

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



October 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 11 Midterm
- 16 FAFSA Completion Night
4-6PM / Rm 32, WDC
- 16 IECC Board Meeting
- 17 USI Representative Visit
10AM- 12PM / Mason Hall
- 21 Foundation Fall Fashion Show
2PM @ Johnny & June's
- 22 SNA Bake Sale @ LRC Lobby
- 24 Mobile Food Pantry
11AM- 12:30PM / West Hall
- 24 CTE Advisory Council
6PM @ Workforce Dev. Ctr.
- 29 Trunk or Treat
4-6PM / Bobcat Den Lot
- 29 Monster Mash Charity Game
6PM @ FNB Field
- 30 SP19 Registration Opens

November

- 1 SIU-E Representative Visit
9AM- 1PM @ Mason Hall
- 3 Bobcats Softball 5K
- 12 Veteran's Day
Campus Closed

Candidate Forum Draws Visitors Throughout IECC District



Pictured above is Republican candidate Darren Bailey and Democrat candidate Cynthia Given.

A crowd of over 75 were in attendance for the District 109 Candidate Forum, which was held on Frontier Community College's campus Monday, September 24. The event was co-sponsored by FCC, the Wayne County Farm Bureau, and the Student Senate club.

After a welcome by President Dr. Jay Edgren, the hour-long forum included a dozen questions that were submitted by District 109 citizens prior to the event. Republican candidate Darren Bailey and Democrat candidate Cynthia Given received the questions approximately ten minutes before the forum began, and each candidate was allowed three minutes to respond to each question. Topics discussed included fiscal and social policies affecting the State of Illinois, such as taxes, agricultural legislation, public education, labor unions, and more.

The State House District 109 covers all of Clay, Edwards, Jasper, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White counties. It also covers portions of Lawrence and Effingham counties. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6.

For a complete viewing of the District 109 Candidate Forum, you can access the video through Frontier Community College's Facebook page.

FCC Reports Strong School Loan Repayment Data

Utilizing data from the U.S. Department of Education, an SE Illinois News article recently published a list of two-year Illinois colleges reporting on the number of borrowers in default. Fifty-six colleges were named to the list, and Frontier Community College ranked 4th with a total number of eight borrowers.

The data examines borrowers who began repaying school loans in 2014 and includes only those who earned an associate's degree from a two-year college. The 2014 cohort accounts for borrowers who entered repayment on selected federal loans in the given fiscal year and defaulted before the end of the second fiscal year.

SE Illinois News reported the data in terms of number of borrowers rather than an overall percentage. Data from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges reports that the 2014 cohort for FCC was approximately 14 percent, or eight borrowers. For fiscal year 2015, FCC's default rate was only nine percent, or three borrowers.

IECC was well represented in the report, as all four colleges ranked within the top ten for lowest number of borrowers in default. OCC ranked 5th (10 borrowers), WVC ranked 8th (12 borrowers), and LTC ranked 9th (13 borrowers).

Reporting the highest number of borrowers in default was the College of DuPage, located in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The college has an enrollment of approximately 26,000 students, and 540 borrowers defaulted on school loans they began repaying in 2014.

You can read the full article from SE Illinois News [here](#).

FCC Co-Hosts Fairfield Paint-Out, featuring Local and Traveling Artists



In partnership with Volunteers for a Progressive Fairfield, Frontier Community College co-sponsored the Fairfield Paint-Out, which was held the first weekend of October. Participating artists included both local individuals as well as traveling contenders, who visited Fairfield for several days to create beautiful works of art.

Artists found several spots throughout the City of Fairfield to inspire their paintings, and the finished artwork was put on display at FCC's Bob Boyles Hall on Friday and Saturday, October 5 & 6.



In conjunction with the Fairfield Paint-Out, a Chalk Walk competition was held on FCC's campus in the Mason Hall parking lot. Individuals were given a portion of the parking lot for their canvas space and had one hour to create a work of art. Prizes were awarded to the winners after all chalk artwork was judged.

