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The Frontier Community College Newsletter

DEPARTMENT ADVISORY MEETINGS LEAD TO EXCITING IDEA

Advisory meetings were held for the Automotive, Fire Safety and the Electrical Distribution Systems programs at Frontier Community College, FCC. These meetings were not a chance for students to get advice on how to proceed in their education, rather the roles were swapped and it was a chance for program instructors to receive advice from community members on how to improve their programs. Items discussed ranged from new equipment to purchase to skills to teach in class to help graduates be fully prepared to enter the workforce after their time at FCC.



One idea discussed at the meeting was particularly exciting for the EDS department, the idea of expanding the program from a certificate to a full two-year program. This would allow EDS students time to take gen-Ed courses to teach them vital writing, math, and communication skills that will help them be better equipped to join the workforce immediately after graduation. While this idea is still in an early stage, Dr. Paul Bruinsman, Dean of Instruction, is excited at the possibility of pushing this very popular program to the next level.



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Upcoming Events

November

25 Last Day to Withdraw from Classes

26 - 27 Closed for Thanksgiving

December

11 Last Day of Classes

14-17 Finals

18 Last Day of the Semester

January

5 College Opens

7-8 Class Registration and Testing

11 First Day of Classes

Frontier Community College is following Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan. Campus and community events have been modified to incorporate social distancing and other recommended practices to help insure community and employee safety.



ELIZABETH COX SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO THREE STUDENTS

“Frontier Community College (FCC) recently awarded the Clemence Elizabeth Cox Scholarship to three Nursing Students. The semi-annual scholarship awards \$500 to second-level nursing students of FCC. This semester

the scholarship has been awarded to Kacie Berry, Autumn Buffington, and Jessica Rinebold. Each recipient is on track to complete the Associate Degree in Nursing this May.

Clemence Elizabeth Cox was well known in the Fairfield community. She and her husband James (Jim) Cox operated the Western Auto Store in Fairfield for many years and were the builders and first operators of the Uptown Motel. At one time she also ran a retail baby shop.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the Fairfield First Christian Church and involved with numerous clubs including Younger Women’s Club, Fairfield Women’s Club, Fairfield Beautification Committee, Fairfield Garden Club, and the Fairfield Memorial

Hospital Auxiliary. She was a 1933 graduate of Fairfield Community High School.

This memorial scholarship is funded by the Jerry L. Cox Foundation Trust that was established in 2018 by Jerry Cox of Mill Shoals, the son of James (Jim) and Clemence Cox. Jerry is a retired salesman for Airtex products, a Southern Illinois University graduate, and a Vietnam Veteran.

Grateful for the care that both his parents received in the hospital and nursing home and knowing the care nurses give to VA patients, Jerry thought it only fitting to award the scholarship to nursing students. Since its establishment in 2009, a total of \$24,500 has been awarded to 49 nursing students.

Jerry Cox specially donated the scholarship this fall for family friend Melisse Marks in honor of her mother, retired nurse anesthetist Carmita (Mitzi) Marks, and father, the late Dr. Arthur Marks. Melisse Marks and Richard Harriss matched the donation for an additional student scholarship recipient.



TERRY CHRTT NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



This month, Terry Chrtt was honored as “Employee of the Quarter.” Terry was vital in the transition to online classes, setting up new systems and machines to ensure our students continued to receive a top-notch education during unprecedented times. Even through this, Terry continued to be a beacon of joy on campus and spread his good cheer to everyone that he encountered.

TITLE III TEAM PREPARES FOR TRANSFER TO ONLINE CLASSES

Frontier Community College is gearing up for its planned transfer to online classes starting November 26th. To aid in this process, our Title III team has been hard at work teaching instructors how they can implement



the new Faculty Recording Studio in creating engaging online class content. To show off the possibilities of this exciting new space, the Title III team invited students and staff alike to use the recording studio's green screen technology to elevate their Halloween costume in a "Green Screen Costume Contest." Students and Staff who participated got to see their costumes transported to locations near and far. A notable highlight from the contest came from the Title III team themselves, who dressed as Suffragettes and transported themselves to the 20th century to "participate" in a rally in support of women's right to vote.

The Title III team plans to continue this festive spirit into the next Holiday Season and allow Faculty and Students to record Holiday Greetings for their families. They hope this will be enjoyed by the families of FCC's international students who may not get the chance to visit their families over the holidays.

STUDENT SENATE IS HUNGRY



Student Senate met with Dr. Edgren this month to discuss student's ideas on actions the college should be taking moving into the new calendar year. While different ideas were mentioned, the most resounding request from the student body was to add food services for students. While state codes involving kitchens would prevent the campus from opening its own restaurant without undergoing major construction, the campus along with the Wayne County Health Department has determined that an outside vendor would be able to sell food from a location at the college. With this hopeful news and with the support of a local BBQ business, the college hopes that

it will be able to offer hot food at an affordable price to its students once a week in the foreseeable future. Stay tuned for more updates on this upcoming yummy collaboration.

THE TITLE III TEAM NEVER STOPS

Title III Distance Learning Specialist Debbie Bryant is nearing completion of 6 weeks intensive Quality Matters training preparing her to collaborate with faculty in the transition of Health Science pre-req classes to high quality hybrid delivery. This task is no easy undertaking, and anyone that has seen Debbie hard at work can attest to her dedication to bringing this program to FCC. This work combined with the Faculty Recording Studio working on projects and activities designed to improve editing capabilities and special effects, is helping FCC to not only meet national standards of online classes but also to allow online classes to have the personal feel that makes an education at FCC so rewarding.

FCC's newest program, Medical Laboratory Technician, keeps adding fun and exciting new ways for its students to get the best education possible. This month students have been conducting lab testing with new DNA equipment including collecting and processing samples for analysis to determine genetic marker for lark or owl (morning person/night person).

The Title III team is never one to take a moment to appreciate the exciting progress they have already made for the campus. They are already looking to the improvements they are making this summer. Planning and architect meetings are taking place as the initial phase of the scheduled remodel of Mason Hall classrooms 22 and 23 for the establishment of modernized science labs. With all these exciting changes happening at FCC, everyone is very thankful for the Title III team and their never ending efforts to provide top-notch education to our students.

STUDENTS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND



Four students received local scholarships in the Electrical Distribution Program. Zach Talbert, Brandon Craddock, Brock Johnson, and Bryce Garner all received the Wayne White Scholarship for students in the EDS program. Two of these students also received additional scholarships for their work in the EDS program, Zach Talbert received the Steve Rafferty Memorial Scholarship and Brandon Craddock received the Earl Pottorff Memorial Scholarship.

Automotive students volunteered, with the promise of extra credit, to let MLT and Phlebotomy Students practice drawing their blood. Both classes did very well and recieved no complaints from the Automotive Department.

