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WVC Announces Instructors of the Year

Each year, three instructors from Wabash Valley College are selected as instructors of the year: a transfer instructor, a career and technical education instructor and an adjunct instructor.

WVC is proud to announce this year's instructors of the year. The members of the WVC student body have selected Ms. Jill Winter as the Outstanding Transfer Instructor of the Year, Ms. Ronda Hockgeiger as the Outstanding Career and Technical Education Instructor of the Year and Mr. D-Ray Etzkorn as the Outstanding Adjunct Instructor of the Year.

Ms. Jill Winter, English/Speech Assistant Professor, has been

an instructor at Wabash Valley College since 2003. She holds an Associate of Science degree from Olney Central College, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Illinois University, and a Master of Arts degree from Eastern Illinois University. Jill teaches Composition, Fundamentals of Effective Speaking and Interpersonal Communications.

Ms. Ronda Hockgeiger, Social Services Specialist Instructor, has been an instructor at Wabash Valley College since 2014. She holds two Associate in Applied Science degrees from Wabash Valley College, a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Science degree in Social Work from the University of Southern Indiana.

Mr. D-Ray Etzkorn, Adjunct Instructor for the Concealed Carry Program, has taught at Wabash Valley College since 2013.

It is the goal of the WVC Student Senate to recognize three outstanding faculty members by organizing a vote for the student body to select the instructors of the year. Three faculty members are recognized annually who embody the college's standards for excellence. The instructors receiving the award teach effectively, inspire enthusiasm for learning and show respect for their students.

Congratulations to Ms. Winter, Ms. Hockgeiger and Mr. Etzkorn!



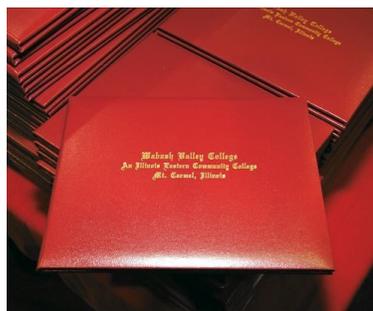
Ms. Jill Winter



Ms. Ronda Hockgeiger

WVC Commencement Rescheduled

July 31, 2020



Wabash Valley College has rescheduled its 58th annual commencement ceremony for Friday, July 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The ceremony was originally scheduled for May 8. The new date was selected with input from students through a survey.

Details about the ceremony, commencement speakers, and any honorees will be released once they are finalized.

The administration, faculty, and staff are proud to not only continue the tradition of celebrating our students, but to bring reassurance and a bit of excitement back to the WVC community during this difficult time.

The College plans to continue working closely with state and local health officials throughout the summer and monitoring social distancing recommendations and restrictions on large gatherings.

A total of 173 students have applied for graduation, with 254 total degrees scheduled to be awarded.

Carpenter Honored as One of Country's Top Coaches

For the second time in his career, Wabash Valley College Men's Head Basketball Coach Mike Carpenter has been honored as one of the country's best coaches.

Silver Waves Media named Carpenter one of the Top 50 Most Impactful Coaches in junior college basketball. He was honored in a similar fashion by Sporting News in 2018.

Silver Waves Media editor Jake Stanbrough said, "This is a list, not a ranking, of 50 current JUCO men's basketball coaches that have made and continue to make an outstanding impact on their players, programs, and the game itself."

Carpenter has 141 wins in seven years at Wabash Valley College. Before that, he won 137 games in seven years at Danville Area College, for a career total of 278 wins, leaving him just 22 victories away from the 300-win milestone.

In 2008, Carpenter's Danville team reached the NJCAA Final Four, and in 2012 the Jaguars reached the Elite Eight.

"It's nice to receive acknowledgment for our team's successes on and off the court," said Carpenter, also the Athletic Director at WVC. "I'm extremely fortunate to have a great staff who make my job easier. They deserve as much credit as anyone."

Silver Waves Media is labeled on social media as a new age sports media organization that focuses on providing exposure for athletes on the west coast.

John A. Logan coach Kyle Smithpeters and Vincennes assistant coach Brian Davis also were named to the list.



WVC Head Coach Mike Carpenter directs the Warriors during a District tournament game at Rend Lake College.

