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"Success is not the
key to happiness.
Happiness is the
key to success. If
you love what you
are doing, you will
be **successful**."

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

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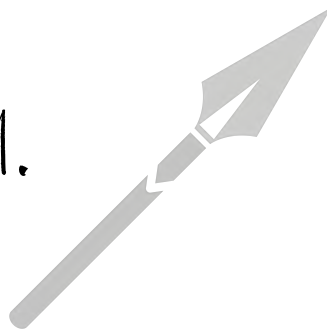
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As fall settles over campus and the days grow cooler, it's the perfect time to pause and rediscover joy in what we do every day. Whether it's the excitement of Halloween, the rhythm of classes, or the anticipation of time spent with friends and family next month, happiness often comes from simply doing what we love — and sharing it with others.

This season, let's take a moment to appreciate the work, the laughter, and the community that make WVC such a special place. Here's to finding success through joy and connection all season long.

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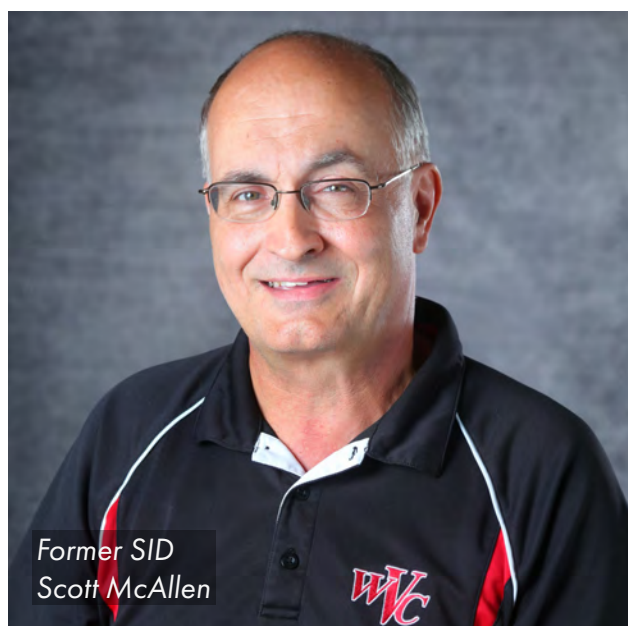


SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

Two Wabash Valley College Radio/TV graduates recently found themselves working side by side in the same press box at Red Hill Raceway. Tommy Cook (Class of 2018) and Josh Brown (Class of 2012), both former students of WVC Radio/TV Lead Instructor Kyle Peach, reunited through their shared passion for broadcasting and motorsports.

Although they graduated years apart, their paths crossed again thanks to their dedication to the craft and love for the track. Peach shared his pride in seeing his former students thriving in their careers: "It's always rewarding to see alumni doing what they love. I'm proud of both of them."

The moment serves as another example of how WVC's Radio/TV program continues to prepare students for success in the broadcasting industry—on the air, behind the mic, and beyond the classroom.



The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) has named Scott McAllen, longtime broadcaster and former WVC Sports Information Director, as one of its 2025–2026 Distinguished Media Service Award recipients.

Known on air as Scott Allen, McAllen has been the voice of Mt. Carmel Golden Aces athletics for 50 years, calling games since 1979. His passion for local sports and commitment to community storytelling have made him a beloved figure in southern Illinois.

McAllen was honored during the Mt. Carmel varsity football game on Friday, September 26, at 6:50 p.m. for his decades of dedication to high school sports and community broadcasting.

Both stories were originally shared by WVC Radio/TV Lead Instructor Kyle Peach, who highlighted the continued success and impact of Wabash Valley College alumni and community members. WVC was proud to be tagged and recognized in his posts celebrating these achievements.



ATHLETIC EVENTS

(HOME GAMES)

**OCTOBER
2025**

MON

20

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

VS. Vincennes University,
6pm

FRI

24

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

VS. Lake Land College,
6:30pm

WED

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

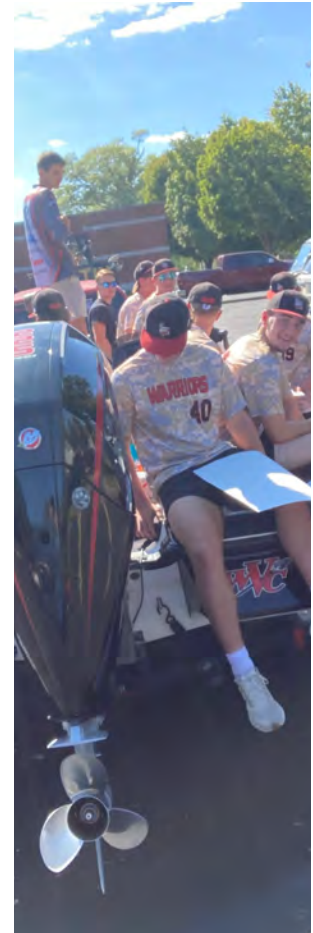
VS. Southeastern Illinois
College, 6:30pm

WARRIORS SUPPORTING ACES

The WVC Warriors showed their community spirit by supporting the Mount Carmel Golden Aces during Homecoming festivities! ~

Warrior students and staff joined in the fun by walking in the Mount Carmel High School Homecoming Parade, handing out candy to paradegoers from the WVC Bass Team's boat. The crowd cheered as the Warriors rolled through, celebrating the strong connection between Wabash Valley College and the local community.

Events like this highlight WVC's pride in being part of the Mount Carmel tradition—supporting students, families, and the community that supports them in return.



WVC WELCOMES JIMMY FORTUNE

Get ready, Mt. Carmel — Jimmy Fortune is bringing his incredible voice and legendary career to the Brubeck Theatre at Wabash Valley College!

If the name sounds familiar, it should. Jimmy spent 21 years performing with The Statler Brothers, writing several of their biggest hits, including "Elizabeth," "Too Much on My Heart," "My Only Love," and "More Than a Name on a Wall." After his time with the group, he went on to build a successful solo career in both country and gospel music, performing with Gaither Music, Dailey and Vincent, and appearing on The Grand Ole Opry and Country Family Reunion.

Now, this Country Music Hall of Fame inductee is taking the Brubeck stage for one unforgettable night of music right here in Mt. Carmel!

- Friday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Brubeck Theatre, Wabash Valley College
 - Tickets: \$35 (Ages 17 & under: \$15)
- Call 618-263-5164 or **CLICK HERE** to get your tickets!

This performance is funded, in part, by the WVC Foundation Koger Fund for the Performing Arts and the Illinois Arts Council.

Wabash Valley College and the Wabash Valley Arts Council present



Gather Gospel Series

Jimmy Fortune

God & Country

Friday, October 17, 7:30 pm

Brubeck Arts Center

Wabash Valley College - Mt Carmel, IL

Contact Donna: (618) 263-5164 or siglerd@iecc.edu

Tickets are \$35.00 Adult/\$15 Children
- Season Patron Passes will be honored -

This performance is being funded, in part, by a grant from the
**WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION KOGER FUND FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
AND THE ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL**

NURSING & PTA INFO SESSIONS

Students interested in pursuing a career in healthcare will have the chance to learn more about Wabash Valley College's Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) and Nursing programs during a series of upcoming Information Sessions this fall.

These sessions are designed to help prospective students explore program details, meet faculty, and ask questions about the admissions process, course requirements, and clinical experiences. Attendees will also have an opportunity to tour facilities and learn how WVC prepares students for in-demand careers in healthcare.

PTA Information Sessions

Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.
Wabash Valley College Campus

Nursing Information Sessions

Thursday, October 16 | 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Monday, November 3 | 2:00–3:00 p.m.
Friday, December 5 | 8:00–9:00 a.m.
Science Building, Room 58

Virtual Nursing & Radiography Sessions

Wednesday, October 15 | 2:00 p.m.
Friday, December 5 | 12:00 noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 567 828 7573

Both programs continue to build strong reputations for excellence, with graduates going on to serve communities across Southern Illinois and beyond.

For more information, visit iecc.edu/wvc or call 618-262-8641.



