

## THE VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

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### Upcoming Events

January 25—WVC Lady Warriors vs. Southeastern IL @ 4:00 p.m.; Warriors vs. Southeastern IL @ 6:00 p.m. **(Homecoming Night)**

January 29—WVC Lady Warriors vs. Vincennes University @ 5:30 p.m.; Warriors vs. Vincennes University @ 7:30 p.m. **(Blackout Night)**

January 30—Ag Acquaintance Day; 8:00-3:00 p.m., Brubeck Theatre

February 6—Candidate Forum for IL Legislative District 109; 7:00-9:00 p.m., Brubeck Theatre

February 15—WVC Foundation Crystal Ball; 6:00-10:00 p.m., Mabel A. Courter Youth Center

February 17—College Closed; President's Day

February 21—Orthopaedic Cadaver Procedure; 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Brubeck Arts Center Theatre

February 22-23—Softball Camp; Spencer Sports Center

February 28—Midterm

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## Schnarre Steps Down as WVC Softball Coach

Paul Schnarre has been a fixture of the Wabash Valley College athletic department since 1973, when he was hired as the head baseball coach. He later became WVC athletic director in 1976, a position he held for 37 years before stepping down in 2013. Now, after 36 seasons as the head softball coach, Coach Paul Schnarre, the All-Time wins leader in NJCAA History, has made the decision to step down at Wabash Valley College.



WVC's Paul Schnarre, winningest NJCAA Division I softball coach in history

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve Wabash Valley College as the head softball coach for 36 years," Schnarre said. Citing a desire to spend more time with his three grandchildren, as well as more time dedicated to traveling and playing golf, the NJCAA Hall of Fame coach decided this was a good time to turn the program over to long-time assistant coach, Asa Deffendall.

"During my 36 seasons, we have established a championship tradition and earned national recognition. Our history illustrates that we have excelled, both academically and athletically," said Schnarre.

Schnarre is the NJCAA All-Time Wins leader, with a remarkable 1404-325 record. His teams have won 23 Great Rivers Athletic Conference Championships, 11 Region 24 Titles and have made 10 trips to the NJCAA National Softball Tournament.

Schnarre continued, "I have been blessed with a rewarding career, which has resulted in many friendships and created a positive impact on many of my players, fellow coaches, and coaches of other institutions."

Schnarre, who was enshrined into the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 2009, will continue to help with the Lady Warrior softball team as a part-time assistant coach.

WVC Athletic Director Mike Carpenter stated: "Coach Schnarre is a major reason why I, and many other coaches, decided to

come to Wabash Valley College. Let's also not forget, he built the athletic department from the ground up during his time as athletic director. Coach Schnarre and I have discussed the possibility of him retiring for some time now, and from day one, I've emphasized to him that it's his decision. He can stay as long as he wants...he has earned that right. His teams were always so disciplined, and we all learned a lot from him. We can't thank him enough for his hard work, loyalty and dedication to the communities of WVC and Mount Carmel."

He also thanked Drs. Harry Benson and Matt Fowler. "No athletic program can excel without exceptional administrative support. Dr. Benson and Dr. Fowler gave encouragement, guidance, and provided adequate resources to compete successfully."

To the WVC instructors, staff and Mount Carmel community: "The Wabash Valley College faculty and staff worked many extra hours to accommodate our student-athletes when we missed classes due to away games. Their tireless dedication was greatly appreciated by our players and coaches. WVC athletics enjoys remarkable community support, both financially and in attendance. Community support is critical in sustaining a championship tradition over an extended period of time."

"Last, but not least," Schnarre continued, "to my wife, Karen Schnarre. College coaching requires a tremendous amount of travel to away games and recruiting. Karen was left, on many occasions, with parenting and household responsibilities in my absence. Her comprehension and understanding enabled me to enjoy a lengthy coaching career. Plus, she was a saint, in putting up with the mood swings, which occur with winning, and losing a critical contest."

