

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



April 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 13 Breakfast with the Bunny
9AM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 14 Phi Theta Kappa Induction
1PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 18 Canvas Paint Party
6PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 19 College Closed
Spring Holiday
- 26 Food Safety & Sanitation
8AM-6PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 26 Kindergarten Visit Day
8:45AM @ FCC Campus
- 26 Community Art Show
4-7PM @ West Hall
- 27 Phi Theta Kappa Rummage Sale
7AM-1PM @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 27 Lineman Rodeo
10:30AM @ WDC (EDS Poles)
- 30 Wayne County Speech Contest
5PM @ Bob Boyles Hall

MAY

- 3 Last day of classes
- 3 Awards Night Ceremony
6:30PM @ First Christian Church
- 6-9 Final exams given
- 10 Last day of semester
- 10 FCC Graduation - 7PM
@ Fairfield Community H.S.

Prather and Woosley Named to All-Academic Team



Kylie Prather



Trey Woosley

Two students of Frontier Community College were recently named to the 2019 Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team. Participating colleges are asked to select two Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members who demonstrate outstanding scholarship, leadership, and campus and community involvement.

This year, Kylie Prather and Trey Woosley were nominated to represent FCC. Both students were recognized and presented with a medallion at the 21st Annual Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team ceremony, which was held in Springfield on April 9. Prather and Woosley will also receive special recognition at FCC's Student Awards Program on Friday, May 3.

Kylie Prather is a sophomore at FCC and currently serves as Vice President of FCC's PTK Beta Alpha Lambda chapter. Prather is also a member of Student Senate and plays catcher for the college's softball team. A native of West Frankfort, Illinois, Prather has been involved in various on-campus activities and is also a student worker in The Bobcat Den, which houses the college bookstore, fitness center, and coffee shop. Prather will graduate next month with an Associate in Science and Arts Degree. This fall, she plans to transfer to South College (Knoxville, TN) and study Pre-Physical Therapy.

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Trey Woosley will graduate with both an Associate in Science and Arts degree and Associate in Applied Science: Sport Management degree on May 10. While at FCC, Woosley has been involved in Phi Theta Kappa and Student Senate, and he is also a first baseman for the Frontier Bobcats baseball team. As part of his Sport Management internship this semester, he has been working at Carter Athletic Academy, an indoor athletic training facility. Woosley plans to transfer to a university this fall to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Sport Management while continuing his collegiate baseball career.

Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honor Society dedicated to recognizing scholarship among two-year college students. There are more than 3.5 million members in the United States and 10 sovereign nations. FCC's Beta Alpha Lambda chapter is led by club sponsor Carrie Halbert, and 42 students will be inducted into the society at a ceremony in Bob Boyles Hall on Sunday, April 14.

Community Art Show to Feature New Category; Expecting Large Turnout

Frontier Community College will host its seventh annual Community Art Show on Friday, April 26. The event will be held from 4-7PM in West Hall and showcase the talent of both high school students and adults. The public is invited to stop by to view the artwork, enjoy light refreshments, and vote for their favorite piece.

All artwork will be judged by an individual prior to the show, with first, second and third places awarded. However, FCC will present awards at 7PM for a Best of Show (\$100) and People's Choice (\$50) for both the high school and adult levels.

There are normally six categories of art on display: drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, sculpture, and stained glass. However, the Community Art Show committee decided to add a seventh category this year: textiles. This category was ultimately added to the show, because several pieces were entered into the 2018 show that awkwardly did not have an accurate category. For example, a high school student created and sewed a dress that had to be entered into the Sculpture category. This year, the Textiles category can include quilts, clothing, needlework, embroidery, macrame, and more.

Featured artists for each of the seven categories this year include: Amy Loss, Drawing; Masor Borowiak, Graphic Design; Vicki Gifford, Painting; John Bayler, Photography; Cheyanne Garrison, Sculpture; Barb Etheridge, Stained Glass; and Gayla Templeman, Textiles. Each artist will have several pieces on display in the center of the room to be recognized for their artistic abilities.

