



FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOYAGER

Spring Semester

Calendar Dates

January 11	Classes Begin
January 11-14	Extended Hours 7:30am-7pm
January 18	Holiday - College Closed
January 25-28	FAFSA Week
February 15	Holiday - College Closed
March 4	Midterm
March 7	Holiday - No Classes
March 8-11	Spring Break
March 18, 19	Tom Ulrich Photography
March 25	Holiday - College Closed
May 6	Last Day of Classes
May 9-12	Final Exams
May 13	Graduation



Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce Members, along with Dean of Instruction Paul Bruinsma, check out the upstairs Cardio Room in the recently-remodeled Bobcat Den Fitness Center.

Chamber Business After Hours at the Bobcat Den

The Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Frontier Community College, hosted a Business After Hours event on December 15, 2015 from 4:30 to 6:00pm at the remodeled Bobcat Den Fitness Center that is now open for business. Formerly the Fairfield Fitness Center, the building has been renovated throughout and includes a cardio room, weight room, racquetball court, classroom, student lounge, and a new coffee shop - "Frontier Perks."

Chamber members enjoyed guided tours of the facility by President Dr. Jay Edgren, Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma, and other Frontier staff, and were treated to light refreshments and door prizes.



Frontier Community College President Dr. Jay Edgren, center, discusses the newly-renovated weight room with Bill Taylor of Farm Air, FCC Foundation President Sarah Rush, FCC Maintenance Team Leader Galen Dunn, and Fairfield Mayor Charles Griswold.



Athletic Director Tommy Kent discusses the cardio room with FNB President Mike Copeland, Flo Simpson, Fairfield Area Development Commission Director, and Former FCC President Richard Mason.

\$ FAFSA BLITZ \$

Don't wait until it's too late!

In an effort to increase awareness about the process of obtaining financial aid, FCC staff Lori Noe and Ashlee Spanagel, have planned and implemented an educational campaign on the financial aid process. The campaign began in December by traveling to area high schools, Flora, Cisne, Wayne City, Fairfield, and Edwards County, to speak with the high school students about the financial aid process.

Many students do not take the appropriate steps to secure their financial aid within a timely manner, and therefore must either rush to complete the process prior to the start of the fall semester, or start the fall semester without financial aid in place. This situation often adds unnecessary stress to students at the beginning of the semester, which can have negative implications on their potential for academic success.

This educational campaign will continue in January and February to include a FAFSA Completion Night on Frontier's campus on January 26 from 5-7pm in WDC 32. This event will be publicized to new students and returning students.

An additional FAFSA Competition Night has been scheduled for February 2 from

5-7pm in the Learning Center (library) at Flora High School. Area high school students will receive promotional materials encouraging their participation in the FAFSA Completion Nights. Additionally, FCC staff is partnering with Fairfield Community High School to host a Financial Aid 101 Informational Session for all FCHS seniors and their parents. This is the first year for this event.

Furthermore, many returning students do not realize that it is necessary to complete the entire financial aid process for each academic year. In an effort to minimize the number of returning students that fail to complete all financial aid packaging requirements, a financial aid week, FAFSA BLITZ, will be held on campus. FCC staff will be featured on the local radio show to promote open help hours in the Learning Resource Center Monday through Thursday where they will help students complete their FAFSA. of Frontier's 40th anniversary this year.

Daily financial aid tips and tricks will be posted to the Frontier Community College Facebook page to further knowledge about the financial aid process.

TOM ULRICH PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

World-renowned wildlife photographer Tom Ulrich, has scheduled his 2016 photography presentation for Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19 at the First Christian Church in Fairfield. The public is invited to attend this event, sponsored by Frontier Community College. There is no charge to attend the presentations.

For his presentation this year, Ulrich is celebrating forty years as a full time wildlife photographer and has prepared a special presentation to commemorate the anniversary. Titled, "Stock & Whatnot," Ulrich's presentation will feature stock photos from past and present, and magazine articles chronicling his forty years of work.

A native of Chicago, Ulrich attended Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Upon graduation in 1971, Ulrich began teaching science classes at Fairfield Community High School. In 1975, Ulrich made the decision to become a freelance photographer while teaching classes for Frontier Community College.

His work has been used in magazines and publications such as, National Wildlife, Audubon, Outdoor Oklahoma, American Hunter, National Geographic, Montana Outdoors, and many others.

