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**"Gratitude turns  
what we have into  
enough."**

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

As we approach the end of another busy semester, there's much to celebrate at Wabash Valley College. This year marks 65 years of education, growth, and community impact, and it's inspiring to reflect on just how far we've come. From our beginnings in 1960 to today's vibrant campus, WVC has remained dedicated to providing opportunity, supporting students, and serving as a cornerstone for our region.

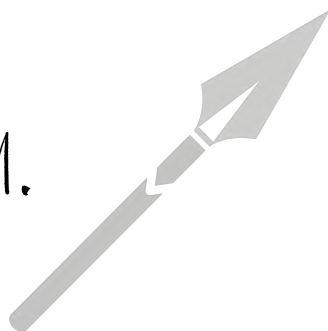
One of the most exciting milestones of this year is the completion of our new Athletic Facility, a project that will benefit students, athletes, and the entire community. This modern space represents more than just new equipment—it symbolizes WVC's continued commitment to progress and excellence. We were proud to celebrate its Ribbon Cutting and Open House this December alongside the IECC Board of Trustees, our student-athletes, and community members who helped make it possible.

As we move into this season of gratitude, it's a perfect time to thank those who have shaped WVC's success—our students who work hard every day, our faculty and staff who pour their energy into helping them succeed, and our alumni and community supporters whose generosity continues to open doors for future Warriors.

The coming weeks will bring winter break, a time for rest, reflection, and renewal. When we return, we'll welcome a new year and a new semester, full of fresh opportunities to learn, grow, and continue the proud tradition that has defined Wabash Valley College for 65 years.

From all of us at View From the Valley, thank you for being part of this incredible journey. May your holiday season be filled with peace, gratitude, and the joy of knowing you are part of something lasting and meaningful—the Warrior Way.

*Quianna M.*





# CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

This December marks a major milestone for Wabash Valley College—65 years of helping students learn, grow, and prepare for their futures. Since 1960, WVC has remained committed to offering affordable education close to home and supporting the communities of the Wabash Valley region.

Over the years, the college has expanded its programs, improved facilities, and continued to serve as a place where students of all ages can build skills that lead to strong careers. From the classroom to the community, WVC's impact can be seen in local businesses, schools, hospitals, industries, and organizations shaped by WVC graduates.



## Recognized for 65 Years of Excellence

On November 18th, Wabash Valley College was honored by the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce in recognition of 65 years of excellence. The certificate reflects the strong relationship between the college and the community, and the many ways WVC has contributed to the region's growth and success.

## A New Step Forward: Athletic Facility Ribbon Cutting on December 9

One highlight of this anniversary year is the completion of WVC's new Athletic Facility. This space will support WVC's baseball, softball, and soccer teams by providing year-round indoor training areas and updated resources for student-athletes.

WVC will hold its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House on Monday, December 9 at 1:00 PM. Students, employees, alumni, and guests will be able to tour the space and see how it supports athletic training at the college. The new facility is an exciting addition to campus.

## Celebrating 65 Years on December 10

The anniversary celebration continues the next day. On Tuesday, December 10, WVC will host a 65th Anniversary Cake Celebration in the Learning Commons from 1:00–3:00 PM CST. This event is open to the public and offers a simple, meaningful way for the community to come together, enjoy a piece of cake, and honor WVC's long history on December 10, 1960.

## Looking Back—and Looking Ahead

For 65 years, Wabash Valley College has remained focused on one goal: helping students succeed. None of this would be possible without the support of dedicated faculty and staff, hardworking students, loyal alumni, and a community that continues to believe in the value of local education.

As winter break approaches and a new semester draws near, WVC is proud of its past and excited for what's ahead.



With new facilities, strong programs, and a community that stands behind it, the college is ready to continue its mission for many years to come.

Cheers to 65 years of WVC—and to a bright future for the entire Warrior family.

Visit [iecc.edu/wvc](http://iecc.edu/wvc) to see how you can celebrate 65 years with us and make an impact on future Warriors. 🍁





# WVC ARTS COUNCIL BRINGS “A CHRISTMAS CAROL” TO LIFE

Just before Thanksgiving break, the Wabash Valley College Arts Council brought a classic to the Brubeck Theatre stage with its production of “A Christmas Carol.” Performances were held on November 20, 21, and 23, drawing crowds from throughout the community to enjoy this timeless story of compassion, redemption, and the true spirit of Christmas.

