then submitted to the LRC to be judged by a panel of FCC employees. Lori Noe, director of instructional support services, is the mastermind behind this and most fun ideas produced in this space. Lori says, “I was inspired to hold a Tiny Art contest by the public library system, where Tiny Art is trending right now as an engagement activity.”

This event showcased the talent of the campus. Many entries were submitted, and selecting a winner was difficult. The success of this event is in part thanks to Lori’s ability to modify traditional events to better fit students’ busy schedules. The start of the semester is a notoriously busy time for students, which is why Lori designed the contest so, “The project could be completed here in the LRC or taken home for completion, whichever was best for the student.”

Lori states, “I am so impressed by the student talent we have here at FCC. I plan to make this an annual event.” This event will be one students look forward to as a chance to show off their artistic abilities and FCC employees look forward to so they can view student’s hard work.



Paintings on display in the library

Upcoming Events

February

21 President’s Day

March

- 04 Midterm
- 07 Casimir Pulaski Holiday
- 08 Start of Spring Break
- 14 Classes Resume

April

15 Spring Holiday

May

- 06 Last Day of Classes
- 09 Start of Final Exams
- 13 Last Day of Semester/Graduation



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*Tiny Art Contest Winners:
Paintings by from left to right Isabel
Chau, Taylor Klingler, and Chloe Yates*

DREW FIFER SIGNS WITH INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Drew Fifer, a member of the FCC baseball team, has signed with Indiana State University to continue his baseball and academic career. Last Spring, Drew was one of the top pitchers out of the bullpen, posting a record of 6-0 and striking out 36 batters in 33 innings. Drew is from Louisville, Kentucky, and plans to major in Sport Management.

ISU's baseball program received attention recently for polling as one of the top programs in the nation and they have qualified for the last two NCAA tournaments. Drew will make a welcomed addition to this team and his Frontier Family wishes him the best of luck!



Drew Fifer

SPINNING FOR NEW STUDENTS

The popular Student Parent Information Night (SPIN) will return to FCC on Wednesday, February 16. This event is the perfect opportunity for local high school seniors to bring their parents to campus and learn what FCC offers. Our faculty will be on hand, ready to share anything and everything about their programs and classes. It will also let students learn how FCC prepares them for a 4-year university and provides customized support.



Picture from SPIN 2019

Parents will enjoy the chance to ask questions to FCC's Financial Aid staff, who will be ready to answer detailed questions about filling out the FAFSA and paying for college. This information-packed event will conclude with a meal provided by the college, allowing parents and students to meet other families interested in becoming Bobcats.

B&I UPDATES

The following updates are from Sharmila Kakac, Dean, B & I Training.

Fram Filters Greenville -

IECC is providing online training to FRAM. We started in January, and a new training topic will be offered each month. This is being offered on a fee basis.

Small Business Development Center -

We are working to bring a Small Business Development Center office to the IECC district. It will initially be housed out of FCC for this calendar year. This is in partnership with southeastern Illinois college. Our plan is to apply for the grant later this year to offer the services full-time in our district. SBDC offers the following services to existing and aspiring small businesses:

- Free Business Consulting
- Free & At-Cost Training
- Accessing Capital
- Technology Development
- Business Planning
- Regulatory Compliance
- International Trade Consultancy
- Marketing

Adult Education

The adult education program is piloting a virtual reality classroom in conjunction with Illinois Digital Learning Lab. Virtual Reality headsets will be available for students in our Career Bridge Classes to explore and get a 'hands on' feel for options within career clusters.

TITLE III UPDATES

The following updates are from the Title III Project Director, Carol Dreith.

· The Title III team welcomes Derek Dunn as the new Education Technology Specialist for the project. Derek is developing the expanded faculty recording studio located in Cox Hall. Derek's years of working for WFIW radio brings a wealth of experience to the audio and visual content development team. He invites faculty, staff, and students to contact him to schedule studio sessions and discuss their ideas for creating educational content.



New Education Technology Specialist, Derek Dunn

· New microscopes are being delivered for Mason Hall rooms 22 and 23 as part of the continued Title III supported lab renovation. The Title III team will continue working with science faculty in purchasing additional instrumentation, equipment, and supplies to enhance student learning in the coming year.

· In identified courses, The Title III project continues to pilot the online tutoring link, TutorMe. Data collection has helped staff identify a group of students who have used the tool successfully. Of the group, 2 students have agreed to help develop video tutorials to increase utilization of the 24/7 available student support product. Data collection will continue in Spring 2022 to further identify how TutorMe can enhance student academic performance at FCC.