

# The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



March 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March

- 15 Scholarship applications due
- 16 Barn Quilt Painting  
12-5PM @ WDC
- 19 IECC Board Meeting @ FCC
- 22 Wayne County Scholastic Bowl  
@ Workforce Dev. Ctr.
- 26 Summer & Fall registration opens
- 26 SIU-E Rep Table Visit  
10AM-2PM @ Mason Hall
- 27 Advisory Committees  
(AUM, EDS, Fire Science)  
6PM @ WDC
- 28 USI Rep Table Visit  
10AM- 12PM @ Mason Hall
- 29 Professional Development Day  
2:30PM @ LRC

### April

- 1 Easter Cupcakes  
6-8PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 6 Phi Theta Kappa Rummage Sale
- 8 Jelly Making  
6-8PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 13 Breakfast with the Bunny  
9AM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 26 Community Art Show  
4-7PM @ West Hall
- 27 Lineman Rodeo  
10:30AM @ WDC (EDS Poles)

## GED Instructor Development Reflecting on Classroom Success

With the second eight weeks of the semester underway, the Adult Education Department is pleased with the commitment and success of its students. Recent reports indicate strong numbers in the program as well as measurable gains from those who are enrolled. What is contributing to the positive findings, though? Cheryl Holder, Director of Adult Education at Frontier Community College (FCC), indicates a leading factor is the professional development of instructors for the program.

So far this fiscal year, Frontier Community College (FCC) has enrolled 140 students in the Adult Education Program, and many have already taken the computerized exam to earn their GED. Forty-six percent of students have post-tested, and nearly half have increased at least one grade level. Eighteen students have successfully graduated from the program, and Holder expects to see more as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

"It is so exciting to see students working hard and successfully earning their GED," said Holder, who oversees eight GED instructors throughout the district. The 18 graduates were enrolled in GED Test Prep courses in Fairfield, Flora, Lawrenceville, and Bridgeport. Holder noted that instructors play an important role in this success, as "they prepare them [students] to not only pass the GED exam but also move forward with the next step in their lives, whether that be college or straight into the workforce."

The Adult Education Program has been investing in their instructors professionally, and the results are showing all-around. While the state's average instructor retention rate is only 60%, FCC has a 75% rate. All eight instructors have participated in professional development activities to enhance Adult Education instructional offerings. One such activity is STAR, or Student Achievement in Reading, training. This initiative was created by the U.S. Department of Education to assist states and local programs in improving the reading achievement of intermediate-level adult levels.

STAR is a comprehensive initiative for implementing evidence-based reading

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instruction (EBRI) with this learner population. Instructors use diagnostic assessment procedures to gauge strengths and weaknesses of each student, then they target the reading instruction accordingly. EBRI helps students improve in the four essential components of reading - alphabets, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Instructors must complete a minimum of 12 hours of professional development, and Dena Weber, Program Director of Adult Education, said each instructor within the IECC district is on track to do so.

"The training our instructors receive is really helping with student guidance in the classroom," said Weber. "One particular focus is College & Career Readiness (CCR), and they are trained to use those strategies to better prepare students for the GED and college enrollment."

Separate from the improvements in training, though, is the passion that instructors have for helping others. Holder is quick to note the commitment of these teachers and the strides they take to ensure each student is learning and preparing for a future suited to their interests and dreams.

"I have seen so many students come through this program who need someone to believe in them," said Stacey Legg, instructor for GED Test Prep courses in Fairfield. "In Adult Education, we are their biggest cheerleaders and show them the way to success. My favorite part of teaching these classes is seeing my students gain their GED, move on to a college education, and earn a self-sustaining, life-changing career. There is nothing else like it!"

## SNA Hosts Successful Blood Drive



The Student Nurses Association (SNA) of FCC hosted a blood drive on Wednesday afternoon, February 27. The event was held in the Nursing simulation lab and drew FCC employees, students, and the community.

A total of 18 participants donated blood, and 17 units of blood were collected by the American Red Cross.

Although SNA has hosted a blood drive for many years, this is just the fifth year that SNA has held it in honor of Vicky Lemons. Lemons was a well-loved Nursing Instructor of FCC who passed away in 2015. Vicky cared deeply about her students and had a passion for helping others.

## FCC Christian Club Busy in Spring

The ONE.LOVE. Christian Club participated in many activities last fall, and this semester their schedule remains busy.

