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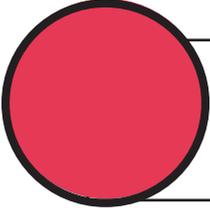
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“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”

—Jiddu Krishnamurti

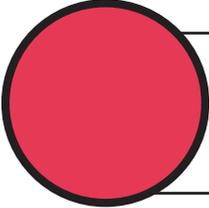


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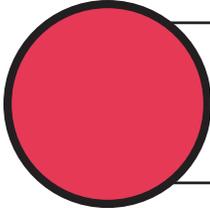
WVC holds in-person graduation

WVC held an in-person graduation on May 14, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Spencer Sports Center. Attendance was limited to 500 guests. Masks were required for entrance into the ceremony.



WVC baseball field to be named

WVC Athletic Director Mike Carpenter announced on Tuesday, May 11, that the baseball field would be officially named. Carpenter said details will be forthcoming.



WVC recognizes two employees at retirement

Broadcast Service Specialist Scott McAllen and Marketing Business Management Professor Dave Wilderman were both recognized for their years of service at WVC. We wish them the best in retirement!

“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”

– Clay P. Bedford

WVC's 255 Initiative sees solar array installed



The new solar array that was installed on WVC's Industrial Studies building was officially commissioned on April 21.

The funding for the new solar array came from a grant through the Illinois Green Economy Network and IEPA.

During the commissioning, Michelle Knox, the founder and president of WindSolarUSA, explained the system and how to access the metrics for the system.

To date, the solar array has saved 6,542 lbs. of CO2 from being emitted. That's the equivalent of planting 50 trees.

The solar array grant was part of a larger grant application submitted by WVC's 255 Initiative, a sustainability-focused program. As part of our efforts to educate our community about our sustainability efforts, we invite our community members to take a look at the [metrics from our new solar array](#), accessible on our website.

WVC addresses bee swarm, plans to relocate to pollinator plot



On May 11, WVC Information Systems Technician Bobby Moyes discovered a swarm of honeybees congregating on a railing outside of his office. Moyes contacted the Administration for guidance as to what to do.

The administration contacted a resident beekeeper who suited up and transferred the bees into a bee box.

WVC intends to have the bees relocated to its pollinator plot on Oak Street in Mount Carmel.

The pollinator plot was planted a year ago in conjunction with Wabash Valley Service Company, IB Executive Turf and Landscape, Wabash Valley Stewardship Alliance and southeastern Illinois Farm Bureaus.

The 1.1 acre-plot was planted to 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 is pleased to relocate this swarm to a suitable and habitable location.

Ag program hosts annual Ag Acquaintance Day



WVC's Ag program hosted its annual Ag Acquaintance Day on April 22. Ag Acquaintance Day was the last event held last year before COVID-19 shuttered the Brubeck Arts Center theatre.

Students from several area high schools attended and participated in six unique breakout sessions. The sessions covered a variety of topics: social media do's & don'ts, WVC's Ag program, Ag careers, how to get a job in ag, ag organizations beyond high school.

The keynote speaker for the event was Southern Illinois University professor of Agribusiness Economics Dr. Sarah Bond. Bond's session was titled "Pivot & Pause."

Students were separated into school groups instead of having mixed groups as they had been before. Students wore masks during the event and CDC guidelines were followed.

WVC looks forward to hosting Ag Acquaintance Day again in 2022.

Homecoming King & Queen crowned



Despite restrictions due to the pandemic, WVC still held a vote for Homecoming King & Queen. The King & Queen were crowned during the Student Senate's Springfest event on May 5.

This year's Homecoming King is Parker Linson of Mount Carmel, Ill. Linson was the representative for the Health Professionals Club. Parker is the son of J.C. and Misty Linson.

The Homecoming Queen is Katie Halbig of Mount Carmel, Ill. Halbig was the representative for the Business Club. Katie is the daughter of Craig and Holly Halbig.

WVC's TRIO recognizes its graduating students



On April 30, WVC's TRIO Student Support Services group recognized those students graduating this semester. TRIO had 15 students graduate this semester.

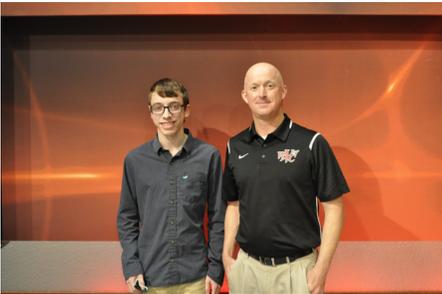
The students who graduated are: Hunter Collard, Andrew Cusick, Raelynn Duvall, Emily Evans, Josef Gill, Madison Hortin, Bryce Klingler, Sela Lashbrook, Drew Pountain, Jozie Rice, Autumn Schnicker, Jaysa Snyder, Katelyn Wagner, Mersadies Wagner, and Erin Zilbeaeri.

TRIO also recognized its student mentors.

Student Support Services has been serving students at IECC since 1993. TRIO's graduation rate far exceeds the national average. Graduates have gone on to obtain bachelor's and master's degrees and enjoy successful careers.

TRIO's goal is to foster participant success by providing proactive and individualized services. TRIO looks at the needs of the "whole student." TRIO seeks to provide an environment that emphasizes the students' strengths while helping them to overcome their weaknesses.

WVC names Foundation & instructor awards recipients



Wabash Valley College is pleased to announce the recipients of the various Wabash Valley College Foundation and instructor scholarships:

- Chelsea Ochs of Olney, Ill. was named the recipient of the Alma Belle Hill scholarship.
- Vaida Medler of Mount Carmel, Ill. was named the recipient of the Bethards scholarship.
- Lucas Bunting of Mount Carmel, Ill. was named the recipient of the James T. Watson scholarship.
- Mersadies Wagner of Mount Carmel,

Ill. was named the recipient of the Charles S. Tate scholarship.

- Olivia Hallam of Albion, Ill. was named the recipient of the Walter F. Holland, Jr. scholarship.
- Makira Webster of Middleton, Ohio was named the recipient of the Day Family Scholarship.
- Brett Carwile was named the recipient of the Outstanding Transfer Student of the Year award.
- Branton Beard was named the recipient of the Outstanding CTE Student of the Year award.

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