The production was directed by Mikayla Beck, who led a talented cast and crew made up of community members, WVC students, and local performers. Audiences were treated to an engaging and heartfelt performance that stayed true to the tradition of the beloved Charles Dickens tale while bringing new energy to the stage.

This year’s production was made possible in part through the generous support of the Wabash Valley College Foundation’s Kroger Fund for the Performing Arts and the Illinois Arts Council. Their contributions help ensure that high-quality performing arts opportunities remain available to both WVC students and the wider community.

The WVC Arts Council continues to bring arts programming to the region that educates, inspires, and connects people of all ages. Events like “A Christmas Carol” showcase the talent in our community and highlight the importance of the performing arts within the WVC mission.

With another successful production complete, the Arts Council looks forward to continuing this tradition in the coming year—bringing more creativity, storytelling, and community spirit to the WVC stage. 🎄



# RADIO/TV DAY GIVES LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A GLIMPSE INTO THEIR POTENTIAL FUTURES

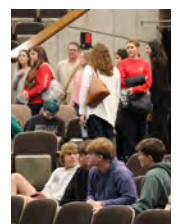
Wabash Valley College recently welcomed local high school students to campus for Radio/TV Day, an event designed to introduce future broadcasters to the exciting world of media production. The day gave students the chance to explore careers in Radio, Television, and Digital Media while experiencing what WVC's program has to offer.

Throughout the visit, students took part in hands-on activities and demonstrations, learning from WVC instructors, IECC staff, industry professionals, and program alumni who shared real-world experiences from their time in broadcasting and digital media. From operating cameras to exploring audio production and scriptwriting, students were able to see how many different paths exist within the media field.

The WVC Foundation helped make the event even more memorable by providing prizes and giveaways for visiting students. Their support continues to strengthen outreach efforts and helps introduce more young people to WVC's career-focused programs.

By the end of the day, students left with a stronger understanding of the skills needed for media careers—and many expressed excitement about the opportunities available at WVC. Events like Radio/TV Day help future students discover their interests while showing them how hands-on and engaging the Radio/TV & Digital Media program can be.

To learn more about the program and explore degree options, visit [iecc.edu/wvc/media](http://iecc.edu/wvc/media). 🍁





# WVC FOUNDATION CONTINUES SUPPORTING STUDENTS AS “\$65 FOR 65” CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED

The Wabash Valley College Foundation has played an active and visible role on campus this semester, showing its continued commitment to supporting student success and strengthening the college community. From attending sporting events to celebrating student achievements, the Foundation has been present at moments big and small—reminding students that they have a team of supporters behind them.

This fall, Foundation members joined the Coordinator of Marketing and Communications, Qianna McGee, in several radio segments to share updates, highlight campus activities, and spread awareness about the many ways the Foundation helps students. Their involvement has also extended to academic and outreach events, including providing prizes and support for Radio/TV Day, assisting with student engagement activities, and helping enhance the overall student experience.

The Foundation’s impact reaches across campus, touching everything from scholarships to program development. Their continued presence shows their dedication to lifting up students and ensuring they have the tools they need to succeed.

## Foundation Launches the “\$65 for 65” Campaign

In honor of WVC’s 65th anniversary, the Foundation has launched the “\$65 for 65” campaign, encouraging community members, alumni, staff, and friends of the college to give \$65—or any amount they’re able—to support today’s students and the future of WVC.

Funds raised through this campaign help support:

- Student scholarships
- Academic programs
- Campus improvements
- Student engagement opportunities

Those who wish to support the “\$65 for 65” campaign—or learn more about the Foundation’s work—can visit [iecc.edu/wvc/foundation](http://iecc.edu/wvc/foundation). All donations are tax deductible, and every contribution helps WVC continue its mission of providing affordable, high-quality education.

## A Strong Foundation for the Future

As WVC celebrates 65 years of service, the Foundation’s work is more important than ever. Their visibility, generosity, and dedication show just how much impact a supportive community can make. With continued involvement throughout the year and more initiatives planned, the Foundation remains committed to building opportunities not only for current students, but for generations of Warriors to come.

