

VIEW FROM THE VALLEY



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**Knowledge is power, community
is strength, and a positive
attitude is everything.**

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Every year, my opinion on seasons changes. I am more of a summer/autumn gal. Yet, in middle school, I despised Summer. In high school, I fell in love with Summer again, but I grew to dislike Winter an awful lot. Now, it sort of flip-flops. One year, I am disgusted with Spring—the next, I'm enjoying the sweet scent of Spring flowers, as if the season is my top number one favorite of all time. Sometimes I love Summer—then, other times, I'm already anticipating Halloween and pumpkin spice on the 21st of June.

However, as the seasons turn into fast, fading-away years of my youth, I am quickly getting rid of the idea of liking/disliking one season over the other. These days, all the seasons are my favorites. I don't want to choose which is better than the other anymore—instead, I want to admire every season's characteristic beauty and live each day with them happily.

All the seasons are beautiful. I love the foggy blue-gray skies of Winter. I am enamored by the vibrant colors of autumn leaves. One of my favorite pastimes is driving around during the golden sunset hours of Summer. The happy pastel colors and Easter fun of Spring have always filled me with a nostalgic and renewing sense of joy. The wonderfully beautiful and childlike essence of Spring is something I feel right now—and I hope you feel it, too.

As the age-old saying goes, stop and smell the roses (or, if you're in Illinois, violets are on the rampage).

Peace!

Maggee Bleyer



I love the warm(er) weather we've been experiencing; the mid-60s have been amazing. But I am whistling with contentment even when temperatures go up to 95. It has typically been in the upper 40s all the way up to the mid-'50s and, depending on what the sun and wind are doing, has felt amazing.

I don't like the cold though. I don't want to layer up just to walk down the drive and get the mail or take out the trash. Living in the country, my kids and I much prefer waking up and heading right outside for adventure; barefoot, jammies, and all. We can't do that in the winter.

Spring is coming soon though! Proven by my crocuses, hyacinth, narcissus, daffodils, and hellebores in bloom. (For those with allergies I am so sorry!)

I hope you are able to enjoy all the freshness of this season AND in this edition.

Read on!

Jonathan Leach

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 03, 2023

Midterm

March 06-10, 2023

Spring Break

March 09, 2023

Baseball vs. Frontier Community College

March 12, 2023

Guns -N- Hoses Basketball Game

March 15, 2023

USI Recruitment Table

March 16, 2023

Softball vs. Lincoln Trail College

"A Musical: Celebrating 50 Years at The Brubeck

March 17, 2023

"A Musical: Celebrating 50 Years at The Brubeck

March 18, 2023

Baseball vs. Lincoln Trail College

Crystal Ball

March 19, 2023

"A Musical: Celebrating 50 Years at The Brubeck

March 23, 2023

Softball vs. Lincoln Trail College

March 25, 2023

Baseball vs. John A. Logan

March 28, 2023

Baseball vs. Shawnee Community College

Softball vs. Frontier Community College

March 30, 2023

USI Recruitment Table

Softball vs. Olney Central College

March 31, 2023

Nursing Symposium

April 01, 2023

Baseball vs. Lake Land

Follow us on social media for Student Lounge events or any changes to the schedule!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Gary is currently a sophomore studying in the Associate of Arts and Science program at Wabash Valley College (WVC). He hails from Chicago, Illinois, specifically from Rich Township. "I first heard about WVC from a former player/coach and decided to enroll here as I felt the need to develop more before transferring to a university. I like that Mount Carmel [where WVC is located] is a pretty safe area that allows me to focus on my goals without distractions. So far, it has proven to be the best decision for me."

Gary's journey at Wabash Valley College has been a challenging yet rewarding experience. Being a student-athlete is no easy feat, but Gary has learned to manage his time effectively to balance his academic and athletic commitments. He's been a part of the men's basketball team at WVC, which has been a great opportunity for him to develop his skills, and learn discipline and teamwork. The team has also allowed him to make many new friends and learn from experienced coaches.

