

The Voyager

a Frontier Community College newsletter



July 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 17 IECC Board Meeting
- 24 FCC Foundation Dinner
- 27 Last day of classes
- 30 Final exams

August

- 2-3 Bobcats Volleyball Camp @ Center Street Gym
- 8 New Student Orientation 8AM-12:30PM @ WDC
- 8 Adjunct Instructor Workshop
- 9 FCC Workshop @ Bob Boyles Hall
- 9 Athlete Orientation 1PM-4PM @ CBW
- 13 CNA, PHB & HIT Orientation 8AM-4PM @ CBW
- 13 Registration & testing
- 16 First day of classes
- 21 IECC Board Meeting

September

- 3 College closed - Labor Day
- 17 Constitution Day

Students Honored at GED Graduation Ceremony



Eight students received their Certificate of Completion at the ceremony. From left to right, front: Bethani Patterson, Sadie Preston, Alexandria Hays, and Sylvester Johns. Back: Austin Gollner, Taylor Landreth, Jaida Burrows, and Brendan Crays.

Twenty-nine students were recognized at Frontier Community College's GED Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday, June 26. A large crowd of approximately 75 people were present for the ceremony, which was held in Classroom Building West.

Dena Weber, Program Director of Adult Education, gave the welcome before introducing Aimee Onyett, who was the guest speaker for this year's ceremony.

Onyett was chosen to speak to the graduates for her impressive educational achievements and ambitions. After dropping out of high school due to various circumstances, Onyett earned her GED in 1997 from Frontier Community College. She ultimately decided to return for her Associate's Degree, completing the Nursing Program at FCC in 2011. Onyett has since earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and will graduate in the fall with a Master of Science and Nursing Degree from Grand Canyon University.

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Looking back on her path to success, Onyett has come a very long way. “If you set your mind to something, you can accomplish it no matter the circumstances in life,” she said. Her story was inspiring to those who will soon be entering the workforce or returning to school for higher education.



Cheryl Holder, Director of Adult Education, then announced the 2018 graduates, who received their diplomas from IECC Trustee Gary Carter. Eight students (pictured on page 1) were present for the conferring of diplomas. Carter, shown at right, also served as a guest speaker to the audience, using the Blue Angels’ extensive training to convey a message of focus and perseverance. After a closing message and dismissal from President Dr. Jay Edgren, students and families were invited for cake and refreshments from the Adult Education Department.

“We are very proud of our graduates and hope they continue to further their education to improve their lives,” said Holder. “Events like these remind our Adult Education Department why we do what we do everyday.”

Now that they have received their Certificate of Completion, students have the opportunity to return to school or enter the workforce if they choose. Transition Services Coordinator Angel Maguire specifically helps individuals in this situation to navigate an educational or career path best suited to their skills and interests. Students can easily move into transfer courses or a career and technical education program of IECC.

Bruinsma Presents “Best Educational Session” at Cleveland Conference



After the conclusion of the Elevate 2018 Conference, Bruinsma (left) and Weger (right) stand with Annemieke Rice, Vice President of Campus Success with Campus Labs.

Late last month, Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instructional Services, attended the Elevate 2018 Conference with Brandon Weger, IECC’s Program Director of Student Learning Assessment.

The conference, hosted by Campus Labs in partnership with IDEA, was held June 27-29 in Cleveland, Ohio. Elevate is a three-day interactive conference dedicated to advancing teaching and learning through meaningful course evaluation methods. The event brings in a diverse group of users and institutions to introduce successful practices and new ideas through roundtable discussions and group sessions.

While at the conference, Bruinsma and Weger co-presented “Nothing to Something: Navigating the Implementation & Administration of Course Surveys”. The two discussed the use of end-of-course surveys and how student feedback can enhance course curriculum and faculty instruction. The presentation was ultimately voted “Best Educational Session” by conference attendees. After the conference, a private reception was held at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Bruinsma is grateful for the opportunity to attend the Elevate conference and network with other Campus Labs users and consultants.

Spring 2018 Honors List Announced

Frontier Community College is pleased to announce its honor roll for the Spring 2018 semester. Students were announced to the CEO's List (3.9-4.0), President's List (3.5-3.74), and Dean's List (3.75-3.89), all of which are established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

CEO's List

Nathan Abraham	Mark Koker
Mark Andrist	Cole Lydick
Jordon Atkinson	Jhensen Lugo Malave
Bethany Bailey	Sierra May
Audrey Balding	Brant McGill
Darla Bankston	Johanna Meyers
Danielle Barczewski	Krystal Mitchell
Janaye Barnfield	Jennifer Moises
William Belangee	Haylee Neuman
Cara Bohannan	Leia Nobles
Meagan Borah	Landon Oestreich
Masor Borowiak	Kristi Paul
Janet Bryan	Kasey Pearson
Carly Burke	Kylie Prather
Nicholas Cartright	Allie Puntney
Kendra Cessna	Devan Rich
Carrie Christman	Steven Robinson
Lawson Clayton	Chance Runyon
Deana Coomer	Sandra Sanders
Seth Cummings	Alexis Shaw
Christy Davenport	Faith Simpson
Stephen Delancy	Sabrina Simpson
Faith Fields	Teresa Simpson
Samantha Finn	Chelsea Smith
Elizabeth Frazier	Ethan Smith
Alicia Garrison	Joni Smith
Cheyenne Garrison	Caleb Smothers
Misty Garrison	Rebecca Spitzner
Misty Gill	Matthew Stevenson
Riley Hartman	Keaton Titus
Jacob Henry	Otis Venters, Jr.
Robin Hooper	Otis Venters, Sr.
Christopher Itshishin	Sheryl Walker
Kasey Ingram	Allysa Walters
Robin Jones	Mary Weaver
Jeremy Kemplen	Twyla Wilson
Myranda Kenshalo	Mark Withrow
Ty Kinkelaar	Colton Wood
Joel Koker	Trey Woosley