Ulrich now resides in Montana when not traveling.



Ulrich during a visit to the Digital Photography class at Frontier Community College in the Spring of 2015.

Club Updates

Student Senate

Students interested in participating in Student Senate are still able to sign up to join this semester. If students are interested in joining, they can contact Sarah Rush, or find the Student Senate Facebook page: FCC Student Senate.

The first Student Senate meeting of Spring 2016 will be at 12pm on Wednesday, January 20 in the Learning Resource Center.



Phi Theta Kappa

The next round of invitations to join Phi Theta Kappa - the National Honor Society for Junior Colleges - will go out after the 10-day roster reports are available. To be eligible, students must have completed 15 credit hours and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5.

The first Phi Theta Kappa meeting for the Spring 2016 semester will be on Wednesday at 3:15pm in the Richard L. Mason Building Conference Room. Eligible students deciding whether to join or not are invited to attend to see what Phi Theta Kappa is all about. For questions, contact Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Alyssa Parrott at 842-3711.



2006 FCC Alumnus Wiles Finds Gratification as School Psychologist

Jordan Wiles - January 2016 Alumni Spotlight

Frontier Community College alumnus Jordan Wiles finds fulfillment in working with children who have a higher need than many others. Wiles is a School Psychologist with the Rural Champaign Special Education Cooperative in Rantoul, Illinois. He is part of an Individual Education Program team that gathers information to determine if a child qualifies for special education and helps develop a plan to address their needs in areas that include academics and motor and social delays.

“I believe that addressing problems early can help teach children how to improve their deficits and work with their disabilities to become stronger and more successful adults,” stated Wiles. Evaluations may include cognitive assessments, a look at emotional and behavioral concerns, and measures of adaptive function. Assessments begin as early as pre-school screenings and up through high school.

Wiles chose this field because he loved psychology and loved working with children. It was during his junior year in college while job shadowing in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation that he found his passion and decided to pursue a career as a child psychologist. During graduate school, he completed an internship with the Wabash and Ohio Valley Special Education District (WOVSED), and upon completion was offered a full-time position as a Child Psychologist.



Wiles has a unique ability to work with children and families to help them understand the complexities of special education and the benefits. He knows how to talk with them and put them at ease. Many of the children come from single households where a father isn't present. Wiles understands that he can be a role model to many of the children and takes it seriously. “It is incredibly rewarding identifying how I can best help children with delays and seeing them succeed with the plan specifically set for them.”

Future plans are to receive a Special Education Administration certificate and ideally work as a Special Education Coordinator or Director.

The Fairfield native received a Specialist in School Psychology in May of 2012. He holds a Master's degree in Child Clinical and School Psychology from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville that he completed in December 2010. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2009 from Southern Indiana University in Evansville.

A 2007 graduate of Frontier Community College (FCC), Wiles chose to start his college education at FCC because it was close to home, it was affordable, and it was on par with the education that many of his friends were receiving at a university. Wiles noted he liked the benefit of smaller classes and the one-on-one help from his instructors.

“College is the first step towards becoming your own person by exploring what interests you and what you want to do with a large chunk of your life,” stated Wiles. “Frontier, or any community college, is a fantastic choice because it gives students a minimum of two years to save money, take a variety of classes to explore their interests, stay home a little longer and decide what best suits them, not what others tell them they should do.”

During his year at Frontier Community College, Wiles played an active role in student activities, serving as Captain of the College Bowl Team, a Student Ambassador, and the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Chapter President. He especially enjoyed the multiple service projects with PTK which allowed him to give back to the community. On the regional level, he received an award for Distinguished Chapter President, selected to the All-Illinois Academic Team, and went on to serve as the Illinois Regional President for a year. On the national level, he was the first student at Frontier Community College to be selected to the All-USA Academic Team. At graduation, Wiles was presented with the President's Award based on outstanding academic rigor and grade point averages; participation in honors programs; awards, and recognition for academic achievement, and service to the college and community.

Wiles is the son of Stan and Jan Wiles of Fairfield.

Frontier Perks Coffeehouse

Open for Business!



After a semester plus of planning, the coffeehouse located in the Bobcat Den Fitness Center is now open for business under the student decided name Frontier Perks.

