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## Upcoming Events

### March

- 19 Student Nurses Association Bake Sale @ LRC Foyer
- 20 IECC Board Meeting
- 21 McKendree Univ. Rep. Visit 10AM- 2PM @ LRC Foyer
- 27 Fall Registration Opens
- 28 FCC Job Fair / 10AM-2PM Workforce Development Center
- 30 Campus Closed Good Friday

### April

- 1 Easter
- 5 Game Night 4PM-8PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 11 USI Representative Visit 11AM- 1PM @ RLM Bldg.
- 11 Advisory Council - 6PM-8PM for AUM, EDS, & PHB
- 17 IECC Board Meeting
- 20 6th Annual Community Art Show 4PM-7PM @ Classroom West

### May

- 4 Awards Night
- 11 Graduation 7PM @ Fairfield Community H.S.

## State Representative David Reis Tours CTE Programs at Frontier

David Reis, an Illinois State Representative for District 109, made a visit to Frontier Community College on Tuesday, March 13. While on the campus of FCC, Reis had the opportunity to learn about various Career and Technical Education programs and meet with instructors and administration.

Taking a tour of the Workforce Development Center, which serves as a home for most CTE programs, Reis specifically learned about the following programs: Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Electrical Distribution Systems, Fire Science, and Phlebotomy. Each program's instructor was present to share with Reis about the program's curriculum and job opportunities for graduates.

The tour began with an extrication demonstration, initiated by an air bag deployment simulation from the Automotive Technology program. Led by Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Meserole, the Fire Science students then performed vehicle stabilization and patient extrication. Students utilized a cervical collar and a backboard to stabilize the victim.



Dr. Jay Edgren, President, and Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instructional Services, then led Reis to learn more about the Construction Technology program. Instructor Steve Brokaw led Reis through the tiny house, which is the program's most noteworthy project to date. Brokaw described the program's completed projects across FCC's campus, as well as upcoming opportunities for both college and dual credit students.

Representative Reis was able to view the spacious automotive lab inside WDC and heard from Rodney Maxey, Lead Instructor for the Automotive Technology program. Maxey shared with Reis about the 2-year degree and its combination of both classroom lecture and hands-on experience in the lab.



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Heading outside behind WDC, Reis then learned about FCC’s Electrical Distribution Systems, a unique program to his district. As EDS students were working on the poles, Lead Instructor Ed Patton shared about the program and the available job opportunities for students after graduation.

The CTE tour was wrapped up with a presentation from Becky Carter, Instructor for Phlebotomy. Reis learned about the one-year program, and students demonstrated their skills on Dr. Edgren and Dr. Bruinsma.



Representative David Reis enjoyed his visit to Frontier Community College and was able to see firsthand the college students that will soon be entering the workforce. After touring the various CTE programs, Reis noted the importance of community colleges in the State of Illinois and the role they play in the livelihood and success of Southern Illinois residents.

## FCC Hosts Transfer & CTE Open House



Over 60 local high school students visited the campus of FCC for a Transfer & CTE Open House, hosted on Wednesday, February 28. The event was a success for both Frontier and students who attended.

Students arrived in the morning and were treated to a hot breakfast, as FCC staff welcomed them to the college and shared with them the itinerary for the day.

Students then broke out into groups and rotated through stations covering various topics. Groups and topics discussed included CTE programs; financial aid; Emergency Preparedness programs; a student panel; and transfer degrees. While students were busy, Dr. Paul Bruinsma met with high school guidance counselors to discuss online dual credit opportunities.

The event was wrapped up with lunch provided by the First Baptist Church of Fairfield, giveaways, and a free T-shirt provided by FNB Community Bank.

Frontier Community College hopes to see the students again in the Fall of 2018.

## First-Ever Escape Room a Success at the LRC



Just a couple of weeks ago, the Learning Resource Center’s Spring Break Escape saw thirteen come through. The event was a big success and generated interest both on FCC’s campus and in the community.

Escape rooms are known for creating a team-building environment, and Spring Break Escape was no different. Groups worked together to find their ticket to spring break in under 30 minutes.

Select FCC employees were part of a trial run, which Youngblood used to gather feedback for providing the best escape room experience.