WVC Supports Students Amid COVID-19 Changes

The word we continuously hear alongside COVID-19 or coronavirus is unprecedented, and for good reason. This pandemic has caused major upheavals across the entirety of our society. No one knows this better than students. In an immensely short amount of time, students had to adapt to newly set up learning

modalities and change their schooling habits. WVC faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that no student falls through the cracks. We communicated with our students, identified their needs and helped them where we could.

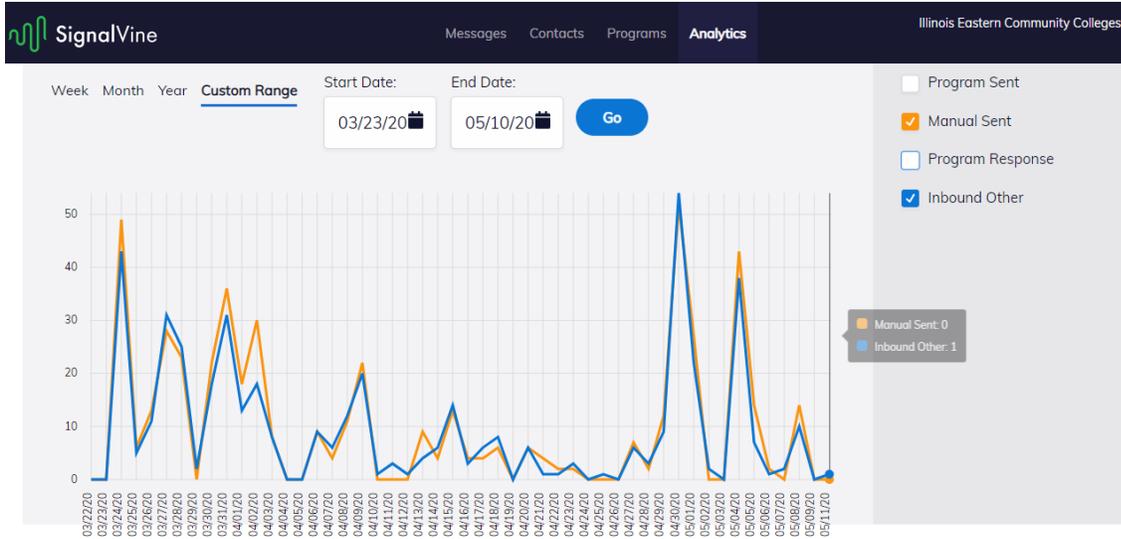
In the first week of our classes being virtualized, two key issues were identified by our advisors and retention coordinator: student online access and support outreach.

The administration responded immediately by providing Retention

Coordinator Jennifer Stroughmatt with a Signal Vine number to im-

prove student support outreach. These efforts helped students like Kali (name changed). Retention

"When COVID-19 struck, Kali reached out to say that she may have to drop out and move to Texas, as her mom couldn't help her anymore. One can imagine how stressful this must have been along with all of the additional stress of simply being a young lady living on your own for the first time, not to mention all of this happening during a pandemic. This was more than this girl needed."



The Signal Vine chart shows peak conversational times. 674 messages were received from students over the COVID period.

Assistant Dean of Student Services Steve Patberg fast-tracked WVC's summer plans and worked diligently to check all students and create a proper upload of over 400 students' records into Signal Vine in two and a half days.

Student Support Systems are all digitally linked at WVC now. Tabby Niduaza, Director of WVC's Academic Success Center, now has access to the information on three systems related to student support: Early Alert System, Signal Vine and Brainfuse.

Coordinator Jennifer Stroughmatt shared Kali's story.

"Kali is an excellent student and has bipolar disorder, which caused her to drop out of high school. She does not have many friends or family here, as her mother just moved to Texas for a new job, but Kali decided to stay and finish her degree with WVC. For the past year, her mother has been sending money back to help Kali finish her last year of college by covering the rent.

"Kali had almost quit nearly every semester at WVC, but her instructors and her advisor understood that she, like the rest of us, will sometimes have a hard way to go. Knowing this, what more could we do but help each other through the rough times. Kali passed, not dropping a single course, with 2 A's, a B and a C. Kali will graduate. Kali has learned the most vital lesson we can teach her at IECC. She has learned she is resilient and can persevere, despite what labels she carries and what hurdles she must overcome."

