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Event Calendar

July

Fall Registration Going on Now!

- 4 College Closed - 4th of July
- 8 Strength & Conditioning Camp
4th & 5th Grades; 8-11:30am
- 11 Computer Programming for
Kids Class - Grades 5-8
9am - 2pm
- 12 Erupting Summer Fun
Kids Class - Grades K-3
9 - 11am
- 15 Strength & Conditioning Camp
6-8th Grades; 8-11:30am
- 21, 28 ABC's of Digital Photography
Kids Class - Grades 4-8
9am - 12pm
- 25 Weather Wiz Kid Class
Grades 1-3; 9 - 11:30am
- 25 Solar Eclipse 101
Kids Class - Grades 3-Adult
8 - 10pm
- 26, 27 Rainy Day Recipes
Kids Class - Grades K-4
9 - 11:30am

Bobcats Receive NJCAA All-Academic Honors

The office of the National Junior College Athletic Association recently announced a record-number 6,006 student-athletes earned distinction on one of three prestigious 2016-17 NJCAA All-Academic Teams following their success in the classroom.

Seventeen students from Frontier Community College! For the spring sports, Bobcats softball had an impressive year in the classroom with a 3.59 grade point average. In their inaugural year, the Bobcats baseball squad achieved a 3.39 grade point average for the year. Bobcats volleyball also had a great year, with a 3.61 grade point average this year. Bobcat athletes receiving recognition include:

First Team (4.0 GPA):

Jessica Rush - Volleyball; Michaela Beach - Softball; Nicole Jordan - Softball & Volleyball

Second Team (3.8-3.99 GPA):

Alexys Pedtke - Volleyball; Alyssa Kollak - Softball & Volleyball; Christopher Itshishin - Baseball; Devyn Colvin - Volleyball; Isaac Johnston - Baseball; Kaitlin Woolard - Softball; Madeline Gillard - Volleyball; Misty Gill - Softball; Sara Green - Softball & Volleyball; Taylor Mosley - Softball

Third Team (3.6-3.79 GPA):

Abby Reeves - Softball & Volleyball; Cyporah Kirk - Softball; Lawson Clayton - Baseball; Taylor Allen - Softball

The NJCAA has been annually recognizing the academic success of its student athletes since 1983.

Two teams also received Honorable Mention for their outstanding team grade point averages for the year. Softball tied for sixth in the nation, while volleyball ranked tenth in the nation.

According to njcaa.org, a record number of programs earned honorable mention recognition by meeting the award requirements of a 3.0 grade point average or higher. A total of 740 teams posted a 3.0 grade point average or higher, breaking the previous record of 687 set last year.

Since 1993, the NJCAA has recognized the team with the highest overall grade point average for their sport and gender with the NJCAA Academic Team of the Year Award. Teams that qualify with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 receive honorable mention recognition.

IECC Top 2% in Nation for Graduation Rates

According to research by doctoral candidate Pam Schield of the University of Wisconsin, all four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges are ranked in the top 2% in the nation for improvement of graduation rates.

Schild is conducting her research on two-year public technical and community college, looking for what works to help college students complete their college goals “better than average.” Schild contacted Wabash Valley College’s Retention Coordinator Jennifer Stroughmatt to conduct a survey and interview. In order to complete her research, Schild set parameters to define “better than average,” including increases in graduation rates from 2009 to 2014.

In her studies, Schild compared 990 two-year public and community colleges. Only 16 or 2% of those were considered “better than average.” Two-thirds of the 990 colleges were not improving (maintained) or actually decreased in the numbers of graduates. She stated IECC’s graduation rates were most rare as they are well above 50%. The national average for graduation from a four-year college is around 40%.

Considering only 16 colleges are in the top 2%, that means IECC makes up one quarter of the colleges who are showing improvement in graduation rates.

According to Schild, “The schools that are getting it know that it is about advising and connection. What you (IECC) are doing is what needs to happen in more places.”

“Super Load” Passes Frontier Community College

The “Super Load,” a huge tank bound for the Marathon refinery in Robinson, crept into Fairfield about 4 p.m. on July 5 in a heavily-manned caravan of trucks and support vehicles. The extra-large move is 26 feet wide, 306 feet long, and weighs 898,000 pounds spread over 26 axles with 104 wheels on the ground.

The “Super Load” parked in front of the Wayne County Fairgrounds overnight on July 5, and began its journey again at 7 a.m. on July 6 when it passed Frontier Community College.



EVENTS, CLASSES, AND HAPPENINGS AT FCC!



On June 23, the TRIO SSS students traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to visit Belmont University, tour the Country Music Hall of Fame, and shop at Opry Mills Mall. At left, the entire group of TRIO SSS students from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges that attended. Top right are the Frontier Community College TRIO SSS students in attendance: Jonah Weaver, Kirstan Larimer, Tristan Payne, Sidney Sullens, Kaleb Borah, and Cheyanne Garrison.

