

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



May 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 18 Literacy Fest
The Bobcat Den Parking Lot
- 20 Food Safety & Sanitation
8AM-6PM / Mason Hall 24
- 24 Professional Development Day
2PM / The Bobcat Den
- 27 College closed - Memorial Day
- 28 Strawberry Jam-Making
6-8PM / Bob Boyles Hall

JUNE

- 3 Art Attack I / 9AM-2PM
- 5 Kids' Sign Language / 9-11AM
- 5 T-Shirt Tie-Dye / 1-3PM
- 8 Barn Quilt Patriotic Painting
12-5PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 10 Bobcats Baseball Camp
9AM-12PM (June 10-12)
- 10 Food Sanitation & Safety
6PM-10PM / Mason Hall 24
- 11 Mini-Me Baking
6-8PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 12 Chalk Walk / 1-3PM
- 18 Supreme Slime / 2 sessions
Mason Hall 23
- 21 Frontier Discovery Camp
9AM-3PM / Mason Hall

Pearson Receives President's Award at Graduation



Frontier Community College (FCC) held its 41st annual Commencement on Friday, May 10. A total of 188 degrees and certificates were conferred for the 2018-2019 academic year. Since the first Commencement in 1979, FCC has awarded over 6,000 degrees and certificates.

After the processional, the welcome was given by Dr. Jay Edgren, President of FCC. The student speaker for the evening was graduate Kasey Pearson. Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction, gave the presentation of degrees and certificates. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Gary Carter and Mr. Jan Ridgely, members of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) Board of Trustees. The charge to the class was presented by Dr. Holly Martin, Chief Academic Officer of IECC.

Receiving the President's Award that evening was Kasey Pearson of Mt. Carmel. Pearson graduated with an Associate in Science & Arts Degree with honors. While a student at FCC, she served as the President of Student Senate (2018-2019), as well as the Vice President of Scholarship (2018-2019) for Phi Theta Kappa. Pearson also achieved Chief Executive Officer's Honors during her freshman and sophomore years.

Kasey Pearson not only achieved in the classroom, but also on the softball field. For the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 seasons, she played as a pitcher/utility for Frontier Softball. This fall, Pearson will transfer to Indiana University-Southeast to study Biology and continue her softball career.

Cretors, Maguire Receive Spotlight Awards



Pictured, from left to right: Darren Bailey, Vicki Cretors, Angelique Maguire, Dena Weber, and Hayden McDuffee.

Two members of the Adult Education Department at Frontier Community College were recently presented with Spotlight on Service awards by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. The awards were given to Vicki Cretors and Angelique Maguire, who were recognized for their effort and dedication with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Adult Volunteer Literacy program.

Cretors and Maguire were honored at a Spotlight Awards Ceremony in Springfield on May 9, where they received their awards from Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White. Also in attendance was Darren Bailey, who serves as a State Representative for the 109th District. The trip to Springfield was made by Dena Weber, Program Director for Adult Education; Hayden McDuffee, Coordinator of Literacy Development; Cretors; and Maguire, who is also employed as Coordinator of Transition Services.

Vicki Cretors began volunteering with the Adult Literacy program fifteen years ago, and she has been tutoring ever since. Cretors has especially been helpful in assisting learners with developmental disabilities and those learning English as a Second Language (ESL). The Adult Education Program temporarily lost the Literacy grant during the state budget impasse, but that didn't keep Cretors from tutoring. Cretors also serves as Literacy Development Technician for the program.

When the Adult Literacy program was restarted last summer, Angelique Maguire made great strides in raising awareness of the program throughout the IECC District. She attended and spoke at several events to share information about adult literacy rates, tutoring information, and the benefits of literacy development within the area. Maguire was also the first volunteer to sign up as a new tutor, and she was willing to take on multiple learners to help get the program back up and running.

"Vicki and Angel have both been vital to the initial and continued service of the Adult Volunteer Literacy program in our area," said McDuffee, who nominated the pair. "Both were volunteering with the program before I was brought on as Coordinator of Literacy Development, and they have been instrumental in tackling the low literacy rate of adult learners in our area."