To make a gift or learn how you can support WVC in the same spirit shown by the Foundation, visit [iecc.edu/wvc/foundation](http://iecc.edu/wvc/foundation). 🍁



# WVC HOSTS CEU SUMMIT FOR REHAB PROFESSIONALS — MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wabash Valley College will welcome health care professionals to campus on Saturday, January 31, 2026 for the CEU Summit: "Return-to-Sport and Evidence-Based Management of the Overhead Athlete Across the Lifespan." This continuing education event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST at the Brubeck Arts Center on our Mount Carmel campus.

The CEU Summit is open to Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, occupational therapists, and other qualified rehab professionals. Attendees will earn 7.5 CEU credits, approved for both Illinois and Indiana professionals.

The CEU Summit offers a valuable opportunity for regional rehab professionals to sharpen their skills, learn current best practices, and network with colleagues — all without traveling far from home. For the community, it's part of WVC's commitment to offering high-quality continuing education and supporting local health care providers.

Whether you're a physical therapist, PTA, occupational therapist, or other health care professional — if you work with athletes or active clients, this CEU Summit can deepen your knowledge and help you provide better care.

For more information and registration details, visit [iecc.edu/ceu-summit](http://iecc.edu/ceu-summit). 

**WVC PTA PROGRAM PRESENTS 2026 REHABILITATION SUMMIT**

# RETURN-TO-SPORT & EVIDENCE BASED MANAGEMENT OF THE OVERHEAD ATHLETE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

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**January 31, 2026  
7:30am - 5:30pm CST  
7.5 CEU IL/JN PT and OT**

**Brubeck Arts Center  
Wabash Valley College  
2200 College Drive  
Mount Carmel, IL**

## Guest Lecturers:

Megan E. Burns <b>PT, DPT, SCS, CSCS</b>	Jon Newbold <b>PT, DPT, SCS, CSCS</b>	Lane Brown <b>PT, DPT, SCS, CSCS</b>	Stephanie Sherwood <b>PT, DPT, SCS</b>

**Priority Registration – Free for WVC Concurrent Instructors with students in 2025 or scheduled for 2026, if registered by December 8, 2025.**  
**Early Registration – \$50 if received by Monday, December 8, 2025.**  
**Open Registration – \$65 after December 8, 2025.**

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(Abstract August 14, 2025) Wabash Valley College Physical Therapist Assistant Program has been granted Creditability for Accreditation under the Classification or Accreditation as Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). CAPTE Fall Review Area, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-2005, phone 703.754.3200 email [accred@capte.org](mailto:accred@capte.org). It remains to be confirmed the program meets the above criteria. Please call 703.754.3200 ext 200 for more information. A candidate for accreditation is an educational entity of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may meet requirements. Candidates are informed upon successful completion, non-compliance of the standards will require corrective action. If no response is received from the institution within six months, the commission will consider the institution non-responsive. Consideration is given to the institution's status, such as the institution degree awarded to its graduates and its compliance with all applicable laws. CAPTE requires that candidates have chosen their class carefully to ensure they can demonstrate evidence of CAPTE will include an evaluation of the quality of the curriculum content. There would be up to four credit hours awarded depending on the CAPTE score determined by the committee. Information on candidacy requirements should be directed to the President of State Society of Physical Therapy (NSPT) ([www.nspt.org](http://www.nspt.org/)) or specific state society chapter or state society secretary responsible for applications to NSPT website.)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



*Mark Your Calendars!*

## **December 9, 2025**

- Athletic Training Facility Ribbon Cutting & Open House

## **December 10, 2025**

- WVC Celebrates 65 years!
- WVC Cake Celebration

## **December 12, 2025**

- Last Day of Classes

## **December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026**

- Winter Break

## **January 12, 2026**

- First day of Spring Semester

## **January 19**

- Campus Closed - MLK Jr Day

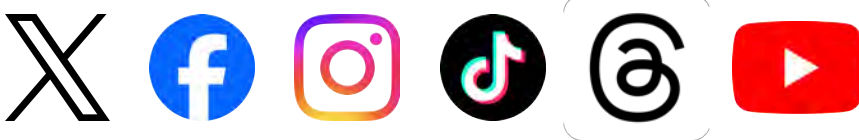


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