



# The VOYAGER

The Frontier Community College Newsletter

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## FCC Hires New Baseball Coach



*Coach Matthew McCue*

Frontier Community College has hired Matthew McCue to serve as Head Baseball Coach. McCue has an extensive background in collegiate-level baseball as he has both playing and coaching experience. He recently spent time as a coach and private instructor for Marucci Midwest Arkansas after his time as Director of Athletics and Head Baseball Coach at Ecclesia College in Springdale, Arkansas.

During his time at Ecclesia College, McCue’s teams were consistently nationally ranked and made two trips to the NCCAA World Series while multiple players were named All-Americans.

McCue believes he possesses the knowledge and coaching style to be successful in this position. He has also made multiple contacts in the Midwest region that will assist him in recruiting. Coach McCue believes in establishing a culture that ensures success for athletes on and off the field.

FCC is very excited to have him on board and cannot wait to see what he brings to the school, program and community. “We are very excited to have Matt leading our baseball team. His experience has prepared him well to develop players and move them to the next level. We look forward to having Matt and his family as a part of our Frontier family and community,” said Athletic Director Nixie Hnetkovsky.

## Upcoming Events

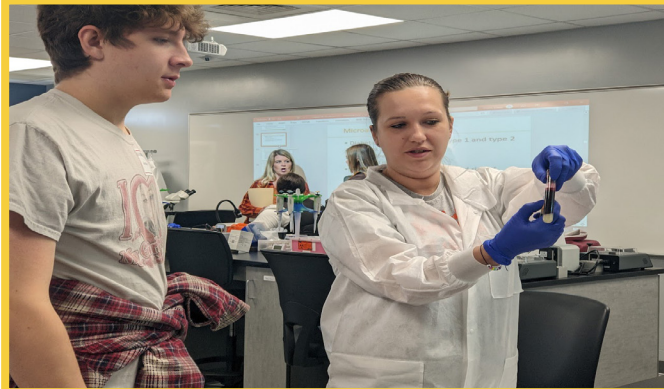
### November

- 11 College Closed/Veteran's Day
- 24-25 College Closed/Thanksgiving

### December

- 9 Last day of classes
- 12-15 Final exams
- 16 Last day of semester

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Program Showcase



*Local high school students learning about various FCC programs*

On Thursday, October 27th, FCC hosted a program showcase. The showcase gave students from different local high schools the opportunity to come to Frontier and learn about a variety of programs that they have interest in. The programs that were covered were Automotive, CNA & Nursing, Electrical Distribution Systems, EMS, Fire Science, Graphic Arts & Design, Medical Laboratory Technician, and Phlebotomy & Certified Medical Assistant. There were also sessions available for students who plan to transfer after their time at FCC or are undecided on what they plan to study. Along with the program sessions, students were able to see the faculty recording studio, learn about FCC's student clubs and organizations and hear from Coordinator of Financial Aid Justn Young about the different types of aid available and the importance of meeting the application deadlines for them. "It's an opportunity for perspective students to see our campus and to discover what our programs have to offer. Overall, it's just a chance for them to see what FCC is all about," said Recruiter Carrie Halbert, who organized the event.

## Trunk or Treat



*Some FCC students, staff, and visitors during trunk or treat*



*FCC Homecoming King Jace Bankston and Queen Miriem Foster*

On Monday, October 31st, FCC hosted Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of the Bobcat Den and named also named our 2022 Homecoming King and Queen. Trunk or Treat, a trend that is growing in popularity, provided the chance for children in the community to quickly and easily collect some candy, while showing off their Halloween costumes and meeting some of FCC's staff and students. Due to inclement weather, the Monster Mash game was canceled but the fun continued as Jace Bankston and Miriem Foster were named Homecoming King and Queen during Trunk or Treat. Congratulations Jace and Miriem!

## Student Spotlight

This month's student spotlight is on Sophomore third and first baseman, Camden Colman. Camden is from Hilliard, Ohio where he played baseball and golf at Hilliard Davidson High School. Colman was named to the First Team All-Ohio Capital Conference and Second Team all district in high school. Along with playing baseball, Camden enjoys playing disc golf, video games, and lifting weights. Camden was very excited to join Frontier last year was eager to show what he can offer the team and school. "I am extremely excited to get to work and help out the Bobcats baseball team," said Colman.



*Sophomore Camden Colman*

## 2nd Quarter Employee Recognition Award

Bobcat Den Manager Andy Hill was presented with the 2nd quarter employee recognition award. Andy does a great job running the bookstore, overseeing the Bobcat Den, and making sure the Den continues to provide their services for the students, staff, faculty and community.



*Deborah Hosselton presenting the award to winner Andy Hill*

## Title III Update

- The FCC Medical Laboratory Program hosted a Site Visit Team representing the National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) in late October. The NAACLS Team was made up of three MLT educators from across the nation. The team was highly complimentary of both the knowledge and dedication of the FCC instructors as well as the state-of-the-art facilities at FCC. The NAACLS team noted the dire need for more technicians in the medical laboratory field and predicted a great future for FCC's program
- This fall, the FCC Title III team is continuing to promote its Online Financial Literacy Course. The program features FCC students, faculty and staff, as well as community professionals who give financial basics and sound advice from multiple perspectives. The video series covers topics such as insurance, credit cards, getting out of debt using the snowball method, budgeting, savings, avoiding scams, and investing. Students were registered for the free course as they enrolled in fall courses during the summer. Additionally this fall, several Pathways instructors have incorporated the financial literacy module into their curricula. The course includes a pre- and post-test and the results showing an overall increase in financial literacy of the participating students is very encouraging.
- The MLT Bobcats continue in the National Cell Bowl 2022, testing their knowledge in friendly competition against other collegiate programs across the nation. It is FCC's first tournament and the team's improvement from week one to week four has been impressive. Frontier's program was highlighted in week one's YouTube podcast by the competition's sponsor Medical Lab Lady Gill.

## Title III Update Cont.

The MLT department works hard to expose future laboratory technicians to new experiences and opportunities and to bring awareness to FCC's new program. Last week, six 2nd year MLT students, with Instructors Julie Dehart and Cindy Green, toured the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System Laboratory in Mattoon, Illinois. Julie Dehart described the tour as "shock and awe", as the students were impressed with the automation of the clinical facilities. Following the tour, SBLHS has offered some unused equipment and instructional materials to FCC's program. Next week, representatives of HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham will be coming to FCC to talk to MLT students about career opportunities among Hospital Sisters Health System and their 15 medical labs located across both Illinois and Wisconsin.

- Eight students, two representing each of the IECC campuses, made their theatrical debut before the green screen of the FCC Faculty Studio to film segments to be used in the IECC Student Online Orientation. The students introduced and outlined each module of the Orientation. The videos will now be edited and enhanced by Title III Team Member Derek Dunn.



*Students from all four IECC campuses who participated in the online orientation*

## B&I Update

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- The SBDC is doing a month-long series on starting a business in Illinois. The sessions are held on the Frontier Community College campus in Bob Boyles Hall each Wednesday in November. Each week focuses on a new topic with a different guest speaker.
- November 14-18 is National Apprenticeship week. To learn more about setting up successful apprenticeships using the DOL model, B&I will hold an informational session with DOL staff. This session is for IECC personnel to learn more about using apprenticeships to increase enrollment and foster relationships with our local businesses and industries.
- B&I started a ' Management Talent Pipeline' program with Champion Labs. The training includes leadership, safety and maintenance topics, and is funded through WIOA incumbent worker training dollars.
- B&I has recently developed a webpage and Facebook page to spread the word on upcoming events and highlight the resources they have to offer.



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