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## November Calendar

- 1 Volleyball @ Lincoln Land CC  
Region 24 Action Tournament  
6:00pm
- 2 Game Time! - 4-8PM  
@ Bob Boyles Hall
- 3 Professional Development Friday  
for FCC Employees - 2pm
- 6 2018-2019 IECC Student Trustee  
Applications Due by 4:30pm
- 10 Campus Closed  
Veteran's Day Observed
- 15 SIU-C Representative visit  
to FCC Campus - 10am-1pm
- 20 Student Nurses Association  
Bake Sale @ LRC Lobby  
  
Shut the Front Door - 6:30-8:30pm  
Paint Party @ Workforce Dev. Ctr.  
Hosted by TRIO SSS Club
- 23-24 Campus Closed  
Thanksgiving Break

## Community Raises Funds for Hurricane Relief



Thanks to the generous community support, Frontier Community College is pleased to report nearly \$2000 was raised for Hurricane Maria relief at Rockin' for Puerto Rico! All proceeds will be sent to World Vision, who has partnered with local churches to provide Puerto Rican citizens clean drinking water, food, shelter, and hygiene kits.

Those in attendance enjoyed a loaded nachos bar and live music from James Beeson & Tom Baker's Mardi Gras Brass Band. After introducing themselves, the eleven FCC students from Puerto Rico provided salsa lessons and danced with other students. Frontier Perks coffeehouse was open for the evening serving hot and cold beverages, and all drink sales were also donated to the fundraising efforts. Community businesses and individuals helped support the event by donating various supplies. Many FCC student clubs were present for the event and also helped with set up, serving the meal, and cleanup afterwards.

The students from Puerto Rico were especially moved when they received a special donation from Cami Zurliene, age 6, daughter of Nick and Laura Zurliene of Fairfield. While watching the news reports on Hurricane Maria with her parents, Cami was so upset to see what had happened to Puerto Rico, especially after the family had vacationed there three years ago. When Cami learned about FCC's event, Rockin' for Puerto Rico, she asked her parents if she could raise donations for the event in lieu of gifts for her 6th birthday earlier in October.

The students were beaming as Cami came up front to present her donations to them. Fairfield Community High School's Spanish teacher, Katie White, also presented funds raised in her Spanish classes and provided the salsa music for the evening.

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Students will soon  
be voting for the  
next IECC Student  
Trustee...stay tuned  
for more info!

The eleven FCC students who hail from Puerto Rico are doubtful that they will be able to return home to their families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. That is why FCC instructors Linda Monge and Mary Morris, who created Rockin' for Puerto Rico, were so pleased that the event provided some comfort to the students.

Hurricane Maria made landfall on the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico on September 20, and over 85% of people are still without power and access to clean drinking water.

In the photo featured right, Laura Zurliene is centered with daughters Gabby, left, and Cami, right. The FCC students from Puerto Rico pictured with the Zurliene family are: Nadia de la Torre (seated), Jared Ortiz, Adrian Martinez, Joseph Pagan, Amed Sanchez, Gamaliel Echevarria, Ho-Chi-Ming Hernandez, Jhensen Malave, Bryan Soto, and Jean Carlos Matos (not pictured: Kenny Otero).



## City of Fairfield Honored with Governor's Hometown Award

On November 8, the City of Fairfield received the 2017 Governor's Hometown Award from the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, along with 13 other Illinois localities. FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren traveled to Springfield with City of Fairfield Mayor Brent Maguire to receive ceremonial recognition at the Old State Capitol.

The Governor's Hometown Awards program gives formal recognition to communities that contributed to their community's quality of life via projects that have strong volunteer support, met a need, and made a definitive impact. "It was clear that many communities have wonderful service projects that use volunteers throughout Illinois," said Commission Executive Director Scott McFarland. "We are honored to be able to highlight these projects and the people who gave back through these awards."

The Commission selected the City of Fairfield as project winner for its project category and population division for its project "FNB Field." Construction for FNB Field began in July of 2016, and many local businesses contributed to the overall project, which was completed in April of this year. FNB Field was created to host home baseball games for the Bobcat Athletics program, as well as a location site for tournaments and summer baseball leagues. Moreover, FCC is looking forward to bringing the local community together through the American pastime as the Bobcats prepare for their second season.

"It is a huge honor to be receiving the Governor's Hometown Award, and I believe this signifies what our town is really about," said Mayor Maguire. "I've seen firsthand how this community comes together to support a family or a project, and the volunteerism of time and efforts for FNB Field was no different."

Dr. Edgren said, "The City of Fairfield is truly deserving of this award. The generosity of our local businesses, individuals and foundations, as well as the City itself, is overwhelming. I can say with 100% confidence that FNB Field would not have been built without the collaborative efforts of many."

The City of Fairfield received a plaque and a road sign to honor their recognition at the November 8 ceremony.



# FCC Holds Advisory Council Meetings for CTE Programs

## Automotive Technology Committee



FCC Instructor Rodney Maxey, Kelley Biggs, Dick Price, Mike Sullivan, Lance Robbins, and Denis Lambrich.

