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“Whatever
happens on Leap
Day, *stays* in Leap
Day.”

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As the semester kicks into high gear, we're excited to dive into the opportunities and experiences that await us. With Leap Day just around the corner, embrace the extra day to leap into new adventures and opportunities for growth. As we march forward, let's keep our eyes on the horizon, knowing that spring is right around the corner, bringing with it fresh beginnings and endless possibilities. Here's to a fantastic semester ahead!!

Warm regards,

Quanna

The Super Bowl is over and now while we wait for another season of football to come our way, we now get one step closer to spring! I love the spring season because that means we get a break from school and the winter weather is over. So far, that's not quite what's happening right now. All of this recent cold and snowy weather is awful. The weather will be warm one day and cold the next. I try and tell our student weatherman at News Channel 15 to "predict" more warm and sunny weather but instead he tells me he cannot do that. I'm excited for spring and getting closer to the halfway point of the semester. It feels like I just started classes here not long ago. Keep going through classes and we'll all get a break soon!

Read on!

Ryan Hill

LEAP INTO LOVE

In the spirit of love and camaraderie, Wabash Valley College recently embarked on a heartwarming project called "Leap Into Love," inviting alumni to share their stories of meeting their significant others during their time at WVC. Alumni were asked to reminisce about their special connections formed at the college, shedding light on the bonds that continue to thrive long after graduation.

The response from our alumni community was truly heartening. Many shared delightful anecdotes, recounting how they crossed paths with their partners.

What made "Leap Into Love" even more special was the play on words, coinciding with the leap year of 2024. As we embraced the extra day in the calendar, alumni took the opportunity to leap back in time, reliving the moments that led them to their loved ones at WVC.

“
My favorite memory at WVC is meeting my wife, Jenna Brinkmeyer. I'm thankful for the education I received and the people I met while attending there.
”
-Fletcher G. Brinkmeyer, MBA



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

BY RYLAN ROBB



JAKYYA CLAY

Jakyya Clay is the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Wabash Valley College and is originally from West Memphis, Arkansas.

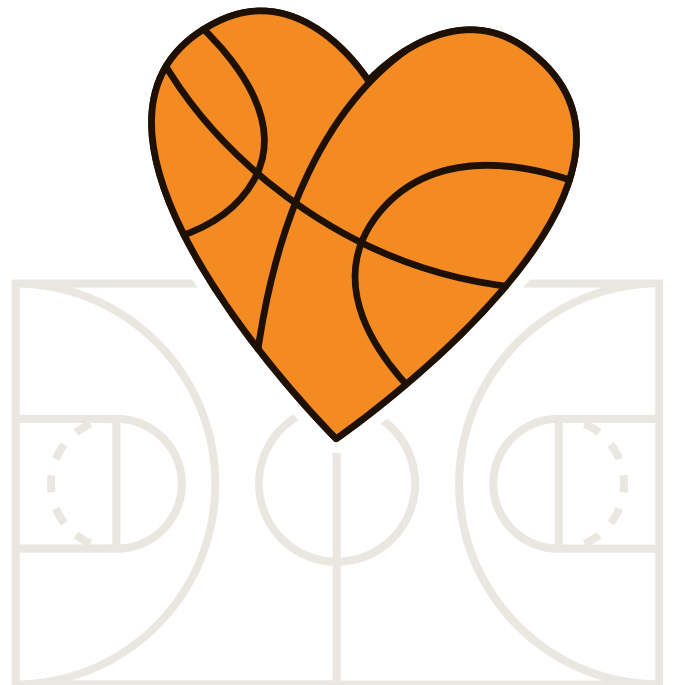
Coach Clay played basketball in high school and played college basketball as well at Ouachita Baptist University. This is her first year as a coach and at WVC, and she loves it!

Coach Clay said it was a challenge and a new experience every day. When asked about what brought her to WVC she answered that God brought her here. "I love being here, you guys have been a blessing to me so far, and hopefully if you guys come through here, I can be a blessing to y'all."

Q&A

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: "Pre-meat was tacos, now that I have transitioned into letting meat go my favorite food would have to be a mushroom taco or something of that sort."



HOMECOMING/ CASINO NIGHT

BY QUIANNA MCGEE & RYLAN ROBB

Wabash Valley College celebrated a successful homecoming weekend with thrilling wins for both the men's and women's basketball teams against the Rend Lake College Warriors. Among the highlights was the men's halftime coronation ceremony for the homecoming court, where students selected Emmalynn Hart from the WVC Volleyball Team as Homecoming Queen and Jon Legrande from the WVC Baseball Team as Homecoming King, despite his absence due to a baseball game. The weekend showcased the spirit of unity and pride at WVC, bringing together students, faculty, and alumni in celebration.

