

# The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



February 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 13 TEAS Testing  
1-5PM @ Mason Hall 25
- 17 College closed  
Presidents' Day
- 18 Nursing application deadline
- 18 IECC Board Meeting  
7PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 24 SNA Bake Sale  
@ LRC Lobby
- 26 Mobile Food Pantry  
11AM @ West Hall Lounge

### MARCH

- 6 Self Defense for Women  
6PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 11 Mobile Food Pantry  
11AM @ West Hall Lounge
- 11 Murray State Rep. Visit  
8:30AM - 12PM @ Mason Hall
- 11 Sprint Into Spring!  
6-8PM @ Workforce Dev. Ctr.
- 17 SIU-C Representative Visit  
10AM-1PM @ Mason Hall
- 17 IECC Board Meeting  
7PM @ Lincoln Trail College
- 23 SNA Bake Sale  
@ LRC Lobby

## SMITH JOINS TITLE III TEAM AS TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST



Joy Smith of Fairfield has recently begun working as an Educational Technology Specialist for Frontier Community College (FCC). She officially stepped into her role on January 23, and she joins the Title III grant team alongside Jennifer England, Health Sciences Specialist, and Carol Dreith, Project Director.

In her role, Smith will provide assistance to faculty and staff as they incorporate technology tools into hybrid and online classes. Smith will also work one-on-one with faculty to train them on best practices for distance learning. For now, her first order of business is working to establish a faculty recording studio in the Learning Resource Center.

"With this studio, faculty can maintain a high-quality learning experience for students that would be similar to sitting in the classroom," Smith said. "After this is up and running, I will train instructors on how to utilize the studio and create videos for their classes."

The Title III team is working closely with the maintenance department to construct the recording studio, which will need ample room for hardware and screens. Smith would like to include a Lightboard, which is a glass chalkboard used specifically for recording video lectures. This equipment will be especially helpful for mathematics courses.

With the Title III grant, FCC's Phlebotomy and Basic Nurse Assistant (CNA) programs will move to a hybrid format. The Medical Laboratory Technician program, which is set to begin in the fall pending accreditation approval, will eventually shift from a face-to-face to hybrid format.

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Smith has quickly adjusted to her new role, thanks to her familiarity with FCC. In 2009, she graduated with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Information Systems Management. Afterwards, she continued her education through the University of Phoenix and received a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology with a focus in Website Development. As a former online student herself, Smith recognizes the importance of implementing the necessary tools and services to provide quality education while avoiding barriers to access.

Smith brings several years of experience in technology and customer relations, which will be beneficial in her role. Since 2008, Smith has owned a small business specializing in computer services. She operates the store in Fairfield. Furthermore, Smith has served as Adjunct Faculty for FCC's Information Systems Technology program since the Fall 2018 semester.

"Joy will be a strong resource for our faculty and staff as we implement the hybrid course delivery," said Carol Dreith. "While we work to increase access to health science coursework, her expertise will be invaluable in selecting technology that is both cutting-edge and user-friendly."

Renovations are underway in the Learning Resource Center, which Dreith believes is an ideal location for the recording studio. The location will reduce ambient noise and provide privacy for optimal recording quality. Additionally, the team is consulting with professionals from the University of Illinois' Instructional Media Department to equip FCC's studio with the latest technology and maximize the floor space. Once the Lightboard has been installed, two math courses will be transitioned to a hybrid format.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN "SPRINT INTO SPRING" ON MARCH 11

Students from local high schools can see what it's like to be a student at FCC by attending an event on Wednesday, March 11. Sprint Into Spring will be held from 6-8PM at Workforce Development Center, and both students and parents are encouraged to attend. At the event's conclusion, all high school seniors who attend will be entered to win one of ten \$500 tuition awards.

During Sprint Into Spring, students will have the opportunity to attend a 30-minute breakout session and learn firsthand about FCC's programs straight from the experts: experienced instructors and academic advisors. Students who are still undecided about their post-secondary plans can attend a special breakout session devoted to program and career explorations.

FCC held a similar event last semester titled SPIN (Student Parent Information Night), and it was a successful event with over 160 in attendance. However, the event's committee is adding improvements and making changes so it is a beneficial event for both new and returning high school students.

