

# View from the Valley

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# Valley Briefs



## Graduation Date Set

WVC has selected May 14, 2021 as the date for its commencement ceremony. The format for the ceremony will be decided upon and announced one month prior to the ceremony date.



## WVC Library Reopens to the Public

WVC is reopening its campus to the public on February 15. The college will also be opening its library to the public again. Beginning February 15, community members can use the library from 12:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.



## WVC Foundation's Annual Crystal Ball Virtualized

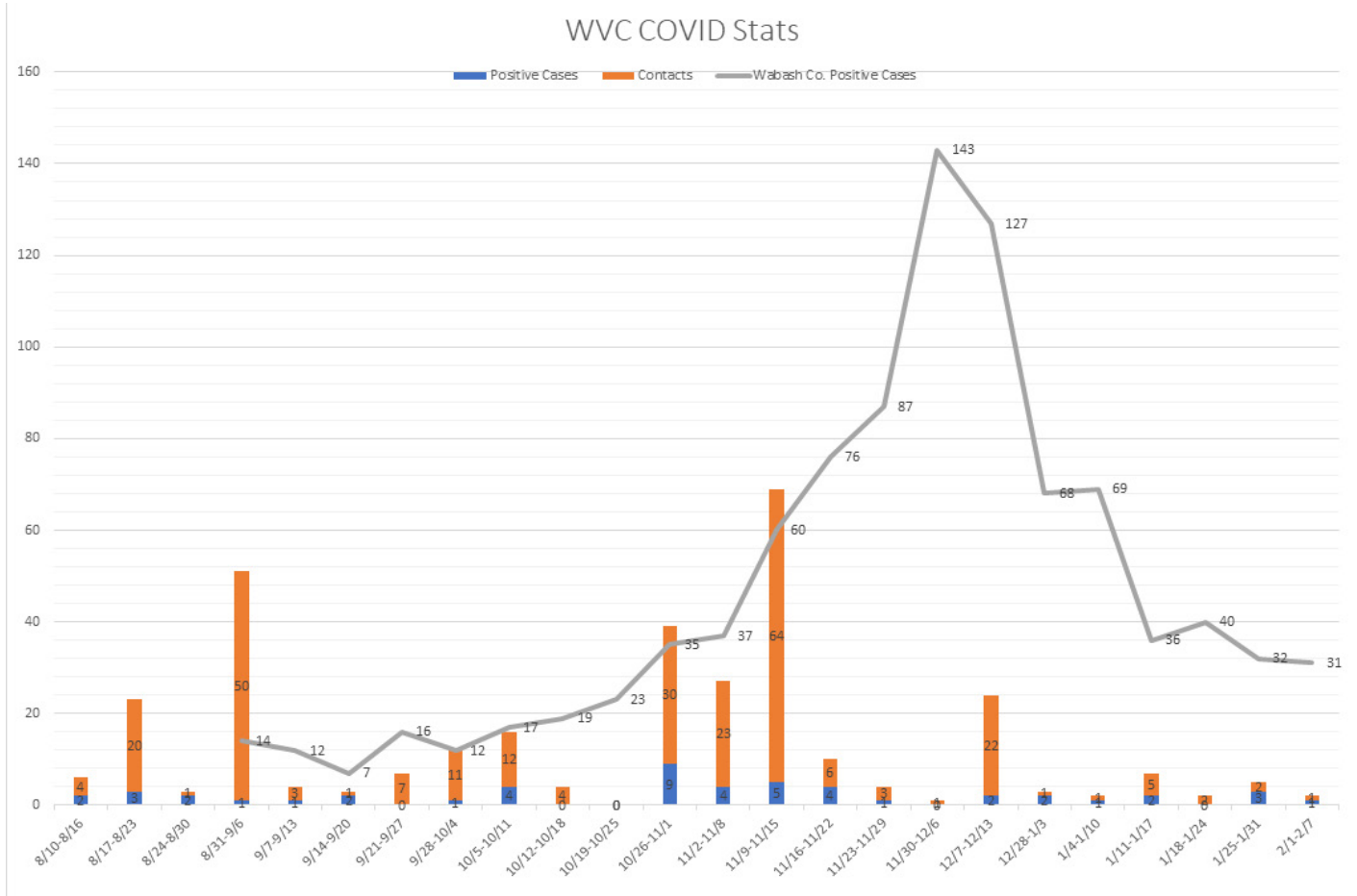
The Wabash Valley College Foundation's annual Crystal Ball is being converted to a virtual fundraiser this year due to COVID-19. The details of the fundraiser will be shared once the Foundation finalizes its plans.

