

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



June 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 19 IECC Board Meeting
- 26 GED Graduation / 6:30PM
@ Classroom Bldg. West
- 29 Midterm
- 29 EMT Orientation / 8AM-4PM
@ Workforce Development Ctr.
- 31 Nursing Program Welcome
10AM @ Learning Resource Ctr.

July

- 4 College Closed
Independence Day
- 17 IECC Board Meeting
- 27 Last day of classes
- 30 Final exams

August

- 8 New Student Orientation
8AM-12PM @ WDC
- 9 FCC Workshop / 8AM-1PM
@ Bob Boyles Hall
- 9 Athlete Orientation
1PM-4PM @ CBW
- 13 CNA, PHB & HIT Orientation
8AM-4PM @ CBW
- 21 IECC Board Meeting

Clayton Receives President's Award at 2018 Graduation



Frontier Community College held its 40th annual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 11. Over 260 degrees and certificates were conferred, making it the college's largest graduating class to date.

Receiving the President's Award was Lawson Clayton of Hartford, Kentucky. Clayton graduated with his Associate in Science & Arts and Associate in Applied Science: Construction Technology with high honors.

While a student at Frontier, Clayton achieved the Chief Executive Officer's Honors and President's Honors and graduated with a 3.96 grade point average. He was also involved in Student Senate (President, 2016-2017) and Phi Theta Kappa.

Lawson not only achieved in the classroom, but also on the baseball field. He played as a catcher for the Bobcats Baseball 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 teams. He was recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association, receiving the NJCAA Academic Student-Athlete Award for Superior Academic Achievement for an outstanding grade point average (2016-2017).

Adult Education Adds Two to Team

Angelique Maguire and Sharis Wilson recently joined the Adult Education Department of Frontier Community College (FCC). The pair are working full-time in the office and will be assisting students in earning their GED and transitioning to college or the workforce.

Angelique Maguire was hired as a Transition Services Coordinator earlier this month. In her position, Maguire will be working with students at all four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC), which includes FCC, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central, and Wabash Valley Colleges. Her main role will be assisting Adult Education students as they transition to college or the workforce, and she will be available to help students navigate a career pathway that is best suited to their skills and interests.



Pictured: Angelique Maguire, left, and Sharis Wilson, right.

Maguire is a 1995 graduate of Fairfield Community High School. She earned her Associate's in Science from FCC in 1998 and a Bachelor's in Organizational Leadership from Greenville College in 2004. Prior to this new position, Maguire was an Adjunct Instructor for FCC's Graphic Arts & Design Program. She resides in Fairfield with her husband, Mayor Brent Maguire, and their five children.

Sharis Wilson serves as an Office Assistant for the Adult Education Department, where she helps students with class registration and performs other office duties. She has been working in the Adult Education office as a part-time assistant since October 2017, but she officially began working full-time in April. Wilson is a 2008 graduate of FCHS and received her Associate's in Science & Arts from FCC in 2010. She graduated from SIU-Carbondale in 2014 with a Bachelor's in Healthcare Management. She lives in Fairfield with her 1-year-old son, Nash.

Summer of Fun Camps for Kids at FCC



The Community Education Program has planned an exciting lineup of camps and activities for local elementary and middle school students.

A baseball camp was hosted by Frontier Bobcats Baseball from June 4-6. Eighteen kids ages 5-12 attended the three-day camp, which was held on FNB Field. Kids learned the fundamentals of baseball from Head Coach Brandon Benton, Assistant Coach Jimmy Brenneman, and NCAA D1-signee Kenny Otero.

Campers enjoyed learning more about baseball and celebrated the final day with pizza and a slip and slide.

Kids also had the opportunity to sign up for Summer Break Escape, an escape room hosted by the Learning Resource Center earlier in the month. Participants must solve riddles, puzzles, and locks to escape the classroom in 30 minutes or less.

Future classes planned for the summer include Supreme Slime-Making, Pathways to Healthcare, and Plant Power.