Besides basketball, Gary has also taken an interest in health and sports management courses. He's enjoyed learning from his favorite teachers, Mrs. Trapp, Mr. Scheidecker, and Dr. McMurray, who has been supportive and inspiring in his academic journey.

Basketball has always been a passion of Gary's since childhood. "I got interested in the sport when my cousins used to play in the front yard, street, or alley, and I would always join in." However, his passion for basketball goes beyond just playing the game. He dreams of using his skills to make a living and has set his sights on playing professionally, with the NBA being his ultimate goal. Gary understands that it won't be easy, but he's ready to put in the work and dedication required to achieve his dreams. His favorite quote, "Comfort is the enemy of progress," inspires him to keep pushing himself to make progress toward his goals.

After graduating from WVC this spring, Gary plans to transfer to a university to complete his bachelor's degree. He's excited about the opportunities and challenges that come with attending a four-year institution and is looking forward to exploring all that university life has to offer. "Although I won't spoil the beans on where I'm headed next year," says Gary.

Gary's time at Wabash Valley College has been a valuable experience. He's grown both academically and personally, and his passion for basketball has fueled his desire to pursue his dreams. To anyone who may be struggling to achieve their goals, Gary's message is clear: never give up, always put in the work, and success will come with dedication and perseverance.



PROGRAM EVENTS

HEALTH CAREERS AND CADAVER PRESENTATION DAY

The Health Careers and Cadaver Presentation Day was a tremendous success, with over 300 high school students, and dozens of Wabash General Hospital employees, coming to campus to learn about various health professions. The event featured presentations by healthcare professionals from a variety of fields, including nursing, medicine, respiratory, surgery, and physical therapy. Our nursing and physical therapist assistant instructors presented their programs as well as hands-on demonstrations of their state-of-the-art medical equipment and techniques. One of the highlights of the day was a live fixation of broken leg surgery. This procedure was performed on stage, which gave students a unique opportunity to see the inner workings of the human body up close. Overall, the event was an excellent way to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals and promote a better understanding of the vital role that these careers play in our society.

AG ACQUAINTANCE DAY

WVC's annual Ag Acquaintance Day is a great opportunity for students interested in agriculture to learn about the programs in business and production offered by our institution. Almost 200 high school students from the FEA program attended the event, where they had the chance to meet our instructors and hear about the exciting opportunities available to them. They learned about internships from current students and discussed potential career paths in agriculture with guest speakers. The event also featured breakfast, lunch, and games that tested their knowledge of the field. Our agricultural technology programs provide hands-on experience and practical skills that prepare students for successful careers in the industry. Ag Acquaintance Day was a fantastic way to showcase these programs and inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders.

BROADCASTING DAY

WVC's Broadcasting Day was a fantastic opportunity for high school students to explore our Radio and TV Broadcasting program. During the event, the students were given a tour of the campus and facilities, and they were able to witness first-hand the advanced technology and equipment we use to produce and broadcast our content. The highlight of the day was when the students were able to use the green screen and go on air on our station, 89.1 the Bash. It was a thrilling experience for them to be able to see themselves on TV and to have a taste of working in a real-life broadcasting environment. Along the way, they shared lunch and had the chance to interact with our experienced faculty, who shared their knowledge and answered the student's questions about the industry. This event was specially designed for students in sports marketing classes, but we are already planning future events for students in broadcasting, media, and journalism classes, as we strive to inspire and prepare the next generation of broadcasting professionals.



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HOMECOMING

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On Saturday, February 18th, students, alumni, and local surrounding communities celebrated their homecoming spirit and love for WVC. The homecoming day kicked off with two home basketball games against Olney Central College. The women's basketball team dominated the Lady Blue Knights with a score of 114-78. The men's basketball team played an intense nail-biter against Olney but, in the end, WVC prevailed. At the sound of the ending buzzer—followed by another roaring sound of happy and excited WVC Warrior fans—the score was 87-75.

During half-time of the men's game, WVC held their annual Homecoming King & Queen Coronation. Representing the men's basketball team, Simon Wilson was crowned WVC Homecoming King. Wilson is also the first two-time winning Homecoming King in WVC history. Meredith Gillard, representing her volleyball team, was crowned WVC Homecoming Queen. Numerous clubs participated in the coronation, including Radio/TV, Student Senate, Rotaract, Social Services, Marketing Business Management, Nursing, and other WVC student groups/sports.

