



FCC Foundation Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner



FCC President and IECC Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs Jay Edgren presenting the plan for the location of the future athletic facility on campus



FCC athletes that assisted with the foundation's dinner

The FCC Foundation's Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner took place on Friday, November 10th at Bob Boyles Hall. The speakers for the evening were Chancellor Ryan Gower, Foundation members Tyler Lampley and Luke Harl, FCC President Jay Edgren, FCC Softball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director Jeremy Ellis and IECC Board Chairman Gary Carter. President Edgren spoke and presented a promotional video regarding the importance of a larger facility on campus and Coach Ellis also emphasized the impact the facility would have on athletics.

The IECC Board of Trustees recognized the need for an athletic facility for our students and in particular the volleyball team on FCC's campus. After an some initial discussions and plans, the Foundation recognized a need to raise additional funds to expand the size of the future facility to be able to place volleyball courts side-by-side. This would allow FCC to host tournaments or host additional teams on campus for sanctioned competitions. The increased square footage would also increase the capability of adding additional athletic programs to campus, such as basketball in the future.

Upcoming Events

December

- 8 Last day of classes
- 11-14 Final exams
- 15 Last day of semester

January

- 2 Colleges open
- 3 Faculty workshop
- 8 First day of classes
- 15 Colleges closed. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Bobcat Den Hours

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

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The Foundation also hopes that local junior high and high school teams can benefit from the additional space as well and will utilize the gym to host tournaments throughout the year. The estimated increase in capital funds necessary to be raised by the Foundation is estimated to be \$700,000. FCC Foundation President Sarah Rush spoke about the significance of what will be accomplished with the additional funds and space. “While this amount is immense, we feel the economic impact to the college and the community will pay big dividends,” said Rush.

The dinner would not have been possible without the effort from members of the FCC family, including our athletes. The athletes decorated, served the meal, and interacted with those who attended the event and left an impression on those they conversed with. “Talking with the athletes was the best part of the night. They were polite and very accommodating,” said Jim Rush. Along with the athletes, FCC Athletic Director and Volleyball Coach Nixie Hnetkovsky ran the kitchen and played a vital part in the success of the event. We are thankful to have such a great group of student-athletes and coaches who are willing to put in the time to lend a hand at campus events.

FCC is demonstrating its commitment to the students of Frontier Community College and the surrounding community by building a new, state of the art, Bobcat Athletic Center.

The center will feature an official NJCAA volleyball and basketball court, fitness center, student lounge, and coaches' offices. The estimated cost of the project is \$4.1 million dollars, with the FCC Foundation embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$700,000 of the project. You can be a part of this exciting opportunity at Frontier Community College by partnering with us to make these plans a reality for our students and community.

1. Building Description

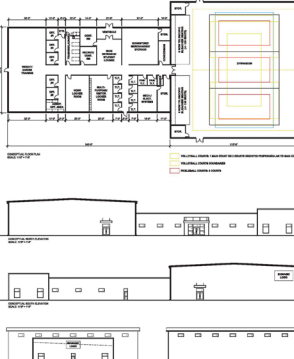
The Bobcat Athletic Center at Frontier Community College, located on the east side of the campus, will be a "hub" for sports on campus. Its centerpiece will be the gymnasium, featuring NJCAA volleyball and basketball courts, and three pickleball courts with a 260 bleacher capacity.

Anchored on the other side of the center will be a spacious fitness area that will house the strength and conditioning programs for athletes, as well as a fitness center open to the community. The administrative section of the building will feature the college book and campus store, a concession area, offices for the head coaches, and a home locker room. A multiuse room will provide space for instruction as well as a visitor's locker room. A training room equipped with an ice machine and tummy facilities provides space for Bobcat athletes to receive necessary treatments for injuries.

2. Building Costs

The architects are estimating the cost of construction at approximately \$4.1 million dollars. The FCC desires a pledge of \$34 million for the project and the FCC Foundation is seeking community support for \$700,000.

PROPOSED LAYOUT



3. Major Benefits of an Expanded Gymnasium – College Perspective

- Ability to host college matches and tournaments on campus
- The prospect of adding basketball as a future NJCAA sport
- Fundraising Opportunities such as tournament hosting
- Expanding space for student orientation, graduation, joining ceremonies, etc. promoting a more engaging campus experience
- Provide increased bleacher capacity for college events
- Increase both credit and non-credit athletic class offerings
- Boosting intramural and/or club sports, fostering a culture of active student involvement

4. Major Benefits of an Expanded Gymnasium – Community Perspective

- Increased physical education and recreation opportunities for community. Examples: Fitness classes, Athletic classes, recreational leagues such as basketball, volleyball, pickleball, etc.
- Expansion of K-12 Basketball and Volleyball tournaments by allowing more visiting teams to participate.
- Increased space for career and employment fairs
- Increased space for athletic camps
- Economic impact to local business for hosting games, tournaments, and other events


WAYS TO GIVE →

The FCC Foundation is seeking community support for \$700,000. You can help achieve our goal by the following methods of giving:

- **Gifts of Cash**
The donation of cash is a simple transaction and can be completed by check, wire, or electronic transfer.
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)**
A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to donate up to \$100,000 (not to exceed more than one-third of the donor's IRA) instead of making their required minimum distributions. Individuals interested in QCD's should consult their tax, legal, and/or financial professional.
- **Gifts of Stocks, Mutual Funds, Real Estate, or other appreciated assets**
By giving appreciated assets, you may be able to eliminate capital gain taxes and the Medicare surtax, while maximizing your support to the Foundation. Individuals interested in gifts of appreciated assets should consult their tax, legal, and/or financial professional.
- **Gifts of Grain**
By donating grain directly, the Foundation will sell the grain and you can exclude the sale from federal and state income taxes.