Youngblood was thrilled with the number of reservations she received, which were booked by FCC classes, sports teams, and community organizations. “We got a lot of positive feedback, and people of all ages enjoyed the challenges!”

*Pictured above: FCC’s Cultural Diversity course, led by Instructor Linda Monge, sports the T-shirts they earned for having the fastest escape time. The students made it out in 16 minutes and 45 seconds.*



# Fairfield's First Female Firefighter Taking Classes at FCC

*As featured in the Wayne County Outlook*

Heather Waters of Fairfield has been hired as the first female volunteer firefighter with the Fairfield Fire Department. She began her duties in January 2018.

A fire station is familiar territory to Waters. While residing in Albion and married to a volunteer firefighter, she found herself at the firehouse often. Her late husband, Matthew Waters, was a member of the Bone Gap Fire Department. Watching Matt go out on calls and learning more about the role, Waters decided to join the volunteer firefighters in December 2009. She is one of four female volunteer firefighters for the Bone Gap Fire Department.

In 2016, the Waters family moved to Fairfield with hopes of serving at the Fairfield Fire Department. Matthew was chosen to join as a volunteer firefighter, while simultaneously serving on the Bone Gap Fire Department. "Matt had such a passion for firefighting," said Waters. He served at the department until his sudden passing from a trucking accident in April 2017.

Like her husband, Waters wanted to join the Fairfield Fire Department while remaining active for the Bone Gap Fire Department. When she was hired at the Fairfield Fire Department, she was greeted with open arms. "Being part of a fire department is like having a second family," said Waters. "They are always there to help you, and you develop a bond serving together." Since January, she has been on two calls.

Organized in 1957, the Fairfield Fire Department is a "combination department," containing both full-time and part-time firefighters. Four firefighters are employed full-time at the station, and Waters is 1 of 22 paid on-call employees, or volunteer firefighters. Prior to 1957, the station was entirely composed of volunteer firefighters. The Fairfield Fire Department receives approximately 100 fire calls annually, all of which are dispatched through the 911 center. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Assistance averages 400 calls per year.

The process of hiring paid on-call firefighters is organized by other paid on-call firefighters. After receiving an application, a small committee interviews the candidate to determine whether he or she is qualified and favorable for the position. If so, the candidate moves on for a vote within the department. Those who receive a majority vote are placed on a six-month probation while responding to calls. Another vote occurs after the first six months, and following a majority vote, the candidate receives active status and voting rights.

Never before had a female applied to be a paid on-call employee, but that didn't stop Waters.

"I am very confident in Heather's abilities, and I believe she is a great asset to our team," stated Fire Chief Andrew Miller. He noted that her background in emergency services stood out and proved to be a good addition to the department.

Since joining the Fairfield Fire Department, Waters has begun taking Fire Science classes at Frontier Community College (FCC). She is currently enrolled in the Emergency Medical Responder course, which trains students with the knowledge and skills to provide pre-hospital care and function as an entry-level Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). The course meets two days a week and is instructed by Tom Windland.

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Volunteer firefighters at the Fairfield Fire Department are encouraged to take classes that are part of the Fire Science Program at FCC. Many firefighters at departments within the college district enroll in Fire Science classes to ensure they are meeting all National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Fire Science classes train individuals to evaluate a fire scene, develop strategies for handling different types of fire incidents, and evaluate and manage hazardous materials incidents. Fairfield's Chief Miller is an FCC Fire Science graduate and is currently teaching classes for the program.



*Fire Chief Andrew Miller is pictured with Heather Waters.*

“The class has been very interesting since day one,” said Waters. “While I’ve been involved in firefighting for many years now, there are constantly new and improved methods and procedures.”

Waters recently gained hands-on experience when the class was invited to assist with the demolition of the house across from Fairfield Community High School (FCHS). Waters had never been inside a structured fire before, with the exception of the fire that recently occurred at the Kon-Tiki. All students from the EMR class went to the demolition site and participated, including students from local high schools who are currently taking the class for dual credit. Waters noted the application of lessons learned throughout the EMR class, including the techniques of crawling into tight spaces in a house.