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**“It’s ok to try things out, to ask questions, to feel unsure, to let your mind wander, to daydream, to ask for help, to experiment, to take time out, to not know, to practice, to ask for help again and again, to make mistakes, and to check your understanding.”**

**— Jane Revell**

# WVC Holds The Line Against COVID-19



Wabash Valley College has maintained a low number of COVID-19 cases through the pandemic.

Since WVC began tracking COVID-19 cases and close contacts, the campus has kept its active cases down to an average of 2 per week.

Early on, the decision was made to send students home following Thanksgiving break. As can be seen, this was a

remarkably good idea, as COVID-19 cases increased dramatically in the county following the holiday.

WVC's custodial staff have done a remarkable job of sanitizing the campus. Classrooms and high-touch surfaces are cleaned on a regular schedule in order to reduce the spread of germs.

Further mitigation measures are also in place.

In addition to our sanitization efforts, WVC appointed a contact tracer at the beginning of the pandemic to help identify COVID-19 cases, confirm their isolation and impede the spread.

This practice has helped WVC reduce student-to-student infection and mitigate the risk of a major outbreak.

WVC looks forward to another healthy semester!

# WVC Announces Its Student Trustee Candidate



**Sania Borom is the candidate for WVC's Student Trustee position.**

Wabash Valley College is pleased to announce its candidate for Student Trustee.

This year's Student Trustee candidate is WVC freshman Sania Borom.

Sania is the daughter of Oveire Borom and Enisha Smith. She is from Indianapolis, Indiana, and is pursuing an Associates in Science and Arts

at WVC. After WVC, Sania plans to get her bachelor's in social work or law.

She is currently involved in Student Senate, the Social Services Club and is a member of the WVC volleyball team.

In her statement to the student body she said:

"I want to help make a difference in my home away from

home. I feel like I can be that person that advocates for the students at IECC.

I have a passion for helping others, and by being a part of the IECC Board of Trustees, I can do just that.

The IECC community has been wonderful and I want to make it even better. I want to be a part of making IECC the best district it can be."

# Health Professionals Club Hosts Dr. Karsten Slater as Guest Speaker



**Karsten B. Slater, MD, CAQ-SM was the guest speaker at this month's HPC meeting.**

Wabash Valley College's Health Professionals Club met on Thursday, Jan. 28.

The Health Professionals Club is designed to help students network with healthcare professionals and prepare for a future in healthcare.

Each month, the HPC brings in a guest speaker who works in some health-related profession. This month the club hosted Karsten B. Slater, MD, CAQ-SM.

Dr. Slater works at Wabash General Hospital Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine in Mt. Carmel, where he specializes in sports medicine.

He graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, did his residency with Deaconess Family Medicine, and completed his fellowship with Southern Illinois University Sports Medicine.

Dr. Slater met with the students

of the Health Professionals Club and talked about a variety of subjects.

He discussed his own journey to joining the medical field and the variety of ways students could go about joining the field of sports medicine.

At the end of the session, Dr. Slater fielded questions from several students wanting to know more about his experience in the field.

# WVC Men's Basketball Claims 5 Consecutive Wins



**Issac Stanback (middle) fights to get a shot off in traffic against Shawnee.**

WVC basketball coaches wondered how an early stretch of 5 games in 10 days would test their team's conditioning and perseverance.

