**Academic Affairs:**

**Appreciation**

As we wrap the academic year, the Academic Affairs office would like to express appreciation to faculty and staff for their dedication and support for students to achieve their educational goals this year. Thank you for all you do for student success! Have a wonderful summer break!

**CAT Program Alum tops CAT World Competition Program!**

Professor Mark Matthews had the opportunity to attend the Caterpillar Dealer Top Apprentice Program in Melbourne Australia on March 21-30, 2019. Xavier Gingerevans, from Louisville KY and a 2018 Graduate of ICC’s Think big program, was chosen as one of four individuals from the United States to attend the program and compete. In its 40th year, competition consisted of an oral presentation, a written assessment and three days of skills Olympics. The United States was invited last year, for the first time, to enlarge the competition and represent a broader selection. Xavier won the Oral Presentation, the Written Assessment, and the Skills Olympics. Congratulations to Xavier Gingerevans, Professor Mark Matthews, and all Professors in the CAT program for representing Illinois Central College so well. Great job!

**Humanities**

**English Transition Course Pilot**

The goal of a transition course is to reduce the number of students needing developmental coursework in college. Transition courses are typically offered to high school juniors and seniors. High schools offer a course that aligns to outcomes for college placement.

In 2017, Illinois Central College and Peoria Public Schools developed a pilot high school transition curriculum in English to prepare students for the rigors of reading and writing in college. Students who successfully complete the transition course are eligible to enroll in the transfer curriculum at ICC. No further placement testing is needed.

Last year, students who successfully completed the English Transition course in their respective high schools went on to enroll in an Early College English course and were
successful. ICC plans to expand the number of students and schools who participate in this pilot project next year.

ICC English faculty Melissa Grunow has developed a guidebook and also leading training workshops for selected high schools in May and June to both orient faculty and also discuss content and pedagogy for teaching the English Transition course which is equivalent to ENG 095.

**Facilities & Technology Update**

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Educational Foundation

Trustee Meeting - May 2019

The ICC Educational Foundation Board of Directors and staff are pleased to announce the outstanding success of the 2019 Simply Divine event. The event was held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, and hosted 92 guests. The evening treated attendees to a fine dining experience highlighting ICC’s Culinary Arts Institute. In addition, the ICC Health Career Programs were highlighted during the cocktail hour, as guests had the opportunity to interact with students and the program’s many simulators. Over $80,000 was raised through sponsorships, ticket sales, live auction items and outright donations. Event proceeds will benefit the ICC Health Careers and Culinary Arts Programs. A special thank you to Church Women United – Illinois for serving as the Premier Dinner sponsor.

The ICC Educational Foundation’s scholarship selection process is in full swing. Over 150 students have already been sent award letters notifying them of their selection for a 2019-2020 scholarship. The remainder of the committees will make their final selections now through July 15.

The friends and family of Janet Sue Bradshaw have established a new endowed scholarship in support of the ICC students. The Janet Sue Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship was established to assist students pursuing the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at ICC. Janet was employed as an occupational therapist registered in the Peoria area for 35 years. She was a caring, compassionate person who truly loved helping others. She had a Bachelor of Science degree and a master’s degree in occupational therapy. Her friends and family hope to continue her legacy by encouraging an ICC student to follow their dreams and passion.

The ICC Alumni Association has 452 members! A special thank you to the Foundation Board of Directors and True Blue Ambassadors who volunteered this month. Volunteers congratulated students as they picked up their caps and gowns and inquired about their future plans. The alumni volunteers gifted each graduate with an ICC Alum license plate frame to help them show their cougar pride as the newest ICC graduates!
Join the ICC alumni for the sixth annual Alumni Night with the Peoria Chiefs on Saturday, June 15. Alumni are invited to bring their families to enjoy a buffet dinner from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and to cheer on the Peoria Chiefs as they take on the Burlington Bees at 6:35 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Alumni Relations office at 309-694-5317. Attendees are encouraged to wear their alumni t-shirts!

Save the Dates:

Please join us for the 2019 Presidents’ Reception scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 5:00 p.m., at WeaverRidge Golf Club. This event recognizes our most generous donors for their support of the Educational Foundation and College throughout the past year. Contact the Foundation offices for more information at 309-694-5530. Invitations were mailed to your home.

The ICC Educational Foundation Board of Directors and ICC Board of Trustees annual reception is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at WeaverRidge Golf Club following the Educational Foundation’s September board meeting. More information will be included in the invitation sent to your home in August.

Andrew Rinehart and David Wiest will present a free estate planning seminar on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at ICC Peoria. Attendees will learn how to prepare the information needed to work with an attorney in drafting or updating a will or trust, while addressing questions on recent changes to tax laws and healthcare & financial powers of attorney. Reservations are required, please call (309) 694-5530 or visit icc.edu/acp/estate to register. For more information on this event please talk with a member of the ICC Educational Foundation staff.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Community Celebration on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. This event honors those individuals who make a difference in the lives of ICC students! Please join the ICC Educational Foundation for an evening of celebrating our donors and scholarship recipients. Sponsorships are available at various levels for individuals and businesses. Contact the Foundation offices at (309) 694-5530 for more information. Invitations will be mailed in September.

Human Resources

Human Resources hosted retirement counselors from the State University Retirement System (SURS) on May 1 for onsite retirement counseling sessions. Twenty eight employees participated.
Beginning on April 3, all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are available electronically to all ICC employees on ICCNET. This enhancement will allow employees to review procedures and access related forms in the same location.

The Human Resources Department participated in a “HR Health Check” April 29 to May 10. A representative from High Street is evaluating human resources staff use of the PeopleSoft enterprise system and how we might maximize its functionality.

**Organizational Learning**

Employee Recognition awards to faculty and staff were delivered with balloons, candy, and applause. Employees expressed their surprise, appreciation, and heartfelt humility when surprised with the announcement. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. The Employee Recognition Reception was prepared and rehearsed and will be held on May 8.

New employee orientation is getting closer to perfection as new employees were shown the Blackboard course, and it was received well. During the summer, groups of new employees will continue to meet in the library conference room while HR is in transition to the new location.

In collaboration with the Employee Engagement and Support Team, a newsletter is being developed to update employees on the strategic teams and their progress.

**Marketing and Communications**

**April 2019 News Releases**

04/01/19 --- ICC Hosts 15th Annual International Fair April 13
04/04/19 --- Illinois Central College Solar Pipeline Training Program Applications Now Available
04/11/19 --- Illinois Central College Theatre Program Presents 7 Performances of Blue Window Opening April 12
04/11/19 --- Illinois Central College Presents Arts Week 2019 April 15-19
04/15/19 --- ICC Music Program Holds Vocal Tuition Waiver Auditions May 6 and 7
04/18/19 --- Illinois Central College Hosts Open Houses for “Earn and Learn” Career Training
04/25/19 --- Illinois Central College’s Penguin Players Program Begins May 13
04/26/19 --- Philharmonic Chorale, In Residence at Illinois Central College, Presents an Afternoon of Music on May 5
Student Life

Students are always excited for the month of May. Classes for the spring semester are wrapping up and there are many club activities for students to enjoy.

- May 1: The Sign Club hosted a Mother's Day sale, selling approximately 25 books.
- May 5: The International Club held a Farewell Party for International students with a tribute to the International Students who are graduating or leaving.
- International Club held a cookout/study break for international students on May 8.
- May 8: The Campus Crusade (CRU) gave out free bibles to students and took the opportunity to educate students about CRU.
- May 14: Phi Beta Lambda (PNL) hosted a Mentor/Mentee Luncheon where the students were able to share about their experience in this program.
- May 17: The Agri-Business club held a forum with a question and answer session on the growing hemp industry in central Illinois.

Student Services

Athletics

Softball:

Softball is the #1 seed for the region 24 tournament which starts this Thursday in Mattoon, IL. Current Record is 20-14.

Baseball:

Baseball has clinched a spot in the Region 24 tournament. We have our last series this weekend. We will end up as the 4, 5, or 6 seed depending on the results. We have had an 11 game winning streak during the year. The Region tournament begins on May 16 and is being held at the Corn Crib in Normal.

Men’s Golf:

Men’s Golf will go to French Lick, IN, this weekend for their National Tournament qualifier. They have had representation in the national tournament either an individual or team every year but one since 1996.