



FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOYAGER

Spring Semester

Calendar Dates

January 12	Classes Begin
January 12-15	Extended Hours 7:30am-7pm
January 15	Alumni Network Meeting
January 19	Holiday - College Closed
February 2	Payment Plan - 2nd Due
February 4	Palooza at the LRC
February 16	Holiday - College Closed
March 2	Payment Plan - Final Due
March 6	Midterm
March 6 & 7	Tom Ulrich Photography
March 9	Holiday - No Classes
March 10-13	*Spring Break
March 27	Senior Citizens Day
April 3	Holiday - College Closed
May 1	Awards Night
May 8	Instructor Appreciation
May 11-14	Final Exams
May 15	Graduation



Students enrolled in the automotive dual-credit courses at FCC, recently saw up close the results of an air bag going off during a morning lab. Students from Fairfield Community High School and Edwards County High School come to campus Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

FAFSA Nights Planned in January & February (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Frontier Community College is hosting FAFSA Completion Nights in Fairfield, Albion, Flora, and Clay City during the months of January and February for all college bound students.

What is FAFSA? It is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Anyone who anticipates financial aid for college will need to complete the FAFSA application as it is used to determine the amount awarded in federal and state grants and student loans. The website is www.fafsa.gov

The FAFSA Nights will be held in the computer lab/classroom from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

January 21: Flora High School

January 28: Frontier Community College campus, Workforce Development Ctr, room 32

February 9: Clay City High School

February 19: Edwards County High School

March 1 is the priority deadline for the FAFSA and local scholarship applications. Appointments are not needed to attend a FAFSA Night. It is a come-an-go with the Internet application process taking approximately 15 to 30 minutes.

"We will have staff in the computer lab to help students and parents complete the FAFSA application," stated Lori Noe, Coordinator of Financial Aid. "This should make the process

much easier for students and also enable them to be eligible to receive more state funding by applying earlier."

Items needed to complete the FAFSA online application are: Student's social security number, parents' social security number (dependents only), student's driver's license number, 2014 Federal tax returns (including W2s for student, spouse, parents), records of any untaxed income (i.e. child support received), information on cash, savings and checking account balances, and investments

Scholarship information is posted on Frontier's website at www.iecc.edu/fcc in the left column under the Scholarships tab.

PTK Conducting College Project Spotlighting Faculty

Each year, FCC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter conducts a College Project. The purpose of the College Project is to establish and/or strengthen a supportive relationship between the chapter and the college administration, faculty, and staff.

This year the Phi Theta Kappa College Project is an initiative to recognize our faculty, both full-time and adjunct, for their contributions to help students achieve their academic and career goals. Each week we will be randomly featuring four faculty members in an instructor spotlight. We are using this as a tool to not only bridge the gap between students and their instructors, but also as a way to show appreciation for our instructors and all that you do.

The members of FCC's Phi Theta Kappa have set forth to achieve five star status this year. In order to achieve this the five star level, Phi Theta Kappa requires that

the chapter complete a College Project. In order to accomplish our goal, we need assistance in compiling information about each of you so that we may feature you in an instructor spotlight.

All instructors should have received and email from Sarah Pickens regarding the spotlight. Please take a moment to respond with the requested information. If you have not received an email, please contact Sarah at scatr83@hotmail.com.

Finally, mark the date on your calendar! On May 8th at 6:30 PM, Phi Theta Kappa will be hosting an instructor appreciation dinner at Foundation Hall to further recognize the faculty for all that they do to help their students pursue their educational goals. Formal invitations will be sent closer to the event date, so be sure to keep an eye out for those.

Game-A-Palooza at the LRC

Mark your calendars for the Game-A-Palooza at the Learning Resource Center on Thursday, February 5, from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The LRC staff and other FCC staff are busy planning 12 hours of fun for students. This is a fun filled day will include food, games, and activities to encourage student engagement. Various food items will be served throughout the day and games are scheduled to be introduced intermittently. Watch for the Game-A-Palooza schedule to be posted around campus soon!

Construction Technology On-Site Project



Students enrolled in the Construction Technology Program will continue working on-site at Wayne County Well Surveys, Inc. in Fairfield this spring semester. The project includes building a complete kitchen, restroom, and an upper level storage room. Adjunct faculty are Larry Barbre and Gene Kollak. There are eight students enrolled in the 2-year degree program.

Writing Workshops in the LRC

Free Writing Workshops for FCC students will be held through out the spring semester in the Learning Resource Center. The purpose of the workshops is to assist students with their writing skills for class assignments.

January workshops will be an introduction to the LRC and all the resources available. Call 842-3711, ext. 4508, or stop by the circulation desk in the LRC to reserve a seat for one of the dates:

January 21: 1:00pm or 3:30pm
January 22: 4:30pm



Alumni Network

A kick-off planning meeting for the formation of the Frontier Community College Alumni Network is set for January 15 at 6 p.m. in Foundation Hall.