Wabash Valley College President Dr. Matt Fowler added: "Paul Schnarre is nationally recognized as the all-time winningest coach in NJCAA softball history, but he was also a great teacher and athletic director. In 1976, Paul developed and disseminated a plan to build a nationally recognized athletic program in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Paul worked for nearly 40 years as the athletic director at Wabash Valley College in the pursuit of that goal. Paul not only wanted to be successful on the softball diamond, but he also wanted everyone around him to be successful. The benefits of his vision for our athletics program can readily be seen in the successes of our current and former players and coaches."

The Lady Warrior softball team opens up the Spring Season on Feb. 7 and will play their home opener at Paul Schnarre Field on March 17.

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Schnarre added that "[the] success that Wabash Valley College softball has enjoyed over the past 36 years is due to a team effort. I would like to recognize several individuals and groups who were instrumental in our championship tradition"

First, Schnarre recognized Bill Hackler. "Bill was my colleague for almost 40 years. He worked tirelessly promoting our sport as our Sports Information director."

He then thanked Mark Colvin and Asa Deffendall. "I was blessed to have two loyal assistant coaches. We worked as a team for approximately two decades, and they helped bring stability and continuity to the softball program. Asa will assume the head coaching duties in the spring, and his 18 years of experience as the assistant coach should translate into a very competent transition as the head coach."

"A big 'Thank You' goes out to all of my former and current players, for believing in me and in Wabash Valley College. Their hard work and determi-

## WVC Foundation to Host Crystal Ball

The Wabash Valley College Foundation will host its annual Crystal Ball on Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Mabel A. Courter Youth Center Anderson Building. This event promises to be an elegant evening of exquisite dining, and entertainment by comedian/magician, Mike Bliss. Social Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and an evening of entertainment from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

No need to worry about what to give your sweetheart for Valentine's Day; take your sweetheart to the Crystal Ball! Tickets are \$125 per couple, and single tickets are also available. Tickets are available for purchase in the Administration/Foundation building on the WVC campus or by calling Katie Hinderliter at 618-263-5537. Tickets may also be purchased from any Foundation director. In order to allow time for seating arrangements, it is requested that tickets be purchased by Monday, Feb. 10.

## TRIBE Award Recipients Announced

In recognition of exemplary job performance and outstanding contributions to WVC, Trina Dunkel and Ernie Majors were named as the recipients of the employee "TRIBE Award" for the 2019-20 academic year. Describing how Trina represents the spirit of the TRIBE Award, the nomination stated, "Trina has always been unselfish with her time and helps any department on campus any way she can. She has helped with many fundraisers and student activities over the years, including Diesel Days, Wicked Wheels, and was the driving force behind the Bash on the Wabash that we did years ago."

"Ernie's upbeat and positive 'can do' attitude make him a great role model to co-workers and students," stated the nomination of Ernie Majors. "Ernie puts the needs of others before his own and is a very good example of what helps make WVC the quality institution that it is."



WVC President Matt Fowler (right) presents the TRIBE Award Certificates to Trina Dunkel (left), Office Assistant for Financial Aid, and Ernie Majors (middle), Maintenance Worker.

The Foundation has raised over \$300,000 to help with WVC projects through the years. The Foundation's contributions to the capital development of the college include: scholarships, purchase of the site for the WVC campus, Applied Arts building, Student Center, bookstore, physical plant, indoor pool, tennis courts, Valley Gardens dorms, International building, Machine Shop Technology building, Advanced Technology Center, performing arts, biology lab renovation, chemistry lab renovation, library materials and general building improvements.

Get your tickets now for this evening of elegance and support the WVC Foundation in their support of Wabash Valley College!