McDuffee noted that Cretors and Maguire each bring their own strengths and talents to the program, which has helped it become a successful endeavor. "Vicki has been a mainstay of the program with years of experience and expertise," he said. Angel, on the other hand, "has offered a breath of fresh air and is a great example for new tutors."

"It's people like Vicki and Angel that truly make a difference in our communities," said Dena Weber, who oversees the Adult Education Program across the four IECC campuses.

Across the 97 Adult Literacy programs in the State of Illinois, just ten volunteer tutors were recognized at the Spotlight on Service awards ceremony. "This goes to show we are beyond blessed to have two volunteers who are such incredible examples of dedication to their fellow man," McDuffee said.

If you want to volunteer as a tutor or assist with the Adult Literacy program in any way, contact Hayden McDuffee at mcduffeeh@iecc.edu or 618-847-9154.

Mobile Food Pantry Finds Welcome at FCC



Catherine Singleton, left, and Pat Scarbrough, right, are pictured with their large supply of breakfast and snack foods that they deliver with the mobile food pantry. The pantry's last visit to the FCC campus was on Wednesday, April 24.

Students on the campus of FCC never have to worry about going hungry, thanks to the support of a mobile food pantry through the First Baptist Church in Fairfield. This endeavor was introduced at the beginning of the academic year, and it has become a Wednesday afternoon staple that supports college students.

Last August, the college was approached by Catherine Singleton, a member of the First Baptist Church who also serves as an adjunct instructor for FCC. You can find Ms. Singleton in West Hall teaching Ethics, Intro to Philosophy, and other humanities courses. She shared with Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction, that the church receives an abundance of food from Midwest Food Bank and wanted to expand their outreach. Initially, the church was opening its food pantry each Friday morning, so they added Tuesday evenings to their schedule.

"We are always looking for ways to reach out to the college community, so this effort just came naturally," said Singleton. "If students can't get to our church's food pantry, this is a convenient way for them to stop by." The food pantry is set up every other Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the student lounge of West Hall.

Church member Pat Scarbrough, who assists Singleton with the pantry, stated that Midwest Food Bank actually encourages churches to reach out to colleges. The food bank, which is based in Bloomington, Illinois, has a branch in Fairfield that provides a generous supply to First Baptist. "After we began this mission, Midwest began sending us items that were ideal for college students," said Scarbrough. "Snack food is especially great for students, as they may have busy class schedules that keep them from eating lunch."

Because Singleton's classes are all based in West Hall, she almost always knows pantry visitors on a first-name basis.

"Catherine is a natural at running this pantry because of the relationships she has established with her students," Pat said. She noted that it is actually beneficial to their efforts, because "students don't feel awkward approaching us and feel comfortable taking items with them." Singleton's alliance with Frontier is "one of the greatest assets" in their mobile food pantry mission.

The pantry's last scheduled visit for the semester was held on the last Wednesday in April, but the duo plan to return in the fall for the start of the next school year. As long as students continue benefitting from the mission, Singleton and Scarbrough say they'll continue with it. "One is worth it for us, even if it's just one," Scarbrough said with a smile.



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Lineman Rodeo Draws Crowd; Staat Crowned Overall Champion

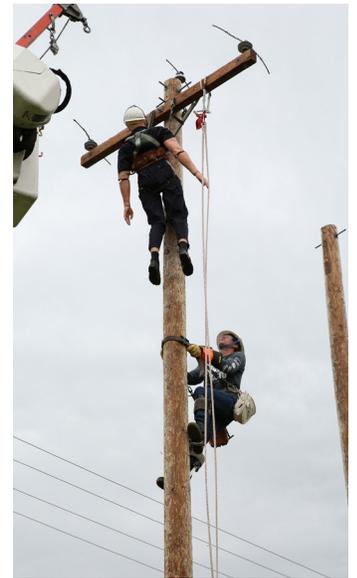
The annual Lineman Rodeo was held on FCC's campus on Saturday, April 27. The event featured nine students in the Electrical Distribution Systems (EDS) Program, as they competed in five judged events: the egg climb, cross arm changeouts, hurt man rescue, the obstacle pole, and a mystery event (which was revealed to be a fuse change).

