

View from the Valley

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Valley Briefs



Wireless Internet Expansion

WVC is looking at expanding the College's wifi coverage to portions of the campus grounds outside the buildings. The IT & Tech teams are working together to identify the best places to expand coverage.



Student Success Committee

WVC is putting together a team of educators and staff members focused on producing student success solutions. The team will focus on solutions to increase the academic success rates of dual-credit students in the community.



Warriors Back On The Court

The WVC Warriors are back on the courts! The men's basketball team will be facing off with Parkland College on Jan. 16 and Highland Community College on Jan. 20. The women's basketball team will be facing off with Three Rivers Community College on Jan. 17 and Highland on Jan. 20.

“Empower yourselves with a good education, then get out there and use that education to build a country worthy of your boundless promise.”

— Michelle Obama

WVC Radio/TV Students Nominated For 2 National Awards



We are excited and honored to share that the Wabash Valley College Radio/TV and Digital Media Department has received two national award nominations from the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System.

Last year, WVC's Radio/TV department's TV station, News Channel 15, was named the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's "Best Community College TV Station."

This year, five Radio/TV students have been nominated for the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's "Best Video Sports Program," and one of them was nominated for the "Best Commercial."

The announcement came via News Channel 15's Facebook page.

"Congrats to our Drew Pountain a top-5 nominee in the category of Best Commercial and

Ian Klingler, Drew Pountain, Branton Beard, Eli Grimes and Kyler Gammon as our local sports show Sports Extra is a top-6 nominee for Best Video Sports Program."

Broadcasting Director Kyle Peach wrote, "I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of my students and program! Recognitions like this don't come around that often! Now let's go turn those nominations into awards!"

WVC Announces TRIBE Award Recipients



Lead Custodian Katy Head accepted her award on Monday, Jan. 11.

Wabash Valley College has named Lead Custodian Katy Head as one of the recipients of this year's TRIBE award.

TRIBE stands for True Role-models Inspiring By Example.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding employees who embody the College's standards for excellence and to acknowledge those whose have inspired others.

Without doubt, Katy Head embodies what TRIBE stands for. The nomination form for Katy proves as much.

"When trying to find the words to articulate my appreciation for Katy, I came across the article "The Real Hero of the School? The Custodian" by Judy Blume Benedict. Like the article suggests, she shows up for all of us. She is dependable, and she takes pride

in doing her job well. WVC is more secure, healthy, comfortable and attractive due to her efforts.

It has been difficult to restructure schedules and to take on additional responsibilities...

However, Katy has maintained her quiet, pleasant disposition. She stays behind the scenes and quite literally does the dirty work."

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The nomination form for Tabatha demonstrates why she given the award.

"Though Tabatha has been here a short amount of time, she has already proven herself to be an invaluable member of the WVC family.

Her passion for student success and community engagement are clear.

She took it upon herself to help organize an event focused on increasing student success after the transition to remote learning.

She exemplifies TRIBE and what all WVC employees should strive for."

Congratulations, ladies! WVC is lucky to have the two of you on staff with us.

WVC Attends Annual Workshop Virtually



Several faculty members “gather together” for a quick virtual photo op.

Wabash Valley College’s faculty and staff met earlier this month, as they usually do at the beginning of the semester, for various workshops.

This year, due to COVID-19, the annual event was virtualized, much like many other events.

This virtualization, however, didn’t diminish the efficacy of the workshops.

Several faculty members commented that they were pleased with how smoothly the virtual event went.

Over three days, workshops were offered covering a wide variety of topics: marketing, best practices for teaching during a pandemic, instructor resources at the library, IECC’s strategy for the future and several in-services.

The main presentation was “Courageous Conversations: Building Minoritized Student Success.”

The presentation was given by Ms. Carla Boyd, Assistant Vice President for Student Services and Chief Diversity Officer at Danville Area Community College, and Mr. Terrence Bond, Assistant to the President for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at Heartland Community College... **(cont)**

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Tyler Burr (top left), Coordinator of Public Information & Marketing, fields questions from faculty members during his presentation on Marketing, Branding and Public Relations.

The goal of the presentation was to introduce the term “minoritized” to replace “minority,” discuss systemic barriers to minoritized students in higher education and discuss some of the activities their institutions implemented to help minoritized students.

In preparation for their presentation, Boyd and Bond asked each participant to complete some of the implicit

bias assessments found on the Project Implicit website.

Boyd told the participants that the assessments were just “to get an idea of your biases. It’s ok. We all have them and you will not have to share the information, unless you want to!”

After the main presentations, the faculty broke off into their respective disciplines to discuss strategies for additional

success within their disciplines.

WVC wishes all faculty and staff members a successful and healthy semester!

The college will continue to observe best health practices concerning COVID-19 and make changes to the delivery of education as necessary.