## WVC Announces Fall Semester Honors

WVC is pleased to announce its honors list for Fall Semester 2019. To be eligible for the CEO's Honors list, a student must have a GPA of 3.90–4.0 based on a 4.0 scale and must have been enrolled for at least 12 semester hours for the Fall Semester. Students on the CEO's Honors list include: **ALBION**: Ashten Brock, Elias Cook, Tanner Creed, Alaina Greatline, Olivia Hallam, Hunter Hortin, Jessica Melloy, Kyle Mewes; **ALLENDALE**: Ella Banks; **BONE GAP**: Felicia Dilley; **CLAREMONT**: Jared Boehl; **CLAY CITY**: Aaron Hosselton; **DUQUOIN**: Katherine Smith; **FAIRFIELD**: Skylar Gray, Katelyn McCleary; **FLORA**: James Corry, Gracey Himelick; **GRAYVILLE**: Hunter Collard, Marshall Schroeder, Pamela Stevens, Tyler Thompson, Erin Zilbeari; **LAWRENCEVILLE**: Cade Benson, Paige Harvey, Katelyn Hawkins; **MOUNT CARMEL**: Connor Anderson, Noah Anderson, Andrea Andujar Mangua, Lindsey Bangert, Breanna Beck, Kaitlynn Bennett, Kendal Beyerle, Lucas Bunting, Jesarey Caalim, Andrew Cusick, Breanna Dudley, Karli Ellis, Adrian Ewald, Anna Fowler, Cameron French, Ellison Goodson, Emily Goodson, Sophie Heck, Rebecca Kieffer, Sydney Kohler, Ashley More, Breanna More, Han Nguyen, Boston Polston, Baylie Ray, Charles Schroeder, Katherine Smith, Kelsey Stanton, Tristan Thomas, Kendall Thompson, Lankhanh Tran, Vicki Valencia, Mersadies Wagner, Brooke Wilhite; **NOBLE**: Madison Michels; **OLNEY**: Elaine Rudolphi; **SUMNER**: Savannah Smith; **WEST SALEM**: Jozie Rice, Cheyenne Summerfield; **FRANCISCO, IN**: Cason Page; **PRINCETON, IN**: Jaysa Snyder.

To be eligible for the President's Honors list, the student must earn a GPA of 3.75 to 3.89 on a 4.0 scale and must be enrolled for at least 12 hours for the Fall Semester. Students on the President's Honors list include: **ALLENDALE**: Samuel Stoltz, Daniel Trimble; **BRIDGEPORT**: Jodie Brian, Seanna Rodrick; **CLAY CITY**: Ian Klingler; **CROSSVILLE**: Trevor Armstrong; **GRAYVILLE**: Kaelynn Worley; **HUTSONVILLE**: Tyler Huss; **LAWRENCEVILLE**: Harley Flanders, Karissa McIntire; **MOUNT CARMEL**: Lyndsi Adamson, Michael Baker, Nathalia Garfias, Lexi Garloch, Adam Grob, Shivani Hajari, Trevon Hamilton, Makenna Langenhorst, Austin McCoy, Leah Minear, Morgan Moxey, Nhu Nguyen, Austin Peterson, Jacob Plastiak, Olivia Schultz, Casey Schweitzer, Colton Sloan, Cody Streenbergen, Jacob Strmiska, Zechariah Sutton, Samantha Wilson; **NOBLE**: Addie Hemrich; **OLNEY**: Natalin Aumiller, Jakob Boulb, Braxton Burgener; **ROBINSON**: Joshua Hatfield; **WEST SALEM**: Tyger Clodfelter; **PRINCETON, IN**: Haley Hart; **WADESVILLE, IN**: Austin Reynolds.

The Dean's Honors list includes those students with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.74 based on a 4.0 scale who have been enrolled in at least 12 hours for the Fall Semester. Students named to the Dean's Honors list include: **ALBION**: Kenley Fewkes, Jace Fisher, Remington Greatline, Denara Hortin; **BONE GAP**: Kianna Sharp; **BRIDGEPORT**: Emalee Rogers; **CARMI**: Cole Carter, Jonathan Cribbs; **CISNE**: Max Moore; **CLAREMONT**: Jacob McVicker; **FAIRFIELD**: Marylee Snyder, Jamon Vaughan; **FLAT ROCK**: Meghan Rinsch; **GRAYVILLE**: Lucas Knight; **MOUNT CARMEL**: Karlie Berberich, Brandon Bosecker, Justin Boyd, Karisa Broster, Rachael Buchanan, Tristan Carwile, Sydni Cosby, Kellene Engelhart, Sampson Folsom-Margelin, Luke Gould, Kera Harrington, Robert Harvey, Burrell Jones, Karl Jones, Kirk Liebert, Michelle Luna, Garrett Maloney, Darian Neu, Cody Newsum, Yoonha Park, Benjamin Pixley, Grant Pytel, Maci Simmons, Troy Stoltz, Alexia Swift, Michaela Taylor, Abby Vaughan, Daniel Zimmerman; **OLNEY**: Evan Walker; **ROBINSON**: Curtis Nidey; **SAINT FRANCISVILLE**: Jaylyn Wease, Alecia Winkles; **SUMNER**: Mark Boren, Trevor Jackman.

