

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



July 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 16 IECC Board Meeting / FCC
6PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 17 Food Sanitation & Safety
8AM-6PM
Mason Hall 24
- 18 FCC Foundation Meeting
6PM / Bob Boyles Hall
- 22 Community Education Trip
St. Louis/The Muny

AUGUST

- 6 Athlete Orientation
9AM-1PM
Workforce Development Center
- 7 New Student Orientation
9AM-2PM
Workforce Development Center
- 8 Staff & Faculty Workshop
8:30AM-1PM
Bob Boyles Hall
- 13 Orientation for CNA, Health
Informatics, & Phlebotomy
8AM-3PM
West Hall 103
- 15 First day of classes

ADULT EDUCATION SEES LARGEST LITERACY GRANT TO DATE

The Secretary of State and Illinois State Library Literacy Office has recently awarded Frontier Community College with an Adult Volunteer Literacy (AVL) Grant for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$75,760, making it the largest literacy grant Frontier has ever received.

Hayden McDuffee, Coordinator of Transition Services, is thrilled with the news and believes the Secretary of State's Office was encouraged by Frontier's current program. As the former Coordinator of Literacy Development, McDuffee is confident the program will continue to grow throughout the IECC district.

"I couldn't be more pleased that the Secretary of State and Illinois State Library Office have recognized not only the literacy need in this area but also our efforts throughout the past fiscal year to meet those needs," said McDuffee. Currently, there are tutors and adult learners in approximately 25 towns throughout the IECC District.

Earlier this year, Vicki Cretors and Angelique Maguire, two of the program's tutors, received Spotlight on Service awards, which recognizes volunteers for their commitment and dedication.

"We received two out of the ten total Spotlight on Service awards, so I was very encouraged by that," McDuffee stated. "All in all, it has been a very successful few months for this program. I am excited to see the literacy effort continue to thrive in this area."

Grant money will be used to support the growth of the program throughout the IECC District and the continuing efforts and success of current volunteer tutors and adult learners. Specifically, the AVL program will continue to focus its efforts on recruiting volunteer tutors.

"Tutors are the lifeblood of this program. Without a sufficient volunteer

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tutor base we can't begin to meet the needs of our fellow community members," said McDuffee.

The AVL Program currently serves individuals within the community in need of literacy tutoring who are at least 17 years of age and not currently enrolled in school. Learners must test below a 9th grade level in reading, writing, and/or math. The program also provides support for English Language Learners (ELL) in all aspects of language mastery. Tutors are carefully matched with learners and can volunteer as little as one hour each week to provide assistance.

Last fiscal year, FCC received \$55,000 for the Adult Volunteer Literacy Grant, which was renewed after three years. The literacy program was dissolved during the 2015-2016 fiscal year due to state funding issues, but it was finally renewed in July of 2018.

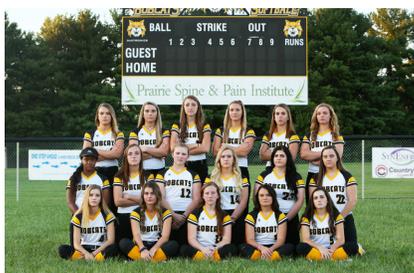
Once McDuffee was hired in November, he quickly began connecting volunteer tutors with adults in need of assistance. In just eight months, the program has grown from five learners to a total of 41. The tutoring pool has also increased to 16 volunteers, but McDuffee said there are an additional 20 who are in the process of completing the 12 required hours of training.

Due to staffing changes in the Adult Education department, Frontier Community College is now accepting applications for a Coordinator of Literacy Development. This individual will continue to grow the program throughout the IECC district. Interested individuals may obtain all application materials by visiting www.iecc.edu.

FRONTIER ATHLETES RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION



The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has recently recognized student athletes and teams across the country for outstanding academic performance for the 2018-2019 year. Student athletes are eligible to earn academic honors by achieving an overall GPA of 3.60 or higher, and this year Frontier Community College had 31 All-Academic Athletes: 12 from softball, 8 from volleyball, and 11 from baseball.