Different from a typical open house style, sessions will be held in each program's learning environment to provide a more interactive, hands-on experience. For example, students interested in Electrical Distribution Systems will tour the indoor and outdoor labs and see firsthand the climbing gear and tools utilized each day in class. Current students from each program will also assist with breakout sessions to share their personal experiences while enrolled at FCC.

Students and parents will also have the chance to meet with the financial aid department and even make an appointment with an academic advisor to plan for the Fall 2020 semester. The event will include a catered dinner, door prizes, and giveaways. Tuition awards will be randomly drawn at the end of the event and may be applied towards the Summer 2020, Fall 2020, or Spring 2021 semesters. Recipients from SPIN will not be eligible to receive an award, and dependents of IECC employees are not eligible to receive an award.



# CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED ON FCC CAMPUS

Thanks to collaborative efforts with Lincoln Trail College, Frontier Community College will soon begin offering a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) program on campus. Enrollment for the Fall 2020 semester will open on Tuesday, March 31, and interested individuals may contact FCC at 618-842-3711 to make an appointment with an academic advisor.

In regards to the recent announcement of this program addition to FCC's campus, Dr. Ryan Gower, President of Lincoln Trail College, said the following:

*As a part of the strategic planning process, the four college presidents recognized the need and importance of finding new ways to collaborate. One of the efforts we have undertaken is to find new ways to share academic programs more effectively between the colleges. Historically, there have been barriers to this as leadership from the four colleges competed for enrollment and tuition dollars. I believe that my counterparts at FCC, OCC and WVC understand that this is counterproductive to what is in the best interest of our students. This initiative that FCC has brought forward is just a starting point from which much better partnerships could emerge.*

*LTC has a very good Associate in Applied Science Degree in Certified Medical Assistant. The curriculum is well suited to meet the needs of employers in both Crawford and Wayne counties. Rather than duplicating our efforts, we have found an innovative way to share our program with FCC allowing students in Fairfield to have access to scholarship assistance from the Lincoln Trail College Foundation. In the year ahead, FCC will take steps to formally adopt the program as one of its own and will work with online instructional designers (using Title III dollars) to develop robust online learning courses that students from each college will benefit from.*

The CMA program, which will offer a two-year degree or one-year certificate, will train students to perform clerical duties and assist with clinical situations in a health-related setting. Basic job duties could include scheduling appointments, preparing patient records, processing insurance, and arranging admissions. CMAs can also perform clinical tasks such as taking vitals, assisting with first aid, and collecting and processing specimens. Throughout the program, students will receive a blend of health sciences and general education requirements.

Certified medical assistants may find careers in doctor's offices, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. Career opportunities for program graduates are very promising. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2018 median pay was \$16.16 per hour, and the job outlook is projected to grow 23 percent by 2028, which is much faster than the average job growth.

Jodi Peach, who currently serves as an instructor for FCC's Health Informatics program, will transition to the CMA program instructor in the fall. "I am looking forward to having this program on our campus and offering new opportunities for our students," said Peach. "I have already been teaching the clerical skills through our Health Informatics program, so I am excited to add the clinical component to my course offerings and share another part of the healthcare industry."

"We believe this move is a win-win for the IECC District as a whole," said Dr. Jay Edgren, President of FCC. "First, it consolidates two very similar Health Informatics programs offered at different locations (FCC and Olney Central College), which will create a vibrant, healthy program for our sister school. Secondly, FCC will now be able to meet the growing demand of our neighboring healthcare providers for certified medical assistants." Edgren is confident that this decision will provide skilled labor for local employers and provide access to training for an in-demand job.



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION LEADING TRIP TO EVANSVILLE ON APRIL 16

Frontier's Community Education program will be leading a 1-day cultural trip to Evansville for interested individuals in the community. Scheduled for Thursday, April 16, the trip will include a tour of Toyota Indiana, dinner, and an evening performance of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical." Registration is currently open.

The Toyota manufacturing plant in Princeton, Indiana, is home to the Highlander, Sienna, and Sequoia vehicles. Guests will ride through the plant on a tram-driven tour to see how people and machines work together using tried-and-true philosophies like Kaizen and Just-in-Time Production. The plant spans 4.3 million square feet and hires over five thousand employees. Afterwards, the group will travel to Western Ribeye and Ribs for dinner. The restaurant has one of the area's finest salad bars and reigns as one of the most popular local restaurants in Evansville. The menu will include a full salad bar, drink, side, and an entrée choice of steak, chicken, or salmon.

