

VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

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“You have brains
in your head. you
have feet in your
shoes. **You can
steer yourself any
direction you
choose.”**

DR. SEUSS

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As we gear up for Thanksgiving break, let's take a moment to appreciate the incredible journey we've had so far.

Guess what? We've earned a spot at #22 in Intelligent.com's Best Community Colleges of 2024! This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication we all put into making WVC an excellent place to learn. Our internship programs have been a hit, giving students the chance to dive into real-world experiences in their chosen fields. It's all about getting hands-on and discovering their passions.

Your support makes WVC a tight-knit community. Let's keep pushing towards our goals, making sure WVC remains a hub of education, opportunities, and innovation.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Thanksgiving break filled with good vibes and relaxation.

Warm regards,



Hello Warriors and happy fall season! It's finally starting to get cold outside. Don't forget to grab a jacket or a hoodie on your way to class! October was crazy for sure, but now we're past the mid-term of the semester. Bum Bum Buuum! It is crazy to me that it's already November and classes are starting to wind down and prepare for finals.

I'm also super excited for basketball season. I'm tired of standing on top of press boxes in the cold during football games for the Radio/TV program. Last weekend, I was in Tolono for football and as my instructor, Kyle Peach and Scott McAllen, will both say, "it was cold." I thought our fingers were frozen solid. I am so ready for basketball inside of the nice and warm indoor facilities. It's always fun watching the teams play, both men and women. I'm excited to see what both teams are able to accomplish this season!

As the winter weather starts to creep its way into Wabash Valley, try to stay warm while studying (or pretending to study)!

Read on!



TRUNK OR TREAT AT WVC

BY RYLAN ROBB

On October 30th, WVC's Trunk or Treat took place in the Main Hall parking lot. There were lots of spooks and lots of candy! This event, put on by the college's Student Senate, is open to the community to get candy before going door to door, trick or treating. People came to collect their fair share at 5:00pm and the event lasted until 6:30. There were numerous clubs and organizations on campus that had trunks set up. Student Senate, Student PTA, Social Services, Volleyball, Men's and Women's Basketball, and Softball were represented, to name a few. Some members of the local community were there too, like Mt. Carmel's Mayor, Joe Judge. The Mt. Carmel Fire Department was also there passing out candy and showing kids the fire truck! Now that's a trunk! While handing out candy, Student Senate members walked around the display of decorated trunks, and voted on the best trunk. The winner of best trunk this year was the SPTA club with a Barbie-themed trunk! They had lots of pink, Barbie-themed costumes, and even a Barbie photo booth. Trunk or Treat was a huge success, with people continuously coming to the event the entire duration.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

BY RYLAN ROBB



Doug Robb is the lead instructor for the Ag (Agriculture) Business program at Wabash Valley College. He teaches Intro to Agronomy, Ag Finance, Ag Sales, and more.

When asked why he's in the teaching profession for agriculture, he stated, "because of the FFA activities and the career opportunities." [FFA stands for Future Farmers of America.] Mr. Robb was in FFA in high school, and he really enjoyed it, so he wanted to bring his experiences to the classroom. He started his education at Kaskaskia College and then transferred to the University of Illinois where he then decided to major in Agriculture Education. After graduation, he taught for two years at Mulberry Grove High School as an Ag instructor and FFA advisor. He then taught at West Richland High School for twelve years as the Ag and chemistry instructor, as well as the FFA advisor. Mr. Robb saw the opportunity to teach at the collegiate level when there was an opening at Wabash Valley and has been teaching at the college since 2007. "Helping students achieve their career goals in the agricultural industry," is his favorite part about his role on campus.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Robb hosts numerous FFA events on campus and is a part of the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers board as he represents the community college teachers.

Q&A

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Back to the Future."

Q: Is a hot dog a sandwich?

A: "No, because you don't have slices of bread."

Q: What's your favorite item at Taco Tierra?

