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LTC Tornado Recovery Efforts



EDS Instructor Dustin Wiggins at LTC's Crisp Center



FCC EDS students giving a pole climbing demonstration



FCC students donating to the LTC recovery



PTK Advisor Linda Monge and Dean Paul Bruinsma pictured with the collections for LTC

After a devastating tornado went through Crawford County a few weeks ago impacting many people and places, including Lincoln Trail College, Frontier Community College students, staff, and faculty pitched in to assist with the recovery effort. Director of Adult Education Angel Maguire collected and delivered household and personal items to Robinson for the victims of the tornado. Additionally, the Frontier Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter and One Love Christian Club worked together on a “bucket brigade” to raise money. Students from these organizations went classroom to classroom collecting donations. A check for a little over \$1,000 was sent to two LTC students who lost their home in the tornado. PTK Advisor Linda Monge was thankful to see the effort and compassion made my the FCC family during this difficult time. “We are so thankful to all on the FCC campus who supported the recent recovery effort for LTC and their community. Donating the funds to students was especially meaningful” said Monge.

Upcoming Events

May

- 16 First Day of Intersession Classes
- 29 Colleges Closed. Memorial Day

June

- 2 Last Day of Intersession
- 5 First Day of Summer Classes
- 19 Colleges Closed. Juneteenth Observed
- 30 Midterm

Bobcat Den Hours

Monday-Friday
7:30AM-4:00PM

LTC Recovery Efforts cont.

One area that was heavily impacted at LTC was the Crisp Center, home of the Broadband Telecom program. FCC Electrical Distribution Systems (EDS) instructor Dustin Wiggins and the EDS students traveled to Robinson to lend a hand with the rebuild. After the poles were installed, Wiggins and others helped with the “finishing work” to make things as good as new. In addition, the FCC students gave a pole-climbing demonstration for the Broadband Telecom students. Wiggins was thrilled that he and his students were able to collaborate in the restoration and thought it showed the unity and care instilled in everyone in the IECC family.

Automotive Program Celebrates 20th Year

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Automotive Technology program. To celebrate, an all-class reunion was held and all students who have been in the program were invited to attend. A current student, a graduate from the inaugural class, and many from classes since attended. Instructor Rodney Maxey and the former students enjoyed being able to reminisce and discuss where their careers have taken them since graduation.



Current and former FCC auto students

“The students that have been in these classes over the years are a key part of what this program has become. They were part of the growth and the changes and together we’ve built the program that we now have today. These students will always be a part of the history here and I’m grateful for having an opportunity to work with them all for 20 years,” said Maxey.

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FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS OFFERING 5 TUITION-FREE CLASSES THIS SUMMER

- Elementary Spanish II (SPA 1121)** – This class can help you satisfy part of your foreign language requirement of seven as an elective. It is also a good class for education majors to take. Online class.
- Computer and Analysis (DGI 1121)** – This class can help you satisfy an English requirement for graduation. Meets Wednesdays 12:10-2:00 p.m.
- Introduction to Business (BUS 1101)** – This course should be taken by students interested in business, marketing or management. It also serves as a transfer elective. Online class.
- Philosophy of Religion (PHI 2121)** – This course will satisfy part of the humanities requirement for graduation. Meets Mondays from 12:30-3:10 p.m.
- Medical Terminology (HEA 122)** – This course is required for many health-care-related programs. It also serves as a transfer elective. Meets Tuesdays from 12:30-3:10 p.m.

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These classes are being offered tuition-free. Students enrolling in these classes are still responsible for fees, books, and materials.

Teacher Appreciation Week



During the first week of May, Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated here at FCC! Staff went throughout the campus to decorate the office doors of our faculty with fun, personalized themes. We also had lunch, t-shirts, and an ice cream truck provided for free on Tuesday. We are so thankful and lucky to have such a great group of faculty members here at FCC! Dean Paul Bruinsma spoke about how fortunate we are to have a group of dedicated, caring faculty members. “Each and every one of them is exceptional at what they do. Not just in the way that they help students reach success but doing so in a way that displays how much they genuinely care about each and every person that walks in their classroom,” said Bruinsma.

