

## Lineman Training Electrical Distribution Systems



The pole is stacked with young men who have completed the Electrical Distribution Systems program at Frontier Community College in Fairfield.

This year's class drew students from Wayne, Jasper, Wabash, Effingham, and Williams counties.

Pictured on the ground are (left) Lab Assistant Kyle Boozer of Kell and (right) Program Instructor Ed Patton of Mt. Carmel.

# FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOYAGER

## Health Occupations Clay County High School Seniors



The Health Occupations dual credit program at Clay County Hospital provides local high school seniors with a chance to explore the healthcare field. Students meet at the hospital Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. with an opportunity to rotate throughout the departments within the hospital and gain valuable insight and experience.

The Health Occupations program is a partnership between Clay County Hospital, Frontier Community College, Flora High School, North Clay High School, and Clay City High School. Upon successful completion students earn high school and college credit.

The fall semester includes classroom learning with the opportunity to rotate throughout the hospital to job shadow in med/surge nursing, respiratory thera-

py, surgery, pharmacy, physical therapy, emergency room, the ambulance service, as well as medical records. Students gain skills in medical terminology, first aid and CPR.

During the spring semester students enroll in the Basic Nurse Assistant Training (CNA). Students have clinical two days each week with one day at the hospital and the second day at the Flora Care Center. The students will complete the CNA training in mid-May and then take the certification exam in June.

This is the third year for the Health Occupations program. The students enroll in the Health Occupations program because they are considering a career in the healthcare field.

# All-Illinois Academic Team

## Phi Theta Kappa

Frontier Community College held the Awards Night on May 1 to recognize outstanding students. With close to 300 in attendance, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Chief Executive Officer Mr. Terry Bruce gave the opening remarks and praised the students for their hard work and achievements.

Awards were presented for scholarships, programs and clubs, and honor students. Also recognized were students who had been selected into Who's Who Among American Students and the Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team.

### All-Illinois Academic Team

Emily Sams and Carrie Stephens were recognized for their selection as members of the 2015 All-Illinois Academic Team. Selection is based on academic excellence, intellectual rigor, grade point average, leadership and service, honors, awards, and evidence that students extended their education beyond the classroom benefiting their campus and community. This year, 90

students from more than one million Illinois community college students were selected as members of the 2015 All-Illinois Academic team.



Emily Sams receiving her award from Assistant Dean of Student Services Jan Wiles.

Emily Sams is a Phi Theta Kappa member, has received President and CEO honors, named a Student of Character, and was selected into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Graduating this May, Emily's plans are to return to FCC this fall and enroll in the Health Informatics Program.



Carrie Stephens receiving her award from Assistant Dean of Student Services Jan Wiles.

Carrie Stephens is Frontier's Beta Alpha Lambda Chapter Co-President. She has achieved CEO honors, received the President's Scholar Award, the Executive Office Professional Program Award, and selected to into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Carrie also served as the 2014-2015 Student Trustee on the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees. Carrie will graduate this May with the Executive Office Professional degree. Her future plans are to transfer to a university.

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## 37th Annual Commencement

### May 15, 2015

Frontier Community College's 37th annual commencement ceremony is Friday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the Fairfield Community High School gymnasium located at 300 W. King Street.

The highlight of the evening will be the conferring of 286 degrees and certificates. The Roasted Chestnuts will begin playing at 6:15 p.m. for guests to enjoy as they wait for the ceremony to begin. Phi Theta Kappa will be selling fresh roses for \$5 each for families to present to their graduate as they

receive their diploma.

FCC President Dr. Jay Edgren will preside over the ceremony and present the President's Award to an outstanding graduate.

The student speaker for the ceremony is Sarah Pickens who is graduating with an Associate in Science and Arts degree with honors. Sarah was chosen based upon academic achievement, community service, and outstanding character.

Linda Monge, Interim Dean of Instruction will make the presentation of degrees and certificates with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Chief Executive Officer Mr. Terry Bruce conferring the degrees.

Presenting the diplomas to the graduates will be Mr. Bruce and Jan Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services. Julie Bryant of Fairfield will serve as pianist for the processional and recessional.

# 2015 Grayville High School Senior Earns Associate in Science & Arts Degree

**M**ichaella Cunningham, a 2015 senior at Grayville High School, will walk across the stage Friday, May 15, along with 21 other graduating seniors to receive her diploma. Michaella chose to attend her high school graduation and forgo walking with her other graduating class at Frontier Community College (FCC) in Fairfield. You see, Michaella also graduated with an Associate in Science and Arts degree the same night as high school.



Michaella began taking high school dual-credit courses during her junior year. “As soon as I became eligible to enroll in dual-credit, I set a goal of completing the associate degree by the end of my senior year,” stated Michaella. Dual-credit is an agreement between the high school and college where juniors and seniors can earn college credit and high school credit simultaneously.

In addition to the dual-credit courses, Michaella enrolled in evening courses during the fall and spring semesters on Frontier’s campus in Fairfield and enrolled in summer

classes at Wabash Valley College. Both Frontier Community College and Wabash Valley College are part of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District so classes taken at WVC or FCC will count towards the degree program at Frontier Community College.

“I received a list of required courses for the Associate in Science and Arts degree from my advisor at Frontier,” stated Michaella. “Jan Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services, was very good in helping choose the courses I needed in order to complete my degree.”

Michaella balanced her college courses around high school activities and community plays. She participated in band and choir, and was a member of student council, the Beta Club and the National Honor Society. She has also been a tutor to both high school and grade school students. With an interest in theater, Michaella has participated in plays at high school, Wabash Valley College, and most recently at the Arcadia Theater in Evansville through the D’Alto Studio of Performing Arts.

