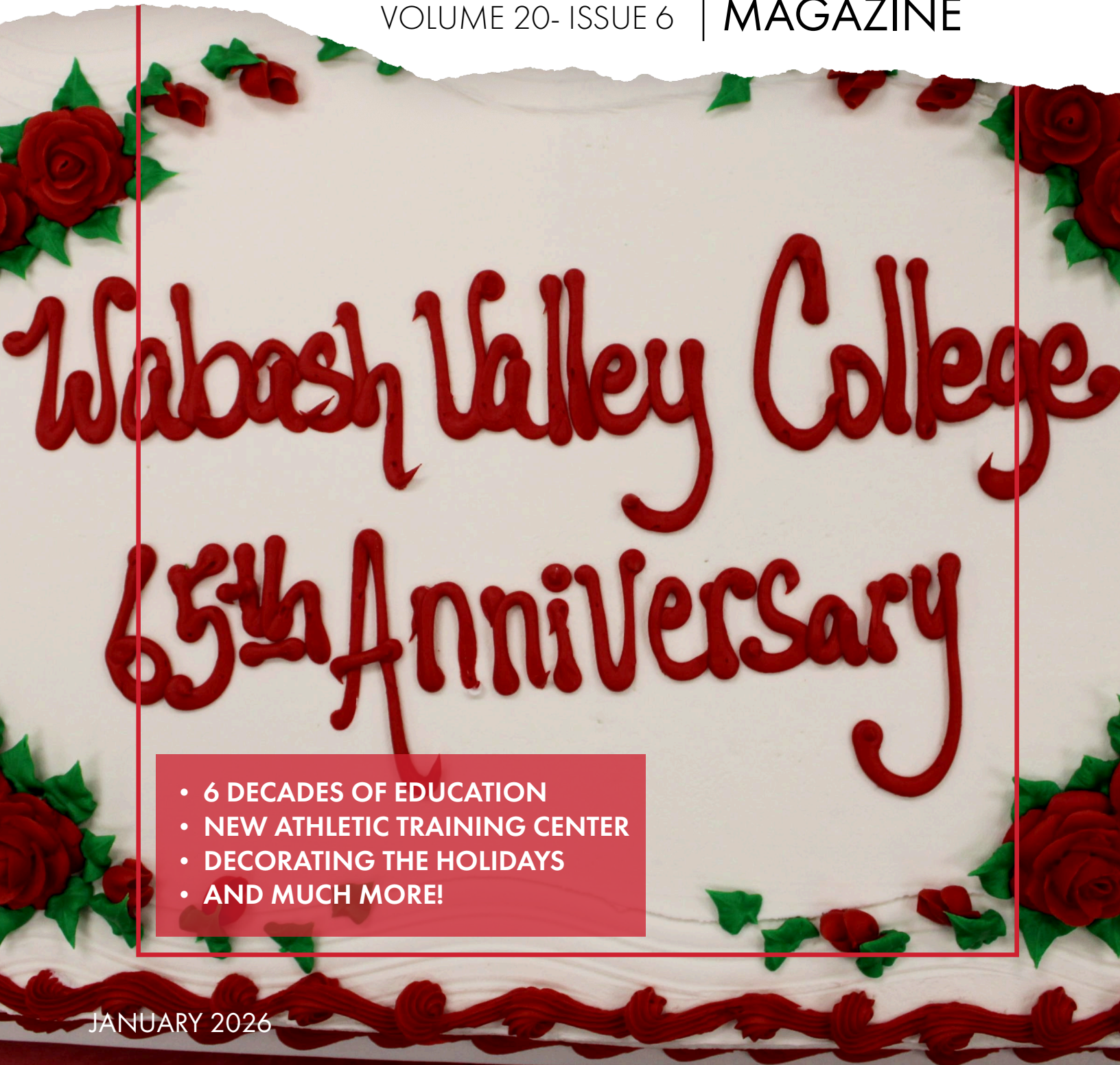


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- NEW ATHLETIC TRAINING CENTER
- DECORATING THE HOLIDAYS
- AND MUCH MORE!

JANUARY 2026

"Don't watch the
clock; do what it
does. **Keep going.**"

SAM LEVENSON

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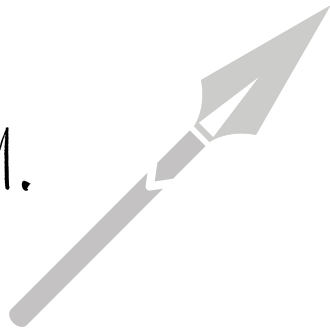


EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new year! January is a time for fresh starts, new goals, and exciting opportunities at Wabash Valley College. As we kick off the spring semester, we're looking forward to connecting with students, celebrating achievements, and sharing all the great things happening on campus.

In this issue, you'll find highlights from recent events, upcoming activities, and ways to get involved. Thank you for being part of the Warrior community—here's to a successful and inspiring semester!