FCC will be accepting entries from both community adults and high school students. Each participant is allowed to enter a maximum of three individual pieces across the seven categories. There is no entry fee for the show. Artwork may be dropped off between 7:30AM-4:30PM on Wednesday, April 24, or between 7:30AM-12PM on Thursday, April 25. High school art teachers should drop off artwork by appointment only. All pieces must include a completed entry form, which is available online at www.iecc.edu/fcc or at the front desk in FCC's Administrative Center.

For more information or to schedule a drop-off appointment, contact Julie Bryant, Coordinator of Public Information and Marketing, by phone at 618-842-3711 or by e-mail at bryantj@iecc.edu.



Vicki Gifford, this year's featured artist for Painting, received the People's Choice award for her painting, Kensey (top painting).

FCC's Lineman Rodeo Coming Up April 27

Frontier Community College will host its annual Lineman Rodeo on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to bring a lawn chair, sit back, and enjoy the show put on by students in the Electrical Distribution Systems (EDS) Program. The event will be held just north of Workforce Development Center, where the EDS poles are located. Everyone of all ages is welcome to attend and enjoy the show.

The rodeo will begin with the singing of the national anthem by Kara Blanton, Academic Advisor at FCC, as the students climb the poles to raise the American flag. Students will then demonstrate the skills they have developed through judged competitions and races. Instructor Ed Patton and Assistant Gerry Kinney will emcee the event, and they have gathered several judges from the annual advisory council meetings as well as electric cooperatives and municipalities throughout the area.

Judged events will include pole top rescue, cross arm changes, the obstacle pole, and the egg climb. The egg climb race, which can be found at many lineman rodeos across the country, will challenge a student to climb up and down a pole while holding a raw egg in their mouths - all without breaking it. Kinney says the climb will test each student's agility and their stomachs. Kinney has also planned a "mystery event" that students will not learn of until the day of the Lineman Rodeo. Medals will be awarded at the end of each race, but only one student will be crowned overall champion at the conclusion of the rodeo.

During the event, FCC will be serving free porkburgers, popcorn, and water. Lineman Rodeo T-shirts will also be available for purchase, and all proceeds will benefit the EDS Club. Kinney, who serves as the club sponsor, has taken club members to various cooperatives and municipalities to job shadow and see firsthand what a lineman career entails.

The Electrical Distribution Systems program is a one-year certificate that provides training in building, repairing, and maintaining overhead and underground systems. Students also learn safe practices, pole climbing, hurt man rescue, and bucket truck operation. New program additions for the upcoming academic year will allow students to graduate with flagger certification and spray applicator licensure. Registration is now open for the Fall 2019 semester with limited enrollment. The Lineman Rodeo is an excellent opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about the EDS Program and speak with instructors Ed Patton and Gerry Kinney.



EDS students have been practicing for the egg climb race ahead of the Lineman Rodeo on April 27. Pictured, from left to right: Joe Fenton, Trevor Curry, Ronnie Britt, Asher Hughey, Evan Staat, and Jakob Shuck.

LRC Hosts 2nd Annual Escape Room



The Learning Resource Center (LRC) had another successful year in hosting an escape room for both the public and FCC students and employees. LRC Director Merna Youngblood reported a total of 19 groups tried their hand at the escape room, which was themed "Secret Agent: Operation Zekestan." Groups had 60 minutes to solve riddles and crack multiple codes to "escape" from the LRC conference room. Forty-two percent of groups were successful. Youngblood said that four of the nineteen groups were outside organizations, and the rest consisted of classes, student clubs, and employee groups or buildings.

SNA Attends Political Action Day in Springfield



FCC's Student Nurses Association (SNA) participated in the 22nd annual Student Nurse Political Action Day on April 2. The event, which is held in Springfield, gives student nurses the opportunity to learn about current bills that will impact the healthcare industry and nursing as a whole. Students were led by Nursing Instructor Beth Wilson.