The results are in. A perfect 5-0.

The Warriors closed the stretch with an 86-67 win over Lewis & Clark in a Region 24 game at Spencer Sports Center. The defense has played a

prominent role during the winning streak, but Carpenter is waiting for his offense to catch up.

"We're just not moving the ball the way I want it to be moved," the veteran coach said.

On defense Carpenter said, "we're getting a lot better. We're long and we really bother people with our length

and rebounding."

Issac Stanback did a little bit of everything for the Warriors. He led the team with 20 points. On a night when 12 Warriors hit the scoreboard, two other players contributed double figures: TreVon Smith (15) and Jamison Epps (10),

Every contest remaining will have post-season seeding implications, either through GRAC or Region 24 play.

# Warriors dodge bullet, extend GRAC winning streak to 71



**Kiki Carney (22) drives into the lane in the fourth quarter against Lake Land.**

The Wabash Valley College women's basketball team dodged a bullet on Saturday.

The Warriors were clinging to a 57-55 lead with just 17 seconds remaining, but it was Lake Land who had the ball and the last chance to win.

The Lakers threw the ball out of bounds with 11 seconds left. Two Warrior free throws and a last-second layup followed, and WVC had pre-

vailed, 61-55, in a Great Rivers Athletic Conference game at Spencer Sports Center.

It was the league opener for the Warriors, who have now stretched their 71-game conference winning streak into parts of a fifth season.

"I'm proud of our effort. We showed a lot of grit defensively with such a young team. We played that whole game with all freshman, except for

Jazmyn Turner."

Turner scored 27 points, leading the Warrior attack. She was also 11-of-11 at the foul line.

"Pretty impressive," Scheidecker said. "They doubled, tripled, even had four people on her at times. She just enforced her will."

"Jaz did what Jaz does," Scheidecker said.

# Warriors upset John A. Logan, snap Vols' 32-game GRAC win streak



**The Lady Warriors celebrate the winning point in a five-set upset of John A. Logan.**

Wabash Valley volleyball coach Mark Colvin tried his best to downplay the significance of the Great Rivers Athletic Conference victory by his team.

But it was hard to hide from what they had just accomplished. WVC defeated long-time GRAC kingpin John A. Logan in a stunning upset.

"It's big, but we don't want to

get too caught up in it," said Colvin after the five-set triumph at Spencer Sports Center. "It could be a really big win if we keep going from here and keep on winning."

Sophomore outside hitter Andrea Andujar Mangual went a little bit farther. She said it was more than just a win.

"It's history because it's never happened," Mangual said.

"Last year we were close, but it didn't happen."

Libero Caelyn Nelson said she was impressed with how far the team had come since defeating Frontier in the season opener just 10 days ago.

"We came together as a team tonight," said the freshman. "We got on a chemistry level we've never been to before. It's only going to get better from here."



# WVC Anglers Add Three to Their Ranks



**Calen Banks and his family (top left), Hunter Capehart and his family (top right) and Laindree Richardson (bottom center) are all new sign-ons for the WVC bass team.**

Wabash Valley College's Bass Coach, Professor Todd Gill, has signed three more students onto the WVC bass team.

The bass team signed Calen Banks of Herod, Ill. and Hunter Capehart of Otwell, Ind. earlier this year for the 2021–2022 collegiate bass season.

Banks' most notable finish was a high school tourna-

ment on the Ohio River where he finished third out of 43 boats. Banks has also recorded several other top-10 finishes.

Capehart's best tournament was a second-place finish on Lake Lemon.

Gill's most recent sign on is Laindree Richardson of Benton, Ill.

Richardson will be joining the

Warriors for the 2022 – 2023 collegiate bass season.

In 2020, she posted two wins, three top-5 finishes, four top-20 finishes and was selected to the Bass master All-State Team for Illinois.

Off the water, Laindree has made 3,000+ masks for hospitals, nursing homes, businesses, prisons, a Navy squadron and a youth detention center.

