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"As the year comes to a close, let's cherish the moments, appreciate the journey, and welcome the new opportunities the holidays bring."

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As we approach the holiday season and the fast approaching winter break, I extend warm wishes to each of you. This year has been filled with achievements and memorable moments, showcasing the strength of our close-knit community.

As students head home for the break, it's a time for rejuvenation, reconnecting with loved ones, and well-deserved rest. The holiday season offers a chance to reflect on accomplishments and return in the new year with fresh perspectives.

Surveying campus, I've witnessed your resilience and dedication, and I'm confident the new year will bring even more successes. Whether you're exploring new places or enjoying quiet moments, I hope you find joy and relaxation.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year.

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As Mariah Carey says, it's time! Time for the holidays, time for finals, and time for a welldeserved break! I like listening to Christmas music in preparation for final exams. Key word here for final exams in December. Christmas music starts way too early, and I know my opinion is probably wrong as I'm sure my friends would point out, but let's not start the Christmas tunes until Thanksgiving is over.

Regardless, I'm excited for a break. After finals, I'll jam to all the Christmas music, watch Christmas movies and eat all the Christmas cookies. We've all worked hard this semester so let's all kick back and relax for a few weeks while we have the chance! Read on!

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FOOD DRIVE BY RYLAN ROBB

In the month of November, students competed against each other for a great cause: donating snacks! The annual food drive for Wabash Valley College's FRESH (Food Resources Eliminate Student Hunger) took place. The donations are to help eliminate student hunger and available to use for all students, no matter if they need a quick snack before class or a few things to make a meal. FRESH also carries personal hygiene products. FRESH is located in the Student Lounge and the open hours are posted in the lounge. They have a wide variety of food from chips to Pop-Tarts to everyone's favorite Little Debbie Treats! All the numerous clubs around campus competed to try to win a pizza party sponsored by Student Senate by donating individually wrapped snack items. If you want to make a donation to FRESH, contact Jill Winter at winterj@iecc.edu.



EMPLOYEE/ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Jared Proctor is the pitching coach for the Wabash Valley Baseball team. He is originally from Bardstown, Kentucky. Coach

Proctor is a WVC alumni, graduating in 2017 as he played one year as a left-handed pitcher for the team. That team made it to the world series and finished in third place. His favorite experience was his teammates and the camaraderie it brought with it. While he was at WVC, he got a general degree and then majored in communications. "This is a place that doesn't have a lot of distractions where you can really come and focus on your academics or your sport. It can really put you in a good position to be able to do that and be able to thrive and grow as a person."

Q&A

Q: What is your favorite thing to do besides baseball?

A: "I like being outside. I like fishing, I like bowhunting."

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: "Probably a nice medium-rare steak."



Are you an alumni that would like to be a part of our spotlight? Email Quianna at wvcwarriormarketing@iecc.edu

STUDENT LIFE ON CAMPUS

WVC Student Life recently hosted events filled with holiday cheer and community spirit:

On Thursday, November 16th, in the Spencer Sports Center there was the screening of the beloved classic, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving. To enhance the cinematic experience, a generous community member lent a large inflatable screen, turning the gym into a festive movie night venue.

After the basketball action on November 30th (a Warrior win over Oakland City 99-72), the festivities continued with a crackling bonfire that illuminated the night. The flames provided a warm and inviting atmosphere, creating a perfect setting for students to gather and share the spirit of the season. While it was some students 1st time at a bonfire toasting marshmallows and crafted s'mores, for others, it reminded them of camping in their former years.

Student Life continues to foster a vibrant campus community. Beyond academic pursuits, these events provide students with moments of joy, connection, and the spirit of the season.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BY RYLAN ROBB



Makaya Porter is a freshman at Wabash Valley College. She's originally from Elkhart, Indiana in the northern part of the state. She came to Wabash Valley to play basketball because during her last year of high school basketball she tore her ACL. Coach Luke Scheidecker reached out to her and offered her a spot on the team. Mayaya is 5'10" and plays the guard or forward position on the court. Right now, she's taking general classes, in hopes to transfer to a Division 1 school to continue playing basketball and major in Biology. "I want my profession to deal with animals," she stated.

Q&A

Q: What are you binge-watching?

A: "Right now I'm rewatching The 100 and it's on Netflix. They just started having me watch anime,

so I'm trying to see if I like that or not"

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: "Cheese! I love cheese, I eat cheese with anything"

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY

WVC proudly celebrated International Student Day on November 17th. A big shoutout to our incredible international students who bring diverse perspectives, cultures, and talents to our campus. They willingly and joyfully posed for a variety of photos (including a fun and selfie photo) demonstrating their friendship that is sure to last a lifetime. To the international students: your contributions make our community richer, more vibrant, and truly global. Thank you for being an essential part of the WVC family!



CHRISTMAS IN MOUNT CARMEL

Christmas Uptown in Mt Carmel had an array of activities for the entire family including stations from our athletic department! Community members stopped by the booth and had a great time playing games and having a snowball fight!



WVC Originators, your local theatre club, is back with a heartwarming Christmas production, "Christmas in Warmwater, IL" by Lawrence G. Enscoe. Set in a cozy town, the play captures the holiday spirit. Enjoy a tasty taco bar, lemonade, water, and pies at the WVC Café, run by young actors, all for a donation. Local talents will entertain you before each show. Directed by Carla Cadwalader and Julie Mann, this family-friendly drama promises wholesome entertainment. Treat yourself to cookies and drinks during the break. Seating is limited, so grab your \$10.00 tickets early by phone, in person, or online. Don't miss this magical Christmas celebration!



WVC IN PICTURES



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11, 2023

A Seussified Christmas Carol

December 11-14, 2023

Final Exams

December 11-14, 2023

Last Day of Semester

December 19, 2023-January 1, 2024

Winter Break. WVC is Closed

January 4-5, 2024

Registration, Testing

January 8, 2024

First Day of Classes

January 15, 2024

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / WVC is Closed

Be sure to follow us on social media for event reminders, game schedule changes, student activities, and more!



VIEW FROM THE VALLEY