While in Springfield, SNA had breakfast with State Rep. Darren Bailey (pictured above), and each student had the chance to speak with him and share their voice. After lunch and a general program, SNA joined in the March to the Capitol before returning to Fairfield.

Extra Security Measures in Place on Campus



Thanks to the addition of a few seemingly small contraptions, multiple buildings on the FCC campus now have increased security measures.

When the Crisis & Emergency Management Team met in October 2018, they reviewed a video demonstration of a safety tool called NightLock Lockdown 1. This tool, which can be used for both inward and outward-swinging doors, is anchored securely to the floor and uses the strength of the floor itself to provide protection. These devices are low-cost and simple to install in the event of an emergency, such as an active shooter.

The NightLock Lockdown 1 was recently installed in the Automotive Lab (pictured above). FCC plans to install nine additional devices across campus.

Frontier in a Flash

A photographic reflection of recent happenings within the FCC community

1) Students in Nixie Hnetkovsky's Anatomy & Physiology class finished their lab by taking a selfie with Frederick the Skeleton. 2) FCC employees celebrated the Opening Days for Busch Stadium and Wrigley Field. 3) Megan Black, Director of Instructional Services, lends a helping hand with painting Mason Hall's Room 23. The classroom has received a new paint job, tables, blinds, and chairs over the past few weeks. 4) Student Haylee Neuman finished her one-year term as IECC Student Trustee at last month's Board of Trustees meeting. She is pictured with Dr. Andrew Fischer, Board Chairman, and Mr. Terry Bruce, CEO. 5) Various community individuals gathered on March 27 for the Fire Science advisory council meeting.





The Bobcat Beat

 @FCCBobcatsAthletics

 @FrontierBobcats

Several Bobcat Athletes Commit to Universities

APRIL SPORTS CALENDAR

Baseball

- 11 Kaskaskia / 3PM
- 13 @ Kaskaskia / 12PM (DH)
- 16 Danville Area CC / 3PM
- 18 @ Lake Land / 3PM
- 19 Lake Land / 12PM (DH)
- 22 @ McKendree 1PM (DH)
- 23 Spoon River / 2PM (DH)
- 25 Shawnee / 3PM
- 27 @ Shawnee / 12PM (DH)

Softball

- 12 John A. Logan / 4PM (DH)
- 13 @ SWIC / 12PM (DH)
- 14 @ St. Louis CC / 1PM (DH)
- 16 Kaskaskia / 4:30PM (DH)
- 18 SIC / 4:30PM (DH)
- 19 @ Lake Land / 12PM (DH)
- 22 @ SIC / 1PM (DH)
- 25 Shawnee / 4:30PM (DH)
- 27 @ Wabash Valley / 12PM (DH)
- 28 @ Rend Lake / 2PM (DH)



Frontier's committed athletes are, from left to right: Trayce Abbott, Cori Cissell, Nadia de la Torre, Matt Espinosa, and Lixi Wheeler.

With the 2018-2019 academic year coming to a close, several Frontier athletes have committed to 4-year universities after graduating on May 10. The baseball and softball teams are still in action, and each program's coaching staff expects to see additional signings in the coming weeks.

Frontier Baseball currently has two athletes off the board, and both men joined the program in January 2018. Matt Espinosa, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, will be returning to his hometown to continue his baseball career with Texas Wesleyan University. He is a third baseman for Frontier. Trayce Abbott (McCloud, OK), a left-handed pitcher, will be playing in his home state at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Three graduating athletes of Frontier Volleyball have committed to universities and will remain in the Midwest. Cori Cissell (Evansville, IL), a libero and defensive specialist, recently joined the volleyball program of Lindenwood University's Belleville campus. Right setter Nadia de la Torre, who hails from Bayamon, Puerto Rico, has signed with William Penn University. The campus is located in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

The most recent signing comes from Lixi Wheeler, a native of Carmi and middle blocker for Frontier Volleyball. She will be attending Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri.