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WVC Holds First-Ever Virtual Commencement

Wabash Valley College honored its 58th graduating class with something never before done at the College: a virtual ceremony.

The commencement ceremony was pre-recorded and made available online on Monday, August 3 at the College's YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/w1rsAjimWDs>, social media accounts and website.

There were 254 Associate degrees and certificates awarded for 2020.

There was also a Degree of Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Franklin University awarded to Tegan Ann Henne.

The Invocation was delivered by Tyger John Clodfelter, Student Senate Board Member. Tyger received an Associate in Science Degree with a focus on Ag Business Economics. He is a graduate of Edwards County High School the son of Kenny and Terri Clodfelter of West Salem, Ill. In addition to serving on Student Senate, Tyger is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Ag Technology Club and the Collegiate Farm Bureau. He was recognized as a recipient of the President's Academic honor award. Tyger plans to transfer to Southern Illinois University of Carbondale to study Ag Business Economics.

Presenting the degree and certificate candidates to Illi-

nois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. G. Andrew Fischer was Dr. Matt Fowler, President of Wabash Valley College. Trustee Fischer conferred the degrees and certificates to the graduates. Kyle Peach, WVC Broadcasting Director, announced the graduates.

Jaylyn Wease, a Student Senate Board Member, gave the Student Response. Jaylyn is a graduate of Lawrenceville High School and is the daughter of Leroy and Terri Wease of Saint Francisville, Ill. She received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Marketing Business Management. Jaylyn is a member of Student Senate, the Business Club and the Bowling Club. She was the recipient of the Robert and Norma Bethards' Scholarship and was named to the CEO's, President's and Dean's Honors Lists. Jaylyn plans to transfer to Franklin University and major in Management.



Wabash Valley College held its first ever virtual commencement ceremony on August 3, 2020. The ceremony honored the class of 2020 amidst the coronavirus pandemic. To date, there have been 471 views of the 58th Annual Commencement ceremony.



Graduates were invited to come to campus on Aug. 5 and 6 to get their picture taken in their cap and gown. Pictured, left to right: Graduate Paige Whitman with her family; Graduate Tanner Creed with his parents. Paige is a 2020 graduate from the GED class. Tanner graduated with an Associate in Science and Arts degree.

WVC's Small World Serves its Community

Small World at Wabash Valley College was once again filled with lively voices and the excitement of learning on Aug. 5! Children ages six months to 11 years old started back last Wednesday.

Small World Director Carla Cadwalader said staff had worked and trained for two days on COVID-19 policy and practice. Children ages three and above and staff will be wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

Mrs. Cadwalader came up with a unique way for children to remember to social distance, "we are using pool noodles," said Cadwala-

der. Children and staff use the noodle to measure social distancing while working and playing. When someone gets too close, they simply say, "noodle, noodle." Already on the first day children were independently maintaining a safe distance.

Small World is back in business, serving the families of our community. Special exits, masks and social distancing is definitely not stifling learning. Academy students are following a 7-hour, academic-based schedule in order to help students prepare for their transition to public school mid-August.



Small World student Kelly Hinderliter wears her mask while learning.

Three Former Warriors Open Season on MLB Rosters

Three former WVC baseball players are on Major League Baseball rosters as the 60-game 2020 season is underway. Phillip Diehl is on the active 30-man roster of the Colorado Rockies. Aaron Barrett and Antoine Kelley are both on the 60-man rosters of the Washington Nationals and Milwaukee Brewers, respectively.

PHILLIP DIEHL, a 26-year old lefthanded pitcher from Cincinnati, played at WVC in 2014, after transferring from the University of Evansville. At WVC, he was named the Great Rivers Athletic Conference pitcher of the year. He then transferred to Louisiana Tech. In 2016, Diehl was drafted by the New York Yankees in the 27th round, remaining in their system until he was acquired by the Rockies in a trade on March 23, 2019. He made his major league debut on June 11, 2019 in a relief appearance against the Chicago Cubs, the first of 10 appearances out of the bullpen.

AARON BARRETT, a 32-year-old righthanded pitcher from Evansville, played at WVC for two seasons before transferring to the University of Mississippi. He was a ninth-round selection by the Na-

tionalists in the 2010 MLB Draft. Barrett went north with the Nationals out of spring training in 2014 and won the Opening Day game against the New York Mets. That season, Barrett was ranked fourth among all rookie relievers in strikeouts per nine innings (10.84). In 2015, after going 3-3 in 40 appearances out of the Nationals bullpen, he underwent "Tommy John" ligament replacement surgery on September 3. He returned to the mound in 2018, but next appeared in a major league game on September 7, 2019, tossing one inning of scoreless relief at Atlanta.

