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The Frontier Community College Newsletter

2024 Fall Semester Approaching



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As the summer semester is winding down and the new school year is close to beginning, Frontier Community College has been preparing for the arrival of returning students, as well as new ones. FCC held New Student Orientation (NSO) Tuesday, August 13th from 830am-1130am.

FCC's NSO put an emphasis on providing students all the information they need to feel confident and comfortable from the moment they begin class. Students received in-depth tours of the buildings on campus and learned what is provided in each of them.

Students were able to receive their textbooks, meet some of the FCC faculty and staff, and get to know some of their classmates as their journey as Bobcats is almost underway.

In addition to touring campus, NSO also featured a free breakfast, club sign-up, and a drink from Ginger Ale's to wrap up the day.

Upcoming Events

August

15 First Day of Classes

September

2 Campus Closed. Labor Day.

12 Constitution Obervance Day. Classes in Session.

October

9 Midterm

14 Campus Closed. Columbus Day

Bobcat Den Hours

Monday - Friday

7:30AM - 4:30PM

NJCAA All-Academic Teams

NJCAA All-Academic Student Athletes

1st Team	4.0 GPA
2nd Team	3.8-3.99 GPA
3rd Team	3.6-3.79 GPA

Baseball

First Team: Pierce Bauerle, Owen Byberg, Thierry Dion, Aric Ehmke, Nicholas Kaelin, Finn O'Connell, Maxwell Tripure, Tony Woodie, Aydin Wright

Second Team: Ethan Davis, Joaquin Gutierrez, Keegan Martin, Joshua Mauney, Benjamin Rousseau

Third Team: Trenten Creek, Bryce Humphrey, Steele Jackson, Zachary Leduc, Judson Sandy, Dawson Schumann, Colt Sussex-Uphold, Nicholas Thompson, Mason Wargel

Softball

First Team: Karlie Bean, Abigail Cunningham, Riley Cunningham, Kaylee Halsema, Rylan Jarboe, Kinley Sparks

Second Team: Ahjareece Hollowell

Volleyball

First Team: Abigail Biggs, Addison Dundy, Landry Hall, Laela Kohzadi, Jenna Rhineburger, Paige Thomas, Nealia Toedebusch, Alyssa Young

Second Team: Lucy Britt, Maryn Vaughn

Third Team: Chloe Ledendecker, Cadence Wartsbaugh

The National Junior College Athletic Association announced its All-Academic Teams for the 2023-2024 year. Frontier had a total of 42 student-athletes that were named on one of the teams, a nearly 50% increase from last year.

Among the 42 named, 23 were first-team with a 4.0 GPA, eight were second-team with a GPA between 3.8-3.99, and 11 third-team with a GPA between 3.6-3.79.

Collectively, the three teams performed well academically and ranked highly. Teams as whole earn their placings in NJCAA with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. The baseball team earned 11th place nationally with a 3.56 GPA, the softball team finished 23rd nationally with a 3.63 GPA, and the volleyball team finished 4th nationally with a 3.82 GPA.

All of the coaches and student-athletes at FCC take pride in their performance both on the field as well as in the classroom.

New Year, New Student Ambassadors



Student Ambassadors: Front- Kori Kessel, Aubrey Churchill, Zoe Wiggins, and Charliey Robertson. Back- Payton Hamilton, Elah West, Alek Couch, and Quenten Hallam.

Six new and two returning student ambassadors have begun their duties as their orientation was held on Friday, August 9th.

Though their backgrounds and interests vary, one thing they have in common is the desire to be a strong representative of FCC. They will assist in various parts of campus and represent the FCC student body by participating in campus events, such as recruiting activities, among other responsibilities.

We're excited to have a great group of ambassadors and look forward to seeing what they accomplish as Bobcats.

Activities Planned to Kick-Off New Semester



The first few weeks of class are always busy, but this year a variety of different activities and events will take place for students to have a little fun while settling in to begin the new academic year.

Director of Learning Commons Lori Noe organized the events and spoke about how beneficial it can be for students to get involved in activities outside of the classroom.

“Students who are ‘plugged in’ tend to have a more well-rounded college experience. To be able to get out and have some fun while getting to know some of your classmates is a new way we hope to see students fully immersing themselves in the college experience right from the jump,” said Noe.

CDL Training Trucking Along with Newly Wrapped Trailer

In March 2023, the Truck Driver Training program began at FCC. Shortly after, the process began to create a design and have the idea turned into reality and the wrap was installed during the summer.

FCC President & IECC Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs Jay Edgren spoke about how thankful he and the college were to be able to make this idea a reality. “We were fortunate enough to have monies available for the project via

an IBT (Innovative Bridge and Transition) grant provided by ICCB. The ‘wrap’ was designed by the marketing department with assistance from academic affairs. We’re very happy with the result; the letters and numbers really pop, and can be seen from quite a distance,” said Edgren.



Newly Installed Wrap on Trailer for Truck Driver Training

Title III Update

Frontier Community College's Medical Laboratory Technician lab is fully stocked and ready for the largest program enrollment yet. Eleven future medical laboratory technicians will enter this month, and nine second-year students will return ready to gain clinical experience.

Throughout the summer, the MLT faculty, along with the assistance of Title III Distance Learning Specialist Amanda Kotch, have been hard at work building on the previous successes of the program by bolstering lectures and materials and adding new technologies and challenges to the lab experience. The MLT program was founded on the standards of the Quality Matters program which includes continual improvement. FCC's MLT faculty continually looks for new challenges and opportunities for growth. This is evident in the success of the program.

Business & Industry Update

JTED Grant: The Job Training and Economic Development Grant awarded funding to purchase Amatrol equipment for manufacturing training.

Training Sessions: New trainings are being offered including blueprint training, OneNote, and Outlook. Training was provided at Clay County Hospital, Flying S, Lawrence County Hospital through the non-credit grant, and Fairfield Memorial Hospital through working training funds.

MIT/WED: Mining and Industrial Training will meet with the International Association of Administrative Professionals to discuss a potential degree and certificate program. A meeting is also being set with John A. Logan College to incorporate new miner training into their CDL program.

SBDC: The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) held a 'How to Start a Small Business in Illinois' workshop in Robinson and Flora, and will host one in Mt. Carmel later in the month.

An advisory board meeting convened with 12 members and guests present to discuss the SBDC's impact and challenges.

An 'A.I. for Small Businesses' workshop took place in Robinson during July.

Emergency Preparedness: Upcoming training for law enforcement in partnership with the mobile training unit.

FCC EMT and EMR classes beginning in the fall.

On track to first paramedicine cohort, in partnership with Wabash General Hospital, for Spring '25.