



THE VOYAGER

Volume 18, Number 11

Frontier Community College

May 2017

Event Calendar

May

Summer and Fall Registration Going on Now!

- 5 Last Day of Classes**
- 5 North Side Kindergarteners Visit FCC - 9am**
- 5 Awards Night 6:30pm
Community of Christ Church**
- 8 Final Exams Begin**
- 12 Last Day of Semester
Graduation Ceremony at
FCHS - 7pm**
- 15 1st Day of Summer
Intersession Classes**
- 20 Tiny House Auction 11am
Open House 9-11am**
- 23 Intersession Midterm**
- 29 College Closed Memorial Day**
- 6/2 Last Day of Intersession**
- 6/6 1st Day of Summer Session**

FCC Named Best Community College in IL



Frontier Community College ranked at the top of a list of the Best Community Colleges in Illinois by BestColleges.com, a leading provider of higher education information and resources. Out of the 25 institutions ranked, all four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges ranked in the top ten on the list.

According to BestColleges.com, “The community college system in Illinois is the third largest of its kind in the world with more students enrolled in it than any other higher education sector in Illinois. As a result, there are a lot of quality academic programs to choose from, which has created much competition between these institutes in the state,” says Stephanie Snider, General Manager at BestColleges.com. “As the number one community college in Illinois, Frontier Community College demonstrates that it provides a superior education program that provides meaningful learning opportunities for prospective students at an affordable cost.”

“We’re very pleased to be recognized as the best community college in Illinois by BestColleges.com. Though we are relatively small we pride ourselves in providing our students exceptional learning experiences and unmatched customer service. Our high graduation rate is indicative of student satisfaction and, along with our IECC sister colleges, we’re the best bang for your tuition buck of any publically funded higher educational institution in Illinois!” stated Frontier Community College President Dr. Jay Edgren.

Selections are based on statistical data compiled from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and College Navigator, both of which are hosted by the National Center for Education Statistics. They aim to objectively assess relative quality based on academic outcomes, affordability, and the breadth and depth of online learning opportunities.

BestColleges.com partners with HigherEducation.com to provide students with direct connections to schools and programs suiting their education goals. They also assist prospective students in finding the school that best meets their needs through proprietary research, user-friendly guides and hundreds of unique college rankings.

Tiny House Auction Date Set

A public auction will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 beginning at 11:00 a.m. to auction off the tiny house built by the Frontier Community College Construction Technology Program.

The auction will be held in the Workforce Development Center on the north end of campus. An open house for the tiny house will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the time of auction. Carson Auction and Realty Company of Flora will be in charge of the auction.

Bidding on the tiny house will start at \$25,000, and continue until the minimum reserve sale price is met. The successful bidder will be required to place a down payment of 15% of the final sale price the day of the sale. Checks will be made payable to Carson Realty Escrow. Carson Auction and Realty reserves the right to refuse any and all offers that do not meet the minimum reserve sale price.

Individual and group tours of the tiny house can be scheduled prior to the day of the sale by calling FCC at (618) 842-3711. Over 550 people attended the Open House on April 22 & 23! For more information regarding the tiny house and auction, visit iecc.edu/fcc and click "Tiny House Auction Info."

The tiny house has garnered national attention, being featured on itinyhouses.com and the Tiny Houses Facebook page where it was shared over 130 times and liked nearly 800 times. Calls and emails have come in from several different states, and even countries! Stay tuned to see what happens!

You're invited to a...
Tiny House Auction



Saturday, May 20
11:00 am
2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL 62837

Frontier Community College is holding a public auction on Saturday, May 20, 2017 beginning at 11:00 a.m. to auction off the tiny house built by the FCC Construction Technology Program. The auction will be held in the Workforce Development Center on the north end of campus. An open house for the tiny house will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the time of auction. Carson Auction & Realty Company of Flora will be in charge of the auction.

Bidding on the tiny house will start at \$25,000, and continue until the minimum reserve sale price is met. The successful bidder will be required to place a down payment of 15% of the final sale price the day of the sale. Checks will be made payable to Carson Realty Escrow. Carson Auction and Realty reserves the right to refuse any and all offers that do not meet the minimum reserve sale price.

Individual and group tours of the tiny house can be scheduled prior to the day of the sale by calling Frontier Community College at (618) 842-3711. For more information regarding the tiny house and auction, visit www.iecc.edu/fcc and click "Tiny House Auction Info."

