

VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

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- A photograph of a library setting where a woman is sitting on a wooden stool, reading or talking to a group of children sitting on the floor. The children are of various ages and are looking towards the woman. Bookshelves filled with books are visible in the background.
- SUMMER READING PROGRAM
 - TRIO GRANT RENEWAL
 - NEW FALL CLASSES
 - AND MORE!

JULY 2025

Every day is a
fresh chance to
build the future
you want—**July**
just gives you
more daylight to
do it.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

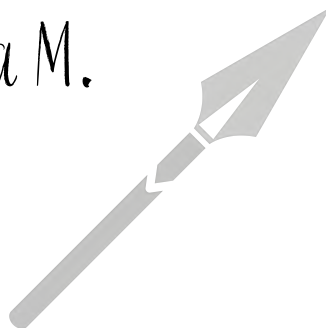
While summer tends to bring a slower pace to campus, there's still plenty happening behind the scenes at WVC. In this edition of *View from the Valley*, we're *highlighting the meaningful progress taking shape—from summer kids camps that are keeping classrooms lively, to new fall programs designed to open doors for students.*

We're also sharing news on the return of Walk-In Wednesdays, the renewal of our TRIO grant, and updates on exciting projects like the new athletic training facility, the Power System program, and our updated eCampus site going live.

Even in the quieter months, WVC continues to grow and plan for the future—and we're glad you're here to see it all unfold.

— Your View from the Valley Editor

Quianna M.



Camps, Crafts and Curtain Calls

Wabash Valley College is buzzing with creativity, learning, and laughter this summer as kids from across the area dive into hands-on experiences through a variety of engaging camps and programs.

From folding paper animals to taking the stage in a musical performance, there's something for every young learner at WVC.

Theatre Camp Takes the Spotlight

WVC's Summer Theatre Camp kicks off in mid July—and excitement is already building! After a week of rehearsals, the campers will put on two public performances of "Hansel and Gretel: The Musical" on Friday, July 18, at 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM.


Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids (ages 5–17) when purchased in advance online, and \$10, \$5 at the door. Children 4 and under are free.

Tickets are on sale at iecc.edu/wvc/theatre —don't miss your chance to support these young

Friday July 18
5pm and 7:30pm Shows
Brubeck Theatre at Wabash Valley College
Wabash Valley College Summer Theatre,
The Wabash Valley Arts Council
in cooperation with The Missoula Children's Theatre Present


Hansel and Gretel

The Musical



HANSEL and GRETEL

\$7/\$4 in Advance Online
\$10/\$5 at the Door
Doors Open 30 Minutes Before Each Show



performers!

Origami Camp Builds Focus and Fun

At Origami I Camp, kids discovered the power of patience, precision, and creativity. While they may have folded cranes or frogs, they also developed problem-solving skills, fine motor coordination, and a great sense of accomplishment. It was a

Summer Reading Program Makes a Difference

Over at the Learning Commons, the Summer Reading Program for Pre-K through 2nd grade is a weekly favorite. Every Wednesday in July from 10–11 AM, kids gather for story time, crafts, and snacks in a cozy, fun environment that builds early literacy and a love of books.

Thanks to the support of The First National Bank, this program continues to grow and thrive!

Whether it's through storytelling, performance, or paper art, WVC's summer camps are helping local kids discover new interests and build important life skills—all while having fun.



Our TRIO SSS Grant Has Been Funded for 5 More Years!

Our grant proposal for the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program has been accepted and fully funded for the next five years!

This is a monumental achievement for our institutions. Without this critical funding, we would not be able to continue serving the 190+ students each year who come from marginalized and disadvantaged backgrounds. These students—many of whom are first-generation, low-income, or have disabilities—rely on the support and resources provided by TRIO SSS to thrive academically and prepare for successful transfers.

Our TRIO SSS programs work hand-in-hand with each campus to ensure these students receive the guidance, mentorship, and tools they need to succeed. We are deeply proud of the work we do and are beyond excited to continue making a difference in the lives of our students.

WVC Welcomes State Leaders for Campus Visit

Wabash Valley College had the honor of welcoming Illinois State Senator Terri Bryant, State Representative Dave Severin, and IECC Chancellor Ryan Gower for a campus visit!

They toured our facilities, met staff, and saw firsthand the incredible work happening right here at WVC. We're proud to showcase the dedication and innovation that make our college community so strong.



Two Exciting New Fall Programs: Paramedic Certificate Program & Community Choir

This fall, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) is expanding its offerings with two dynamic new programs that reflect both community need and student interest: the Paramedic Certificate Program and a Community Choir class open to both students and the public.

Paramedic Program Launches with Wabash General Hospital

After more than two years of planning and collaboration, IECC and Wabash General Hospital are proud to announce the launch of the Paramedic Certificate Program, based at the WGH EMS Education Building in Mt. Carmel.

“This milestone would not have been possible without the incredible partnership of Wabash General Hospital,” said Sharmilla Kakac, Dean of Instruction at Frontier. “Together, we’re preparing students to serve their communities with skill, confidence, and compassion from day one.”