Gifts can be made out to Frontier Community College [FCC] Foundation and mailed to 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL 62837. You may also contact Luke Hart at lhart@f219@gmail.com or 618-993-2389 to discuss giving options or to answer your giving questions.

If you have any questions, regarding the above giving methods, we encourage you to speak to your tax, legal, and/or financial professional.



**Frontier Community College
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Wayne County Farm Bureau presenting a donation to the FCC Foundation for the future athletic center on campus

IECC Annual Food Drive



Total collection of donations from the FCC campus

The IECC Annual Food Drive includes all four IECC colleges and took place from November 1st through November 30th. The drive is always a friendly competition between campuses as they look to collect as many donations as possible to benefit our campuses and local communities.

One Love Christian Club has sponsored the food drive on Frontier's campus for the last three years. During the first year, 945 items were collected and 1,065 donated the following year. As of now, the approximate number of donation for this year's drive is 800 but there are still last minute donations are being sorted through and counted.

The donations are first utilized to fill the food cabinet located on campus in West Hall. After it's full, the remaining items are sent to the food pantries in the community and to Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen in Fairfield. This year, the FCC Foundation played a vital role in spreading the word of the drive to community members as they asked those who attended the Fran Carter Memorial Scholarship Fashion Show to bring canned goods with them to the event.

One Love Christian Club Advisor Catherine Singleton spoke about what it means to participate in the collection every year. "The food collection is a great way to remember there are ways we can personally support the needs of our community, both on campus and in town. The friendly competition between schools is another added component that challenges you even further," said Singleton.

FCC Cultural Diversity Class

On Wednesday, November 16th, the Cultural Diversity class sold Chicago-style hot dogs in the Workforce Development Center. In yet another success, the group sold out of hot dogs and have now raised approximately \$1,100 through three separate fundraisers this year, with all proceeds going towards the class trip to Chicago.

Additionally, the class will be hosting a 'Cultural Cookie Extravaganza' on Wednesday, December 6th, in Mason Hall. The class will be handing out Christmas cookies from around the world for anyone that stops by, free of charge.

Look out for more class and club events in future Voyager editions!



Cultural Diversity students selling 'Chicago dogs' to fund a future class trip

Business & Industry Update

Mining & Industrial Training (MIT): The International Association of Administrative Professionals safety conference and convention will take place December 4th-6th. Instructor Wes Taylor will present “Magic of Fire” at the conference.

The move from the John. A Logan campus to the extension center has now been completed.

Emergency Preparedness: EP is working with Clay County Hospital to offer EMT-B classes on site in the spring. Additionally, there will be EMT-B classes offered at FCC, Wabash General Hospital, and at the Robinson United Life Ambulance service. There are currently five EMT classes scheduled for the spring.

Small Business Development Center: The SBDC hosted a hospitality round-table in November. Multiple classes took place including ‘How to Start a Small Business’ in Salem and a social media workshop in Lawrenceville. A presentation was also given to the Jasper County CEO Program on how to write a business plan.

In December, the SBDC will give a presentation at OCC to the girl scouts at their annual Cookie College, as well as a presentation to the cosmetology class on how to start a small business in Illinois. Additionally, Director Michelle Brooks will be attending the strategic planning conference in Springfield in December.

Workforce Training: National Apprenticeship Week was commemorated from November 14th to November 18th with a presentation at the HR round-table in Robinson.

Funding was received through the Local Workforce and Innovation Area 23 and 26 to offer the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council’s Certified Production Technician program and the Certified Logistics program to employers across the district. Enough funding was received to cover the expenses of two instructors and 15 students.

Upcoming training in December includes an OSHA 300 reporting class and ‘Powerful Presentations’, a class on creating and delivering impactful presentations.

Talks have continued with Carter Trucking, Baldwin, and Braunability, and training will commence at these companies in January.

Title III Update

Expansion of FCC Faculty Recording Studio: As part of the mission of FCC's Title III Grant, a fully-equipped recording studio was established to assist IECC faculty in producing high-quality educational content for online and hybrid courses. The success of the program has exceeded expectations. However, as the use of the studio greatly expands, so will the need for space. The Title III team is now exploring the possibility of adding a sound booth to the studio. This would greatly increase the quality of the audio in the video production process and add some needed space and flexibility to the studio.

The Director of Broadcasting for Wabash Valley College, Kyle Peach, visited the studio in November and offered invaluable insight and recommendations toward this project. His expertise and experience helped light the path forward. The Title III team will keep the IECC family updated on progress as this exciting project unfolds.

Laboratory Tours: During the month of November, ten first-year Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) students along with two instructors visited the medical lab at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Indiana. FCC MLT alum Bethany Deckard currently works for Good Samaritan and two current MLT students are completing their clinical rotations there as well. The students enjoyed the trip, especially when they were able to see some of the innovative equipment being put to use.

Additionally, five second-year students and two instructors toured the Quest Lab located in Ascension St. Vincent's Hospital in Evansville, Indiana and then visited the American Red Cross Distribution Center later in the day. Two FCC MLT alumni currently work in the Quest Lab, as one of them guided the students on the tour and showcased some of what the lab has to offer. The students all mentioned the sophistication of the instruments used in the laboratory.

Lab tours such as these, especially with FCC alumni, help to expand the students' horizons beyond the educational lab and inspire them to continue to work towards their goals as they strive to join their fellow Bobcats in the lab following their time at Frontier.