The coffeehouse came to fruition through the work of full-time instructor Linda Monge and the students in the Entrepreneurship Program at Frontier. The students helped decide what products to have for sale, as well as the prices of those products. Items to be available for purchase at Frontier Perks include espresso drinks, brewed coffees, teas, hot chocolate, iced blended beverages, and pastries.

Frontier Perks opened with the beginning of the spring semester on Monday, January 11. Lisa Scarbrough, former Learning Resource Center employee at Frontier Community College, has taken over the duties as Barista at Frontier Perks. She will have the help of students from the Entrepreneurship program and a student intern to help her keep things running. Student, staff, faculty, and the public are encouraged to stop by and enjoy a tasty treat!



STUDENT HOUSING UPDATE

Construction on the student housing facilities located west of the Workforce Development Center is in full-force. Concrete will be poured soon so construction of the foundation can begin.

When completed, the two apartment buildings will have the capability to house up to forty students. The first building will have four, single-occupancy apartments, each with four bedrooms to house a total of sixteen students.



The second building will be home to four, double-occupancy apartments, each with three bedrooms to house a total of twenty-four students.

Scheduled to be complete in the Summer of 2016, students will be able to move into the apartments in preparation for the Fall 2016 semester. With the addition of athletics, the apartments will be vital in housing the influx of student athletes coming to Frontier for softball, volleyball, and baseball.

The Bobcat Den Update

120+ Patrons Use Facilities in Free Trial Week January 4-8!



Above: The Student Lounge is now complete with a comfortable seating area and mounted flat-screen TV. Additional seating and tables are available in the other half of the lounge.



Left: Sitting area in Frontier Perks.



Above top: The cardio room stocked with 5 treadmills, a rowing machine, and a stationary bike.

Above bottom: The downstairs weight room is complete and fully equipped.

2016 Spring Fitness Classes

Fitness classes at the Bobcat Den will begin the week of January 11, 2016. In addition to the classes, memberships will also be available on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

61489	EDU	2198	404	CHAIR YOGA (1/11-3/4)	1	TR	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	BOBCAT DEN 8	HILLIARD
61490	EDU	2198	405	CHAIR YOGA (3/14-5/12)	1	TR	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	BOBCAT DEN 8	HILLIARD
61343	EDU	2198	430	YOGA (1/11-3/4)	1	M	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 8	HILLIARD
61491	EDU	2198	431	YOGA (3/14-5/12)	1	M	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 8	HILLIARD
61538	EDU	2198	434	SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN (1/11-3/4)	1	T	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 10	ECKLEBERRY
61539	EDU	2198	435	SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN (3/14-5/12)	1	T	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 10	ECKLEBERRY
61541	EDU	2198	436	THAI FIT (1/11-3/4)	1	R	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 10	KEOUGHAN
61542	EDU	2198	437	THAI FIT (3/14-5/12)	1	R	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 10	KEOUGHAN
61529	EDU	2198	432	SPIN CLASS (1/11-3/4)	1	W	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 8	KENT
61534	EDU	2198	433	SPIN CLASS (3/14-5/12)	1	W	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 8	KENT
61576	PEI	1101	400	PHYSICAL FITNESS (1/11-5/12)	1	TBA		BOBCAT DEN	KENT
61577	PEI	1101	401	PHYSICAL FITNESS (1/11-3/4)	1	TBA		BOBCAT DEN	KENT
61578	PEI	1101	402	PHYSICAL FITNESS (3/14-5/12)	1	TBA		BOBCAT DEN	KENT
61435	PEI	1123	432	WEIGHT TRAINING I (1/11-5/12)	1	TBA		BOBCAT DEN 11	KENT
61485	PEI	1136	431	AEROBICS I (1/11-5/12)	1	TR	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	BOBCAT DEN 8	HARL
61482	PEI	1136	431	AEROBICS I (1/11-3/4)	1	TR	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 8	HARL
61483	PEI	1137	431	AEROBICS II (3/14-5/12)	1	TR	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN 8	HARL
62003	PEI	1100	430	CIRCUIT FITNESS TRAINING (1/11-5/12)	1	M	6:00 PM - 7:40 PM	BOBCAT DEN	HARL
NOT FOR CREDIT				ZUMBA (1/14-2/18)		TR	5:00 PM - 5:50 PM	BOBCAT DEN 8	DUNN