While she isn't sure where this road will take her, Waters is grateful to be part of the Fairfield Fire Department. She plans to remain a volunteer firefighter with the department, and she will always be ready to respond when she is called.

## Graphic Arts & Design, Health Informatics Programs Hold Advisory Council Meetings

Two of FCC's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs hosted advisory council meetings on the evening of Monday, March 5: Graphic Arts & Design and Health Informatics Technology. The advisory councils consisted of professionals within the community who have experience in the program's industry.

After a catered meal, members listened to a presentation from Allan Alldredge, Coordinator of Career Services for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. Alldredge shared his role with FCC and how he was working with CTE instructors to assist with internship resources, as well as providing help with the job search for upcoming graduates.

Members then split up into their appropriate councils to learn more about their program's curriculum, projects, internship and job opportunities, and more. The Health Informatics council was led by Jodi Peach, who serves as the program's full-time instructor. Angel Maguire, Adjunct Instructor, chaired the Graphic Arts & Design council.



Council members for Graphic Arts & Design (pictured left) included, from left to right: Angel Maguire; Janet Kent, Adjunct Instructor; Jaimie Ford, Adjunct Instructor; Jackie Borowiak, *Albion Art Studio*; and Brent Legg, *Iconik Studio*.

Those who participated in the Health Informatics Technology council (pictured right) included, from left to right: Keith Wilson, Adjunct Instructor; Brenda Streif, *Clay County Hospital*; Jodi Peach; Lezlie Lambird, *Richland Memorial Hospital*; Janelle Monroe, *Clay County Hospital*; and Robbie Musoiu, *Fairfield Memorial Hospital*.





# The Bobcat Beat

- Introducing the 2018 Season -

## BASEBALL

## SOFTBALL



**Head Coach** / Brandon Benton

**Assistant Coach** / Jimmy Brenneman

**Head Coach** / Marty Slover

**Assist. Coaches** / Jeremy Ellis & Virgil Briggs

- 1 Brittany Hutchison Harrisburg, IL
- 2 Kylie Prather West Frankfort, IL
- 3 Anna Wheeler Kennett, MO
- 4 Maddie Henry Springfield, IL
- 5 Haley Settle Oakland City, IN
- 6 Mattison Bartlett Rockport, IN
- 7 Madison Scamahorn Boonville, IN
- 8 Danielle Barczewski Mt. Vernon, IL
- 9 Christina Walker Fairfield, IL
- 11 Kasey Pearson Mt. Carmel, IL
- 12 Madison Cowser Elizabethtown, IL
- 13 Kierra Schoenbaechler Lynnville, IN
- 15 Brenda Rodriguez Corpus Christi, TX
- 22 Samantha Finn West Frankfort, IL
- 23 Caisie Hart Wayne City, IL

- 2 Troy Davis Carthage, TX
- 3 Knox Faulkner Union City, TN
- 4 Gamaliel Rodriguez Camuy, PR
- 5 Jared Ortiz Ponce, PR
- 7 Matthew Lawson Monticello, GA
- 8 Seth Cummings Union County, KY
- 9 Grey Briggs Henderson, TX
- 10 Chris Iltshishin Waterloo, ON
- 11 Brady Schnarr Waterloo, ON
- 12 Brice Stuteville Evansville, IN
- 13 Joseph Perez Corpus Christi, TX
- 14 Lawson Clayton Hartford, KY
- 15 Bryan Soto Vega BaJa, PR
- 16 Javier Sanchez Bajom, PR
- 17 Devan Rich Mount Carmel, IL
- 18 Trey Woosley Breckinridge, KY
- 19 Trayce Abbott McCloud, OK
- 20 Brendan Mafnas Riverview, FL
- 21 Jhensen Lugo Hatillo, PR
- 22 Kenny Otero West Palm Beach, FL
- 23 Bo Robison Morganfield, KY
- 24 Matthew Espinosa Dallas, TX
- 25 Matt Stevenson Albion, IL
- 27 Austin Potter Mcleansboro, IL
- 28 Adrian Martinez Toa Alta, PR
- 32 Nick Labbie Houston, TX
- 44 Devin McHugh Evansville, IN