## Construction Technology Committee



FCC Adjunct Instructor Steve Brokaw, Pam Barbee, Dean Kieffer, Joel Horton, Larry Barbre, and David Savage.

On Wednesday, October 25, Frontier Community College (FCC) invited local professionals to attend Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Advisory Committee meetings. The event was held in FCC's Workforce Development Center (WDC). CTE programs represented at the meeting included Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Executive Office Professional, Fire Science, and Paramedicine.

After a dinner provided by the college, members separated into their appropriate committees in WDC classrooms. CTE program representatives provided members with an overview of the program, followed by a review of course curricula. Committee members were then encouraged to give suggestions for program enhancements based on their professional experience. Members also gave program representatives ideas for internship opportunities and guest speakers in the classroom.

The purpose of an advisory council meeting is to determine the preparedness of FCC students. With the help of local professionals, program representatives can ensure that they are equipping students with the right skills and competencies for their field of study. Through advisory council meetings, FCC works to better prepare and market students for future careers.

Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma believes these meetings are very helpful in providing advanced, student-centered instruction in the CTE programs. "To ensure high-quality, relevant CTE programs at FCC, the involvement of business, industry, and government in our decision-making process is essential," says Dr. Bruinsma.

Frontier Community College holds CTE Program Advisory Committee meetings each semester to maintain innovative programs in the face of an ever-changing economy and workforce.

## Fire Science Committee



David Harrison, Jarad Blanton, Aaron Brown, Andrew Miller, Mike Everett, FCC Program Director of Emergency Preparedness Scott Meserole, Harold Alka, and James Johnson.

## Executive Office Professional Committee



Director of Instructional Services Megan Black, Jennifer Vaughan, FCC Adjunct Instructor Sarah Rush, Megan Berg, Amy Pollard, Greg Gibbs, and FCC Adjunct Instructor Sarah Pickens.

## Paramedicine Committee



Tom Windland, Danny Humphreys, Jahn Sundstrom, FCC Assistant Director of Emergency Preparedness Leslie Scott, Sue Travous, Jeff Johnson, Darla Windland, and Keith Colclasure.



# MONSTER MASH

FCC held its first-annual Monster Mash charity game on Thursday, October 26 at FNB Field. Organized by Bobcats Head Baseball Coach Brandon Benton, both the Bobcats softball and baseball teams dressed in crazy costumes and split into two teams for a game of slow-pitch softball. The event raised \$300 for the Dr. Scranton Memorial Cancer Fund. Coach Benton chose this local charity because he wanted to give back to the community. "Fairfield is a community that really comes together to support those in need, and our teams wanted to be part of that mission," he said. "I really appreciate our community showing excitement and support for the Bobcats too."

The Monster Mash was a successful event for the Bobcats, and Coach Benton hopes to create even more interest for the next year. If you'd like to see additional photos from the evening, you can watch on our YouTube channel [here](#).



# TRUNK or Treat



FCC held its 2nd-annual Trunk or Treat on the LRC parking lot on Monday, October 30. Over 350 kids were on campus to visit the 7 trunks decorated by FCC student clubs!



Student clubs included: TRIO SSS, Student Senate, Student Nurses Association, ONE.LOVE, Christian Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Health Informatics Club, and FCC Adjunct Instructor Janet Kent's art classes.

# Professional Development **FRIDAYS**

Earlier this month, Frontier Community College began providing Professional Development Fridays for its staff and faculty. These mini seminars will be held on campus monthly from 2pm to 3pm.

“The goal is to provide new and interesting topics each month that will be applicable to our employees,” says Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma, who created Professional Development Fridays. “Through these sessions, everyone is given a chance to enhance their skills and create a more efficient workspace.”

On November 3, IT Technician Terry Chrtt led the first session with the topic of “Computer Optimization.” This presentation covered the areas of computer settings, cookies, clearing cache, backing up files, updating browsers, and more. Afterwards, employees were able to ask Terry their IT-related questions. Eight FCC employees attended this session.

With supervisor approval, any staff or faculty member can attend the hour-long Professional Development Friday. If employees are unable to attend, or the topic is irrelevant to their work, he or she can use that time to complete other professional development opportunities.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

A representative from

# SIU

CARBONDALE

will be at Frontier Community College

**Wednesday, November 15**  
**from 10am - 1pm**

in the Richard L. Mason Building Foyer



# BREAKFAST WITH Santa



**DECEMBER 2**  
**9 - 10:30AM**  
**BOB BOYLES HALL**



Enjoy breakfast, crafts, and a picture with Santa!  
Cost is \$10 per child, ages 2-8 years  
Call us at 842-5711 to register!



## Shut the Front Door!

Door Decoration Paint Party  
at Workforce Development Center

**Monday, November 20 from 6:30-8:30p.m.**  
**\$35 adult shape / \$18 kid shape**

*Bring your friends, and pick a shape...the rest is provided!*