“This has been a few years in the making,” added Jeana Trimble, Director of Paramedic Education. “We’re excited to offer this training in Mt. Carmel and help meet the urgent demand for highly trained paramedics in our rural area.”

Community Choir Class Now Open to All

Also new this fall, is a Community Choir class designed for both students and local residents who love to sing.

Under the direction of Mikayla Beck, the choir will rehearse throughout the semester and perform at The Brubeck Arts Center on Saturday, December 6.

Participants have two enrollment options:

For-credit students: Register for VOC 1151, CRN 37587 (tuition & fees apply)

Community/non-credit participants: Register for CRN 37588 – free of charge

Whether you’re a music major or someone who just enjoys making music with others, this class offers a creative, collaborative space to share your voice and connect with the WVC campus community.

As IECC continues to evolve to meet the needs of its students and community, both programs reflect the college’s dedication to expanding access, opportunity, and enrichment.

For more information or to register, visit www.iecc.edu

IECC eCampus Bookstore Launches July 14 — One-Stop Access for Fall Course Materials

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges is excited to announce the official launch of the new eCampus online bookstore, which will go live for Fall 2025 purchases on Monday, July 14. The new platform offers a seamless, user-friendly experience designed to help students prepare for the semester with confidence, affordability, and ease.

With single sign-on access, students can now log in to view:

- Their course schedule
- Required textbooks and course materials
- Financial aid awards
- And conveniently purchase materials directly through the platform

While students are not required to purchase through eCampus, the site makes it easy to compare prices and format options, including:

- New and used books
- Rentals

- Digital versions
- Marketplace listings from third-party sellers

Key benefits include:

- Free shipping to campus store locations
- Hassle-free returns up to 15 days after classes begin
- Centralized access to academic and financial aid information

This new platform represents a major step forward in enhancing the student experience across IECC's campuses. Whether shopping with financial aid or comparing the most affordable format options, eCampus provides flexibility and choice while ensuring students get professor-selected, accurate course materials.

To explore the new platform and get ready for Fall 2025, visit: iecc.ecampus.com

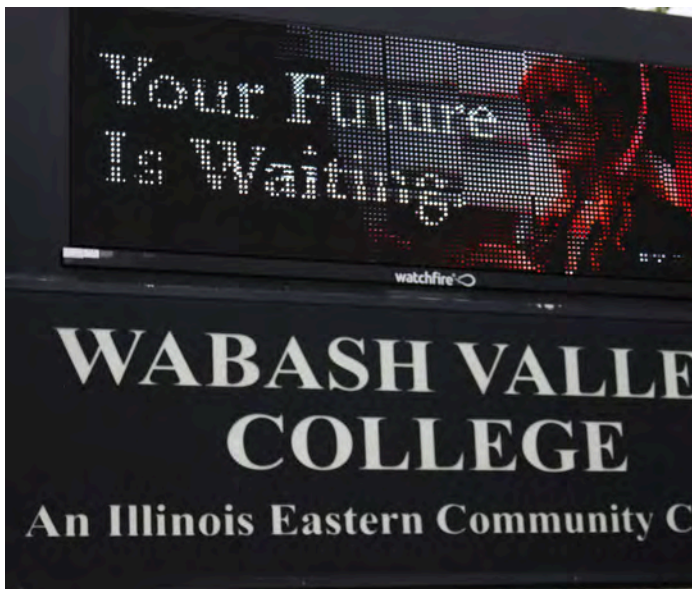
The graphic is a promotional banner for the IECC eCampus Bookstore. On the left, a vertical red bar contains the text "It starts with your Online Bookstore." in white. Next to it, the text "Right BOOKS. Right PRICE." is displayed in a large, stylized font, with "Right" in red script and "BOOKS. PRICE." in bold black sans-serif. Below this, a circular seal features the text "BEST A LOWER PRICE" around the top and "PRICE MATCH GUARANTEED" around the bottom. To the right of the seal is a QR code. Further right, the website "iecc.ecampus.com" is listed above the text "Free Shipping TO CAMPUS*" in a red box. Below the QR code and seal is an image of an open book with its pages fanned out. At the bottom left, the IECC logo (a white 'W' inside a red circle) is next to the text "ONLINE BOOKSTORE" in white on a black background. At the bottom right, it says "Powered by ecampus.com" and "Questions? iecc.ecampus.com/help".

Campus Updates!

Construction was underway to upgrade the power system for the Science Building, Student Center, and Main Hall! Power was turned off on June 19-20, so the campus was be closed on those days.



We're excited to have our digital marquee running again! Stay informed as you drive by Wabash Valley College near the intersection of College and Park Drives.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 9, 2025

- Walk In Wednesday

July 16, 2025

- Walk In Wednesday

July 14-19, 2025

- Theatre Camp

July 22-25, 2025

- Music Camp

July 23, 2025

- Walk In Wednesday

August 19, 2025

- New Student Orientation

August 21, 2025

- First Day of Fall Classes



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