



44TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Frontier Community College (FCC) held its 44th annual Commencement on Friday, May 13th. A total of 242 degrees and certificates were conferred for the 2021-2022 academic year. Since the first commencement in 1979, FCC has awarded over 6,500 degrees and certificates.



Students "turning their tassels" collectively at the end of Commencement

After the processional, the welcome was given by Dr. Jay Edgren, President of FCC. The student speaker for the evening was graduate Alexa Price. Dr. Paul Bruinsma, Dean of Instruction, presented the degrees and certificates. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Gary Carter, Mr. Jan Ridgely, and Miss Raechel Hnetkovsky, members of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) Board of Trustees. The charge to the class was presented by Dr. Edgren.

Upcoming Events

June

- 20 College closed/Juneteenth
- 30 Midterm

July

- 04 College Closed/Independence Day
- 28 Last Day of Summer Classes
- 29 Finals - Summer Classes



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Receiving the President's Award that evening was Alexa Price of Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Price graduated with an Associate in Science and Arts degree with high honors. While a student at FCC, she was a two-year member of the Beta Alpha Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society among two-year colleges. She served as chapter vice president during the 2021-2022 academic year. Alexa was a member of Student Senate and planned and participated in student activities on campus. Alexa earned Chancellor's Honors during her freshman and sophomore years, maintaining a 4.0 GPA.



President's Award Recipient Alexa Price with President Edgren

Alexa not only found success in the classroom, but also on the FCC volleyball team. She demonstrated her leadership on the court while playing the positions of setter and libero. In 2021, Alexa was named to the NJCAA Volleyball All-Academic First Team for her academic and athletic achievements. This fall, Alexa plans to continue her education at Paul Quinn College to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications.

BOBCAT'S PLAY AT FCC SETS UP HER FUTURE

Roxana Vasquez, two-year member of the FCC volleyball team, has signed to play at West Virginia Tech this upcoming season.

Along with playing volleyball, Roxana worked as a student worker in the library and as a tutor in the Academic Success Center. Roxana has had success on the volleyball court but will be remembered for more than just her playing ability. "She is determined and passionate about being the best player and teammate she can be ... We will miss her presence on the court and her bright, loving personality ... We thank her for all she did for the Bobcats and wish her continued success!," said Head Volleyball Coach Nixie Hnetkovsky.



FCC Volleyball Player Roxana Vasquez

DISSECTION GOES DIGITAL

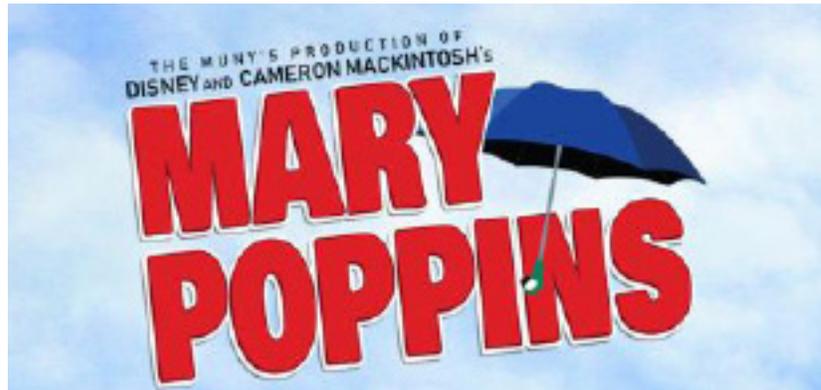
Students in Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II have enjoyed a new opportunity in the classroom this year as they were able to utilize the Anatomage Virtual Dissection Table. Users are able to visualize anatomy, just as they would with a cadaver, except now it provides every student with the opportunity to perform a dissection. It was an adjustment for the students, but as they learn to use it, they are realizing how useful of a tool it really is. “It’s kind of intimidating at first, but as we’ve used it more in class it’s gotten easier to go on and it has been pretty cool,” said FCC Sophomore Christopher Elledge.



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GROUP TO VISIT ST. LOUIS FOR MARY POPPINS & MORE

A group of all ages will be visiting St. Louis on July 8th to see the Mary Poppins production at The Muny. For only \$175 a person, each individual will receive charter bus transportation, a ticket to the St. Louis Aquarium, dinner at a local restaurant, a tour of The Muny and, of course, the Mary Poppins performance!



BUSINESS & INDUSTRY TRAINING

- WED held an Instructor Meeting for both full and part-time instructors on May 12th. This was the first meeting since the WED organization restructure. Details of the new organization structure and updated procedures and policies were shared with the instructors. In addition, Kim Underwood was recognized for ten years of service.
- Monthly safety trainings began at Elastec in April. Elastec has approximately 80 employees and manufactures oil spill clean up equipment.
- Training will begin at Ataraxia next month. Ataraxia is a cannabis processing plant located in Albion. The training will include workplace safety, CPR, and Microsoft Suite training.
- Additional trainings being offered this month include OSHA 10, forklift, and welding.

TITLE III UPDATE

Frontier Community College's first cohort of Medical Laboratory Technicians graduated from the program on May 13, 2022. In addition to celebrating graduation, each one of the graduates celebrated having already accepted full time employment with area laboratories. However, the evening was bittersweet for the group.



MLT graduates with former director Jennifer England

Former program director and adjunct faculty member, Jennifer England (3rd from the left), has officially left the program for another professional opportunity. England was instrumental in launching the fledging MLT program and worked diligently toward program accreditation. The Title III team wishes Jennifer a bright and happy future and thanks her for her service and guidance in establishing Frontier's Medical Laboratory Technician program.



Cody on the beach with the magic of a green screen



A behind the scenes look at Cody

The Title III team is excited to offer another summer camp designed to interest youth, ages 4th through 7th grade, in laboratory science careers. The 2022 Camp CSI is Shark Attack! Students will use DNA technology to determine if a single shark or multiple sharks are responsible for attacks off the coast of Australia. But where could an Australian lifeguard be found? Right here, on the campus of Frontier Community College, of course! Cody Godbold, a native of Sydney, Australia and member of the Bobcats baseball team, took time before returning home for the summer to record a video to be used in the summer camp class. Thank you Cody for adding a touch of reality to Camp CSI!

SOLAR PANELS HELP TO POWER UP FCC



Solar Panels on FCC Campus

As of May 11th, the solar array at Frontier Community College has been fully operational. During the commissioning, Project Manager Michelle Knox, explained the system and how to access metrics. As of June 9th, since installation of the panels, the amount of energy they have generated is the equivalent of 83 trees being planted. In that same time frame, the carbon dioxide emissions that have been saved are approximately 10,919 lbs worth. FCC is thankful for all of the work put into making the installation possible, and look forward to seeing the impact the panels have in the short and long-term.