EXPLORE A FUTURE IN NURSING

ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES NURSING INFORMATION SESSIONS

FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FAIRFIELD, IL

To make application for the nursing program, please contact Julie Bulard at 618-847-9201 or Ext. 4520 and make an appointment for one of the following meetings:

Location: Cox Hall, Room 105

2025 Dates

Thursday, October 16, 10-11 a.m.
Tuesday, November 18, 3-4 p.m.
Tuesday, December 9, 2-3 p.m.

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE OLNEY, IL

To make application for the nursing program, please contact Julie Bulard at 618-847-9201 or Ext. 4520 and make an appointment for one of the following meetings:

Location: Wartteworth Hall, Room 213

2025 Dates

Wednesday, October 8, 1-2 p.m.
Friday, November 14, 2-3 p.m.
Wednesday, December 10, 3-4 p.m.

VIRTUAL SESSIONS (NURSING & RADIOGRAPHY)

Zoom Meeting ID: 567 828 7573

2025 Dates

Wednesday, October 15, 2:00 p.m. (Nursing & Radiography)
Friday, December 5, 12:00 noon (Nursing & Radiography)

2025 Dates

Wed., January 21, 8:00 p.m. (Nursing & Radiography)
Thursday, February 26, 2:00 p.m. (Nursing only)

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE ROBINSON, IL

To make application for the nursing program, please contact Michelle Woods at 618-546-0335 or Ext. 1130 and make an appointment for one of the following meetings:

Location: Williams Hall, Room 110

2025 Dates

Tuesday, October 7, 2-3 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18, 10-11 a.m.
Wednesday, December 3, 1-2 p.m.

WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE MT. CARMEL, IL

To make application for the nursing program, please contact Michelle Woods at 618-263-5105 or Ext. 3431 and make an appointment for one of the following meetings:

Location: Science Building, Room 58

2025 Dates

Thursday, October 16, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Monday, November 3, 2-3 p.m.
Friday, December 5, 8-9 a.m.



WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

INFO SESSIONS

****FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS AND PARENTS!****

We'll Discuss:

- PTA program
- Application Requirements
- Tour of the Facilities
- Q&A session



Wabash Valley College PTA Lab
Science Building, Room 17
2200 College Drive
Mount Carmel, IL

RSVP to Donna at
siglerd@iecc.edu or (618) 263-5164

**Tuesday,
October 21, 2025
6PM CST**

**Tuesday,
November 18, 2025
6PM CST**



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Meet Blake McDonald, a Wabash Valley College Student Ambassador from Allendale, Illinois, who's focused on building a bright future in healthcare. A graduate of Faith Missionary Academy, Blake is currently working toward an Associate in Science degree, with plans to pursue a career as a chiropractor.

Blake's interest in chiropractic care began five years ago after visiting a local chiropractor in Princeton, an experience that sparked his passion for helping others. "I've always wanted to help people, and I think it's such a unique, hands-on way to make a difference," he said. His recent shadowing experience with

Dr. Spear further strengthened his commitment to the field.

When it came time to choose a college, Wabash Valley College was the clear choice. "It's close to home, and I think community college is a great way to start anyone's academic career," Blake shared. "I already knew several people here, which made the transition from high school really easy."

Outside the classroom, Blake enjoys staying active. He loves playing basketball and practices taekwondo at the Vincennes YMCA, where he's earned his second-degree black belt.

Blake plans to graduate from WVC in 2026 before transferring to continue his education in chiropractic studies. His drive, discipline, and enthusiasm for helping others make him a true example of the Warrior Way.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark Your Calendars!

October 14, 2025

- Warriors Midterm Meltdown

October 16, 2025

- Warriors Fishing Rodeo

October 16, 2025

- Jimmy Fortune

October 21, 2025

- Spring Registration Begins
- Eastern Illinois University visit
- PTA Information Session
- Student Senate Meeting
- IECC Board of Trustees Meeting

October 24, 2025

- WVC Volleyball vs. Lake Land College

October 28, 2025

- Student Senate Meeting

October 29, 2025

- Southern Illinois University-Carbondale visit
- WVC volleyball vs. Southeastern Illinois

October 30, 2025

- University of Illinois Springfield visit
- Trunk or Treat

November 12, 2025

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 11, 2025

- Campus Closed - Veteran's Day



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