Academic team honors ranked colleges both nationally and by region. Frontier Softball made great achievements this year, as they ranked first in Region 24 and second in the nation with a 3.66 team GPA. The top academic team in the country, Colby Community College, had a 3.67 team GPA.



Frontier Volleyball and Baseball were also recognized for their success. With a 3.57 team GPA, volleyball ranked first in Region 24 and 11th nationally. Baseball ended the academic year with a team GPA of 3.12, ranking fourth in Region 24 and 54th in the country.

Athletic Director Jan Wiles was thrilled to receive the news from the NJCAA, and she is confident that Frontier's student athletes will continue to strive for success not only on the field and court but also in the classroom.

32 STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT GED GRADUATION

A total of ten students walked at the GED graduation ceremony on Frontier's campus on Tuesday, June 25. Nearly 100 people were in attendance to celebrate the students' accomplishments.

After the welcome from Dr. Jay Edgren, Program Director Dena Weber welcomed the guest speaker, Joel Koker. Koker earned his GED in 2015 and then received an Associate in Science and Arts Degree from FCC in 2018. He graduated with high honors. Gary Carter, member of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees, provided the charge to the class.

FCC prepares students to earn their GED by offering test preparation courses throughout the area. Classes are free and meet in eight-week sessions in Albion, Bridgeport, Fairfield, Flora, Lawrenceville, and Newton. Online classes are also available to qualifying students.



Pictured, from left to right: Lindsay Koker, Haley Brindos, James Grebe-Heck, Alexzandra Gilbo, James Gollner, Breanna Boles, Bobbie Olmsted, William Jolley, Destiny Snyder, and Xada Slater.

While ten students participated in the ceremony, FCC is pleased to report that 32 students overall have earned their GED since last July:

Breanna Boles - Fairfield
Annie Bowman - Lawrenceville
Haley Brindos - Flora
Damien Brown - Flora
Chris Callahan - Flora
Dakota Cool - Flora
Christian Eaton - Bridgeport
Alexzandra Gilbo - Fairfield
James Gollner - Fairfield
James Grebe-Heck - Fairfield
Ethan Herr - Newton

Joshua Johnson - Flora
William Jolley - Fairfield
Brea Keyser - Fairfield
Alex Kirby - Flora
Lindsay Koker - Fairfield
Peyton Lewis - Newton
Kyle Lister - Flora
Selena Marti - Flora
Rachel McCormick - Flora
Kendall Medlock - Fairfield
Dalton Musser - Flora

Bobbie Olmsted - Online
Georgia Pauly - Flora
Brandon Risinger - Albion
Xada Slater - Flora
Destiny Snyder - Fairfield
Elizabeth Tewell - Lawrenceville
Xavier Turner - Fairfield
Dayanna Vaughan - Fairfield
Taylor Vineyard - Lawrenceville
Brendan Woitynek - Fairfield

NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 / 9AM-2PM

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SPRING 2019 HONORS LIST ANNOUNCED

Frontier Community College is pleased to announce its honor roll for the Spring 2019 semester. Students were announced to the CEO's List (3.9-4.0), President's List (3.75-3.89), and Dean's List (3.5-3.74), all of which are established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

CEO'S LIST

Kayla Ash	Irene Morris
Mattison Bartlett	Whitney Morrison
Shyla Beck	Jaclyn Pearce
Cara Bohannan	Kasey Pearson
Diana Brenneman	Abigail Potter
Tessa Brown	Kylie Prather
Autumn Buffington	Brendan Reid
Emily Buffington	Vanessa Richardson
Craig Carscadden	Jessica Rinebold
Ramsey Clark	Charles Ross
Madison Cowsert	Caleb Rush
Christy Davenport	Andrew Shoultz
Chelsea Dulany	Sabrina Simpson
Jacey Evans	Abra Slover
Joseph Fenton	Rebecca Smith
Audrey Fleener	Robert Smith
Alicia Garrison	Evan Staat
Braxton Gerek	Christina Strantz
Joshua Goldman	Abigail Walker
Anik Haldar	Bailey Walters
Jonathan Hammack	Noah West
Malorie Harrison	Alixandria Wheeler
Samantha Helms	Sara Williams
Myranda Kenshalo	Trey Woosley
Joy Koker	Kourtney York
Jarred Lee	Rebecca Young
Cole Lydick	
Allison McClanahan	
Patience McKnight	
Jennifer Moises	