Despite the sporadic rainy weather, a large crowd from the IECC district and beyond was in attendance. Several EDS alumni were also at the rodeo, and Academic Advisor Kara Blanton was able to reconnect with each individual and learn more about their careers. FCC also served free porkburgers, popcorn, and water.

After the scores were added, EDS Lab Assistant Gerry Kinney led the awards ceremony. Student Joe Fenton of Dahlgren received first in one award, but Evan Staat of Xenia proved to be the overall champion.

The Lineman Rodeo was generously sponsored by ten electric cooperatives and organizations throughout the Southern Illinois region: Ameren Illinois, Brownstown Electric Supply Co., City of Fairfield, City of Fairfield – Electrical Department, Clay Electric Co-operative, Fletcher Reinhardt, Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co., Norris Electric Cooperative, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, and Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative.

Thirteen students will graduate from the Electrical Distribution Systems Program on May 10. Registration is currently open for the Fall 2019 semester with limited enrollment.



FCC Hosts Kindergarten Visit Day



Over 150 kindergarteners and teachers visited the FCC campus on Friday, April 27. While on campus, the kindergarten classes rotated across several stations led by FCC staff and faculty. Stations included the Learning Resource Center, Nursing Simulation Lab, Automotive Lab, Paramedicine, and The Bobcat Den.

After a busy morning, everyone gathered in Workforce Development Center for a DiMaggio's Pizza lunch. The event was a lot of fun for both FCC and the kindergarten classes, and the college hopes to host the visit day again next spring.

Over 120 Students Recognized at Awards Night



Pictured left: Mr. Terry Bruce, Chief Executive Officer of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, provided closing remarks to the audience at the 2019 Awards Night; right: Associate Professor of Life Science Nixie Hnetkovsky awarded the Life Science Award to sophomore Kasey Pearson.

Frontier Community College held its eighth annual Awards Night on Friday, May 3. The event was held at First Christian Church in Fairfield with over 200 in attendance.

Opening the ceremony was President Dr. Jay Edgren. Lori Noe, Coordinator of Financial Aid, began the presentation of awards by recognizing more than ten students who received scholarships throughout the 2018-2019 academic year. Awards were then presented for programs and clubs, with faculty and staff presenting on stage.

After program and club awards, Wiles then announced academic honor awards for the Fall 2018 semester. Students were recognized for Dean's Honors (3.50-3.74 GPA), President's Honors (3.75-3.89 GPA), and Chief Executive Officer's Honors (3.9-4.0 GPA). The awards were presented by Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction; Dr. Jay Edgren, President; and Mr. Terry Bruce, Chief Executive Officer of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. Mr. Bruce also provided closing remarks for the ceremony.

Full Lineup of Kid Camps to Begin in June

Community kids can stay busy this summer with a variety of camps at Frontier! The Community Education Program has planned a total of eleven camps for the month of June, and classes are beginning to fill up. The kid camps include: Art Attack, Animal Care, Baseball Camp, Sign Language, T-Shirt Tye Dye, Frontier Discovery Camp, Rube Goldberg Machine Mania, Chalk Walk, Supreme Slime, Mini-Me Baking, and Book Warriors.

A few of the camps are back by popular demand, such as Supreme Slime. Others are first-time creations that FCC is excited to offer for kids. The 3-day Frontier Baseball Camp will be led by Head Coach Brandon Benton and held on FNB Field. A volleyball camp has also been scheduled, but it will not be held until August.

Classes will be provided at a low cost this summer, due to a Wal-Mart Community Grant that FCC recently received. "This grant will offset many of the supply expenses that students would normally incur when they register for a class," said Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction. "Thanks to Wal-Mart, we are able to provide multiple classes at a lower cost that benefit families within the community."

Parents and guardians can register their child for any of the summer camps by calling Frontier Community College at 618-842-3711. A complete lineup of the camps with more information is available online at iecc.edu/fcc.

Over 340 Pieces of Work on Display at Art Show



ECCHS student Brianna Robinson is pictured left with her drawing, "Cooling Down." Brianna won two awards at the show.

