



### 2023 SPIN



*Photo from a previous SPIN night*

Student Parent Information Night (SPIN) will take place again at FCC on Thursday, March 2nd. SPIN provides high school students and their parents a good opportunity to come see all that FCC has to offer. Faculty will be on hand to share program information as well as answer any questions. Deciding what to study in college can be a tough decision and we hope having instructors speak to prospective students face-to-face can give some insight to make it a little bit easier.

Along with program information, there will also be financial aid help. Attendees may ask questions regarding FAFSA or tuition/fees. Information regarding all of the scholarships FCC offers will be provided to help students as they start to prepare applications.

Dinner will also be served at SPIN and students will receive a free FCC t-shirt.

### Upcoming Events

#### February

20 Colleges Closed/President's Day

#### March

3 Midterm

6 No classes/Casimir Pulaski Holiday Observed

7-12 No classes/Spring Holiday

#### Bobcat Den Hours

Monday-Friday

7:30AM-4:00PM

## 3rd Quarter Employee Recognition Award

On Friday, February 10th, Coordinator of International Students, Athletics & Student Activities Amanda Kotch was awarded the 3rd Quarter Employee Recognition Award. Amanda works diligently to help international students, as well as athletes, making sure they have all the resources to be successful in their time at FCC. Adapting to “college life” can be difficult on its own, especially if you’re far away from home. Amanda spends countless hours communicating with students’ families, keeping them updated and ensuring them that their loved ones have become part of the Frontier family.



**Award Recipient Amanda Kotch  
with Bobcat Den Manager Andy Hill**

Before coming to FCC, Amanda worked in the medical field as a System Director of Patient Experience in upstate New York. She moved back to Fairfield after over four years in that position and took a job with similar duties back home. She was thrilled to be back at Frontier and has thoroughly enjoyed what she can provide students in her position. “My favorite part of working here is meeting all of our students and helping them transition to student life. I’ve always loved helping others,” said Kotch.

Amanda explained that the transition to college can be a tough one, but everyone here at FCC is willing to lend a hand. “Students need to know that we are here to help you in any area you need. You don’t have to figure everything out by yourself, there are many people here to help you succeed. There is no such thing as a stupid question, but if they were real I’ve already asked enough for the both of us when I was younger,” said Kotch.

She also spent time at FCC as a student so she is able to provide a unique perspective to incoming students. “It’s a great place to start your college career whether you are getting a two-year degree or transferring somewhere else. The people here want to empower you to be successful both while you’re here and also when you leave,” she said.

**SPRING PRIORITY DEADLINE**


**MARCH 17**

Join students like these at Frontier Community College.

Scholarships are available, but you need to apply by the March 17 Priority Deadline.

**APPLY NOW**

[www.iecc.edu/priority](http://www.iecc.edu/priority)



## Title III Update



*(L-R) Distance Learning Specialist Debbie Bryant and CMA Instructor Jodi Peach*



*(L-R) Adjunct Faculty Cindy Green, Debbie Bryant, and MLT Instructor Julie Dehart*

- The amount of time and expertise needed in preparing classes to go online or hybrid can be intimidating for many instructors, especially adjuncts. FCC Distance Learning Specialist Debbie Bryant works one-on-one with full-time and adjunct instructors to prepare hybrid classes that are engaging, exciting, and easy for students to navigate. The final product is a high-quality educational experience for the students and a pain free transition for the instructor.
- Debbie Bryant has attained the certification as a “master reviewer” through Quality Matters, an internationally recognized program aimed at providing quality assurance for online courses across the world. Debbie collaborates with the instructor to build an online course from the ground up that is designed with student success as the primary objective. This year, the Title III team is continuing its course work to convert the Medical Laboratory Technician and Certified Medical Assistant programs to high quality hybrid formats.
- The Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program at Frontier Community College has been recommended for accreditation. This is a huge accomplishment for the MLT program. “The accreditation of FCC’s MLT program is the culmination of several years of hard work by a number of individuals. It is a clear indicator that we have a strong program and are committed to providing a quality education,” said Title III Project Director Morris Need. More on the accreditation will be shared in the near future.

## Business & Industry Update

- Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at IECC - We were informed mid-January that Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity intends to fund a center at IECC. The SBDC will maintain an office at West Richland Center (WRC) but will also have designated days to meet clients at each college.
- Adult Mental Health & First Aid is a new training offered through the Emergency Preparedness department. Two sessions were recently offered, both of which were well attended and received very positive feedback.
- Business & Industry (B&I) will be starting a leadership class at Champion Labs, hosting a drone class for first responders as well as an excel class for MotoRad.
- B&I will also be hosting a district-wide Economic Development workshop in March for chambers of commerce, city governments, economic development agencies, etc. This will be hosted at WRC.
- B&I is working on various trainings such as Leadership training with Hella, Electrical Training and Safety Training with Victor Dana Corp, and AMH&FA Training with Fairfield Memorial Hospital.

**Upcoming home  
baseball games**

- 2/24 vs. Kishwaukee College  
2PM & 4:30PM
- 2/25 vs. Kishwaukee College  
11AM & 1:30PM
- 3/09 vs. Wabash Valley College  
2PM
- 3/11 vs. Wabash Valley College  
12PM & 2:30PM
- 3/18 vs. Rend Lake College  
12PM & 2PM

**Upcoming home  
softball games**

- 3/05 vs. Oakland City JV  
1PM & 3PM
- 3/09 vs. Southwestern Illinois College  
2PM & 4PM
- 3/11 vs. Southeastern Illinois College  
12PM & 2PM
- 3/16 vs. Shawnee Community College  
12PM & 2PM



*Student Senate with Sarah Rush (C-Back row) and Student Trustee Candidate and Lincoln Trail College (LTC) Student Guadalupe Amicone (C-Front row)*

LTC Student Guadalupe Amicone is running for the Student Trustee position on the IECC Board of Trustees and visited FCC and the Student Senate. The Student Trustee position is elected to serve for a year, to help give a voice for the student population at large. Guadalupe would be replacing current Student Trustee Raechel Hnetkovsky.