Following the Homecoming coronation ceremony, instead of the traditional homecoming dance, WVC's Student Senate opted to hold a Casino Night for all students! After students arrived at the Art Gallery, they were greeted with \$2,500 to play with for casino games. To some players' disappointment it was fake, prop money only for the event. Players could exchange their fake money for chips and participate in a variety of games: roulette, blackjack, poker, craps, and chuck-a-luck. Students played a lot of games throughout the night, exchanging their faux money for poker chips. Some casino players won big and some lost it all! The Art Gallery was full of laughter and excitement during the evening, but eventually it all had to end to which Student Senate members then gave out door prizes. The students that won a lot of games during the event, got more chances to win a door prize. There were some great prizes ranging from T-shirts to a TV! It was definitely a fun night and a night to remember. Casino Night was Student Senate's most successful event of the year thus far – with over 50 students attending! Congratulations to all the participants and winners, and here's to more memorable homecoming events in the future!



THE WIZARD OF OZ

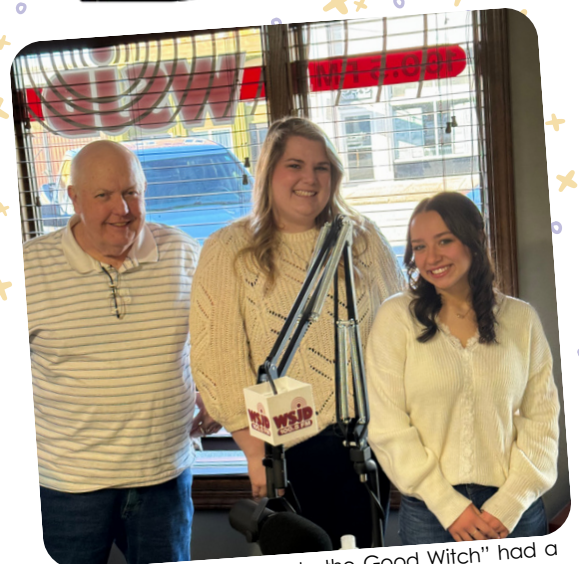
Wabash Valley College's Brubeck Theatre is gearing up for the production of "The Wizard of Oz," a show of this scale not seen in over a decade. The community's excitement is evident, with the Sunday performance already sold out.

Over 65 local members have come together as part of the cast and crew, pouring their hearts into bringing the beloved story to life. Particularly noteworthy is the casting of Dorothy, played by a first-year Wabash Valley College student.

With dazzling sets, captivating performances, and beloved tunes, "The Wizard of Oz" will whisk audiences away on a magical journey! Tickets for the Thursday, February 22nd and Friday, February 23rd show can be purchased at <https://iecc.edu/wvc/theatre>.



The main characters of the play



Over 65 community members, from young to seasoned have joined the cast and crew of this highly anticipated production. Pictured are just a few.

"Dorothy" and "Glenda the Good Witch" had a radio interview with Roger at WSJD 100.5FM

CTE MONTH AT WVC

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month and Wabash Valley College is proud to highlight the CTE programs that are at WVC, interviewing one CTE student and an instructor. With the assistance of our Radio/TV program, on our social media profiles, we've been able to highlight Early Childhood Education, Radio/TV, Marketing Business Management and more! WVC offers Radio/TV, Agricultural Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology, Manufacturing Design, Marketing Business Management, Gunsmithing, Social Services, Physical Therapist Assistant and Early Childhood Education. Visit <https://iecc.edu/wvc> for more information.

AG AQUAINTANCE DAY

BY RYLAN ROBB

On February 6, Wabash Valley College hosted Farm Bureau Acquaintance Day. It was to provide high school juniors in the FFA organization to prepare for a career in agriculture after high school. The event started with a photo opportunity and an opening session to talk about the day in the Brubeck Auditorium. This was followed by an ice breaker to meet new people from different schools. Then students were separated into groups and went to various workshops. These workshops are as followed: Building a Workforce Ready Resume, WVC Ag Department, Ag Organizations Beyond High School, Ag Careers, and How To Get A Job in Ag. All these workshops or sessions relate back to achieving a professional career in the agriculture industry. After a lunch break in between sessions, it was time to for the event to come to a close. Everyone came back to the Brubeck Auditorium and attended the closing session to wrap up the day.



WVC IN PICTURES

MOMENTS CAPTURED ACROSS CAMPUS AND BEYOND



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 22,23 & 25, 2024

Wabash Valley Arts Council Presents:
The Wizard of Oz

February 24, 2024

Bass Team's First Annual Bass Bingo Night

February 27, 2024

FAFSA Night at WVC

March 15, 2024

Health Careers Day

March 16, 2024

WVC Foundation's Dinner Dance

In season sport schedules can be found at
wvcwarriorathletics.com

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