FCC Busy with Construction, Landscaping on Campus



Taking advantage of the lighter traffic during summer months, construction and landscaping crews, as well as the FCC maintenance department, have been busy with multiple projects.

Roads were patched and repaired near the Learning Resource Center and Workforce Development Center. The parking lot of The Bobcat Den was also patched with new concrete over the course of two weeks, creating a smoother lot for students, fitness center members, and guests of baseball games held at FNB Field.

With the conclusion of the 2017-2018 baseball season, dirt work began near FNB Field to level the grounds and prevent further erosion.

Grass has been seeded near The Bobcat Den and FNB Field, and landscaping was also added. With the new work, a clear path has been designated for the gate to FNB Field.

For the convenience of students and visitors, additional signage is being installed on the Frontier campus. FCC strives to create a campus that is easy to navigate and draws in the community.



Rotary Donation Funds Athletic Storage Building

Earlier this year, Frontier Community College completed construction for an athletics storage building, located near the parking lot for The Bobcat Den and FNB Field. The project was funded by a grant from the Fairfield Rotary Club.

Construction for the athletics building began in September 2017, with all work completed by students enrolled in FCC's Construction Technology Program. Led by instructor Steve Brokaw, students poured concrete, framed the building, installed windows, and more. The project provided students with hands-on experience for the construction trade while remaining on FCC's campus.

The storage building currently houses equipment for maintenance of FNB Field, home of Frontier Bobcats Baseball.

"The Fairfield Rotary Club is proud to have been able to assist Frontier in the construction of the maintenance building," said Rotarian Jonathon Farmer. "As a club we strive to better our community, and we believe this project was both a great educational project for the Construction Technology Program as well as a useful tool for athletics."



Rotarian Jonathon Farmer (right) is pictured in front of the completed project with Dr. Jay Edgren (center) and Dr. Paul Bruinsma (left).

Special Populations Program Presented to Local Middle Schools

Last fall, FCC applied for and received a \$10,000 Special Populations Support Grant to educate middle-school students, counselors, and teachers on nontraditional programs, as well as increase their awareness of career opportunities within these fields.

Presentations were led by members of the grant's team, including Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Kara Blanton, and Carrie Halbert. Videos were shown to students in which nontraditional employees shared their stories and day-to-day work experience (i.e. male nurses, female construction workers, female automotive technicians). After discussing nontraditional careers, employees set up multiple stations for students to learn more about FCC's career and technical education programs. Stations included using stethoscopes for Nursing, a Phlebotomy arm, and climbing gear used by the Electrical Distribution Systems Program.

FCC completed the Special Populations Grant with a presentation to teachers at New Hope Grade School. Teachers participated in a live webinar with Aimee Julian, Director of the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPS). During the webinar, they learned creative and useful ways to support students in their career interests, especially if the interest is a nontraditional career.

In May the grant's team traveled to Normal, Illinois to present the project and its results to the Illinois Community College Board and other Special Populations Grant recipients.



FCC Receives Wal-Mart Community Grant



Pictured: Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction; Doris Lane, Assistant Manager of Wal-Mart; and Megan Black, Director of Instructional Services.

Frontier Community College recently received a \$1,500 grant from Wal-Mart in Fairfield. The Wal-Mart Community Grant is awarded to non-profit organizations to provide and enhance opportunities and events within local communities.

FCC will use the Wal-Mart Community Grant to increase class offerings to the community, including personal enrichment classes for adults and summer camps for kids. The college is currently planning a cultural package for the community that will include tickets to see "Jersey Boys" at The Muny (St. Louis, MO), as well as transportation, dinner, and a backstage tour.

"The Wal-Mart Community Grant offsets many of the expenses that students would normally incur when they register for a continuing education class," said Dr. Paul Bruinsma. "Thanks to Wal-Mart, we are able to provide multiple opportunities at a lower cost that benefit families within the community."