## WVC Homecoming Set for Saturday, Jan. 25

Homecoming 2020 will be observed at Wabash Valley College on Saturday, Jan. 25, with several activities in store for WVC students, alumni and the public. WVC is hosting Southeastern Illinois College, with the Lady Warriors playing at 4 p.m. and the Warriors at 6 p.m. in the Spencer Sports Center.

Coronation of the 2020 Homecoming King and Queen will take place during halftime of the Warriors game. The WVC study body has selected candidates from the various participating clubs, and an election is being held for the student body to select the King and Queen.

Following the games, the WVC Student Senate will host a homecoming event, open to all WVC students and alumni, at the WVC pool running until 10 p.m. The free event will feature games, music, refreshments and swimming. The event coincides with the luau theme night planned for the games that evening.

Candidates for King and Queen are: Kirk Liebert and Ella Banks representing WVC baseball and softball, Justin Boyd and Haley Moore repre-

senting WVC basketball, Isaac Wilson and Haley Hart representing the Diesel Club, Kane Jones and Jaylyn Wease representing the Business Club, Darian Neu and Garrett McCully representing the WVC cheer team, Tanner Daniel and Rebecca Girton representing Health Professionals Club, Nhut Dang Le and Vy Tran representing the International Club, Tanner Creed and Seanna Rordrick representing Phi Theta Kappa, Tyler Johnston and Raven Schleiter representing Players Guild, Bryce Klingler and Sierra Hughes representing Radio/TV, Logan Simpson and Kinzi James representing Student Nurses Association, Justus Meserole representing Social Services Club and Troy Stoltz and Morgan Thompson representing Student Senate.

The 2019 Homecoming Queen, Kate Broster, and King, Trevor Kennard, have been invited to perform the coronation honors. The WVC Student Senate and Warrior Athletics will sponsor homecoming activities.

## Gemeinhardt Graduates from SIU-C



WVC Chemistry Instructor Chelsea Gemeinhardt graduated from the SIU-C College of Science at the Dec. 14 ceremony in the Banterra Center. Gemeinhardt graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry with her dissertation titled, "DFT Studies of Small Organic Molecules for Applications in Maldi Mass Spectrometry and Solar Cells."

## WVC Bass Team Signs First Recruit for Upcoming Collegiate Bass Season

Wabash Valley College's bass coach, Assistant Professor Todd Gill, announced the signing of Clayton Halbig, his first recruit for the inaugural bass team at WVC. Halbig signed on Friday afternoon, Jan. 17.

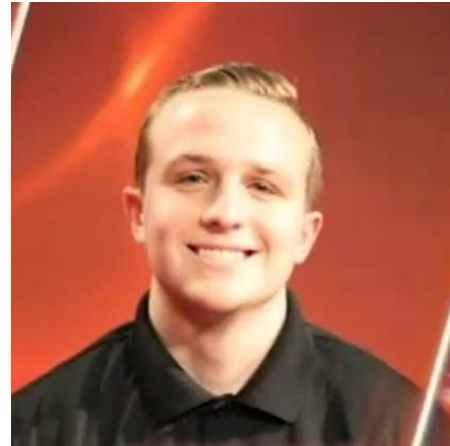
Clayton Halbig is the son of Craig and Holly Halbig. He is a senior at Mt. Carmel High School and will be competing in his third high school bass season with the Lawrenceville Lunkers this spring. During his high school career, Halbig qualified for and competed in the 2019 Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmaster High School Championship. Halbig plans to study business in college and is excited about his opportunity to be a part of the Wabash Valley College bass team.

