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"Success is not final;
failure is not fatal.
It's the **courage** to
continue that
counts."

WINSTON CHURCHILL

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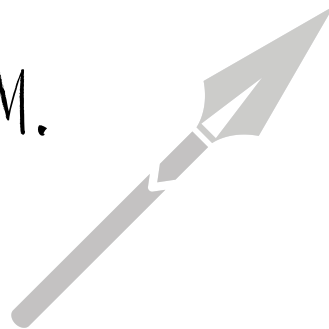
EDITOR'S NOTE

As winter's chill settles over our campus, it's a reminder of the resilience and dedication that define Wabash Valley College. Despite the cold and occasional inclement weather, our commitment to delivering exceptional education and services remains unwavering. We have comprehensive emergency preparedness plans in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff, including protocols for emergency closings when necessary.

Our mission is to improve the lives of our students and strengthen our communities. This mission propels us forward, regardless of the season. We encourage our students to embrace the opportunities that each day brings, knowing that the warmth of knowledge and the support of our community can outshine any winter storm.

Stay safe, stay engaged, and let's continue to make this season a time of growth and achievement.

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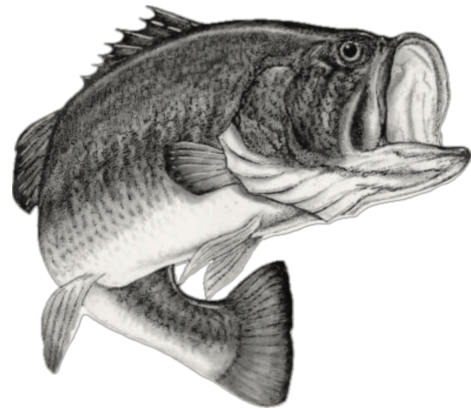


REELIN' 'EM IN!

The winter chill hasn't slowed down Coach Todd Gill, who's been hard at work bringing in fresh talent for the 2025-26 WVC Bass Team. Since the winter break, Coach Gill has added promising recruits to the team including Zac Corell, Colten Starnes, Wyatt Stamper, Grayson Wilson, Cooper Lobek, and Will Cali.

Despite the cold weather, Coach Gill has kept the momentum going, showcasing the strength of the program and the opportunities available at WVC.

With a strong lineup coming together, the future looks bright for the WVC Bass Team. It's clear that no matter the season, Coach Gill is always reeling in success. 🔥



WVC SEEKS STUDENT TRUSTEE

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) is now accepting applications for the prestigious position of Student Trustee to the IECC Board of Trustees for the 2025-2026 academic year. The selected student will serve as a vital voice for the student body across all four IECC campuses, including Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College. The Student Trustee acts as the liaison between the student body and the Board, advocating for student interests and concerns. Additionally, the trustee serves as the president of the IECC Student Advisory Board, further fostering communication and collaboration among the campuses.

This leadership opportunity rotates annually among the four campuses, and the upcoming term's Student Trustee will be elected from Wabash Valley College. The one-year term begins with the April Board of Trustees meeting and concludes in March 2026.

Eligibility Requirements:

To declare candidacy, students must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of at least fifteen (15) credit hours at IECC.
- Enrollment as a full-time student (minimum of twelve (12) credit hours) throughout the term of office.
- Good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Good conduct standing with no violations.
- Financial good standing with IECC (no outstanding account balances).

The election will take place by March 1, 2025, and interested students are encouraged to begin their campaign preparations now.

How to Learn More:

For detailed information about the application process and campaign rules, please contact Cassandra Goldman, Dean of Students, at goldmanc@iecc.edu.

This is a unique opportunity for a WVC student to develop leadership skills, represent their peers, and play an integral role in shaping the future of IECC. If you're ready to make an impact, consider running for this esteemed position!

Contact:

Cassandra Goldman

Dean of Students

Email: goldmanc@iecc.edu

Phone: 618-262-8641 📞

PROVIDE A STUDENT VOICE

IECC is looking for a
WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENT
to serve as the Student Trustee to the IECC Board
of Trustees in academic year 2025-2026

**THE NEXT TRUSTEE
WILL BE ELECTED
BY MARCH 1, 2025**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY
JANUARY 31
4:00PM**

**SERVE A ONE YEAR
TERM THAT
BEGINS IN APRIL**

WVC

The Student Trustee also serves as the president of the IECC Student Advisory Board.

The following criteria must be met in order to declare candidacy:

- Must have completed fifteen (15) credit hours at IECC.
- Must be a full-time student (enrolled a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours) at IECC.
- Must be enrolled for their entire term of office; the year begins with April Board of Trustees meeting and ends at the conclusion of the March of Trustees meeting.
- Must be in good academic standing and have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Must be in good financial standing related to conduct, with no violations.
- Must be in good financial standing related to IECC account, no outstanding balance.