The evening performance of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" will be held at Old National Events Plaza in downtown Evansville. Seats will be located in the floor/orchestra section. The musical tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

The all-inclusive package will cost \$130 and is available to individuals age 18 and older. For more information, contact Megan Black, Director of Instructional Services, at [blackm@iecc.edu](mailto:blackm@iecc.edu) or 618-842-3711.

## HIGHLIGHTS

*from the District 109  
Candidate Forum*



116 in attendance



900+ Facebook Live  
video views



12 local and  
state candidates  
present



## LOSS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS AT FRONTIER

Longtime FCC employee Amy Loss recently celebrated 30 years of service with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. She was hired on January 17, 1990 and has worked in multiple positions throughout her career. She currently serves as Coordinator of Registration and Records and has held this role since September of 2011.



While much has changed over the last 30 years, one thing remains the same: the reward of helping students achieve their goals. "I have always enjoyed working with students and seeing them succeed at Frontier and beyond," says Loss. Her current role now involves working more with technology and implementing processes, but Loss says she feels it helps students by enhancing their learning environment and overall experience.

"At Frontier and throughout the district, I have always been proud of how much we work together for our students and for each other," says Loss. "We as a district are dedicated to the mission of improving the lives of our students, and that's what has made this career so rewarding."

# STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR FALL 2019 HONORS

Frontier Community College is pleased to announce its academic honors list for the Fall 2019 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 an upcoming Awards Night ceremony on Friday, May 1.

## CEO'S LIST

*(GPA of 3.9-4.0)*

Zach Atwood	Emma Eastin	Kenzy Moore	Peyton Slover
Cohlton Bailey	Audrey Fleener	Irene Morris	Rebecca Smith
Timothy Bailey	Raigan Frye	Alex Neikirk	Kensley Smothers
Mason Barrett	Braxton Gerek	Savanna Neuman	Elias Tencza
Jarad Blanton	Sara Griffith	Noah Ochs	Julie Thomas
Isaiah Bromeling	Anirban Haldar	Kennedy Parks	Jaeda Thomason
Mario Bustamante-Gonzalez	Brandon Hawkey	Whitney Pogue	Paige Thompson
Craig Carscadden	Samantha Helms	Shayla Potts	Kaylin Trent
Amber Clark	Drew Janssen	Brendan Reid	Chaney Trout
Ramsey Clark	Madison Johns	Trenton Rice	Abigail Walker
Ashley Clifton	Brendan Johnson	Caleb Rush	John Waters
Mackenzie Conrad	John Jones	Conner Ryle	Braden Weccele
Emily Cowling	Jake Kinney	Alyssa Schafer	Jordan Wheat
Hunter Doty	Lindsay Koker	Julia Schmid	Kourtney York
Teresa Doyle	Jarred Lee	Nathan Selby	
Austin Drake	Shayla Miller	Andrew Shoultz	

## PRESIDENT'S LIST

*(GPA of 3.75-3.89)*

Kayla Ash	Trey Elkins	Genesis Santiago Melendez	Madison Tiemann
Charlene Barnard	Caleb Evans	Tristan Shelton	Benjamin Vandehey
Diana Brenneman	Angel Figueroa	Christina Strantz	Kiersten Walker
Justin Clark	Hannah Gruner	Bryce Lewman	Summer Williams
Lachlan Condie	Tyler Henry	Blake Lonsbury	
Jackson Duncan	Dylan Hooper	Yaeriliz Maysonet	
Brooklyn Edwards	Meghan Humphrey	Zachary Moore	

## DEAN'S LIST

*(GPA of 3.50-3.74)*

Benton Alcorn	Maccrae Grant	Starly Peralta Hilario	Kaden Suddarth
Kathy Bailey	Seth Harrison	Heliceliz Rivera Rivera	Rachel Sura
Kady Bone	Sadie Hobbs	Kameryn Saunders	John Tourville
Gabrielle Cole	Dane Horton	Benjamin Scartz	Nora Warner
Joslin Corry	Melanie Johnson	Hattie Schoepf	Tyler Williams
Justice Dangelo	Ethan Kakac	Walter Schubert	Camron Yeldell
Dominic Davies	Isaiah Kohn	Makayla Spitzner	
Lauren Edwards	Jessica Owen	Emmarae Staples	

# FRONTIER HOSTING 8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ART SHOW IN APRIL

Frontier Community College will host its 8th annual Community Art Show on Friday, April 24, 2020. Like previous years, the event will take place in West Hall and showcase local talent across six categories: drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, sculpture, and stained glass. The public is encouraged to begin preparing their artwork for display at the show.