Those interested in learning more about the Wabash Valley College bass team can visit [www.wvcwarriorathletics.com](http://www.wvcwarriorathletics.com), click on Club Teams and then select Bass Fishing. High school juniors and seniors that have an interest in a campus visit can fill out the recruiting questionnaire and Coach Gill will contact them to discuss the team and schedule a campus visit. You can also keep up with WVC Bass Team news by following them on Facebook and Instagram @ WVC Bass Team.



Those pictured in front are: Keely Drone, Linda Halbig, Clayton Halbig and Craig Halbig. In the back are: Dawn Drone, Kassidy Drone, Ron Drone, Nate Emmons, Katie Halbig, Ed Drone and Holly Halbig.

## WVC Broadcasting Station and Student Nominated for National Awards



Tristan Thomas

Wabash Valley College's Radio/TV department's TV station, News Channel 15, has been nominated by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System for the national award "Best Community College TV Station." In addition, student Tristan Thomas has been individually nominated in the category "Best Video Sports Report."

These two nominations, made by the premiere college broadcasting awards company, are the first of their kinds for the Radio/TV program and its students. "This is big! Seeing our station nominated for a national award," said Director of Broadcasting Kyle Peach. "This is the first time in our program's history that we've been nominated for such an award. I'm honored to see the amount of hours that the students and staff of our program put in to our TV channel is paying off."

WVC sophomore and Radio/TV broadcasting major Tristan Thomas is equally excited about his individual nomination. "I'm definitely proud of this nomination. I'm just trying to build up my resume as much as I can, and winning this award would help with that, but even just the nomination is some confirmation that the hard work I've put in is paying off."

Thomas has helped with newscasts for most of his time at WVC. Starting out behind the scenes, he didn't start anchoring sports until early last year during the spring semester.

"I'd just like to say that I'm so thankful and blessed for learning about this college's program, and being able to learn from Scott Allen and Kyle Peach. Many successful people in sports broadcasting have told me

that getting experience on the air or in front of the camera is really important to how good you can be in this field. These kinds of opportunities are here for the taking at WVC, as Kyle and Scott really understand this reality as broadcasters themselves. I feel my strong work ethic paired with my experience here at WVC will ultimately help me succeed in making a career as a sports reporter. ... The amount of broadcasting opportunities I've been presented with here at WVC have been crucial to my development in this field."

Peach stated that Thomas' hard work and strong work ethic certainly hasn't gone unnoticed. "Tristan is, hands down, one of the best sports broadcasting students I've ever had. Not only is he good at what he does, but he also works hard at it. He does his homework—deciding what stories to include in his sportscasts. He does ample preparation for the games he broadcast and generally speaking has a great delivery. ...

Certainly, anyone who watches Tristan's work can't help but be impressed. I think it's impressive the amount of work he does. He helps host and produce our 30-minute local sports show, "Sports Extra," each week, and he works more games than any other student we have in the program. He also anchors our sportscasts each night on our newscast. I think doing so much allows him to have a better handle than most students would on what viewers expect, how to select which stories to cover and how to properly deliver those stories. ... He's got a very bright future in the industry and I'm excited to see where he goes. "

Award winners will be named at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's annual conference on Saturday, March 7, in New York City.

Wabash Valley College operates News Channel 15 in cooperation with New Wave Communications, the local cable TV system. The station broadcasts a variety of student-produced programs including local news broadcasts, local sporting events, community happenings and Sunday worship services from several area churches. The station serves the southern Illinois region including Edwards, Hamilton, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White counties.

News Channel 15 is available to viewers on New Wave's cable TV system, and, as of 2019, the broadcasts can also be found on the free Cablecast Screenweave channel on Roku and Apple-TV. The locally produced newscasts and shows are uploaded to the TV station's Facebook page @my15news and all of the broadcasts can be found at my15news.com.

Students in the Radio/TV and Digital Media program take part in the production of the station's programming, including operation of equipment. Students who are not Radio/TV majors may still work for the station with the approval of department staff and enrollment in an Applied Broadcasting course. For more information, contact Kyle Peach at extension 3575 or peachk@iecc.edu.