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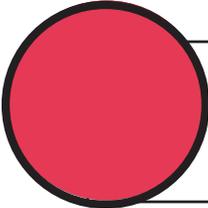
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**“Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears,
and never regrets.”**

— Leonardo da Vinci

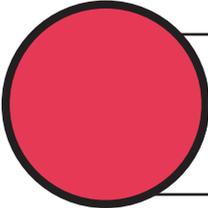


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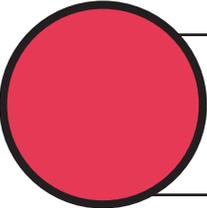
Brubeck Arts Center to host production of Christmas Belles

Wabash Valley College Brubeck Arts Center theatre will host the community production of Christmas Belles. The show will run on Dec. 9, 10, and 12.



Free COVID-19 Testing

Pursuant to the governor's mandate, WVC is offering free COVID-19 testing to WVC students, faculty, and staff in the Spencer Sports Center lobby on particular days and times.



Solar Savings Update

To date, WVC's new solar array has saved 74,600 pounds of CO2 emissions. This reduction is the equivalent of over 564 trees being planted.

“Formal education will make you a living. Self-education will make you a fortune.”

— Jim Rohn

Bass team signs Gannon Stork and Andrew Leonard



Wabash Valley College's Bass Coach, Professor Todd Gill, is excited to announce the signing of Gannon Stork and Andrew Leonard for the 2022–2023 collegiate bass season.

Gannon is the son of Tim Stork and Kristen Rinehart of Flora, Illinois. He is a senior at Flora High School and is planning to compete his final high school season on the ICASSTT series and the IHSA series with the Flora High School Bass Team.



Andrew is the son of Troy and Amy Leonard of Flora, Illinois. He is a senior at Flora High School and is planning to compete his final high school season on the ICASSTT series and the IHSA series with the Flora High School Bass Team.

Interested in learning more about the team? Visit our [website](#), click on Club Teams and select Bass Fishing. You can also keep up with the team by following them on Facebook and Instagram.

Kate Broster talks to WVC's Health Professionals Club



On Thursday, December 2nd, the Wabash Valley College Health Professionals Club met for their final time this year.

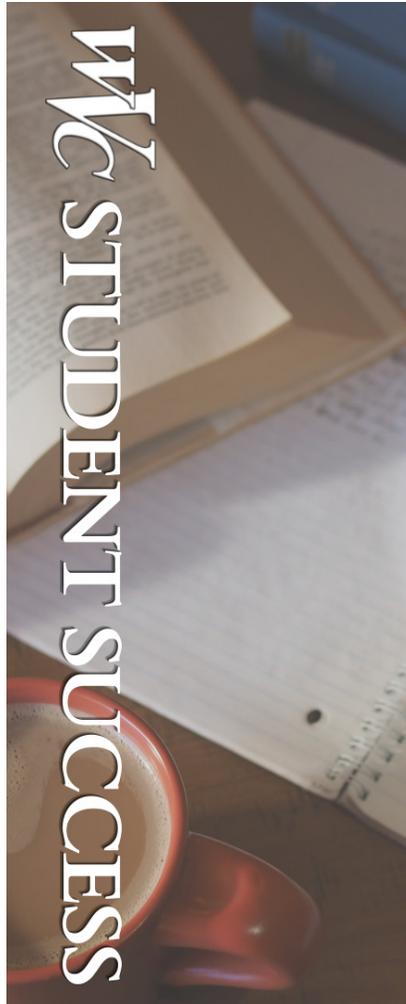
The HPC is all about helping students network with healthcare professionals and preparing them for a future in healthcare!

This month, the club welcomed

Kate Broster, RN, BSN, ACLS, PALS Certified, as their guest speaker.

Ms. Broster is an ER nurse at Deaconess Gateway. She is a graduate of WVC's nursing program. She discussed her career. We have heard several comments from students about how beneficial her talk was. Kate, thanks so much for coming and giving back to our students!