Future plans are to transfer to the University of Evansville in August. Undecided on a major, Michaella will enroll in the Major Discovering program to explore some options. This program is designed to provide opportunities for students who have yet to choose a major.

The oldest of three children, Michaella has two sisters: Megan a sophomore at Grayville High School and Madelyn who is finishing up sixth grade. Named after her father, Michaella’s parents are Michael and Tricia of Grayville.

# Family Literacy Fest Draws Big Crowd

It was a beautiful day for the 24th annual Family Literacy Fest at Frontier Community College on May 2.

With a Superhero theme, there were many capes flying down the bouncy house slides and stopping inside to do fun

activities. There were 180 children and adults in attendance with 17 activity booths provided by local businesses and organizations.

“Words cannot fully express the appreciation of the Adult Education staff for the awesome dedication of commu-

nity volunteers and the amazing support received for the 2015 Literacy Fest,” stated Cheryl Holder, Director of Adult Education.



The children loved the bouncy houses outdoors.



Ridge Harl and Abby Gill Abby of Albion came dressed as superheroes. Ridge is a nephew of District Office employee Chris Heindselman and Abby is her great-niece.



8-year old Keegan Sierra felt like a superhero at the wheel of this big red truck provided by the Fairfield Fire Department.



Grant Wiles of Fairfield wearing his superhero cape as he waits in line for a turn in the bouncy house. Grant is the grandson of Jan Wiles, Assistant Dean of Student Services at FCC.



## Semester Unwind

At the Semester Unwind, FCC students created this splash paint canvas. It will be hung in the Bobcat Coffeehouse this fall.

The Semester Unwind was a student event that included a scavenger hunt, games, splash paint, and a wiener roast. The event ended at dark after a look through the telescope, provided by adjunct faculty Ken Harris who teaches astronomy at Frontier. The event was planned by FCC's Merna Youngblood and Nixie Hnetkovsky.

# TRIO Recognition Banquet

The TRIO Student Support Services (TRIO SSS) Program held their Recognition Banquet at Frontier Community College (FCC) on Saturday, May 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Bob Boyles Hall.

The purpose of the banquet was to celebrate all of the TRIO students' hard work and dedication in the 2014-2015 school year. There were 31 in attendance that included students, their family, staff, and faculty.

During the banquet, graduates were recognized and provided a small gift from TRIO SSS. Also, all TRIO participants were recognized for successfully completing the 2014-2015 school year.

Not only was this a time for TRIO participants to be recognized, but the



students also had the opportunity to nominate staff and faculty members who have made a difference in their lives at FCC. The following were nominated:

Ashlee Spannagel, Coordinator of Retention and Recruitment and Phi Theta Kappa Advisor; Merna Youngblood,

Director of the Learning Resource Center; and Nixie Hnetkovsky, Life Science Faculty. They were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation with a quote stating the difference they made from the student who nominated them.

The TRIO SSS Program looks for students in need who are seeking a degree, especially those who are planning to transfer to a university after completing an associate's degree. To enable students to meet their educational goals, TRIO SSS provides a wide range of services that include advising, transfer assistance, tutoring, peer mentoring, workshops, community service opportunities, and cultural & educational trips. Annie Lankford serves as the TRIO Academic Counselor at Frontier Community College.



## Scholarship Awards

These Fairfield Community High School seniors were presented scholarships to Frontier Community College at the FCHS Awards Day. Pictured left to right: Tiffany Earnst, Bill Cannon Memorial Scholarship (\$250 value); Trevor Guthrie, Caelyn Musgrave, and Katelyn Land, Dean's Scholar (\$4,000 value); Caroline Dickey and Julie Jones, President's Scholar (\$5,000 value).

# The Bobcat Den Update

Remodeling continues at the Bobcat Den Fitness Center. The lower level will house the coffeehouse/student lounge and a weight room. The upper level will house the exercise room, office space, and locker rooms. The goal is to have it ready in August for the fall 2015 semester.



Construction Technology students installed the ceiling grid in the weight room. Adjunct Instructor Larry Barbre shown at right in blue shirt is overseeing the students' work.



The dry wall is finished and a coat of fresh paint has been applied to the weight room. Ceiling tiles are going in.



Plumbing has been roughed in and concrete poured in the Bobcat Coffeehouse / student lounge.



Left: The west entry staircase had to be removed. The outside wall needs to be rebuilt with new framing, insulation, and windows removed.

Below: The west stairway after it was removed by the Construction Technology students.



Left: For fire safety purposes, the Construction Tech students cut a door in the top level and built a staircase down to the second level.



# Campus Fire Drill at FCC

Frontier Community College held its first fire drill on Tuesday, May 5, and fortunately there were no casualties. The drills were planned so that staff, faculty, and students could be made aware of the designated time for their building.

10AM – Classroom Building West  
10:15 – Adult Ed  
10:30 – Student Services  
10:45 – Learning Resource Center  
11AM – Extension Building  
11:30 – Mason Building

All systems worked well with no faulty equipment to be found. Galen Dunn, Maintenance/Grounds keeper at FCC, will replace any older smoke detectors with new ones. All systems were tested and all seemed to be running good. This was a helpful exercise for all involved to prepare in case of a real emergency.

The fire drills will take place each spring to test the equipment. The active shooter drills will be held each fall.



Learning Resource Center fire drill: Students, staff, and faculty exited the building and walked across the drive to congregate at Rotary Plaza.



Student Services fire drill: Staff and students exited the building and congregated at the electronic sign.



Mason Building fire drill: Staff exited the building and congregated on the front lawn.