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Angelina Batteese
Kacie Berry
Ronnie Britt
Kaeleigh Brown
Kyle Buchanan
William Campbell
Forrest Cantrell
Austin Gollner
Caisie Hart
Clint Holkenbrink
Brittany Hutchison
Mark Koker
Mikayla Masterson
Sausha McCormick
John McCuan
Shayla Miller
Madison Scamahorn
Kierra Schoenbaechler
Caleb Smothers
Kensey Smothers
Zechariah Stark
Andrew Stewart
Alec Vaughn
Marshall Westfall
Anna Wheeler
Virginia Williams

DEAN'S LIST

Anne Marie Anderson
Kaylee Arnold
Kathy Bailey
Cheyenne Bruce
Cori Cissell
Nadia de la Torre
Caleb Evans
Braxton Griffy
Seth Harrison
Riley Hartman
Hailee Hope
Asher Hughey
Jayden Jeminson
Jazmine McClane
Lane McMaster
Aubrey Noe
Jada Phillips
Ren Reynolds
Danishka Rodriguez
Conner Ryle
Laramie Sayles
Morgan Schumm
Melinda Tanner
Brody Tisdale
Lucas Tobin
Madissen Torrence
Kaylin Trent
Joshua Trout
Logan Vaughn
Adam West
Emma Williams



FRONTIER CONCLUDES SUMMER CAMP LINEUP



FCC recently wrapped up its lineup of summer kid camps, all of which were held in June. Across the ten camps, Frontier saw an attendance of over 200 children between the ages of 5 and 13.

All camps were provided at a low cost to families, thanks to the Wal-Mart Community Grant that Frontier received in May. Wal-Mart has generously supported the Community Education program at Frontier for three years now.



Each of the camps were very successful due to a survey given to local grade schools. The Community Education committee collected feedback from students, then planned the lineup according to current trends and survey results.

Head Volleyball Coach Nixie Hnetkovsky has planned a 2-day volleyball camp that she and student athletes will host on August 1 & 2. The camp will be split into two age groups and focus on serving, passing, hitting, setting, and more. For more information, visit fccbobcats.com or email Coach Hnetkovsky at hnetkovskyn@iecc.edu.

MAGUIRE, MCDUFFEE TAKE ON NEW ROLES IN ADULT EDUCATION

Two Adult Education employees who have recently taken on new roles within the department began their duties on July 1. Both Angelique Maguire and Hayden McDuffee are excited to take on the duties and challenges of their new positions.

Angelique Maguire was hired as the Director of Adult Education after serving as the Coordinator of Transition Services for over a year. She will primarily be recruiting and advising GED students, organizing classes, and supervising adjunct faculty for Adult Education.

"Frontier is a valuable asset to our community, and I am excited to reach out to those in our rural surrounding areas," said Maguire. "These students may have barriers that would otherwise prevent them from considering furthering their education and pursuing successful endeavors."

As described earlier in this newsletter, McDuffee was hired in November of 2018 as the Coordinator of Literacy Development. Over the last eight months, he has worked to expand the Adult Volunteer Literacy Program throughout the IECC district to advance the State of Illinois' literacy rate.

In his new position, McDuffee will now work with students enrolled in classes through the Adult Education Program. He will assist them as they transition to college or the workforce, and he will also help students navigate a career pathway that is best suited to their skills and interests.

"Both Angelique and Hayden have been great team members in their previous positions, and I am eager to see what they will accomplish in their new roles," said Dena Weber, Program Director of Adult Education. "These two will bring a fresh outlook and innovative ideas to the table as we pursue several new initiatives this year."