FRONTIER CONSTRUCTION TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
an Illinois Eastern Community College
PROGRAM



- Retco 32' trailer w/3 axles 18,000 lb rated
- Trailer & tiny house: 14,120 lbs
- Danby 20" Elec. Range: 2.4 cu.ft. oven capacity
- Haier 10.1 cu.ft. top freezer fridge
- Rheem 10 gal residential hot water heater: 120V
- Kenmore 24" 1.5 cu.ft. Electric Laundry Center
- Dimplex 40" baseboard heaters
- Carriage house kitchen cabinets
- Floor & Walls: 3.5" insulation
- Ceiling: 6" insulation
- Standing seam metal roof
- Western red cedar ext. siding
- Double pane & double hung windows
- Stained tongue & groove car siding int.
- 150 amp panel electrical service
- 5 dual lamps
- Square footage: 256 ft. down stairs
80 ft. loft



Employee Spotlight on Student Services' Jan Wiles



Jan Wiles pictured front and center with part of her second family: the Bobcats Baseball team. Serving as Interim Athletic Director, Jan has become very acquainted with our athletes this year.

Assistant Dean of Student Services Jan Wiles has just a few things on her plate these days. Previously serving as the Athletic Director when Bobcats Athletics began, Jan has taken on the role in the interim and has done a great job keeping Bobcats Athletics running smoothly with the help of Assistant Athletic Director Luke Harl.

Beginning her career at Frontier Community College in January 1999, Jan has worked her way through the ranks, starting as a Coordinator of Student Success, and also serving as Coordinator of Placement and Testing, Academic Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, and now Assistant Dean of Student Services. Jan has obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications/Public Relations and her Master of Science Degree in Management.

Throughout her time at FCC, Jan has made many memories, with some of her favorites being able to see students change from quiet, shy, scared, and apprehensive at orientation to proud, confident, happy leaders at graduation. Jan states she is proud to be an FCC employee because she, “knows that everyday I have the opportunity to change a person’s life for the better.”

When she can get away from FCC, Jan enjoys spending time with her family: husband Stan, children: Justin (Dawn), Megan (Robert), Jordan (Katie - in September!), grandchildren and “the joy of my life:” Grant, 7, Graham, 3 1/2, Carson 9 months, and Libby and Alaina, 3 months. She also enjoys relaxing, reading, and compiling her bucket list in her free time.

Jan had some great words of wisdom to all FCC staff and faculty, “Enjoy your job at FCC. Be productive. Make a memory every day, and reflect back each day to ensure you did more today than yesterday to make a positive difference in a student’s life.”

North Side Kindergarten Visits Frontier

Nearly 80 kindergarteners from North Side School in Fairfield, along with their teachers and chaperones, visited the campus of Frontier Community College on Friday, May 5.

Students were escorted around campus by FCC staff and Bobcat athletes to three different stations. Learning Resource Center Director Merna Youngblood gave tours of the library before reading a story to the students and having a fun game. Assistant Athletic Director Luke Harl gave a tour of the Bobcat Den Fitness Center and Frontier Perks Coffeehouse before taking the students out to the new home of Bobcats Baseball: FNB Field. Students had fun walking around the field and playing tag with the players. Full-time Automotive Technology Faculty member Rodney Maxey gave students a tour of the auto lab, and showed them different parts of cars and uses of the machinery in the lab.



Health Informatics Grads Secure Employment

With graduation quickly approaching, many college students are searching for jobs in their area of study. At Frontier Community College, half of the 2017 graduates in the Health Informatics program have secured job placement in their related field of study nearly a month before graduation. The three students already securing work have a few traits in common: all are non-traditional students that are married and have children, they have completed the program in two years, and have secured jobs prior to graduating from their career and technical education program. All are graduating on May 12 with either honors or high honors and were nominated to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 2016-2017. Fellow classmates are also interviewing for positions hopefully joining them in employment very soon.



Pictured from left are: Valerie Scott, Cathy Henry, Jennifer Thomason, and Health Informatics Faculty member Jodi Peach.

Valerie Scott of Fairfield found the Health Informatics program during her second time around at FCC, following her layoff from Airtex after over 11 years of service. With no previous health care experience, the Health Informatics program seemed interesting to Valerie in part due to the variety of jobs available in the field. Working full time and going to school full time proved to be a difficult task that nearly made Scott want to quit school before the last semester, since an internship was also required to complete the program. Just days before the semester began, Scott received a second call back from Fairfield Memorial Hospital with a job offer for a registration position. After going through over 100 applications and informing Scott they would prefer someone that was out of school, Scott was informed they wanted to work around her school schedule, because her education and experience spoke volumes to what she could bring to the position.

Working at FMH since December 28, 2016 and using her position as her internship, Scott started out in the registration department and is currently working in health information. In her position, she is responsible for processing emergency room records, Horizon Clinic records, records releases, scanning and filing, correcting chart deficiencies and more. Already working full time while finishing school, Scott currently works Monday through Friday, and before and after class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her schedule should become normal following graduation.

Thanks to her education in the Health Informatics program, Scott states she loves what she is doing now and knows she will always be able to find work in the health care field.