WVC's Student Success team supports students during finals week



just
chill out!
in the Red Café

AVAILABLE FOR ALL THREE DAYS

- Student Discount at Café 82:3
- Coloring Sheets
- Stress Management Resources
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- Card Games

Thursday, December 9th
breakfast burritos, snacks, and live music

Friday, December 10th
video games

Monday, December 13th
therapy dog

WVC's Student Success team understands how stressful finals can be, so they took it upon themselves to come up with some creative ways to support our students during this stressful season.

During finals week there were plenty of ways for students to de-stress in the Red Café.

On Thursday, December 9th, the college offered Finals Week Breakfast. Students were able to stop by the Red Café to fuel up for their finals. We offered free breakfast

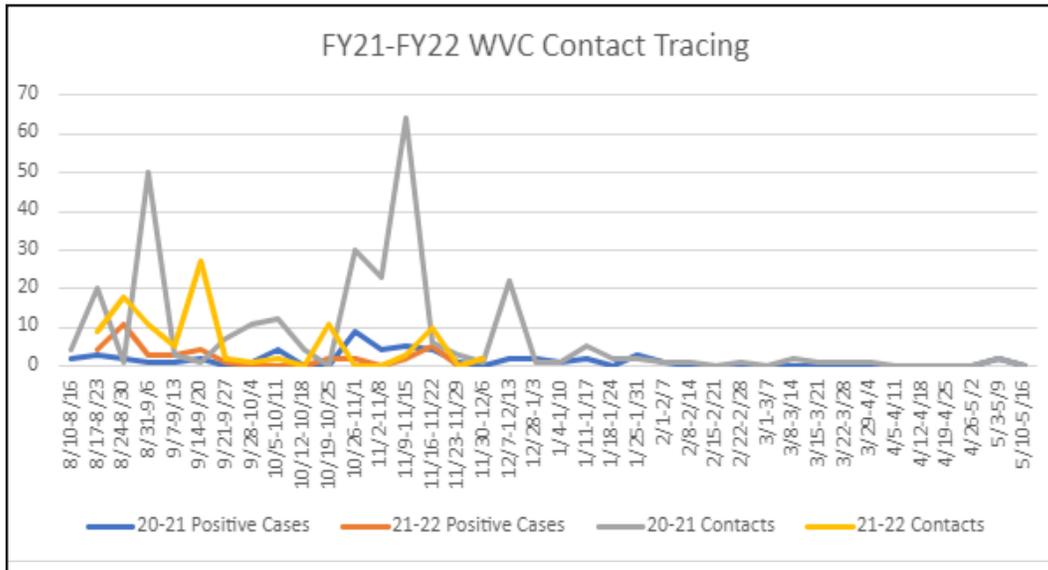
burritos, snacks, discounted drinks, live music, and more.

On Friday, December 10th, we hosted Wii Game Day. We hooked up a Wii in the Red Café with a variety of games.

Student Senate sponsored the event and set it all up.

And on Monday, December 13th, students were able to meet Roscoe, the therapy dog in Wabash County. He chilled out in the with students Red Café.

COVID-19 cases remain low despite emergence of Omicron variant in US



Wabash Valley College is continuing to see minimal amounts of COVID-19 infections on campus. This is due in large part to the mitigation measures enacted by the state and local governments and IECC district leadership.

The county remains at 44 percent of residents having been vaccinated.

Region 5 has maintained a positivity rate under 8 percent for more than two months now. The region currently boasts a 6.4 percent positivity rate. Wabash County, however, has had an average positivity rate of 4.6 percent since August and an average positivity rate of 3 percent over the last month.

These statistics are particularly insightful given the emergence of the Omicron variant in the US. While this variant has yet to be detected in the state of Illinois, it has been identified as being present in two of Illinois' five border states: Missouri and Wisconsin.

The CDC states that "on December 1, 2021 the first confirmed U.S. case of Omicron was identified. CDC [sic] has been collaborating with global public health and industry partners to learn about Omicron.... We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it."

Despite the emergence of this new variant, the Delta variant remains the predominant variant in the US. According to the CDC, "the Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants."

Therefore, as a continued means of mitigation and pursuant to the governor's mandate, WVC is offering free COVID-19 testing to students, faculty, and staff in the old Fitness Center on particular days and times.

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We at Wabash Valley College understand that building a firm educational foundation that meets the demands of our world requires the support of our community.

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