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## 2024 Lineman Rodeo



Lineman Rodeo overall winner Virgil Jansen



Drone shot of the pole yard



Setting up for the hurt man rescue challenge

The 2024 Lineman Rodeo took place on Saturday, April 20th. 12 participants competed against one another in six different events to show off the skills and expertise gained from their time in the Electrical Distribution Systems program. The events they participated in were egg climb, fuse swap, hurt man rescue, speed climb, under-slung switch - open & close, and the mystery event. The overall champion of the Lineman Rodeo was Virgil Jansen. A huge thank you to Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, CenterPoint Energy, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Clay Electric Cooperative, and Brownstown Electric Supply Co. for sponsoring the event.

## Upcoming Events

### May

- 10 Graduation
- 13 First Day of Intersession
- 21 Midterm
- 27 Memorial Day. Colleges Closed
- 31 Last Day of Intersession

### June

- 3 First Day of Summer Classes
- 19 Juneteenth. Colleges closed
- 28 Midterm

### Bobcat Den Hours

Monday-Friday  
7:30AM-4:00PM

# Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony



2024 PTK Inductees

The Frontier Community College Beta Alpha Lambda chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) held their formal induction ceremony on Sunday, April 28th at 2pm at Bob Boyles Hall on campus.

PTK advisor Linda Monge gave the welcome and was followed by Chapter President Bob Ellis who gave remarks concerning the hallmarks of PTK and led the induction ceremony, with each new inductee receiving a certificate and a white rose. Each new inductee also signed the chapter's membership book.

Head Softball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director Jeremy Ellis was the guest speaker, and shared a motivational message to the group and audience, centered around perseverance and effort.

The inductees this year included: Vice President Karlie Bean, Troy Childers, Abby Cunningham, Riley Cunningham, Secretary Addie Dungy, Vice President Kaylee Halsema, Project Chairperson Laela Kohzadi, Samantha Locey, Elijah Matheson, Project Chairperson McKenna Poole, Jenna Rhineburger, Eric Rodgers, Paige Thomas, and Maryn Vaughn.

PTK was established by presidents of Missouri two-year colleges in 1918. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service programming.

Today, PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education, with over 3.8 million members and 1,300 chapters in 10 countries.

# FCC Student Receives All-State Honor



Bob Ellis receiving a certificate and medal after being named to the PTK All-State Academic Team



Bob Ellis and PTK Advisor Linda Monge

FCC graduate Bob Ellis was recently named to the Phi Theta Kappa 2023-2024 Illinois all-state academic team. Members of this team are selected from many applicants and selection is based on college GPA, student leadership and involvement in campus and community activities, and recommendations.

Ellis applied for the honor in the fall of 2023, then was nominated by the PTK Chapter Advisor Linda Monge. He served as chapter president for two years, was very active in Student Senate, and served as a student ambassador at FCC. In addition to his on campus duties, he also worked as announcer for Bobcat Nation, broadcasting local sporting events, including FCC volleyball, softball, and baseball games.

The members selected to this prestigious all-state team each received a certificate and medal at a banquet and ceremony held on Thursday, April 25th. The banquet was held at the President Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

PTK Advisor Linda Monge spoke about Ellis and all he has accomplished in his time at FCC. “Bob has been a pleasure to teach and advise. He is always doing whatever he can to get involved on campus and help out other students in the process. His effort in the classroom matches his effort outside of the classroom and he is an outstanding student. EIU will be gaining an exceptional student and young man and I can’t wait to see what all he is able to accomplish,” said Monge.

Ellis has attended FCC the last two years and plans to transfer to Eastern Illinois University in the fall to study Secondary Business Education.

# Grad Fest 2024



2024 Graduates  
Jenna Rhineburger,  
Alyssa Young, and  
Raegann Kochel



2024 Gradfest basket winner Hannah Shular

Grad Fest took place Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd in the Learning Commons at FCC. Graduates were able to stop by and pick up their caps and gowns, giveaways, and get a photo-op. Director of Learning Commons Lori Noe worked to make sure everything went smoothly, and the grads had everything they needed ahead of commencement. “Grad Fest was busy, but things went very well. Students were able to come and pick up their things for graduation but also hang out for a little while and enjoy one of their last days at FCC before officially becoming an alumnus. We’re all so proud of the students and all they’ve accomplished and we cant wait to see what their future holds,” said Noe.

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# Title III Update

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This year, Frontier graduates its third cohort of Medical Laboratory Technicians on the evening of May 10th. Five new laboratory scientists were honored at the second annual MLT pinning ceremony in Bob Boyles Hall the afternoon of the 10th, with pins being conferred by MLT faculty Jennifer England, Julie Dehart, and Cindy Green. The keynote speaker will be FCC MLT alum Felicia Wissel. Each of the five graduates have accepted employment offers and are eager to apply their skills learned at FCC at various hospitals throughout the region.

## Business & Industry Update

**Small Business Development Center (SBDC):** The SBDC and Business & Industry are now offering a QuickBooks Class.

Director of Small Business Development Center Michelle Brooks presented on SBDC services to the Olney Rotary Club last month.

SBDC hosted a chamber directors roundtable and also co-hosted a lender forum with the SBDC at Eastern Illinois University.

**Emergency Preparedness (EP):** Emergency Medical Responder classes began for the Fairfield Police Department as well as the Fairfield Rural Fire Department.

CPR classes have continued at Richland County High School and Lawrenceville High School.

A Fire Advisory Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23rd.

**Mining and Industrial Training (MIT):** MIT is collaborating with the Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers to create aggregate mining certificates.

Two MIT instructors will be attending 'train the trainer' for ALICE in June.

FLAIM, a virtual reality fire training, has been implemented to augment training.

**Business and Industry (B&I):** Upcoming B&I trainings include: Cannabis in the Workplace, Emotional Intelligence, and a Mental Health Workshop.

New clients or existing clients with new additional trainings include: NAL, City of Albion, Sherwin Williams, and Fairfield Memorial Hospital.