WVC Gets New Pollinator Plot

Wabash Valley College's Ag program, in conjunction with Wabash Valley Service Company, IB Executive Turf and Landscape, Wabash Valley Stewardship Alliance and southeastern Illinois Farm Bureaus, saw the planting of a new pollinator plot on WVC's campus.

Mike Wilson, CCA, from Wabash Valley Service Company, planted a pollinator plot on campus on May 12. Look for it next time you drive past the college on Oak Street!

WVC would like to thank Wabash Valley Service Company which provided the pollinator seed, IB Executive Turf and Landscape

which donated use of their planter and drill. Wabash Valley Stewardship Alliance which will provide signs for the area, and area Farm Bureaus: Edwards, Lawrence, Wabash, Wayne, White, Crawford, Gallatin, Richland, Saline, Jefferson and Hamilton counties for providing financial support.

The 1.1 acre-plot will provide a habitat for pollinator species, promote awareness and education on the value of pollinator species to our local economy and the impact planting perennials has on soil quality. WVC's Ag program plans to use the plot during lab days for various courses as a teaching tool.



Various plants were sown on the pollinator field. Those plants include: Partridge Peas, Purple Coneflowers, Lance-leaved Coreopsis, Indian Blanket, Sunflowers, Lupine, Ohio Spiderwort, Butterfly Milkweed, Showy Trick Trefoil, Lemon Mint, White Upland Aster, Black-eyed Susan, Lavender Hyssop, New England Aster, Plains Coreopsis, Spotted Beebalm, Hairy Beardtongue, Eastern Columbine and Gray Goldenrod.

WVC Bass Team Reschedules Invitational to June 20

Wabash Valley College's bass team has rescheduled the high school bass fishing invitational at East Fork Lake in Olney, Illinois, originally planned for Saturday, March 21 to take place on Saturday, June 20.

Teams that were registered for the originally scheduled date will be contacted to determine if they still intend to participate on June 20. Once all teams have been confirmed, the WVC bass team will make an announcement as to how many more openings we have available. The tournament is limited to 30 boats. Once we have determined the number of teams coming, we will likely re-open registration to fill the field as there will likely be teams that cannot come that date.

This is a two-angler team tournament. The cost is \$30 per team; additionally, East Fork Lake requires an Olney boat sticker, which can be purchased on a daily or annual basis.

The tournament will run from 5:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with team check-in running from 4:30 a.m.

until 5:15 a.m. A pre-tournament meeting will take place at 5:15 a.m. Boat take off will be determined by a draw either at check-in or the evening prior if the tournament field is full.

There is a five fish limit per team, with a 12" minimum length per fish. Awards will be given to the top three teams and to the individual with the biggest bass. The top finishing senior will be awarded a scholarship to fish on the 2020-2021 bass team at Wabash Valley College.

Those teams that were originally registered can send an e-mail to WVC bass coach Todd Gill at gillt@iecc.edu or by phone at 618-263-8633. Once it has been determined how many new teams can be accepted, a registration link will be available at <https://www.warriorathletics.com/sports/fishing/index>.

To stay up to date, follow the Wabash Valley College bass team on Facebook at WVC Bass Team or on Instagram @wvcbassteam.

HIGH SCHOOL BASS INVITATIONAL

Saturday, June 20th

- 📍 East Fork Lake Olney, Illinois
- 🕒 6:00AM-11:30PM | 4:30AM-5:15AM Check-In
- 💰 \$30 per team

Pre-Register:
gillt@iecc.edu
-or-
(618)263-8633



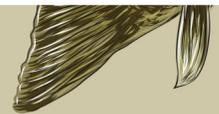
SCHOLARSHIP TO FISH ON 2020-2021
BASS TEAM AT WABASH VALLEY
COLLEGE FOR TOP FINISHING SENIOR

AWARD FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

AWARD FOR BIGGEST BASS

MEET AND GREET WITH WVC BASS
COACH TODD GILL

- ★ limited to first 30 boats
- ★ must have Olney Boat Sticker (daily or annual passes available)
- ★ take off determined by draw at check-in
- ★ 5 fish limit per team (12" minimum length)



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