

VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

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“Every **sunset** is an
opportunity to
reset. Every **sunrise**
begins with new
eyes.”

RICHIE NORTON

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As we usher in a new year, there's a sense of anticipation in the air once again. Whether you're returning to familiar classrooms or stepping onto campus for the first time, let's be excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. As we embark on the new year, let's focus on the exciting milestones ahead. Whether it's graduation, planning for future careers, or transferring to other institutions, WVC is the launchpad for your aspirations. Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to guide you as you navigate your educational journey. Tap in.

Here's to a semester filled with achievement, growth, and shared experiences. Your success is our priority, and we can't wait to see all that you will accomplish in 2024.

Welcome back, Warriors!

Warm regards,

Quanna

Winter break was way too short. I did enjoy the time off, spending the holidays with family but now it's time to knock out one more semester here at The Bash! (At least for me!)

For all my fellow sophomores out there: just one semester left! Let's finish strong and walk across the stage in May, proud of what we have accomplished. And to the freshman class who still have another year to go, enjoy it.

I have enjoyed my time here so far and I will continue to do so until the end. It all goes by too fast, but we all still have classes to finish first! Back to the grind and good luck!

Read on!

Dylan Hill



SAVE THE DATE!

Now that we are in the Spring Semester at WVC, there are many anticipated events that will be taking place over the next few months. Mark your calendars for the following:



COMMUNITY: February 22, 23 & 25,
Brubeck Arts Center

— save the date —
Health Careers Day

March 15, 2024 | Wabash Valley College
8:45am-2:30pm

Cadaver Presentation: 1:00 pm-2:30 pm



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HIGH SCHOOLS: AG Acquaintance Day (February 6) & Health Careers Day (March 15)



LIGHTS, CAMERA FAFSA!

LET IECC HELP YOU WITH YOUR FAFSA AT OUR FAFSA NIGHTS

<p>FEB. 8 4-7 PM</p> <p>FEB. 15 4-7 PM</p> <p>FEB. 20 4-7 PM</p> <p>FEB. 27 4-7 PM</p>	<p>LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE WILLIAMS HALL 112</p> <p>OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE WATTLEWORTH HALL 205</p> <p>FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER 32</p> <p>WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE MAIN HALL 205</p>
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Filing the FAFSA is the most important thing you can do to get money to help pay for college. It's the gateway to all forms of federal financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study programs. Here are some tips that can help you star in your own award-winning FAFSA production!

FAFSA and Furious

Race to file your FAFSA as soon as you can so you don't miss out on aid that's awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. And don't forget to complete a FAFSA every year you're in college.

He's Just Not That Into FAFSA

Thinking about bypassing the FAFSA because your family's income and savings are too high? Think again. Heavily-awarded student is eligible for some form of financial assistance regardless of financial circumstances.

The FAFSA Games

The odds of completing the FAFSA will be ever in your favor if you gather all necessary information first. That includes your Social Security and driver's license numbers, your parents' Social Security numbers and birth dates, 2022 income tax returns (or estimates), W-2 forms, and bank statements.

The FAFSA Awakens

The FAFSA is opening later than usual this year. You'll need to have an FSA ID to get started. Remember your login information and your challenge questions just in case you have trouble logging in when you try to complete your FAFSA.

You've Got FAFSA

Include an email address with your FAFSA application, and you'll receive your FAFSA Submission Summary, which takes a few days. The FAFSA Submission Summary will explain your eligibility for financial aid and your next steps.

FAFSA Maguire

If you're looking for schools to show you the money, be sure to tell them on your application. IECC's school code is 001742.

FAFSA Fiction

Just because it says FAFSA doesn't mean it's FAFSA. Watch out for scams. Filing the FAFSA is absolutely free of student fees. Check your Federal Student Aid ID here, and get started.

WVC STUDENTS:
FAFSA Night,
February 27,
Main Hall 205

ALUMNI/EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



SARAH CLODFELTER

When did you attend WVC? 2015

Did you graduate? Yes

What was your degree in? Associate in Applied Science, majoring in Business

Why did you choose to attend WVC? It was cheap (chuckles). A part of Mt. Carmel, tight knit. Seems like everybody knows everybody.

Favorite part about Mount Carmel/WVC? [same as reason for choosing WVC] tight knit. Seems like everybody knows everybody.

Favorite class? Dave Wilderman's class

What do you remember most about your time at WVC? The friends I made. Working in Student Services. Getting to know everybody.

Any Clubs or athletics you were in? I was in Marketing Club, I still have my sweater in my closet

Did you transfer? Where did you transfer to and why? What was your degree(s) in? I didn't transfer immediately because I'm a full time parent so I had to get a job full time but now I have transferred to Easter Illinois University online for my bachelors and I'm doing that for business

Where have you worked? Wabash Container, Goodyear and now I work at WVC

What do you do now? I am the Assistant to the Dean of Instruction

What do you enjoy most about your current job? Everything. I love the challenge of it. Putting the schedule together is like a puzzle. It is fun.