A: "Fish tacos."

Q: What's your favorite sport and favorite team?

A: "Probably baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals for professional league. For college it would be Illinois basketball."



STUDENTS BRING LIFE

WVC buzzed with energy this fall as students embraced the spirit of the season.

A special Athletics Day at Beall Park, hosted by dedicated WVC supporters Mr. & Mrs. C and Gary & Linda Kolb, offered students chili dogs, chips, and a campfire with s'mores. The day was filled with sports, fostering a sense of community and healthy competition among WVC athletes.

ATHLETICS DAY AT BEALL PARK



STUDENT LIFE: HALLOWEEN BASH



The Halloween Bash brought students together for a lively celebration, featuring a food truck, costume contest, and pumpkin carving. Laughter and friendly competition filled the air, creating lasting memories. Congratulations to costume winner Emmalynn who came dressed as volleyball assistant coach, Mark and the pumpkin winner, Hailey, who won the pumpkin carving contest carving a bat.

Adding an exciting touch, an Airlife helicopter landed on the soccer field on October 30th. According to nursing instructor, Vanessa Lowe, “this unique experience exposes students to various nursing specialties, expanding their understanding beyond typical clinical rotations”. A tour of the helicopter, to show how everything fits in there, the different roles for the 2 nurses positioned in the helicopter, and students are allowed to get in and sit for pictures and look around

AIRLIFE FLIGHT HELICOPTER VISIT



These fall events exemplify WVC's vibrant student life, promoting community, camaraderie, and unique learning experiences. We look forward to more events that bring our students together in celebration and shared experiences.

OH, WHAT A “DAY”!

WVC provides prospective students with an inside look at exciting career paths through specialized events. Broadcasting Day, Diesel Day and Machining and Engineering Tech Day are such occasions where these students get a firsthand experience of what WVC has to offer.

Diesel Day is perfect for those who love mechanics and tech, and on October 13th, Diesel Day was for those interested in the diesel technology field. Students visit the diesel tech department, heard from experienced teachers, and saw live demos.

On October 31st, the first annual Broadcasting & Radio Day was held. The event was a success with around 120 students with 7 different area high schools being present! With a quick end of the event survey, the students rated the day a 4.5/5.

On November 9th, WVC hosted the first Machining & Engineering Day hosted by Advanced Manufacturing. The event was also a success with around 80 students from 4 different area high schools present! With a quick end-of-the-event survey, the students rated the day a 4.4/5.

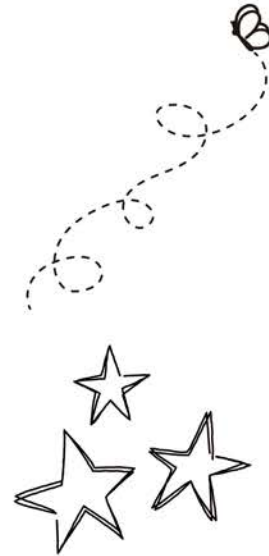
These events are meant to make community college attractive to students and help them make informed choices about their future. WVC is all about creating a space where they can explore and discover the amazing opportunities that await.

Coming up, Agriculture (Ag) Acquaintance Day and Cadaver Day!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BY RYLAN ROBB



Kami McWilliams is a freshman at WVC and is currently a part of the nursing program. She is involved in campus activities like student ambassador and being president of the health professionals club. She's also active in the student nurses association. She highlighted the advisor for the health professionals club and one of her teachers, Todd Gill, as one of her favorite teachers she's ever had. "He's great! He's probably one of the best instructors I've ever had due to his determination and love for teaching and definitely the subject," Kami said. She mentioned she was a big fan of the health professionals club because of all the guest speakers they have come in, like surgeons. When asked about why someone should come to WVC, Kami answered by saying low-cost tuition, smaller class sizes, wide variety of programs, and many clubs on campus to join are all great factors to come to the college.