To learn more about campaign rules and the process, email Dean of Students, Cassandra Goldman at goldmanc@iecc.edu

**SCAN FOR
APPLICATION &
DECLARATION**

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Terrance McGee, Head Coach, Men's Basketball



Wabash Valley College's men's basketball head coach, Terrance McGee, is currently in the middle of his second season, working hard to shape not just athletes but future leaders. Originally from Milwaukee, WI, Coach McGee brings over 13 years of collegiate coaching experience to the Warrior program. With a deep passion for the game and a clear vision for his players' success, he's focused on more than just wins—he's building character.

When asked about what he hopes to get out of his team this season, McGee said, "I want them to become better men, graduate, and be good citizens. Those are values I work to instill in them every day. I want to see them impact lives in a positive way." His approach reflects a dedication to not only their

performance on the court but also their personal growth and future contributions to society.

Outside of basketball, Coach McGee has a love for Mexican food and enjoys relaxing to the smooth sounds of R&B. His favorite childhood memories revolve around family gatherings at BBQs and Christmas celebrations, moments that have shaped his appreciation for community and togetherness.

With his guidance, WVC's men's basketball team isn't just learning how to play—they're learning how to lead, give back, and strive for excellence in all areas of life. Coach McGee's impact goes far beyond the hardwood, making him a valued member of the WVC family. 🔥

BEER BONES BBQ BRINGS FLAVOR TO THE WARRIOR GRILL

There's a new reason to visit Wabash Valley College on Tuesdays and Wednesdays—Beer Bones BBQ has officially taken over the Warrior Grill! Owner Brandon Patterson is excited to serve up delicious, slow-smoked barbecue to both students and the local community.

Patterson, who once helped in the Warrior Grill kitchen years ago, is no stranger to the space. Now, he's back with his own scratch-made menu, offering a variety of flavorful options. While pulled pork and mac & cheese will be staples, other protein options and sides will rotate daily to keep things fresh and exciting.

"I'm looking forward to seeing students try the food for the first time and come back for more," Patterson shared. He's eager for the foot traffic and the chance to introduce Beer Bones BBQ to a wider audience.

The Warrior Grill is open to everyone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Whether you're a BBQ lover or simply looking for a tasty lunch, Beer Bones BBQ promises a meal you won't want to miss! 🔥

**NOW IN THE WARRIOR GRILL
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

WARRIOR Grill
EST 2022

BEER BONES BBQ

2200 College Drive, Mount Carmel

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays
11 am - 1 pm**

WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE
1960

ATHLETIC TRAINING CENTER

In Pictures



WVC ORIGINATORS' SPRING EVENTS

Wabash Valley College (WVC) Originators are excited to host a series of fun and engaging events at the Warrior Grill this Spring. Mark your calendars for these community-centered gatherings!

1. Game Nights, Adults \$5.00 & Students \$2.00/ Children under 16 must be with adult

Dates:

- February 4th, 6-8 PM
- March 4th, 6-8 PM
- April 1st, 6-8 PM
- May 6th, 6-8pm

2. Murder Mystery & Meal

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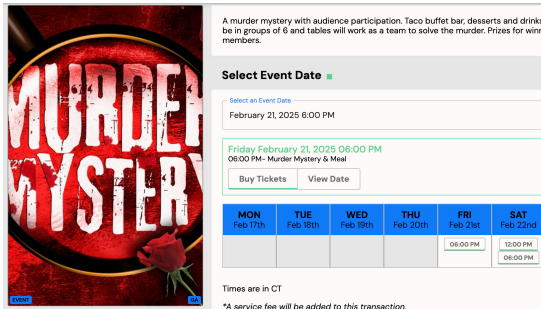
- February 21st, 6pm
- February 22nd, 12pm & 6pm

Cost: \$20 with limited seating

Tickets can be purchased at <https://cur8.com/26009/project/127989>

All events are held at WVC's Warrior Grill, and we look forward to seeing you there! For additional details and ticket information, contact Carla Cadwalader at cadwaladerc@iecc.edu.

Don't miss these exciting events brought to you by WVC Originators—join us for fun, food, and entertainment! 🍷



A murder mystery with audience participation. Taco buffet bar, desserts and drinks, be in groups of 6 and tables will work as a team to solve the murder. Prizes for winn members.

Select Event Date ▾

Select an Event Date

February 21, 2025 6:00 PM

Friday February 21, 2025 06:00 PM
06:00 PM - Murder Mystery & Meal

Buy Tickets View Date

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 17th	Feb 18th	Feb 19th	Feb 20th	Feb 21st	Feb 22nd
				06:00 PM	12:00 PM 06:00 PM

Times are in CT
*A service fee will be added to this transaction.

MT. CARMEL GAME NIGHT

You are invited to Bunco & Game Night 1x month. **1st TUESDAY \$**

5.00/ \$2.00 for Students and children w Adult

Finger-foods will be provided and play 6:00-8:30 so everyone can be home by 9:00! 12 players are required to play BUNCO. Other games will be available.

LOCATION: Warrior Café 2200 College Dr. Mt. Carmel, IL 62863 FOR

INFORMATION CALL CARLA 618-554-3205 PLEASE TEXT 1 day PRIOR to GAME

DATES: Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20, 2025

- Campus Closed

February 1, 2025

- PTA CEU Summit

January 21, 2025

- Nursing Program
Information Session



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