Jennifer Thomason of Albion will also be graduating on May 12, and has secured work with her PRN Physician Office Float Receptionist position she obtained on April 25 at Wabash General Hospital. Working as needed when others are on vacation or sick, Thomason answers phones, completes appointment reminders, registers and checks-out patients, among many other duties. Thomason was looking for something different in her career when she saw an article in the newspaper about new Health Informatics instructor Jodi Peach of Albion two years ago. The program sounded interesting to Thomason, who found it challenging to go to college for the first time after being out of high school for nearly thirty years.

Serving as the Secretary of the Health Informatics Club on campus, Thomason also worked full time while going to school during her first semester in college. Thomason's hard work paid off as she received recognition as a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member and received the Illinois Rural Health Association Scholarship during her time at FCC. She learned that there is a wide variety of jobs available in the Health Informatics field, even in our local area.

Completing her internship this semester at Wabash General Hospital helped lead Thomason to the job she has now. Thomason says she would recommend this program to anyone interested in getting into the health care field on the non-clinical side of things because of the variety of jobs available with a Health Informatics degree.

Continued on next page...

Health Informatics Students...Continued

Cathy Henry of Fairfield was a stay at home mom before she decided to make the commitment to go to college. Meeting with FCC academic advisor Eric Resor to sign up for the Executive Office Professional program, Resor suggested looking into the Health Informatics program after meeting with Henry. Giving it a go, Henry went on to obtain Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society honors and served as the President of the Health Informatics Club during her time at FCC. Henry enjoyed the program and learned much more than she could have imagined. She recommends the program for future students because you are not limited to just one job area after completing the program.

Completing her internship this semester at Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation, Henry was called just two weeks later with a job offer to start on April 6 as a receptionist to answer phones, check patients in and out, collect co-payments, enter and update registration paperwork, and more. Currently working on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Henry will go full time following graduation on May 12.

As President of the Health Informatics Club, Henry and her fellow classmates attended college fairs at area high schools to help promote the program to potential students with instructor Jodi Peach. She also helped initiate many activities and fundraisers that have raised funds to help past, present, and even future students.

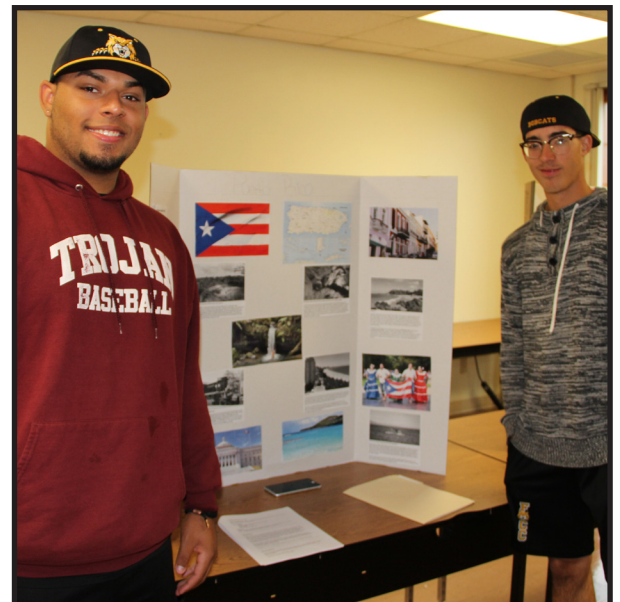
Health Informatics Faculty member Jodi Peach had nothing but praise for this group of students. "They are ideal students. They don't make excuses for their education, they just do the work. I knew early on they were very goal oriented. They were like a breath of fresh air and I can't wait to see where they go. They were here to get an education in health care and I just feel really honored to be a part of that."

Henry's words of advice were echoed by her fellow peers, "If you want to go to school to get an education and better yourself, no matter what is going on in your life – you can do it."

Cultural Diversity Class Holds Cultural Fair

Linda Monge's Cultural Diversity class recently held a Cultural Fair for their last project of the semester. Students created displays representing different countries around the world, with some dressing the part and bringing in music or food representing their country.

Various Frontier Community College staff and faculty viewed and questioned students on their displays to allow students to present their displays.



At left: Full-time faculty member and Cultural Diversity instructor Linda Monge discusses a project with one of her students. Center: Life Sciences Full-Time faculty member Nixie Hnetkovsky visited the Cultural Fair to discuss projects with students, including this one on Scotland. Bobcats Baseball players Ho-Chi-Ming Hernandez and Bryan Camacho pose with their project on the place they call home - Puerto Rico.

EVENTS, CLASSES, AND HAPPENINGS AT FCC!



Some of the 2017 Electrical Distribution Systems graduates are pictured here showing their climbing skills with Full-time Electrical Distribution Systems Faculty member Ed Patton at bottom right. A few of the graduates not pictured have already secured work in the EDS field and have been working with Ed to complete their classes around their work schedules.