Quianna M.



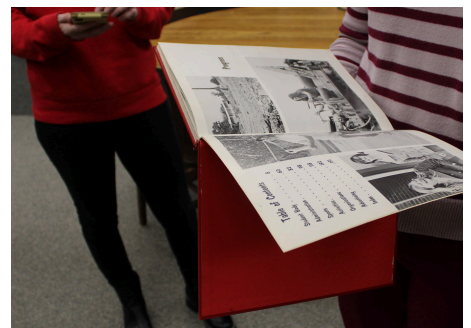
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF SUCCESS!

On Wednesday, December 10, 2025, Wabash Valley College marked a major milestone—65 years of serving students and the community! To celebrate, a cake and punch reception was held at 1:00 PM in the Learning Commons, where guests enjoyed sweet treats and shared memories of WVC’s rich history.

Attendees had the opportunity to browse archived yearbooks, sparking conversations and reminiscing about the college’s journey through the decades. It was a wonderful afternoon of reflection, connection, and celebration of all that makes WVC special.

In addition, the WVC Foundation provided WVC faculty and staff with a small drink of choice from Cafe 82:3 on the anniversary date!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring this incredible legacy. Here’s to the next 65 years of learning, growth, and community!



HOLIDAY DOOR DECOR!

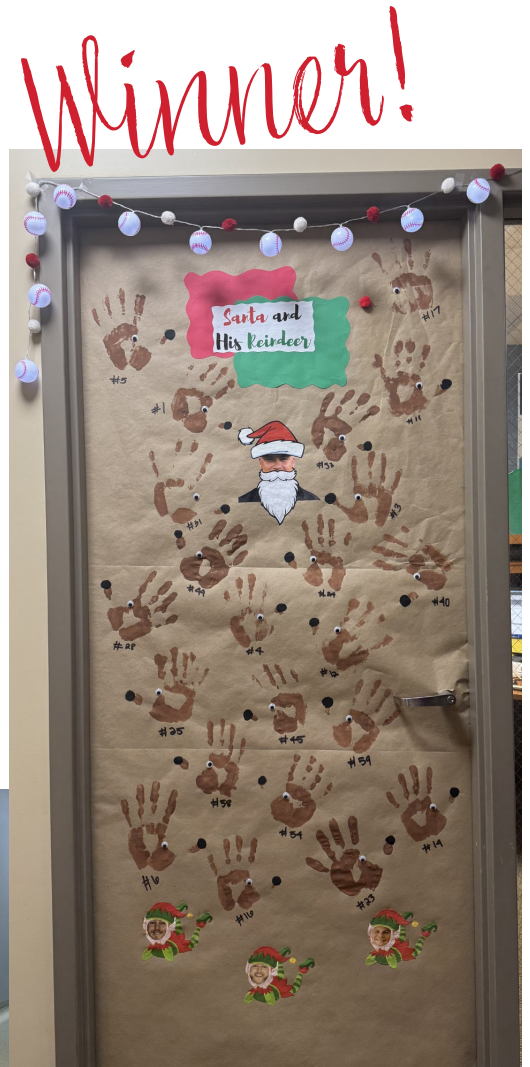
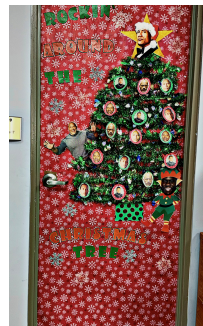
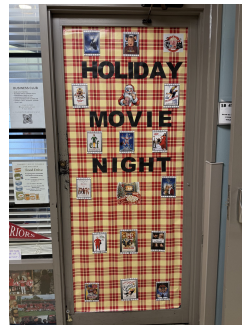
The halls of Wabash Valley College were full of festive spirit thanks to the Active Minds Holiday Door Decorating Contest! This fun tradition brought creativity and holiday cheer to campus, and we're excited to announce that the winner is... Brittany Biddle!

Her winning design, titled "Santa and His Reindeer," transformed her office door into a holiday masterpiece. The door was covered in brown craft paper and decorated with handprints representing reindeer, each labeled with a baseball team member's jersey number. At the center was a cheerful Santa illustration—portrayed by WVC Baseball Head Coach Aaron Biddle—complete with a red hat and

white beard. To complete the festive look, a garland of red, white, and purple pom-poms framed the top of the door, and three playful elves (representing the assistant coaches) were placed at the bottom.

Thank you to everyone who decorated, voted, and joined in the fun! Your creativity made WVC shine bright this holiday season.

Stay tuned for more campus activities that bring our Warrior community together! 🍷



NEW ATHLETIC TRAINING CENTER UNVEILED

On December 9 at 1:00 PM CST, Wabash Valley College proudly hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for its brand-new Athletic Training Center. This exciting addition to campus marks a significant step forward in supporting Warrior athletes and enhancing athletic programs.

The event welcomed students, faculty, staff, and community members to tour the state-of-the-art facility, meet Warrior athletes, and connect with the IECC Board of Trustees. Guests enjoyed refreshments while exploring the new space designed to provide top-tier care and training for WVC athletes.

The Athletic Training Center represents WVC's commitment to excellence in athletics and student wellness. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special celebration! 🍁



JANUARY KICKS OFF 2026 AT WVC

The new year is off to an exciting start at Wabash Valley College! January brought opportunities for learning, professional growth, and hands-on training for both employees and health professionals. On January [insert date], WVC hosted Fire Extinguisher Training behind the Spencer Sports Center. Beginning at 2:00 PM, employees had the chance to practice using fire extinguishers in a safe, controlled environment. This important training ensures our campus community is prepared for emergencies and prioritizes safety for all.



Looking ahead to the end of January, WVC will host the PTA CEU Rehabilitation Summit, a continuing education event highlighting "Return-to-Sport and Evidence-Based Management of the Overhead Athlete Across the Lifespan." This summit is designed for PTAs, PTs, OTs, and other health professionals seeking to expand their knowledge and earn CEUs. Registration is now open at iecc.edu/ceu-summit, where you can also find full details about the program. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from experts and network with peers in the health professions field. 🔥

WVC PTA PROGRAM PRESENTS 2026 REHABILITATION SUMMIT

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


Scan the QR code to register or
visit iecc.edu/ceu-summit

Guest Lecturers:


Megan E. Burns
PT, DPT, SCS, CSCS


Jon Newbold
PT, DPT, SCS, CSCS


Lara Brown
PT, DPT, SCS, CSCS


Stephanie Sherwood
PT, DPT, SCS

January 31, 2026
7:30am - 5:30pm CST
7.5 CEU/0.75 PFA and CE


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

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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WVC + STRONG ACADEMICS

There are exciting opportunities for current and incoming students at Wabash Valley College!

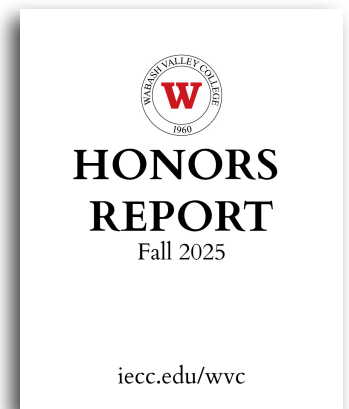


Scholarships Available

WVC offers a wide range of scholarships to help students achieve their academic goals. Whether you're a new student or continuing your education, now is the perfect time to apply. Visit iecc.edu/wvc/scholarships to explore available options and submit your application.

Fall 2025 Honor Report

We are proud to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of our students in the Fall 2025 Honor Report. This report highlights those who have demonstrated excellence in their studies and commitment to success. Congratulations to all who earned this distinction!



Study Abroad in Spain

Looking for an unforgettable experience? WVC students have the chance to study abroad in Seville, Spain, from May 27-June 26, 2026. Participants will earn college credit while immersing themselves in Spanish culture and language. Courses include Culture & Society of Spain and Spanish Language.

An information session will be held on January 15 at 8:30 AM via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 724 9261 2013 | Passcode: bA37DZ

For details, visit the flyer or contact Cassandra Goldman, IECC Dean of Students.

Don't miss these incredible opportunities to learn, grow, and explore with WVC! 🔥

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Wabash Valley College is excited to welcome Ingrida Hartsfield as the new Head Coach for Women's Basketball! Originally from Latvia, a small country in Europe, Ingrida has called the United States home for the past 15 years. Her journey began as a student-athlete, playing basketball at Vincennes University before moving on to compete at the Division I level for Utah State University.

After her playing career, Ingrida returned to Vincennes University as a coach, where she spent nearly eight years shaping student-athletes. Now, she's ready to bring her experience and passion to WVC.

When asked about her new role, Ingrida shared:

"I'm very excited. It was unexpected, but I knew it was

God's doing. I'm ready to take on the challenge. For me, it's about building relationships with these young women and helping them understand that life is more than basketball. If you help one, you've helped."

Off the court, Ingrida enjoys listening to gospel music and K-LOVE, and her favorite foods include sushi and chicken. Growing up in Latvia and transitioning to life in the U.S. wasn't easy at first, but now she feels at home in the small-town atmosphere of Princeton and Wabash Valley.

"Big cities aren't for me," she says with a smile.

Please join us in welcoming Coach Hartsfield to the Warrior family! We're excited to see the impact she'll make on and off the court. 🔥

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark Your Calendars!

January 19

- Campus Closed - MLK Jr Day

January 22

- PTA Info Session

January 27

- PTA Virtual Info Session

January 31

- PTA CEU Summit

February 10

- PTA Virtual Info Session

February 13-14

- WVC Originators Classic TV Trivia Dinner

February 216

- Campus Closed - President's Day



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