The WVC Student Senate held a homecoming dance quickly after the men's basketball game. Students who attended the dance had the chance to win a special door prize. Students won Taco Tierra gift cards, Roasati's discount cards, gift baskets, and, the most anticipated prize of all, a 40-inch flat-screen TV. The lucky winner of the TV was sophomore student Micah Henson.

All in all, students, alumni, and community members alike bonded together over their shared love and joy for WVC on Homecoming day. From the thrilling cheers at the basketball games to the livening laughter on the dance floor, this year's homecoming was an absolute success.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

AUTHOR:
MAGGEE BLEYER



Tabby Niduaza is the Director of Instructional Services at WVC. In her position, she deals with dual credit, scheduling building, and working with adjunct instructors.

Growing up in Allendale, Tabby attended Mt. Carmel High School. During her senior, she received a scholarship to play volleyball at WVC in 2003. Unfortunately, the volleyball program was cut that year—however, she took advantage of WVC’s resources and load up on all the classes she would need for her Associate in Science degree. After one year at WVC, she transferred to Anderson University as a junior and completed her Bachelor of Arts in psychology. Afterward, she attended Ball State University where she completed her Master’s in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Tabby worked in a residential facility for youth with mental health issues for about two years before deciding to join the Navy. While stationed at the Defense Language Institute for two years, she earned her Associate of Arts in Korean. She transferred to NIOC Hawaii, where she worked as a linguist in an NSA facility. Four years later, Tabby chose to be discharged from the Navy and moved home with her daughter, Harper to be closer to family.

After moving back home, Tabby began working at WVC as the Director of the Academic Success Center in November 2019. Since then, Tabby has been helping students in any way she can. “My goal has always been to help people,” Tabby expressed.

Q: What do you hope students gain from your services?

A: I hope that students know there are people on campus who are solely [here] to help them succeed. I hope that they can come to me when they need help or just need to talk. I have excellent tutors, so I hope that students utilize them and can get the help they need to succeed in their classes.”

Q: What else do you do for WVC?

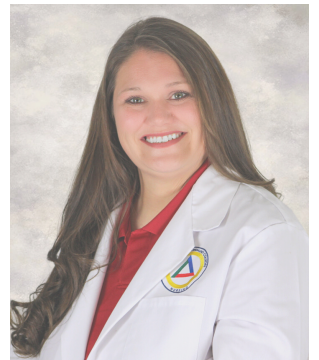
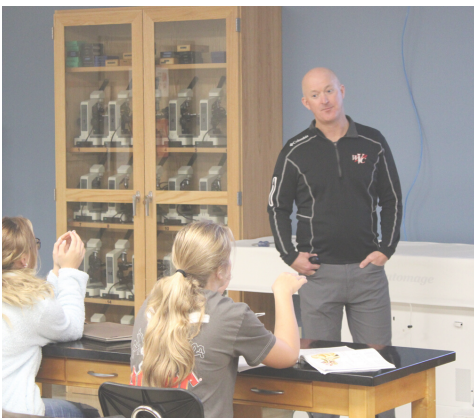
A: The [Academic Success Center] offers tutoring, an online writing lab that allows students to submit an essay and have it checked by a student tutor before it is submitted, make-up testing (this is great for athletes or for students who miss a test when sick), and we handle accommodations for students who are afforded accommodations at the college level. In recent years, I have become the committee chair for Orientation. I am also on the graduation, enrollment management, student success, curriculum, and student care committees. I also started an initiative with Jonathan Leach to make the first and last weeks of each semester more exciting by starting Welcome Week and Finals Week, where we offer fun events, stress relievers, and giveaways for students and staff.

Q: What do you like to do outside of WVC?

A: I love to hang with my daughter, play volleyball, read, listen to music, and hang with friends.

Q: What is your favorite quote?

A: “To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world.” - Dr. Seuss.



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