College for Kids Classes This Summer at FCC

ABC's of Digital Photography

Grades 4 - 8

July 21 & 28

9:00am - 12:00pm

Mason Building, Room 25

Instructors: Jason Gualdoni & Amanda Hutchcraft

Cost \$35

Go on a scavenger hunt of taking pictures of items that look like letters of the alphabet! Learn basics of photography and photo editing to create your name from the letters you find. Please bring a point and shoot camera to class.

Computer Programming for Kids

Grades 5 - 8

July 11

9:00am - 2:00pm

Mason Building, Room 25

Instructor: Sam Koker

Cost \$20

Students will learn the fundamentals of building and cleaning their own computers, online safety and creating safe passwords, how cloud services are maintained, and how internet gets to your device. Students should bring a sack lunch.

Erupting Summer Fun

Grades K - 3

July 12

9:00am - 11:00am

Mason Building, Room 23

Instructor: Katie Kelly

Cost \$25

Come join us for a morning of explosive fun. Dive into science and math by learning about volcanoes and get your hands dirty with some fun experiments. Learn interesting facts about volcanoes and participate in fun experiments.

Solar Eclipse 101

Grades 3 - Adult

July 25

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Mason Building, Room 23

Instructor: Ken Harris

Free event

Get the full story on the upcoming Solar Eclipse in August. This event will explain what makes the eclipse possible. Participate in various activities to understand the arrangement of the sun, moon, and Earth. Stay for a star party to view the moon, globular clusters, Jupiter, and Saturn. Bring a small flashlight and binoculars.

Rainy Day Recipes

Grades K - 4

July 26, 27

9:00am - 11:30am

Mason Building, Room 23

Instructor: Leslie Riley

Cost: \$35

Get messy! Use math and science to make common household materials into great messy mixtures. Students will mix and measure items that are around the house to create fun science experiments. The best part, we take care of the messy part and you take home the fun! Students will receive copies of the recipes to take home.

Weather Wiz Kid

Grades 1 - 3

July 25

9:00am - 11:30am

Mason Building, Room 23

Instructor: Laurna Diesel

\$25

Are you intrigued by weather? Become a weather wiz kid! Explore the many forms of extreme weather and create your own weather events with household items. Skype with a Meteorologist and take a virtual tour of his news and weather station!

Art Attack I

Grades 1 - 4

August 1

9:00am - 2:00pm

Mason Building, Room 23

Instructor: Cheryl Harl

Cost \$35

Explore visual art through the creation of various make-and-take art projects. Projects include painting, drawing, and mixed media. This class is sure to be fun and challenging! Bring a sack lunch.

Art Attack II

Grades 5 - 8

August 2

9:00am - 2:00pm

Mason Building, Room 23

Instructor: Cheryl Harl

Cost \$35



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The Bobcat Beat

Bobcats Baseball Welcomes Brandon Benton



Frontier Community College recently welcomed Brandon Benton as the new head baseball coach. Coach Benton coached three seasons as the Assistant Coach for the Panola Ponies. In this role, Benton served as the team's lead recruiter, strength coach, and hitting and infielders coach. While there, he recruited four All-Americans, two most valuable players, two Freshmen of the Year, fifteen All-Conference, and sent over twenty-five players to Division I Universities. Panola finished #14 in National Junior College Athletics Association Division I Baseball with a record of 44-13.

Prior to joining the Ponies staff in 2014, Benton served as the Head Coach at Central Hinds Academy in Raymond, Mississippi. In 2012, Benton was on staff at Greenville College as a Graduate Assistant where he led the strength program and assisted in recruiting.

In 2011, Benton served as an Assistant Coach at St. Aloysius High School where he worked primarily with hitters and outfielders. From 2008 to 2010, Benton served as an assistant for Mississippi's Reviving Baseball in Inner-cities (RBI).

As a player, he was awarded twice as an All-Conference athlete. As a senior at Mississippi College, he was awarded with All-Atlantic-Southwest Conference honors as an outfielder where he lead the team in homeruns.

Before transferring to Mississippi College, Benton played at Belhaven University where he helped lead the Blazers to the school's first ever NAIA College World Series appearance. Also at Belhaven, Benton was awarded with All-Gulf-Coast-Atlantic Conference honors as a designated hitter. Before Belhaven, Benton played for Hinds Community College.

From 2003-2007, Coach Benton served on active duty in the United States Air Force for four years as a Security Forces Airman. During his time in the service, Benton was stationed at Klein Brogel Air Base in Belgium for two years where he played for the Weert Indians (Class-3) and PSV Eindhoven (Class-1) in the Netherlands.

Coach Benton holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology from Mississippi College and a Master of Arts in Education from Greenville College.

Bobcats Softball Fall 2017 Schedule Announced

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Date	Home/Away	Opponent	# of Games
9/2	Away	Lincoln Trail College	3
9/9	Away	Olney Central College	3
9/12	Home 5pm	Wabash Valley College	2
9/16	Away	John A. Logan College	2
9/23	Away	Kentucky Wesleyan	2