Student Spotlight

Celena Luna is a 3rd baseman and outfielder for the FCC softball team. Luna is from Warner Robins, Georgia where she had an extremely successful softball career at Northside High School. Celena was named first team all-region twice, first team all-state once, second team all-region twice, and second team all-state twice. Celena is thrilled to be able to continue to play at FCC and hopes to bring her success to the collegiate level. “I’m excited to get another chance at doing what I love most and that’s playing softball. I was fortunate enough to play on some great teams and I hope to be able to contribute to another great team here at FCC,” said Luna. The softball team set a program record with 30 wins this season and multiple players were nationally ranked in various hitting categories.



FCC 3B/OF Celena Luna

Grad Fest 2023



*Upcoming FCC grad
Curtis Jeffries*

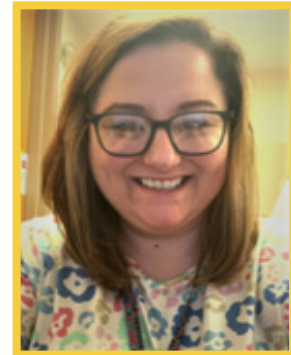


Cookies and stickers for the grads

Grad Fest took place on Wednesday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 4th in the Learning Resource Center at FCC. Graduates were able to stop by to pick up their cap and gowns, giveaways, and get a photo-op with the Bobcat. Coordinator of International Students, Athletics & Student Activities Amanda Kotch and Director of Instructional Support Services Lori Noe worked to make sure everything went smoothly, and the grads had what they needed ahead of commencement. “Grad Fest was busy, but things went very well. Students were able to come and pick up their things for graduation but also hang out for a little while and enjoy one of their last days at FCC before officially becoming an alumnus. We’re all so proud of the students and all they’ve accomplished and we can’t wait to celebrate with them at graduation,” said Kotch.

Title III Update

- The Title III team welcomes new MLT Adjunct Instructor, Laura Smith. Laura currently serves as a molecular scientist with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and a Master of Public Administration from Arkansas State University. She has previously served as education coordinator of transfusion services for Methodist University Hospital. She will begin teaching Immunoematology in a hybrid format in the Fall semester of 2023. Her experience, knowledge, and passion will be a great asset to Frontier’s MLT program.
- The Title III team worked very hard preparing a virtual tour of the campus to be included in the online orientation program. However, one thing was missing -- students. The original filming took place during the Covid pandemic while our students were taking courses online from home. Education Technology Specialist Derek Dunn has been busy this spring updating the virtual tour with new video footage including FCC’s greatest asset, its students. With the updates, the tour gives a much better representation of who we are.



MLT Adjunct Instructor Laura Smith

Business & Industry Update

- Along with DCEO, the Illinois SBDC Network, the Illinois SBDC at IECC celebrated National Small Business Week (April 30th-May 6th) with live broadcasts from businesses, a “Google My Business” class, and social media posts.
- Business and Industry (B&I) continues to expand training services by adding new types of training. One such recent training was for the Robinson Chamber of Commerce board members. Topics included: best practices for board governance, legal responsibilities, decorum, civility, and grandstanding. Again, this was a new area of training, and the feedback from attendees was extremely positive. B&I also recently completed forklift training for 20 Mount Carmel Public Utility staff members.
- New clients continue to be added, such as Dana Inc., where this month workplace safety training began. In mid-May a leadership series will begin and an on-site Basic Electricity class will take place at the end of the month.
- There will be two OSHA 10 classes for Champion Labs in May. Other upcoming trainings include Adult Mental Health Training in Mount Carmel, Small Business Start-Up in Albion, and Best Practices in Customer Service training in Fairfield.
- B&I is collaborating with OSHA and IMEC to host a regional safety conference at OCC on August 9th. There will be nationally and regionally recognized safety experts presenting at the workshop.
- Potential partners B&I is looking to work with are BraunAbility in Mt. Carmel and Carter Trucking and Fairfield Memorial Hospital in Fairfield. There is also an effort to add to existing training at Clay County Hospital, Sherwin Williams, and NAL in Flora.
- West Richland Center Update: The student lounge has been updated with furniture, a foosball table, coffee maker, etc. and students are enjoying the updated facility. In addition, the phone system has been reorganized and a mini switchboard is in place so all calls roll over to the main office if unanswered. Lastly, a “finals week” cookout for all staff and students was held to close out the semester.



New, relaxing furniture in the student lounge



Staff and students enjoying the end-of-year cookout