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WVC Making Progress Towards PTA Program

Wabash Valley College continues to make progress towards the full implementation of its fledgling physical therapist assistant education program.

In the spring of 2018, Wabash Valley College proposed the implementation of a physical therapist assistant education program. The PTA program is a full-time, five-semester program that consists of general education courses, technical PTA-specific courses and clinical education experiences.

In 2018, WVC completed a PTA Needs Assessment and formed a hiring committee charged with finding the right professional to lead the program. Dr. Lisa Hoipkemier was hired to serve as Program Director of PTA by the IECC Board of Trustees for the 2020 – 2021 academic year.

Dr. Hoipkemier brought 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.

Dr. Hoipkemier is teaching Structural Kinesiology, Prevention/Treatment of Athletic Injury and in the Health Careers program this semester.

“I am enjoying the challenge of classroom teaching and definitely seeing so many areas I can grow and develop in,” said Dr. Hoipkemier. “All of the faculty have been so helpful in this process for me.”

The Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved the development of a Physical Therapy Assistant Associate of Applied Science degree at WVC in early 2019. The Higher Learning Commission then approved PTA at WVC in September of 2019.

In December of 2019, WVC submitted a Notification of Intent to Seek Accreditation for a physical therapist assistant education program to The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

WVC requested, and was granted, placement into the March 2022 pilot cycle.

Presently, Dean of Instruction Robert Conn and Dr. Hoipkemier are working together and making progress towards the implementation of WVC’s PTA program.

“Dr. Hoipkemier and I are currently enrolled in the American Physical Therapy Association’s Developing Program Workshops,” said Conn. “Subject matter experts from around the country present CAPTE’s accreditation processes with guidelines for submitting the Application for Candidacy.”

According to Dean Conn, the next steps for WVC’s PTA program are developing the program curricular map and student-related policies, procedures and practices in line with CAPTE’s Standards and Required Elements.

A second full-time faculty member is expected to be hired and serve as the Clinical Education Coordinator in the Spring of 2021. WVC is scheduled to submit the Appli-

cation for Candidacy in March of 2022 followed by a candidacy site visit in April of 2022. The technical education phase of the first PTA cohort will start in August of 2022.

Student inquiries about the PTA program have been robust and an even greater response is anticipated when the program begins actively recruiting students.

In the meantime, WVC is asking prospective PTA students about their goals and educational needs and steering those students towards several existing programs that currently offer training for entry-level employment in health and business careers.

Once fully implemented, the PTA program will employ a competitive enrollment process and will admit recent high-school graduates as well as adult learners. High-school students should study advanced math, biology, chemistry and health careers to prepare for the PTA program. Adult learners may want to refresh their skills with prerequisite and general education coursework at WVC.

WVC Foundation “Drive Thru” Chili Supper Set for November 6

The annual Wabash Valley College Foundation Chili Supper will be held on Friday, November 6, with serving from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., with drive thru only in the WVC Main Hall parking lot.

Cars should enter in the north parking lot entrance near the Spencer Sports Center.

Foundation Directors will be serving delicious chili with cheese, corn muffin, crackers, and homemade desserts.

Tickets are \$5 and are available from any Foundation Director or in the WVC Administration/ Foundation Building on the WVC Campus.



New Company Takes Over Managing Red Café

Wabash Valley College is excited to announce that it has entered into a partnership with Manish Malhotra, who owns the company MRM3 LLC which operates several Wings Etc. and Arby's locations.

Malhotra is leasing the Red Café and started serving WVC's students and community on Monday, Sept. 21.

Malhotra said that he heard about the opportunity "through Mike Carpenter and Tanner Morris — our favorite guests at Wings Etc.," and that he became interested in the opportunity because of his experience as an international student. "I knew how much I missed not having a good meal at college at affordable price," so he decided to change that.

The new management of the Red Café also means new food options are now available.

"We have an assorted menu which has some Arby's and Wings Etc. favorites along with dinner specials each day," said Malhotra. "We will also ensure that we have some vegan/vegetarian options available as well."

The café is open in the evenings in order to better serve WVC's student body and community.

"Now, we own six Wings Etc. Restaurants and two Arby's locations in the Midwest, with the closest ones in Princeton, Indiana," said Malhotra.

Malhotra also noted that they currently employ several WVC students in the café and that they are still looking to employ more.

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MOZZARELLA STICKS.....	\$3.99
GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD.....	\$4.99
CRISPY WRAP.....	\$4.99
GRILLED WRAP.....	\$4.99
1/2 POUND BURGER.....	\$4.99
CLASSIC ROAST BEEF.....	\$3.50
CLASSIC BEEF & CHEDDAR.....	\$3.99
TURKEY & SWISS.....	\$5.50
TENDERLOIN.....	\$5.99

BREAKFAST

SAUSAGE BISCUIT.....	\$1.25
SAUSAGE, EGG & CHEESE BISCUIT....	\$2.75
BACON, EGG & CHEESE BISCUIT.....	\$2.75
3 PANCAKES W/ CHOICE OF MEAT....	\$3.00
HASH BROWN.....	\$1.00
BISCUIT & GRAVY.....	\$1.99

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BISCUIT.....	\$1.00
SIDE OF GRAVY.....	\$1.00
CEREAL WITH MILK.....	\$2.00
OATMEAL.....	\$2.00
YOGURT.....	\$1.00

LUNCH MENU \$6.99

GRILLED CHICKEN WRAP W/ SIDE
BUFFALO CRISPY WRAP W/ SIDE
GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH W/ SIDE
1/2 POUND BURGER W/ SIDE
+ \$0.20 CHEESE
GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD
TURKEY SALAD
TURKEY & SWISS W/ SIDE
CLASSIC ROAST BEEF W/ SIDE
BEEF & CHEDDAR W/ SIDE
3 PIECE CHICKEN TENDER W/ SIDE

SIDES

REGULAR FRIES
CURLY FRIES
POTATO SALAD
PASTA SALAD
COLE SLAW
BAKED BEANS
SIDE SALAD UPGRADE \$1.99

WINGS

BBQ, MEDIUM, HOT, HONEY GARLIC, CHA CHA

5 PIECE WINGS.....	\$5.99
10 PIECE WINGS.....	\$10.99
6 PIECE BONELESS WINGS.....	\$5.99
12 PIECE BONELESS WINGS.....	\$10.99

The new menu at the Red Café displays a variety of breakfast and lunch options available to students, staff, and the community.

They are presently serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. They will also be taking call-in orders between serving hours.

Their hours are 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 5:00—8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the phone number for the Red Café is 618-263-5067.

WVC Student Senate Formulates Vision for 2020-2021 Schoolyear

In the era of COVID-19, student engagement can be difficult, but that has not prevented WVC's Student Senate from trying. This semester WVC has approximately 10 students in Senate, and those students are actively looking for ways to keep the student body engaged in campus life.

"We are just now beginning to formulate our vision for student engagement and other activities for the year ahead," said Student Senate faculty sponsor Kyle Peach. "But, we are focused on these key areas: student activities and campus & community outreach."

Planned activities so far include the completion of a Frisbee golf course on campus, completion of a Student Lounge, staffing and



Members of the WVC 2020-2021 Student Senate are pictured at their recent meeting.

promoting FRESH food pantry and conducting our annual canned food drive for FRESH.

Student Senate officers plan to meet with Dr. Fowler soon to discuss options for student engagement, specifically what type of events we can host. Initially, the students have talked about host-

ing a drive-in movie so that social distancing can occur. Other virtual events are also being discussed.

The Student Senate Board of Directors currently consists of Bryce Klingler, Sidney Foster and Sania Borom. The entire Student Senate represents various other organiza-

tions and facets of WVC student life.

Student Senate has members from the volleyball team, Student Nurses Association, Radio/TV club, Social Services Club, Diesel Club and the Teachers of Youth (T.O.Y) Club.

WVC Archery Team Wins Big at Regional Championship

Wabash Valley College's archery team competed in the USA Archery North Regional 3-D Collegiate Championship on Saturday, Sept. 26 at South-eastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Illinois.

"Our team performed well at this event," said WVC archery coach Earl Lawrence. "WVC archers took 1st and 2nd place in the men's and women's compound class and 2nd place in Women's Bowhunter. We also won the 1st place team award in men's and women's compound, as well as, 1st in the mixed team award."

WVC's archers finished strong by winning 1st in the overall team award for the second year in a row. The team will now begin practice for the upcoming indoor archery season. Congratulations WVC Archery and good luck indoors.

1st Place Women's Compound – Sydney Jones

2nd Place Women's Compound – Asilyn Davis

1st Place Men's Compound – Cuyler Barnum

2nd Place Men's Compound – Dillon Thompson

2nd Place Women's Bowhunter – Jalyn Shoemaker

1st Place Women's Compound Team – Sydney Jones, Asilyn Davis, Leah Minear

1st Place Men's Compound Team – Cuyler Barnum, Dillon Thompson, Blake Brosmer

1st Place Mixed Compound Team – Cuyler Barnum, Sydney Jones



The WVC archery team poses for a picture following their victory at SIC. In front are Leah Minear, Sara Harrell, Jalyn Shoemaker, Sydney Jones, Ashlie Garrison and Coach Earl Lawrence. In back are Carter Dial, Dillon Thompson, Cuyler Barnum, Asilyn Davis, Eric Williams and Blake Brosmer.

WVC Baseball Warriors Hold Pro Day

Wabash Valley College's baseball team hosted a number of professional scouts, ranging from area scouts to national cross-checkers, for a showcase on Sept. 17. There were several in attendance representing the majority of the Major League clubs.

WVC Head Baseball Coach Rob Fournier stated the scouts "were there to see and evaluate our athletes, to determine who may be a fit for their organization in the future."

In total, more than 30 MLB and college/university scouts were on hand to scope out the wealth of talent the WVC baseball Warriors have to offer.

"It was a great event for the guys. It allowed them to compete against one another, celebrate each other and showcase their

skills in front of some great professional organizations. All around it was a great day," said Fournier.

The importance of the event wasn't lost on the team either. For two years straight, Warriors have been drafted into the MLB. In total, 103 former WVC baseball Warriors have been drafted into the MLB since 1986. 85 of those 103 were drafted under the leadership of Coach Fournier since 1997.

"We had a lot of positive interactions as there are a number of athletes who have the potential to play professionally," said Fournier.

"The guys responded well to having the scouts in attendance. They didn't let the moment get too big for them."



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The Brubeck Arts Center Theatre proudly hosted Wabash County's State Election Judge training on Tuesday, October 13. The theatre, which is being used as a temporary classroom in the mornings, was perfectly outfitted to host the socially-distanced training.

WVC Bass Warriors Off to Good Start

After just weeks into its inaugural season, the Wabash Valley College bass fishing club team is making a name for itself in the Association of Collegiate Anglers.

On Saturday, September 26, the tandem of Drew Gill and Clayton Halbig finished in seventh place out of 36 boats in the McKendree University Invitational on Vandalia Lake. The event was added to the schedule only recently and five of the 14 Warrior fishermen were entered.

One week earlier, the full contingent competed for the first time, recording three top 10 finishes in the individual sessions of the Bass Pro Shop Big Bass Bash at Paris, Tenn. on Kentucky Lake.

"In the grand scheme of things, there were seven weigh-in periods, and in three out of the seven we had an angler in the top ten, and we had four anglers bring fish to the scales on Sunday" said coach Professor Todd Gill. "So,

I'm pretty pleased about that."

There were four weigh-ins on the first day of the two-day tournament. Drew Gill, along with co-angler Clayton Halbig, beat the last weigh-in deadline by only 90 seconds, but it was worth it. Gill's catch of 4.39 pounds was the third best of that session, and sixth best for the whole day on Saturday against a field in excess of 300 fisherman.

On the final day, Halbig finished eighth in one of the morning weigh-ins with a catch of 3.22 pounds, and Zane Kelly brought in a catch good for ninth in another (2.23 pounds).

Each of the top 10 finishers for each session earned prizes from tournament sponsors as well. Overall, Gill's catch held up for 11th place for the weekend. Halbig's catch was tied for 32nd. Cole Hess (a catch of 2.38 pounds) and Kelly also wound up in the top 100.



Drew Gill (center) and Clayton Halbig (right) watch as their catch is measured at Vandalia Lake.

Both events were sanctioned by the ACA, which conducts a Team of the Year competition (McKendree won last year). At each stop off, the top two finishes earn ACA points. Teams hope to earn enough ACA points to land a spot in the US Collegiate Bass Championships, which will be held on May 26-27 at Lake Murray, SC.