Attendees will brainstorm ideas on events, services, and activities that can be provided by the FCC Alumni Network.

To register for the evening, or for additional information contact Alyssa Parrott, Coordinator of Career Services.

(618) 842-3711, ext. 4009
parrotta@iecc.edu

An Alumni Network application has been posted at:
[Facebook.com/frontiercareersalumni](https://www.facebook.com/frontiercareersalumni)

FCC Provided a Bridge of Opportunity for Young Engineer's Career

Adama Steury - January 2015 Alumni Spotlight

"Frontier Community College has always put students first," stated Adam Steury, a 2006 Frontier Community College graduate. When reflecting back on his college experience, Adam is grateful for the strong footing that FCC provided and being instrumental in building a bridge that led him from high school to a career as a civil engineer.

Attending FCC was a logical choice for Adam. He was the first child in his family to attend college, so choosing a college close to home was important. Adam was awarded the President's Waiver from FCC in addition to the Coin Club scholarship, and the college was somewhat familiar territory with having taken a high school dual-credit class on campus. "I took multiple dual-credit courses but one that sticks out was CISCO (computer networking systems). Fairfield Community High School (FCHS) actually bussed a few other students and I out to FCC's campus to take the course. It was taught by Jeff Cutchin who was an awesome instructor."

As a student at FCC, Adam was involved in the TRiO program and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. Knowing that he was leaning towards engineering, his college courses at FCC were heavy in math and science. "There was one particular occurrence when only a handful of students needed to take Calculus," recalled Adam. "We preferred to take it at FCC; however, there was not an instructor for the course. FCC's administration reached out to FCHS and Mrs. Linda Monge graciously taught the course for us. FCC has always put students first. The college strives to bring any course to campus for which a desire exists." Adam picked up a few courses at the other Illinois Eastern Community Colleges sister schools. "I took Chemistry at Wabash Valley College, and Calculus II and Physics at Olney Central College. I could have tak-



Adam Steury and his wife Ashton

en some of these courses online; however, I have always felt that I receive more from a lecture if I am in the room with the instructor." Adam graduated from Frontier Community College in May 2006 with high honors and an Associate in Science degree.

Adam transferred to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE) to study Civil Engineering. While attending SIUE, he was a member of Chi Epsilon. At the encouragement of a professor, Adam applied for an internship with a local consulting firm, which he received.

Over the next two summers (2007, 2008), Adam interned with Lochmueller Group. He graduated in December of 2008 magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a minor in mathematics. He continued his education at SIUE and completed a Master of Science in Civil Engineering with a structural emphasis in August of 2011.

Adam joined the Lochmueller Group, Inc. full-time in 2009. Most of his work is in bridge design, though he has also been a team member on multiple bridge inspections. A notable project that may be recognizable to most of the readers is the I-57/70 corridor reconstruction in Effingham, IL. Adam was the lead designer on the Fayette Avenue Bridge over I-57/70 and involved with the design of most of the bridges affected in the corridor reconstruction which included the pedestrian bridge pictured below.



As a team member on multiple bridge inspections, one in particular that was memorable to Adam was the multi-year inspection of the Old Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge in Madison, IL. The bridge was a total of 2,285' long with a 465' main span through truss. An aerial man lift and under bridge inspection vehicle was used to complete the inspection. An underwater inspection was also accomplished using sonar. Sonar was used to map the contours of the canal floor around the bridge piers to determine if any scour was present.



Adam inspecting the top of the Old Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge



The Old Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge, Madison, IL

When joining Lochmueller Group., Adam worked at the Maryville, IL, branch until July 2013 when he relocated to Evansville, IN, and began working at their corporate office. Adam received his Professional Engineering license for Illinois and Indiana in early 2014. He plans to sit for the two-day Structural Engineering licensing exam in 2015.

"I feel extremely grateful to have had an opportunity to attend FCC and its IECC sister schools and to gain a strong foundation in my endeavors at SIUE and beyond," stated Adam. "I am also grateful to have been able to take so many dual-credit classes while attending Fairfield Community High School. There appears to be an excellent relationship between FCHS and FCC, and I hope that it continues to grow in further preparing students for future college courses."

Adam's wife, Ashton (Taylor), is also a Frontier Community College graduate. She graduated with high honors in 2008 with an Associate in Science and Arts degree, just one year following her high school graduation. She transferred to the University of Southern Indiana and graduated in May 2010 with a bachelor's in Business Administration. After relocating to Evansville, Ashton was employed by Lochmueller Group to work within in their accounting department.

Having Frontier Community College close to home has been valuable not only to Adam but to the Steury family. Adam is the oldest of four children. His younger brother Ethan Steury is a 2010 FCC graduate. His two younger sisters, Kristin & Mikayla Steury, will most likely attend FCC in the future. Adam is the son of Edgar and the late Diana Steury.