ANTOINE KELLEY, a 20-year-old lefthanded pitcher from Des Plaines, played for WVC in 2019. He was selected by the Brewers in the second round (65th overall pick) of the 2019 MLB Draft, and made 10 minor league starts, nine for the Brewers rookie league team in the Arizona League, and one for the club's low Class A affiliate in the Midwest League. As a Warrior in 2019, Kelley was 9-0 with an ERA of 1.88 in 13 starts. He struck out 112 batters in only 52.2 innings of work. That year, WVC finished with a 55-4 record and was ranked No. 1 in the country.



Former Warrior Phillip Diehl pitches for the Colorado Rockies.

(Photos courtesy MLB)



Antoine Kelley

Aaron Barrett

WVC Hires Lisa Hoipkemier, PT, DPT, NCS, as Physical Therapy Assistant Program Director

Wabash Valley College welcomes Lisa Hoipkemier, PT, DPT, NCS, as the director of WVC's new physical therapy assistant program.

Dr. Hoipkemier brings with her a wealth of experience in a wide variety of settings. She holds a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Indiana University and is a clinical specialist in neurological physical therapy.

"I started my career in an acute inpatient rehabilitation setting at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes," said Dr. Hoipkemier. "After two and a half years, I moved to Fort Wayne to work at an independent rehabilitation hospital. After a few years there, I came back to the area to work in the outpatient setting. At each of

these areas, I worked part-time with pediatrics in First Steps, the early intervention program in Indiana."

Dr. Hoipkemier stated that she is excited to be part of a new program that will give students the opportunity to be part of the rehabilitation process in healthcare. "The greatest reward is working with individuals and giving them back their independent mobility. I want the students to experience the reward of helping a patient restore their function and independence," said Dr. Hoipkemier. Dr. Hoipkemier will be teaching Structural Kinesiology, Prevention/Treatment of Athletic Injury, and in the Health Careers program this fall. Structural Kinesiology (SPM 2204) explores musculoskeletal anatomy as it relates to human

movement. Prevention/Treatment of Athletic Injury (EDU 2104) covers principles and techniques of preventing, recognizing, treating and rehabilitating common athletic injuries.

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. Wabash Valley College is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist assistant education program from CAPTE.

The program is planning to submit an application for candidacy—which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage—on March 1, 2022. Sub-

mission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted "candidate for accreditation" status.

Achievement of candidate for accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the technical phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in technical courses until candidate for accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of candidate for accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.

For more information, please call (618) 262-8641.

Scheidecker Returns to Lead Lady Warriors



A familiar face will be guiding the Lady Warrior Basketball Team as Wabash Valley Athletic Director Mike Carpenter announced the hiring of Luke Scheidecker on Tuesday night, July 21, following Scheidecker's unanimous approval at the IECC Board of Trustees meeting.

Scheidecker was the Head Coach at Wabash Valley College from 2016 to 2018 and produced incredible results. His teams went a

combined 61-5, including a GRAC record of 35-1. WVC won back-to-back GRAC titles and District P championships, while making back-to-back appearances at the NJCAA National Tournament during his tenure.

Scheidecker's 2018 team carried a Team GPA of 3.02, which was recognized by the NJCAA as one of the top team GPA's in the nation.

Reached for comment, Scheidecker said, "I cannot express the excitement we have to return to Wabash Valley. WVC and Mount Carmel is a special place, filled with great people, outstanding support and a tremendous culture. I appreciate the opportunity from Dr. Fowler, Coach Carpenter and the IECC Board of Trustees."

WVC Athletic Director Mike Carpenter said of Scheidecker, "We were blown away by the number of applicants for this position, but more importantly, the quality of coaches who showed interest in the job. Coach Scheidecker has a proven track record, on and off the court, and we couldn't be happier with his decision to return to WVC."

Scheidecker spent the last two seasons as the Assistant Coach at Indiana State University.

In his second season at WVC, Scheidecker led the Warriors to a 30-3 record, while leading the nation in scoring (93.8 ppg), field goal percentage (50.6) and assists (23.5 per game). In his first season as Lady Warrior coach, Scheidecker inherited a team that won 14 games the previous season and led them to a 31-2 record.

Coach Scheidecker replaces Lacey Shalenko, who resigned in April to pursue another opportunity in Florida.

The Lady Warriors are in the midst of a 70 game Conference win streak, a streak that was started by Scheidecker's 2016 WVC team. The Lady Warriors will begin play in January 2021 due to delays caused by COVID-19.