



### A NEW FOUR-WHEELED FRIEND

Recruiter Carrie Halbert has gained a new best friend on campus. This new assistant does not come in the form of a new hire but rather is a golf cart.



Often on tours, it is hard to accommodate entire families as older and younger relatives of students have difficulty walking the distances required to see all of FCC's campus. This problem has been reoccurring for Carrie, and previous solutions to this problem such as taking a car or abbreviated tours, have caused significant modifications to the tour. Occasionally, the changes do not let FCC fully shine. The new Golf Cart is the long-awaited solution to this problem, thereby eliminating many mobility issues.

This cart does not look like your standard golf cart with two seats and bag holders. Instead, the cart has six seats allowing even large parties with mobility problems to tour FCC. Finally, this cart has custom FCC branding on the front and sides, ensuring that every moment of the tour focuses on becoming a Bobcat.

Frontier Community College's guests will be thrilled with this new accommodation. However, no one's excitement could match Carrie's! Jumps of joy were reported when she first saw this vehicle in person. She is eagerly awaiting its first use!

### Upcoming Events

#### July

- 28 Last Day of Classes
- 29 First Day of Finals

#### August

- 10 Faculty Workshop
- 17 First Day of Classes

#### September

- 06 College Closed Labor Day
- 17 Constitution Observance Day Classes in Session

Frontier Community College is following Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois reopening plan. Campus guidelines have been modified to remove restrictions for those who have been vaccinated.



## NEW UPDATES TO FCC!



While many students are away, new work is underway at Frontier Community College's campus! Though, the picture makes the work look more of a mess than a masterpiece. Pictured is just the first demolition step in Title III's second round of STEM-related improvements to the campus. After completing the MLT lab last fall, their attention has turned to new renovations to Mason Hall 24 and 25.

The new renovations will see all workstations in the lab updated to accommodate new standards and

allow for the teaching of new labs. Also, those teaching in the room will be thrilled at the new SMART teaching technology installed to enable instructors to teach more engaging and interactive lessons that are bound to keep students' attention.

Construction on this project is moving rapidly, with the project set to be complete by the start of the fall semester. If you find yourself in Mason Hall, pop your head in and see this exciting project in action!

## KIDS CLASSES HAVE AN EXCITING END

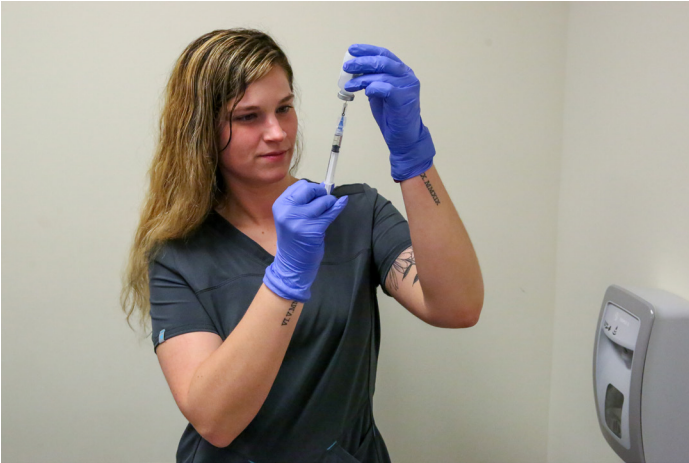
The Summer Kid's classes at Frontier Community College were an undeniable success! Throughout all of June, classes were filled with eager young students ready to learn a fun new skill. Classes included canvas painting, tie-dye, floral arrangement, and a new CSI lab class. This last class served as an introduction to the world of Lab Tech taught in FCC's Medical Laboratory Technician Program. This class and it's over 20 students worked with their instructor, Paul Bruinsma, to help "prove" a suspect innocent of murder using DNA typing and fingerprints.



Students were thrilled to eventually find the suspect innocent with the help of their instructor. Despite all of Dr. Bruinsma's showmanship, his class still was not as enchanting as the Magic Show that served as a Grand Finale for the month of Kid's Classes.

