

VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

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“You're off to
Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is
waiting,
So... get on your
way”

DR. SEUSS

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As summer draws to a close, the energy on campus is starting to build. The fall semester is just around the corner, and you can feel the excitement in the air. Students are preparing to return, bringing with them fresh hopes, new goals, and the drive to succeed. The campus will soon be buzzing with activity, from classrooms filled with learning to hallways echoing with the sounds of friends catching up after the break.

In the community, the transition from summer to fall is a busy time. Sports teams are gearing up for another thrilling season, with practices already underway and the first games just ahead. Whether it's on the field, the court, or the track, our athletes are ready to give their all, and we can't wait to cheer them on.

Meanwhile, our dedicated staff has been hard at work, making sure everything is in place for a successful start to the semester. From finalizing lesson plans to preparing campus facilities, they've been working behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

As we move into this new season, we're excited for what lies ahead. The fall brings a fresh start, new opportunities, and the chance to make the most of what Wabash Valley College has to offer. Whether you're returning to campus or joining us for the first time, we're ready to welcome you with open arms. Let's make this semester one to remember.

Here's to a great start to the fall and a successful season for all!

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WELCOME TO WVC

On Tuesday, August 13th, WVC welcomed around 150 new students to campus for New Student Orientation. The day kicked off at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, providing an opportunity for students to meet staff, faculty, and fellow students. Following the breakfast, the group gathered in the Brubeck Theatre for a warm welcome from campus President Dr. Matthew Fowler. Students were introduced to the student ambassadors and given an overview of the day.

Afterward, students embarked on a 45-minute campus tour, where they viewed important videos on topics like financial aid, mental health, and Title IX—critical information for their success at WVC. Strategically placed throughout the campus were community booths featuring local businesses and places of worship, allowing students to learn about the various services and opportunities available to them in the community.

The day wrapped up with a Dairy Dee ice cream social in the parking lot, a sweet gesture to officially welcome the new student body. We're excited to see how these new students will contribute to the history of our school!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MEET ERNIE MAJORS: WVC'S OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE LEADER



For the last two years, Ernie Majors has led the Operations and Maintenance team at Wabash Valley College, keeping the campus in great shape. With a total of nine years at WVC, including seven as the maintenance man, Ernie's commitment to the college shows in his everyday work.

Born and raised in Mount Carmel, Ernie loves the local community, especially its sports. From grade school teams to WVC athletics, he's a big fan and often speaks highly of the college's coaches, teachers, and the beauty of the area.

Though his job keeps him busy, Ernie enjoys relaxing at Conservation Lake, not too far from home. Football is his favorite sport, but this summer, he's been focused on gardening. Ernie grows and cans green beans, tomatoes, and other vegetables, and even makes his own salsa.

Ernie's dedication to his work and hobbies shows the passion he brings to everything he does. WVC is lucky to have him leading the Operations and Maintenance team.

SUMMER CAMP WRAP-UP

Summer Camp Success at WVC

This summer, Wabash Valley College hosted a variety of camps that brought together over 100 eager participants. From TV/Radio and Engineering to Basketball, Volleyball, Theater, Music, and Soccer, each camp offered a unique experience for students to learn, grow, and have fun. The enthusiasm and energy were palpable, making it an extreme success! We're thrilled with the turnout and are already looking forward to making next year's camps even better. Whether on the field, stage, or behind the scenes, WVC's summer camps provided unforgettable memories and valuable skills for all involved.



BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

Wabash Valley College Foundation Welcomes New Executive Director



Hello! My name is Peyton Farmer and I am excited for the opportunity to be the Executive Director of the Wabash Valley College Foundation. I am a WVC alumni and have always been a strong supporter of the community college here in Mt. Carmel, IL. As a Mt. Carmel High School graduate I received a scholarship from the foundation that fully paid for me to attend WVC. Because of that gift of generosity, I was able to attend college without the stress of how to pay for it. Not only was I able to take advantage of the scholarship awarded me, but I was able to invest time into the social service club on campus and do work study under the Director of Enrollment at the time. Those unique experiences gave me insight into how WVC operates and ultimately gave me a deep respect and gratitude for the college and its funders as a whole.

It is my mission as the standing Executive Director to be able to give other students the same opportunities I was given to advance themselves through taking advantage of all the foundation has to offer. The foundation doesn't just offer scholarships, it is also a place community members go to donate funds so that the college as a whole can benefit. Over the years, our foundation has contributed nearly \$5 million for the development of the college. This has included (but is not limited to) scholarships for students, construction and renovation for the campus buildings, library books and equipment, athletic fields, tennis courts, etc.

It is an incredible honor to be able to give back to the Wabash Valley College Foundation as the Executive Director in the same ways that they have endlessly poured into me.

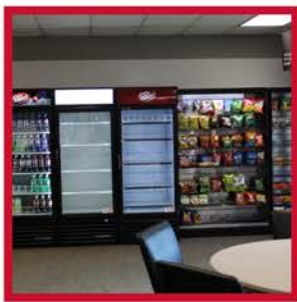
WVC PROJECTS



A new crosswalk has been installed on Oak Street, connecting the Small World Child Development Center and the Warrior Grill on Wabash Valley College's campus. This much-needed project was designed with safety in mind, ensuring that the children and staff at Small World can cross the street with greater peace of mind.

The crosswalk features street lighting that activates when in use, making it easier for drivers to see and allowing them to make necessary adjustments to their speed. This enhancement not only safeguards pedestrians but also enhances the overall safety of the campus.

This project is a significant step forward in creating a safer environment for everyone at WVC.



Wabash Valley College has recently upgraded the Warrior Grill with new beverage fridges and snack shelving, creating a modern "micro market" for students. This new setup allows students to grab food and drinks whenever the building is open, providing convenience throughout the day.

One of the standout features of this 'micro market' is the advanced technology that allows students to pay for their items using their thumbprint, streamlining the purchasing process and adding a touch of innovation to their daily routine. The sleek, illuminated shelving enhances the space, giving it a grocery store-like ambiance that makes it easy and enjoyable to find what you need.

OLYMPICS END, ATHLETICS BEGIN



Soccer team playing a scrimmage game.



Volleyball team practicing for the upcoming season.

With the Olympic Games having recently concluded, the excitement of athletics is far from over—now it's time to focus on WVC's fall sports! As the world's greatest athletes return home, our very own Warriors are gearing up for their upcoming seasons. Both the Soccer and Volleyball teams at WVC have been hard at work, practicing for weeks to prepare for the challenges ahead.

The anticipation on campus is palpable as these teams get ready to kick off their seasons. Our athletes have shown dedication and determination, and now they're ready to bring that same energy to the field and court.

Want to catch the action live? Be sure to check out the schedules for both sports at wvcwarriorathletic.com. Come out and support your Warriors as they aim to start the season strong. Go Warriors!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15, 2024

First day of class

WVJC The Bash Radio 50 year anniversary celebration

August 16, 2024

FAFSA Fridays

August 19, 2024

Sand Volleyball Games

August 21, 2024

Find Your Tribe

August 22, 2024

Women's Volleyball vs. VU

August 23, 2024

FAFSA Fridays

August 25, 2024

Women's Soccer vs. Motlow State

August 26, 2024

Sand Volleyball Games

August 30, 2024

FAFSA Fridays

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



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