In January the club took a trip to Evansville, Indiana, where they attended the Winter Jam concert at the Ford Center. Last month, they gathered to create Valentine cards for residents in the skilled care unit at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. The club plans to have a dinner and movie night soon.

ONE.LOVE. Christian Club meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in the Learning Resource Center conference room. Any and all students are welcome to attend, but club sponsor Lori Noe says there are typically 10-14 students in regular attendance. During meetings, students have prayer, devotions, and time for fellowship. Noe said students also use this time together for lunch, as the club meets in between morning and early afternoon classes.

For more information about ONE.LOVE. Christian Club, contact Lori Noe by e-mail at [noel@iecc.edu](mailto:noel@iecc.edu) or by phone at 618-847-4105.



# Students Recognized for Fall 2018 Honors

Frontier Community College is pleased to announce its academic honors list for the Fall 2018 semester. Students were announced to the CEO's List, President's List, and Dean's List, all of which are established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. All students will be honored at the upcoming Awards Night on Friday, May 3.

## CEO's List

Braxton Allen  
Bethany Bailey  
Mattison Bartlett  
Cara Bohannan  
Diana Brenneman  
Ronnie Britt  
Cheyanne Bruce  
Craig Carscadden  
Ramsey Clark  
Nicholas Conner  
Madison Cowsert  
Caleb Evans  
Joseph Fenton  
Audrey Fleener  
Alicia Garrison  
Morgan Gregory  
Anirban Haldar  
Jonathan Hammack  
Malorie Harrison  
Samantha Helms  
Hailee Hope  
Myranda Kenshalo  
John King  
Cole Lydick  
Allison McClanahan

John McCuan  
Irene Morris  
Landon Oestreich  
Jaclyn Pearce  
Kasey Pearson  
Sadie Powell  
Kylie Prather  
Vanessa Richardson  
Jessica Rinebold  
Heliceliz Rivera  
Danishka Rodriguez  
Charles Ross  
Conner Ryle  
Sabrina Simpson  
Rebecca Smith  
Robert Smith  
Caleb Smothers  
Evan Staat  
Julie Thomas  
Joshua Trout  
Abigail Walker  
Bailey Walters  
Trey Woosley  
Kourtney York

## President's List

Anne Anderson  
Kayla Ash  
Kathy Bailey  
Meagan Borah  
Kaeleigh Brown  
Chelsea Dulany  
Joshua Goldman  
Tyler Henry  
Clint Holtenbrink  
Jackson Hydorn  
Jayden Jeminson  
Joy Koker  
Emily Lewis  
Whitney Morrison  
Zachary Norton  
Jessica Owen  
Sydnee Phillips  
Abigail Potter  
Laramie Sayles  
Madison Scamahorn  
Jakob Shuck  
Abra Slover  
Christina Strantz  
Noah West  
Anna Wheeler

## Dean's List

Malik Blair  
Kyle Buchanan  
Blake Bunting  
Forrest Cantrell  
Christy Davenport  
Gary Davis  
Julia Earnst  
Braxton Gerek  
Austin Gollner  
MacCrae Grant  
Caisie Hart  
Riley Hartman  
Kyndra Henderson  
Asher Hughey  
Brittany Hutchison  
Katelyn James

Mark Koker  
Lee Donovan  
Mikayla Masterson  
Jazmine McClane  
Shayla Miller  
Haylee Neuman  
Aubrey Noe  
Brendan Reid  
Caleb Rush  
Morgan Schumm  
Andrew Shoultz  
Kensey Smothers  
Bradley Taylor  
Brody Tisdale  
Logan Vaughn  
Sara Williams



# FCC Leading Community on NYC Summer Trip

For the first time, the Community Education program at Frontier Community College is offering a 4-day trip to New York City for interested community individuals. The trip is scheduled to depart Monday, July 8 with a return date of Thursday, July 11. Enrollment for the trip opened at the beginning of February, and the reservations quickly filled up. FCC will be joined by over 25 college students and adults for the trip of a lifetime to The Big Apple.

FCC partnered with Explorica, a travel organization that provides educational tours across the globe, to carefully plan the trip. The package is titled New York City: Landmarks of Manhattan, and travelers will visit popular sites such as the Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, and Central Park.