President's List

Timothy Bailey
Kennedy Coffelt
Kyle Coffelt
Madison Cowsert
Kimmra Crawford
Troy Davis
Ashley DeVous
Knox Faulkner
Blayne Hancock
Dorothie Hedden
Carter Hilliard-Walker
Colton Kroll
Adrian Lopez
Kainen Mays
Joseph Perez
Brenda Rodriguez
McKenna Smith
Jayden Stanford
Melissa Stewart
Christina Walker
Hadlee Whoberry
Cameron Winger

Dean's List

Dawson Boose
Tylor Etheridge
Brandon Fleck
Rebecca Fletcher
Madeline Gillard
Ashley Hall
Larissa Hamilton
Jimmy Harris
McKensie Harrison
Caisie Hart
John Hunt
Brittany Hutchison
Dakota King
Araya Koehler
Heather Land
Donovan Lee
Brendan Mafnas
Zachary Norton
Peyton Turrentine
Bailey Walters
Jonah Weaver
Anna Wheeler
Emma Williams

Community Star Party Held on FCC Campus



FCC held a star party for adults and kids in the community on Tuesday, July 10. The event drew a crowd of over 50, and those in attendance were able to witness a beautiful night sky.

After a brief educational overview, adjunct science instructor Ken Harris led attendees out to the parking lot of Mason Hall, where four telescopes were set up. Under the clear skies, the planets Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus were visible. Guests could also see multiple constellations and globular clusters within the Milky Way, which is directly overhead during the summer season.

Thanks to the Wal-Mart Community Grant that FCC received earlier this year, guests were treated to an ice cream bar during the event.

The star party was an entertaining evening that provided a unique educational experience for the community. Harris was very pleased with the turnout and hopes to plan another star party later this fall.



Harl Hired as New Graphic Arts & Design Instructor



Frontier has hired Cheryl Harl as a new instructor for the Graphic Arts & Design (GAD) Program. Harl will officially begin teaching for the program this fall, with classes beginning August 16.

Harl was hired for the position after former instructor Angelique Maguire became the Transition Services Coordinator for the Adult Education Program.

Teaching both first and second-year students in the GAD Program, Harl will be an instructor for multiple classes, including Computer Graphic Fundamentals, Design Fundamentals II, and Computer Animation.

Harl's vision for the program is to establish for students the ability to create eye-catching visuals and gripping content. "Graphics play a major role in social media and in our daily lives," says Harl. "I want these already talented minds to continue to grow and learn in this program and feel prepared to enter the workforce or transition to a 4-year college."

Cox Resigns After 13 Years at FCC

Longtime employee Veronica Cox resigned from Frontier Community College on June 8. Cox worked as a custodian and groundskeeper for the college for over thirteen years.

Employees joined Cox for cake and punch on her last day to wish her well in future endeavors.



Maintenance Director Galen Dunn is pictured above with Cox, who was part of the maintenance department for many years.

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Community Kids Participate in Summer Camps



Kid camps sponsored by Frontier's Community Education Program will wrap up at the end of this month, with one final event scheduled for Tuesday, July 31.

Supreme Slime-Making was held last month and drew a crowd of over 40, providing an entertaining and creative outlet for kids. Back by popular demand, a second class has been added to the schedule.

FCC Adjunct Instructor Carrie Dagg and her daughter, Carly, held a Plant Power class on Wednesday, June 27. The Daggs taught kids all about the importance of plants and sent them home with samples at the end of the day.

Teaming up with Fairfield Memorial Hospital, the Community Education Program held a Pathways to Healthcare event on Friday, June 29. Grade school students had the opportunity to learn about the healthcare industry as well as the CTE Programs of Nursing and Phlebotomy on Frontier's campus. Presenting the programs were Nursing Instructor Beth Wilson and Adjunct Instructor Becky Carter. Kids also received a tour of the Nursing Simulation Lab, and demonstrations using Phlebotomy's prosthetic arm and Nursing's expanding lungs. Fairfield Memorial Hospital provided these students with a tour of its facility and Radiology Department.

Each of the summer kid camps were provided thanks to the \$1,500 Wal-Mart Community Grant. Using the grant, the Community Education Program purchased supplies and materials for each class.

Student Club Donates Charging Station



Pictured, from left to right: Club Advisor Annie Lankford, Landon Willett, Shyla Beck, Mikayla Walters, Myranda Kenshalo, Emma Williams, and Riley Hartman. Not pictured: Club President Cheyanne Garrison.

The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Club has generously donated a charging station to The Bobcat Den on FCC's campus. The charging station was recently placed in the building over the summer and is now available for students and the public to use.

TRIO held multiple fundraisers throughout the 17-18 academic year to raise funds for the charging station. One of those events included a gift basket raffle during the Christmas season, from which the club raised over \$1100.

"I am proud of these club members for thinking of ways to improve our campus with other students in mind," said Annie Lankford, Academic Counselor for TRIO SSS. The Den is a common location for students, as it houses the bookstore, fitness center, and Frontier Perks Coffeehouse.

The charging station decal and club shirts were designed by student Riley Hartman, pictured right. Hartman is a second-year student in the Graphic Arts & Design Program at FCC.