Right: Tammy Lee is pictured with her People's Choice ribbon for her sculpture, "Ozzie the Ostriche."



More than 200 people attended the Community Art Show on Friday, April 26. The show, which was held in West Hall, saw much participation from community adults and high school students. The committee was happy to report that over 340 pieces were entered across seven categories in the adult and high school levels.

The Overall Best of Show, which included a \$100 prize, was awarded to Brianna Robinson for her charcoal drawing, "Cooling Down." Robinson is a senior at Edwards County High School in Albion.

Guests attending the show were encouraged to vote for their favorite piece in both the high school and adult levels. Robinson also took home the People's Choice award at the high school level, complete with a \$50 prize. Receiving the People's Choice at the adult level was Tammy Lee of Fairfield for her sculpture, "Ozzie the Ostriche." Lee was the featured artist for the Sculpture category at last year's art show.

Frontier Community College was very pleased with the attendance at the show and hopes to host it again in April 2020.

Frontier in a Flash

A photographic reflection of recent happenings within the FCC community

- 1) Wanda Douglas, Assistant Professor of Nursing, guides students around the simulation lab during Kindergarten Visit Day.
- 2) Employees Lori Noe and Annie Lankford enter the FCHS gymnasium for the start of graduation.
- 3) Students in Linda Monge's Cultural Diversity class prepare cupcakes for a fundraiser.
- 4) Student Ambassadors Blake Bunting and CaSandra Lyons were recognized at Awards Night on May 3.
- 5) Instructor Jodi Peach and her Health Informatics students attended the Illinois Health Information Management Association conference in Normal, Illinois on April 25-26.
- 6) Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Bruinsma served as the guest speaker for the Nursing pinning ceremony.
- 7) Adjunct instructors Ken Harris and Carrie Dagg enjoy biscuits and gravy before giving final exams.





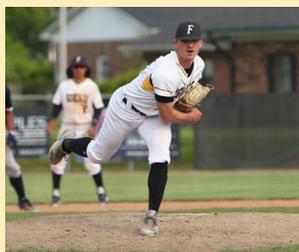
The Bobcat Beat

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Softball Ends 2019 Season After Round 1 of Region 24 Play

BASEBALL SIGNINGS



Brice Stuteville - Pitcher

The right-handed pitcher has signed with University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana.



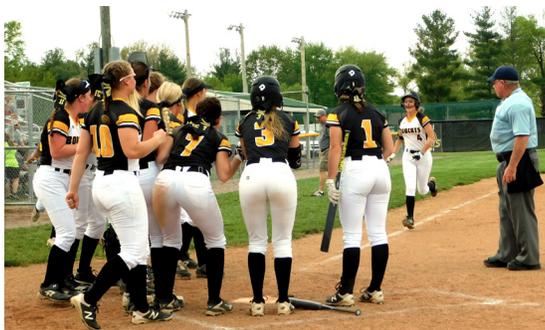
Matt Lawson - Outfield

Georgia native Matt Lawson will be joining Lindenwood-Belleville in Belleville, Illinois.



Gamaliel Echevarria

Left-handed pitcher Gamaliel "Gammy" Echevarria recently signed with Talladega College in Alabama.



Frontier Softball hosted Shawnee Community College on April 29 for their last double header of the regular season. Frontier won the first game with a score of 9-1, but fell to Shawnee in the nightcap with a score of 11-8.

The team qualified for postseason play in the NJCAA Region 24 tournament and were seeded to play John A. Logan on Saturday, May 4. Due to rain, the game was pushed to Sunday. Frontier was eliminated in the first round after they suffered two losses with final scores of 13-3 and 8-7. The team ended the season with an overall record of 18-25.

With the season behind them, several Frontier Softball athletes have made plans to continue their athletic careers at 4-year universities. Pitcher Kasey Pearson signed with Indiana University-Southeast in New Albany, Indiana. Catcher Allison McClanahan, who was with Frontier for just one season, signed with Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky. Sophomore Anna Wheeler, who played outfield for the Bobcats, will be attending Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Following softball's sophomore recognition night on May 9, a total of 23 athletes across all three sports graduated from FCC on May 10.