Participants may enter up to three pieces of artwork across the six categories, and artwork will be separated by adult and high school levels. Artwork will be judged by an anonymous individual prior to the start of the show, and the judge will award first, second, and third place for each category and level. The judge will also select an Overall Best of Show, and the recipient will receive a \$100 prize.

Art will be on display between 4-7PM on April 24, and the public is invited to view the art, enjoy light refreshments, and vote for their favorite pieces. Dr. Jay Edgren will present awards at 7PM, including a People's Choice at both the adult and high school levels. Both winners will receive a \$50 prize.

Featured artists who will be on display at the 8th annual Community Art Show include:

- Drawing: Gordy Toombs
- Photography: Jeff Jake
- Graphic Design: Clint Holkenbrink
- Sculpture: Bennie Greenwalt
- Painting: Carol Phillips
- Stained Glass: Sherry Hosselton

## TRIVIA NIGHT RAISES \$1.9K FOR FOUNDATION



The Frontier Community College Foundation hosted The Office Trivia Night on Saturday, February 1. The event, which was held at the Fairfield Elks Lodge, brought in nearly \$2,000 at the end of the night. Sixteen teams competed with over 100 in attendance for the entertainment, which also included a chili dinner and dress-up contest. Prizes were awarded to the teams who placed first, second, and third.

The funds will be donated to the Adult Volunteer Literacy Project, as well as a student appreciation day to be held later this semester.

## EDS STUDENTS LEARN FROM GUEST SPEAKER



Students in FCC's Electrical Distribution Systems program recently had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers Zach and Mylinda Spicer. Lead Instructor Gerry Kinney, who met the Spicers at a safety convention, invited the two to visit his class on January 28. Traveling from White Bluff, Tennessee, Zach spoke about the importance of safety in the electrical field.

In August of 2017, Zach was working as a Substation Maintenance Supervisor when he was involved in an accident at work. After an arc flash from a substation breaker, he sustained 2nd and 3rd-degree burns and spent 22 days in a burn center ICU. He had to undergo several surgeries and procedures after his accident, but he persevered through his recovery. Today, Zach and Mylinda share about their journey and promote the importance of safety at conventions and events across the country.





# The Bobcat Beat

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@FrontierBobcats

## BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL BEGIN 2020 SEASONS

### FEBRUARY SPORTS CALENDAR

#### Baseball

- 14 @ Mississippi Delta CC / 12PM
- 15 @ Coahoma CC / 10AM
- 21 @ Southwest MS CC / 2PM
- 22 @ Copiah-Lincoln CC / 10AM
- 27 vs. Heartland CC / 1PM
- 28 vs. St. Charles CC / 1PM
- 29 vs. Kishwaukee College / 1PM

#### Softball

- 14 @ Boonville, MS / TBA
- 15 @ Boonville, MS / TBA
- 22 @ Volunteer State CC / 12PM
- 27 vs. Wabash Valley / 4:30PM
- 29 @ Southwestern IL / 12PM

All games are double headers unless otherwise noted by (\*)



FRONTIER BASEBALL



FRONTIER SOFTBALL

As the end of the month approaches, both the baseball and softball teams will begin the 2020 season. Before hosting opening day on their respective fields, the teams will take advantage of the warmer weather further south.

Brandon Benton, Head Coach for Frontier Baseball, is very excited for his team. "Having fifteen sophomores on this team gives us more experience heading into the spring than we've had in previous years," Benton said. "We feel like we've filled some holes on the defensive side of the ball, and we have good depth with some young arms in our pitching staff."

Head Coach of Frontier Softball, Marty Slover, also has big expectations heading into the full swing of the season. "We had a successful fall season as a team, and we have been working hard to prepare for this spring," said Slover. "I believe we have a talented group with a good mix of speed, power, and solid pitching."

Both teams will hold their opening day games on Thursday, February 27. Baseball will host Heartland Community College in a double header set to begin at 1PM. Softball will face Wabash Valley in a double header beginning at 4:30PM at Southwest Park in Fairfield.