

# VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

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"Just Do It."

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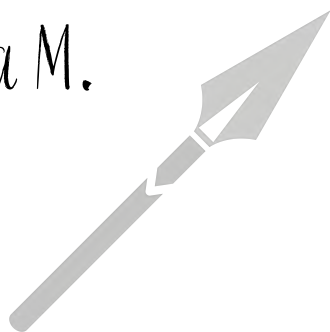


# EDITOR'S NOTE

There's something electric about the start of a new semester—fresh classes to explore, exciting events to attend, and countless opportunities to meet new people who may become lifelong friends. I'm especially excited for our community to engage with the new Community Education courses, and for all of us to fill the stands at soccer and volleyball games—not to mention cheering on our archery and bass fishing teams from afar on social media. Returning Warriors will notice some subtle campus glow-ups, while new students finally get to experience the WVC buzz for themselves. Here's to a season of learning, connection, and unforgettable memories!

— Your View from the Valley Editor

*Quianna M.*



# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Wabash Valley College will host its New Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 19th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, welcoming incoming students to campus with a day full of activities, introductions, and community engagement.

The event begins with a continental breakfast, followed by ice breakers to help students connect with one another. Attendees will meet faculty, staff, and student ambassadors, who will offer guidance and support throughout the academic year.

Students will then take a guided tour of campus, giving them a chance to locate their classrooms and become familiar with the college's layout before classes begin.

To wrap up the day, WVC will host a cookout and a community fair in the gym, where local businesses will have tables set up to share information, resources, and opportunities with students.

This orientation is a great way for new students to feel welcomed and for the community to show its support for the next generation of learners.

We can't wait to welcome our new Warriors!



The collage features three photographs at the top. The left photo shows three young women smiling, with the word 'WELCOME' overlaid in white. The middle photo shows a black sign with 'WELCOME TO WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE' in red and white, and 'FUTURE' in red below it. The right photo shows a group of four students holding a large fish, with the word 'WARRIORS' overlaid in white. Below these photos is a red banner containing the Wabash Valley College logo, which is a circular emblem with a torch and the text 'WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE' and 'NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION'. Below the logo, the text 'AUGUST 19 • 9:00 AM' is written in white.



# WEEKS OF WELCOME

Wabash Valley College is rolling out the red carpet for students with its annual Weeks of Welcome, running August 19 through September 5 on weekdays. This exciting series of events is designed to help students feel connected, supported, and truly part of the Warrior community.

Weeks of Welcome offers a variety of activities that encourage students to meet new people, explore campus resources, and get involved in college life.

Highlights include:


**Entrata/Crash Course** – A helpful session where students can get answers to questions about Entrata and Canvas, the platforms used for registration, coursework, and communication.

**Outdoor Blast** – A fun-filled afternoon featuring a cookout, lawn games, and more.

**Find Your Tribe** – An opportunity for students to connect with student clubs and organizations that match their interests.


**Game Day Spirit** – Students are invited to cheer on the Warriors at volleyball and soccer games, joining the crowd and soaking in the school spirit.














Weeks of Welcome is more than just fun—it's a chance for students to build friendships, discover opportunities, and feel at home at WVC. The college invites the community to support and celebrate this exciting time as students begin a new academic year.



## WOW! WEEKS OF WELCOME!

AUGUST 19-SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



	<b>19 TUESDAY</b> 9 am-12:30 pm 	<b>20 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>21 THURSDAY</b> • <b>FIRST DAY OF CLASSES</b> 9 am-11 am: Entrata/Canvas Crash Course - Get help and your questions answered about Entrata and Canvas, Learning Commons  12 pm - 2 pm: Outdoor Blast - Lawn games and cookout - Hamburgers and Hotdogs, chips, and beverage. Location: outside of Main Hall	<b>22 FRIDAY</b> • 7:30 am - 4:30 pm FAFSA Fridays Visit the FA office for help completing your FAFSA and other questions about FA  8:30 am - 9:30 am Donut Stress with TRIO SSS Find out about TRIO and see if you qualify to be a part. Science Building
<b>25 MONDAY</b> 9 am - 11 am Entrata/Canvas Crash Course Get help and your questions answered about Entrata and Canvas, Learning Commons  6:30 pm-8:30 pm Volleyball Match Support the Lady Warriors at the volleyball game - students will receive a pom pom while supplies last, Gym	<b>26 TUESDAY</b> 12 pm - 18 Tips to Be Successful in College with Brittany Bidle in the Learning Commons - pizza provided  6 pm-7 pm Sand Volleyball games Enjoy some sand volleyball matches on the Sand Courts!	<b>27 WEDNESDAY</b>  11:30 am - 12:30 pm Find Your Tribe - Your chance to learn more about Student Organizations at WVC - outside the Student Lounge	<b>28 THURSDAY</b>  1 pm-3 pm What's Happening in the Learning Commons? Enjoy popcorn and get information about all the learning commons has to offer - it's more than just books. In the Learning Commons	<b>29 FRIDAY</b> • 7:30 am - 4:30 pm FAFSA Fridays  7 pm Women's soccer game versus SWIN CC Get free snow cones and support the Lady Warriors at the soccer game!
<b>1 MONDAY</b> 	<b>2 TUESDAY</b>  12:00 pm Pizza and Preparation how to overcome/deal with exam anxiety, in the Learning Commons with Jordie Higasson	<b>3 WEDNESDAY</b> 12 pm - 2 pm Join students from the WVC International Program in lawn games. Some may be new to you! Meet us on the Amphitheatre Lawn	<b>4 THURSDAY</b>  TIME TBD Chuck-A-Duck Complete 4+ First Ten Days activities to toss ducks in the WVC pond for a shot at prizes!	<b>5 FRIDAY</b>  TIME TBD Pickleball Tournament Join us at the Mt Carmel City park for a game of pickleball hosted by the WVC Foundation