This magic show hosted by Master Magician Christopher had an amazing attendance of over 150 area kids and their parents. The thrilling tricks and jokes kept the audience mesmerized as they enjoyed snow cones and popcorn. Check out the "Photos of the Month" section for more pictures of this event and all kid's classes!

## FCC PARTNERS WITH KASKASKIA COLLEGE



Kaskaskia College (KC) and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/Frontier Community College (FCC) have entered into a new partnership agreement for paramedicine and medical laboratory technician (MLT) instruction. With this new agreement, both KC and FCC will continue their commitment to enhance healthcare educational opportunities, plus make education more convenient and accessible to students within both community college districts.

“Kaskaskia College is very excited to be able to partner with FCC to expand program offerings to students in both college districts,” said KC Vice President of Instructional Services Julie Obermark. “The need for educated professionals in both the

Paramedicine and Medical Lab Technician fields are growing. By working with FCC, we are ensuring our students have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education and supporting our local hospitals and healthcare partners by providing a workforce pipeline of highly trained and educated professionals.

Beginning in fall 2021, KC students will be eligible to register for MLT courses at FCC’s in-district tuition rates, while FCC students will be eligible to register for Paramedicine courses at KC’s

in-district tuition rates. General education courses can be completed via the student’s home college and be applied to the respective program degree at the host college. Both colleges have agreed to coordinate with any financial aid or textbook issues and provide academic support services at each host college.

“Frontier Community College is always striving to give students affordable access to quality education. This joint agreement is another great step to give students opportunities that will allow them to pursue these high-demand career fields,” said Paul Bruinsma FCC’s Dean of Instruction.

Kaskaskia College’s Paramedicine program is prepping students for an in-demand growing career in the field of emergency medical services. Students will learn advanced techniques of emergency care, stabilization, and immobilization of victims of illness or injury.

“According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and



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paramedics is projected to grow 6% from 2019-2029,” said KC Paramedicine Coordinator Stephen Durbin. “Emergencies such as car crashes, natural disasters, and acts of violence, will continue to require the skills of EMTs and paramedics. Kaskaskia College is dedicated to educate and train students to fill the demand for EMS professionals in southern Illinois and across the nation. We welcome the opportunity to work with the whole IECC system and their students to build a stronger EMS industry for our communities.”

The Kaskaskia College Paramedicine program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation

of Education Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). Our program features a state-of-the-art simulation lab available to EMS students. The Paramedicine program features a two-day per week lecture and lab course instruction.

KC Paramedicine also offers convenient close-to-home clinical sites to accommodate the student experience. All FCC students completing the KC Paramedicine program will be able to complete their clinical hours close to their home base. The program equips all graduates to handle medical and trauma emergencies, plus promote healthcare during critical situations.

In 2019, U.S. Department of Education awarded Frontier Community College a Title III Grant designed to increase accessibility and flexibility in Health Science course offerings. A cornerstone of the Grant was the development of a Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program. To support the program, Frontier renovated existing classroom space into a state-of-the-art Medical Laboratory which provides students with experience in specialized diagnostic testing including DNA analysis.

Currently the classes meet 2 days a week on Frontier’s campus but in accordance with the Grant, the classes will be revised to a hybrid delivery format reducing student attendance to 1 day per week. By reducing the physical attendance on campus, the program will be more accessible to non-traditional students and students who face barriers to education including child-care and transportation availability and costs. “We at Frontier are excited to partner with Kaskaskia College to offer this in-demand career opportunity to students in a broader region of South-Central Illinois.” Said Carol Dreith, Title III Project Director.

## PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



Kids were letting their creativity fly at Art Attack and Origami Classes!



The bewilderment on the face of one attendee of the magic show. He could be heard asking anyone around him, “How he do that?”

No Cubs fans showed up to face this mob of Cardinals Diehards dressed up for the “Sports Dress-Up Day” for FCC’s summer fun dress-up days!