Did you feel like college prepared you for the workforce? Yes, I think so. Especially business wise. It taught me that knowledge is power and you don't put another business down to gain in your own business. You work to talk your business up.

What do you do in your free time? I sleep a lot when I have the ability outside of work and school.

Advice for the workplace? Everything is fine. It's not the end of the world if you do something wrong. Just fix the problem and move on. You can make mistakes, it's ok.

Any advice for students in high school/college? Take it seriously, do your homework and get good grades. It will follow you.

Favorite quote?

"the times you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you"

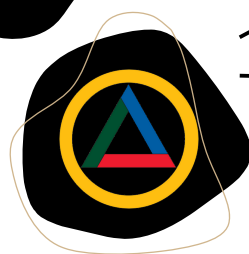
-- The Bible

FUN FACT

Illinois Eastern Community College District 529 is a district of four colleges: Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and **Wabash Valley College**. Like WVC, the other colleges are a great choice for college affordability and educational excellence. There is a wide range of degree and certificate programs that provide choices in pursuit of a career and technical education or as a pathway to a four-year institution. This is an excellent choice for high school students, those looking for a career change or just simply want to pick up a class or two along life's journey.



As part of the district, student, faculty and staff emails at all four colleges end in @iecc.edu.



Over the winter break, WVC employees and staff participated in the Spring Faculty Workshop in preparation for the academic semester. Sessions included marketing and public relations, mental health and training on the synchronous lecture hall (pictured).

A FESTIVE CLOSING



At the end of December, the Wabash Valley Originators ignited the magic of the season with 'Christmas in Warmwater, IL,' a production for all ages. Participants were able to enjoy a taco bar, local talents, and festive treats. Held at the Brubeck Arts Center, the turnout was one for the entire family to enjoy.

STUDENT STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

There are two (2) study abroad opportunities for IECC students this summer. As an international alumni stated:



That is such a fantastic idea! Now IECC students get to experience our countries and cultures just as we did yours when we studied IECC.

Interested students should contact Cassandra Goldman, IECC Dean of Students, at 618-263-4999 x3166.



College of DuPage  **ICISP**
ILLINOIS CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMS

COSTA RICA

Language and Cultural Immersion

May 29 to June 29, 2024

Program fee: \$4,664

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Chicago
- Homestay with Costa Rican family in San Jose, including breakfast and dinner.
- Small-group language classes/instruction fees
- Excursions to Manuel Antonio National Park, Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs, Waterfall Gardens, and a coffee plantation.
- Instructional fee
- ICISP administrative fee

Orientation: May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at College of DuPage

For a sample daily calendar and program information, visit cod.edu/studyabroad. Students who do not live in COD District 502 should apply through their local community college or email fssa@cod.edu. All are welcome.

Application deadline: Feb 15

To apply:

Adventures abound!

Courses: Civilization and Culture of Costa Rica (3 credits) and one language course. (3-4 credits.)

Elementary Spanish I or II
Intermediate Spanish I or II
Advanced Level Spanish I or II
Heritage Speaker Spanish I or II



IECC, through our membership in the Illinois Consortium For International Studies and Programs, is offering our students the opportunity to study abroad in **Seville, Spain** from May 29 - June 28, 2024. Interested students should contact Cassandra Goldman, IECC Dean of Students, at 618-263-4999 x 3166.

AND

IECC has partnered with the College of DuPage through our membership in the Illinois Consortium For International Studies and Programs to offer our students the opportunity to study abroad in **Costa Rica** from May 29 - June 29, 2024. Interested students should contact Cassandra Goldman, IECC Dean of Students, at 618-263-4999 x 3166.

ATHLETICS SPOTLIGHT

WVC BASS TEAM ANGLERS

The WVC Anglers were in Florida for the Major League Fishing Abu Garcia College National Championship starting Tuesday, January 9th. With two teams competing, their trip started out with a pre tournament banquet on Monday evening with the tournament being pushed back to start on Wednesday, January 10 due to high winds. Both teams qualified for this event by finishing in the top 10% of a regular season event in 2023. Hunter Sandschafer and Hunter Capehart finished 25th at Lake of the Ozarks last March and Jonah Potts and Drew Fromm were 27th in the same event to qualify for this championship.



Pictured L-R in the picture is Hunter Capehart, Jonah Potts, Hunter Sandschafer, and Drew Fromm.

At the time of this publication, the event did not take place but visit our athletics page for the results at www.wvcwarriorathletics.com

WVC BASKETBALL TEAMS (IN PHOTOS)



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15, 2024

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
School is closed

February 6, 2024

Ag Acquaintance Day

February 22,23 & 25, 2024

Wabash Valley Arts Council Presents:
The Wizard of Oz

March 15, 2024

Health Careers Day

In season sport schedules can be found at
wvcwarriorathletics.com

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



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