FCC Scholarships Presented to Area High Schoolers



High school scholarship and awards ceremonies have begun around the area, with several area high schoolers receiving scholarships to attend Frontier Community College. Financial Aid Coordinator Lori Noe has presented scholarships to Flora High School and Fairfield Community High School students thus far, with more scholarships still to be awarded. Above, five, FCHS students were presented scholarships. From left: Brant McGill, Frontier Community College Dean's Scholar Award, Ethan Smith, Wabash Valley Association Scholarship, Macy Locke, Frontier Community College Dean's Scholar Award, FCC Financial Aid Coordinator Lori Noe, Macklin Snyder, Fairfield Coin Club Scholarship, and Caleb Smothers, Bill Cannon Memorial Scholarship.



At left, Flora High School student Bailey Pearce was presented the Frontier Community College President's Scholar Award recently by FCC Financial Aid Coordinator Lori Noe. Four more students from Fairfield Community High School were presented scholarships at their awards ceremony at the beginning of May. At center, Mason Barrett was presented a Frontier Community College Bobcats Baseball Athletic Scholarship from FCC's Coordinator of Recruitment and Retention Carrie Halbert. Also being presented a scholarship from Halbert was Adrian Lopez, who received the 2017-2018 Student Ambassador Scholarship. At right, Faith Simpson and Wyatt Borah were presented the Fairfield Community High School Charitable Foundation Scholarships to go towards their education at Frontier Community College. Both are pictured with Financial Aid Coordinator, Lori Noe.



The Bobcat Beat

Samantha Finn Named NJCAA Player of the Week

Bobcats Softball freshman Samantha Finn of West Frankfort, Illinois was named the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Softball Player of the Week for the week of April 17, 2017. The first Bobcats athlete to receive this national recognition, Finn had a consistent week at the plate to help earn the honors: .727 batting average, four home runs, 13 runs batted in, and one double.

The graphic displays the NJCAA Division I Softball Player of the Week award. It features a photo of Samantha Finn on the right and a statistics table on the left. The statistics are: Batting Average .727, Home Runs 4, RBI 13, and Doubles 1. The player's name 'Samantha Finn' is written in a stylized font at the bottom right of the graphic.

BATTING AVERAGE	HOME RUNS
.727	4
RBI	DOUBLES
13	1

FRONTIER (IL) | C | FR.

SAM
FINN

Softball Makes Region 24 Tourney 2nd Straight Year

Bobcats Softball qualified once again for the NJCAA Region 24 Tournament in just its second year of existence. Although their season ended in the first round after two hard fought games against Lake Land College, making the tournament was quite an accomplishment for the second straight year.

A number of key players will be graduating this year from Frontier Community College, but several players will be returning that garnered valuable playing time this season.

The Bobcats ended their season at 14-31-1.

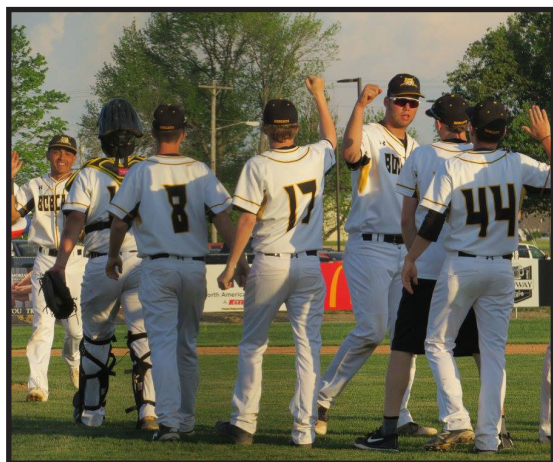


The Bobcat Beat

Baseball Ends Inaugural Season at Lake Land College

With weather playing havoc on the schedule at the end of the season for Bobcats Baseball, their season officially came to an end after two tough losses at Lake Land College on May 7: 4-2 and 2-1. Improvements were made over the course of the season, with the Bobcats ending their season 3-35 - many of those close, tough losses.

Several players have already resigned to play for the Bobcats again next year, with hometown recruit Mason Barrett already signed to join the team in August as well. Below are some scenes from the end of the year.



New Bobcats Sign Letters of Intent for 2017-2018



Recent athletes signing to play for Bobcats Athletics in 2017-2018 are from left: Brenda Rodriguez of Veterans Memorial High School in Corpus Christi, Texas signs to play for Bobcats Softball; Bailey Walters of North Clay High School in Louisville, Illinois signs her letter of intent to play volleyball for Bobcats Coach Marjorie Jordan; Cori Cissel of Sparta High School in Sparta, Illinois signs to play for Bobcats Volleyball; Abby Potter of Webber Township High School in Webber, Illinois signs her letter of intent to play for Bobcats Volleyball.