# PTA PINNING CEREMONY

This July we proudly celebrated the WVC Physical Therapist Assistant Class of 2025 at their Pinning Ceremony!

Surrounded by family, friends, and faculty, these future PTAs marked the end of their academic journey and the beginning of their professional careers. Awards were presented, memories were shared, and the room was full of pride (and maybe a few happy tears).

While we missed a few students who couldn't attend, they were with us in spirit and remain an important part of this incredible class.

The evening concluded with a heartfelt reception honoring the hard work and dedication of these amazing students.

Congratulations, Class of 2025 — you made it!





# COMMUNITY ED PROGRAMS AT IECC

Frontier, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central, and Wabash Valley Colleges invite you to explore a world of learning through Community Education—where curiosity meets opportunity!

Our colleges offer more than degrees. Whether you're interested in the arts, professional development, or simply want to try something new, our Community Education programs are designed to help you uncover new passions and enrich your life. From painting and photography to cooking, technology, and personal growth, there's something for everyone.

Prefer to learn from home? We also offer a variety of online courses that you can take at your own pace, making it easier than ever to fit learning into your schedule.

Explore the full catalog and find your next adventure at [iecc.edu/communityed](http://iecc.edu/communityed).

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION 2025 FALL**

**FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- FCC Book Club • Every Other Thursday • 10 a.m. • \$10 • FCC Learning Commons
- Daily Learning 101 • October 07, 2025 • 6-7 p.m. • \$10 • FCC Learning Commons
- Bookerlynn • Wednesdays • 7-9 p.m. • \$10 • Hake House School Gym
- FCC Fitness Classes • Various Times and Dates • \$8-\$30 • Various Sites

**LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE**

- Basic A&L • Thursdays in September • 6-8 p.m. • \$10 • LCC Learning Commons
- English Reading Circle • 8th Wednesdays • 6-8 p.m. • FREE • LCC Learning Commons
- Defensive Driving • 1st Mondays • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • \$10 • Hake House School Gym
- Jazz Band • Tuesdays • 6-8 p.m. • FREE • LCC Learning Commons
- Community Choir • Mondays • 6-9 p.m. • \$10 • LCC Learning Commons
- CRC Fitness Classes • Various Times and Dates • \$8-\$30 • Various Sites

**WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE**

- Progressive Stretch • Mains and Weds • 4:30 or 5:30 p.m. • \$10 • WVC Learning Commons
- Consistent Carry Certification • Various Times and Dates • \$50 for 10-Hour Certification • \$30 for 3-Hour Re-certification

**OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE**

- Woodworking • Wednesdays • 6-8 p.m. • \$200 • Olney Central Campus 101
- Concert Band • Mondays and Wednesdays • 3:15-5:30 p.m. • \$100 • Woodworth 218
- Community Choir • Tuesdays • 6-9 p.m. • \$100 • Woodworth 218
- Art Open Studio • Tuesdays • 6-9 p.m. • \$100 • Olney Central Campus
- Teen Driver's Ed • Various Times and Dates • \$400 • Woodworth 218

**FEATURED ONLINE CLASSES**

- Discover Digital Photography • Self-Guided or with Instructor • \$120 • [www.iecc.edu/communityed](http://www.iecc.edu/communityed)
- Computer Skills • Self-Guided or with Instructor • \$140 • [www.iecc.edu/communityed](http://www.iecc.edu/communityed)
- Video Game Development • Self-Guided or with Instructor • \$140 • [www.iecc.edu/communityed](http://www.iecc.edu/communityed)
- Stacks, Bonds, and Investing • Self-Guided or with Instructor • \$140 • [www.iecc.edu/communityed](http://www.iecc.edu/communityed)
- Spanish • Self-Guided or with Instructor • \$140 • [www.iecc.edu/communityed](http://www.iecc.edu/communityed)
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**MOONLIGHT MONDAYS**

**WE'RE STAYING OPEN LATE FOR MOONLIGHT MONDAYS**  
ADMISSIONS • ADVISING • BOOKSTORE • BUSINESS OFFICE • FINANCIAL AID • LEARNING COMMONS • RECORDS

**AUGUST 11, 18, 25**  
**4-8 PM**  
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR JUST WALK IN

## MOONLIGHT MONDAYS

In an effort to better serve students and the community during the busy back-to-school season, Wabash Valley College is launching Moonlight Mondays, a series of extended service evenings designed to assist with fall enrollment and preparation.