Q&A

Q: What is your favorite thing to do outside of studying nursing?

A: "I like to hang out with my family, we go fishing a lot on Sundays. And also, I love to make homemade pickles."

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: "Take a wild guess, it's pickles."

ATHLETICS SPOTLIGHT

The WVC Anglers had just returned from a lengthy trip that involved competing in a tournament on Lake Hartwell near Anderson, South Carolina that had 250 boats in it. The anglers drove part-way home Friday evening and then finished their journey Saturday to Murphysboro, Illinois where the Bassmaster Illinois State Championship was held on Sunday, October 29th. They had a first with Hunter Russell of Salem, Illinois and Benny Blank of Olney, Illinois winning the Illinois State Championship on Kinkaid Lake. They weighed in five keeper fish that went 17.66 lbs. beating the second place team from McKendree University that had 17.61 lbs. This win secures Hunter and Benny a spot in the 2024 Bassmaster College National Championship, which is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations Hunter and Benny!



BASKETBALL SEASON IS UPON US!

The Wabash Valley Lady Warrior basketball team is ranked #9 in the initial NJCAA Division I basketball poll!

LADY WARRIORS 2023-2024 SCHEDULE

- Sat, Oct 7 | @ Illinois Central Jamboree
 - Wed, Oct 11 | @ Georgetown College
 - Sun, Oct 22 | @ Dave Neely Showcase
 - Wed, Oct 25 | Kentucky Wesleyan**
 - Wed, Nov 1 | @ Triton College
 - Sat, Nov 4 | @ Three Rivers Community College - MO
 - Sun, Nov 5 | vs SAU Tech @ Poplar Bluff, MO
 - Sat, Nov 11 | Elgin Community College, 3pm**
 - Fri, Nov 17 | vs Mineral Area College, 4pm
 - @ Vincennes Community College
 - Sat, Nov 18 | vs Owens Community College, 3pm
 - @ Vincennes Community College
 - Fri, Nov 24 | at Mineral Area College, 3pm
 - Sat, Dec 2 | Brescia, 1pm**
 - Sun, Dec 10 | vs Moberly Area Community College
 - @ St. Louis Community College
- HOME GAMES AWAY GAMES
wvcwarriorathletics.com

Basketball season is well on it's way. Know when the games are being played at wvcwarriorathletics.com and stay updated on times, cancellations and more on our social media sites! (non-conference games are shown)

2023-2024 SCHEDULE

- Sun, Oct 8 | @ Vincennes University - VU Jamboree
 - Sun, Oct 15 | @ SIUC - Midwest Juco Jamboree, 12pm
 - Wed, Nov 1 | @ Triton College, 7pm
 - Sat, Nov 4 | Moraine Valley Community College, 3pm**
 - Sat, Nov 11 | Harry S. Truman College, 5pm**
 - Sat, Nov 18 | @ Oakland City University, 5pm
 - Fri, Nov 24 | @ Mineral Area College, 7pm
 - Sat, Nov 25 | @ Mineral Area College vs Richard J. Daley College, 3pm
 - Thur, Nov 30 | Oakland City University, 6pm**
 - Sat, Dec 2 | Missouri Baptist University, 3pm**
 - Sat, Dec 9 | St. Mary of the Woods, 5pm**
 - Sat, Jan 6 | Semo Prep, 3pm**
- HOME GAMES AWAY GAMES
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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22, 2023

Last day to withdraw from classes

November 23-24, 2023

Thanksgiving break. WVC is Closed

December 2, 2023

WVC Night at OCC

December 2 & 3, 2023

A Charlie Brown Christmas with the
WVAC Christmas Choir

December 11, 2023

A Seussified Christmas Carol

December 11-14, 2023

Final Exams

December 11-14, 2023

Last Day of Semester

December 19, 2023-
January 1, 2024

Winter Break. WVC is Closed

Be sure to follow us on social media for event reminders, game schedule changes, student activities, and more!



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