FCC adjunct instructor Janet Kent also held a kid's painting class on Saturday morning, and children learned how to paint a pumpkin or sunflower.

City of Fairfield Assists EDS Program with New Utility Pole Installation



On October 4, the City of Fairfield's Electrical Department visited the campus of FCC to assist in replacing nine utility poles for the Electrical Distribution Systems Program. The utility poles, which are located behind Workforce Development Center, had become heavily worn over the years, as students spend many hours training in the areas of pole climbing and cross arm construction.

EDS students climbed up the poles to remove all cross arms. The City's linemen then used their equipment to remove the poles, dig holes, and install the new utility poles. The day-long project was overseen by City of Fairfield lineman Tyler Lashbrook, who graduated from Frontier's EDS Program in 2011.



The City of Fairfield's Electrical Department has visited FCC's campus on previous occasions to provide unique learning experiences for EDS students. Last spring, Lashbrook brought a bucket truck with a 100-foot working height, and students were able to ascend to the top for an aerial view of Fairfield. Students in the program use a bucket truck with a 50-foot working height, which is the same height as the tallest utility pole on campus.

Athletics Plans 2nd Annual Monster Mash



Frontier Bobcats Athletics has scheduled the 2nd-annual Monster Mash Charity Game for Monday,

October 29. The game will begin at 5PM on FNB Field, and the public is invited to attend this spooky showdown. A trunk-or-treat, sponsored by FCC student clubs, will be held directly before the game on the Bobcat Den parking lot.

Similar to last year's event, the game will feature softball and baseball athletes dressed in their best Halloween costumes. The two teams will play 7 innings of slow-pitch softball, and Wabash Communications TV Host Bruce Dickey will announce the game.

All proceeds from the night will be donated to the Dr. Scranton Cancer Memorial Fund, which supports local cancer victims.

Longtime Employee Dunn Retires from FCC



After 32 years of service, employee Galen Dunn officially retired from Frontier in September. Dunn had worked in the Maintenance Department during his time at the college, serving as the O&M Team Leader for many years.

Dunn enjoyed working for FCC and was sad to say goodbye, but he is looking forward to the next chapter of life. Staff, faculty, and Frontier retirees gathered at Bob Boyles Hall on September 27 to celebrate his retirement. Employee Scott Meserole has since stepped in to lead the Maintenance Department.

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Sophomores Recognized at Final Home Volleyball Match

SPORTS CALENDAR

October

- 11 VB @ Kaskaskia / 6:30PM
- 13 BB vs. St. Louis Naturals / 2PM
- 14 BB @ Murray State / 1PM
- 17 VB @ Shawnee / 6:30PM
- 19 VB @ St. Louis CC Tournament
- 20 VB @ Vincennes Tri-Match
- 23 VB @ SWIC / 6:30PM
- 29 Monster Mash Charity Game
5PM @ FNB Field



On October 3, six sophomore athletes of Frontier Bobcats Volleyball were recognized at Center Street School's gymnasium (*pictured above, from left to right*): Cori Cissell, Abby Potter, Nadia de la Torre, Madissen Torrence, Bailey Walters, and Lixi Wheeler. The Bobcats faced Lewis & Clark College in their final home match of the 2018 season, but they fell after 5 competitive sets: 22-25 (L), 25-23 (W), 17-25 (L), 25-22 (W), and 12-15 (L).

With three regular matches left, Bobcats Volleyball is scheduled to face schools Kaskaskia, Shawnee, and Southwestern Illinois. The NJCAA Region 24 Tournament will begin after the season has concluded on October 23.

FCC Hosts Region 24 Fall Classic

The first weekend of October was a busy one for the campus of FCC, as the NJCAA Region 24 Fall Tournament was held at FNB Field on Friday and Saturday. All IECC schools participated in the baseball showcase, and many were in attendance to view the games throughout the day.

College-level scouts were on campus to view the competition and hailed from Western Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, and Indiana University, to name a few. Also present at the tournament included multiple professional team scouts from the Boston Red Sox, Florida Mariners, Atlanta Braves, and more.