On Mondays, August 11, 18, and 25, student service offices will remain open from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., providing convenient access to essential resources for both new and returning students.

Available services include:

Admissions

Academic Advising

Bookstore

Business Office

Financial Aid

Learning Commons

Records

These extended hours are intended to accommodate students who may be unable to visit campus during traditional business hours. Walk-ins are welcome, and those who prefer a scheduled time may call 618-262-8641 to make an evening appointment.

For more information, visit [iecc.edu/wvc](http://iecc.edu/wvc).



# SUMMER THEATRE AND MUSIC CAMPS CELEBRATE TALENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Wabash Valley College recently wrapped up its 2025 Summer Theatre and Music Camps, and the community is still buzzing from the energy and talent displayed by participating campers. The college extends heartfelt thanks to the staff, parents, campers, and generous sponsors who made this year's camps a resounding success.

Both camps were filled with creativity, learning, and fun, culminating in final performances where campers showcased their impressive skills. Many students attended both weeks, demonstrating their enthusiasm and commitment to the arts.

During the music camp performance, attendees were treated to a special segment featuring WVC's talented instructors, who not only guided students throughout the week but also took the stage themselves to perform.

The Wabash Valley Arts Council is especially grateful to its sponsors—Harris Insurance, Doug Raber State Farm of Albion, and St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church—for their continued support of youth arts education.

Photo highlights from the camps have been shared on Facebook ([facebook.com/wabashvalleyartscouncil](https://facebook.com/wabashvalleyartscouncil)) and some shared in this article, capturing memorable moments from rehearsals, performances, and behind-the-scenes fun. While the summer camps have concluded, WVC is already looking ahead to next year—and even planning a one-day winter music camp session.

Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming 2025–2026 WVC-WVAC Performing Arts Series, which promises to be a season to remember.

# WARRIOR DAY

## Meet the Warriors Night Returns to WVC – September 10

Wabash Valley College invites the community to come out and celebrate Meet the Warriors Night on Tuesday, September 10, at the Spencer Sports Center. The event kicks off at 5:30 PM and leads into an exciting volleyball matchup against Lincoln Trail College at 6:30 PM.

This annual tradition brings together students, athletes, families, and community members for an evening of food, fun, and school spirit. Outside the gym, guests can enjoy hot dogs and pork burgers, while getting an up-close look at the Bass Fishing Team's wrapped boats—a favorite feature of the night.

Rachel Refenes, WVC Volleyball Coach and Student Life Coordinator, shared her enthusiasm:

*"This event has been a lot of fun and a big success. It happens in September and brings attention to the Bass Team and Archery we have at Wabash. Todd's guys do a great job meeting people and talking about their boats and team. I look forward to this event each year and love hearing volleyball fans and parents talk about the boats and food."*

Todd Gill, Bass Fishing Team Coach and WVC instructor, added:

*"The WVC Bass Team loves being a part of Meet the Warriors Night. It's a great evening for the community to come out and meet many of the student athletes for the fall season and to see some of our wrapped boats that we compete out of. Most*

*important to us is helping to get a big crowd out in support of our volleyball team. All of the sports teams expect and are striving for excellence. Having support from the community and other sports teams on campus is something that can level-up the student experience at Wabash Valley College."*

Samantha Newkirk, Executive Director of the WVC Foundation, also expressed support:

*"The Foundation is glad to come alongside an already successful event."*

Meet the Warriors Night is open to the public and promises a great time for all ages. Come hungry, bring your school spirit, and help cheer on the Warriors!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 14, 2025**

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- College Closed - Faculty/Staff Workshops

**August 18, 2025**

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- Moonlight Monday

**August 19, 2025**

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- New Student Orientation

**August 21, 2025**

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- First Day of Fall Classes

**August 22, 2025**

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- FAFSA Friday

**August 25, 2025**

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- Moonlight Monday
- Volleyball Match

**August 29, 2025**

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- FAFSA Friday
- Soccer game vs SWTN CC

**September 1, 2025**

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- College Closed - Labor Day

**September 10, 2025**

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- Warrior Day
- Volleyball Match





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