The 4-day excursion will include: round-trip transportation from St. Louis, Missouri; sightseeing tours and site visits; hotel stays; daily breakfast and dinner; and a full-time private tour guide. Guests will also have the chance to see a Broadway performance. The itinerary is as follows:

## Day 1

- Travel to NYC
- Midtown walking tour
  - Rockefeller Center
  - St. Patrick's Cathedral
  - Times Square
  - Grand Central Terminal
- Dinner
- Empire State Building visit

## Day 2

- Ferry to Ellis Island
- Statue of Liberty
- Lower Manhattan tour
  - Trinity Church
  - Wall Street
  - 9/11 Memorial
  - Chinatown & Little Italy
- Dinner

## Day 3

- Radio City Music Hall
- Metropolitan Art Museum
- Central Park walking tour
- Madison & Park Avenue
- Dinner
- Broadway Show

## Day 4

- American Museum of Natural History
- Travel home

The trip to New York City has generated much buzz within the community, and individuals have provided feedback to FCC expressing interest in future trips. The college hopes to visit Washington, D.C. for its next trip.

# Frontier in a Flash

## A photographic reflection of recent happenings within the FCC community

- 1) The Flora Health Occupations class visited FCC's Nursing Department to learn more about the medical field and FCC's Health Informatics, Phlebotomy, and Nursing (through OCC) Programs.
- 2) Several ladies of FCC gathered to throw a baby shower for Cat Halterman, Financial Aid Assistant, who is expecting a girl at the end of the month.
- 3) Debbie Bryant, Administrative Assistant to Dean Bruinsma (pictured right) celebrated her birthday with coworkers before embarking on a Hawaiian vacation.
- 4) Jeremy Carter, owner of Carter Trucking and Carter Athletic Academy, threw the first pitch at the March 8 baseball game.
- 5) Students in the Anatomy & Physiology class take a break for the camera before completing their lab.





# The Bobcat Beat



@FCCBobcatsAthletics



@FrontierBobcats

## Baseball, Softball Seasons in Full Swing

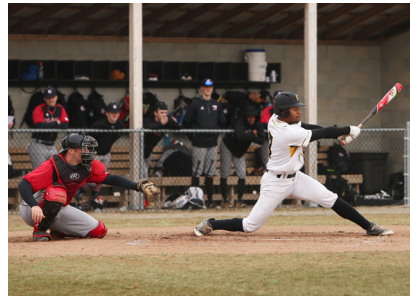
### MARCH SPORTS CALENDAR

#### Baseball

- 14 @ Southeastern / 3PM
- 16 Southeastern / 12PM (DH)
- 19 @ Illinois Central / 4PM (DH)
- 21 Wabash Valley / 3PM
- 23 @ Wabash Valley / 12PM (DH)
- 26 Lincoln Trail / 3PM
- 28 @ John A. Logan / 3PM
- 30 John A. Logan / 12PM (DH)

#### Softball

- 14 Southwestern / 4:30PM (DH)
- 16 @ Kaskaskia / 12PM (DH)
- 17 Lincoln Trail / 1PM (DH)
- 19 Parkland / 4:30PM (DH)
- 21 Lake Land / 4:30PM (DH)
- 23 @ Shawnee / 12PM (DH)
- 24 Elgin CC / 1PM (DH)
- 28 Wabash Valley / 4:30PM (DH)
- 29 St. Louis CC / 4:30PM (DH)
- 30 @ Southeastern / 12PM (DH)
- 31 Arkansas State / 10AM (DH)



The 2019 season kicked off in the State of Mississippi for both Frontier Baseball and Softball, and the teams have a busy schedule ahead of them for March. Although Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring, Coaches Brandon Benton (baseball) and Marty Slover (softball) would have to disagree. Just a few weeks into the season, the Bobcats have had to make several adjustments due to winter weather and wet field conditions.

As of March 13, baseball is 13-8 on the season with a 7-game winning streak. The team has been undefeated at home, having hosted Lindenwood-Belleville JV, Morton College, Rend Lake, and Illinois Central.

Softball participated in the Farewell to Carnell Classic while in Mississippi, going 1-2 for the first weekend in March. As of March 13, wet field conditions have prevented the team from playing any games.

Schedules are subject to change due to inclement weather and other conflicts, and all announcements are posted on the FCC Bobcats Athletics Facebook and Twitter accounts.