

VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

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- A group of children in various costumes, including a girl in a white dress with wings, a boy in a red mask, a girl in a pink ruffled dress, and a boy in a white shirt with a blue bowtie, are gathered around a table covered with a colorful balloon patterned tablecloth. They are holding balloons and a gift box, appearing to be in a celebratory mood. The background is dark, suggesting an indoor setting like a stage or a hall.
- MATILDA THE MUSICAL
 - HANDS ON WITH AIRLIFE
 - OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTORS
 - AND MORE!

APRIL 2025

Matilda, The Musical

**"Every
accomplishment
starts with the
decision to try."**

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As the semester moves full speed ahead and spring edges closer to summer, it's the perfect time to reflect on the power of choice. Whether you're wrapping up your first year, preparing to graduate, or just starting your journey, every step forward is a decision—and at Wabash Valley College, we believe those decisions shape bright futures.

This month, we're excited to highlight stories of growth, spotlight our amazing students and faculty, and celebrate what makes WVC more than just a college—it's a community. We hope these pages remind you why choosing WVC was, and continues to be, the #BestDecisionEver.

Quianna M.

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

Mount Carmel, IL – Wabash Valley College's Brubeck Theatre was filled with music, magic, and an outpouring of community support during the college's spring production of *Matilda the Musical*, held March 14–16. Directed by Amanda Andrews, with support from Dennis Stroughmatt, Music & Theatre Specialist of the Wabash Valley Arts Council, the production was hailed as a resounding success by both cast and audience members.

Andrews shared her enthusiasm, saying, "The overall experience was absolutely fantastic. We had outstanding audience attendance and really receptive crowds. The cast was always prepared, worked hard, and formed a tight-knit community that wanted to see the show turn out big—and I think it did: big and beautiful."

Andrews, directing her second WVC production, emphasized the organization, structure, and collaboration that led to a seamless experience for the cast and crew. "There was no drama—just



dedication. The music and choreography were beautiful, and the talent blossomed throughout rehearsals and blew us away at showtime."

Stroughmatt echoed the success, praising the teamwork involved in bringing such a large production to life. "It was a major operation with over 45 cast members and about 20 crew members. From the tech team to the front-of-house staff, everyone collaborated closely. This show truly showcased what can be accomplished when we work together."

He also encouraged the public to consider purchasing season tickets when they become available this summer. "Season tickets offer great value and help support the arts in our community. WVC students always get in free, but season tickets are a great option for others who want to stay connected to our productions."

Looking Ahead: Summer Theatre Camp Opportunity - The Wabash Valley Arts Council is excited to announce its Summer Theatre Camp taking place July 14–19, 2025.





ISAB

IECC STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

GET
INVOLVED!

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) Student Advisory Board (ISAB) is now accepting applications for student representatives at each of the four IECC campuses: Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College.

Comprised of passionate student leaders, ISAB serves as a liaison between the student body and the IECC Board of Trustees, administration, and faculty. The Board exists to represent student perspectives, promote campus engagement, and help shape a positive and productive college experience across the district.

ISAB members meet monthly—either in person or virtually—to discuss campus initiatives, student needs, and ways to improve the overall learning environment. From allocating student activity funds to supporting small campus beautification projects, ISAB members have a direct hand in making an impact at their college.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to speak up, get involved, and build leadership skills while collaborating with peers from across the IECC district. If you're ready to represent your campus and be part of something bigger, apply now!

Applications are available in the Student Services Office. Let your voice be heard—join ISAB and help shape the future of IECC.

AIRLIFE GIVES HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

On March 25, the Student Nurse Association (SNA) at Wabash Valley College hosted a special visit from Air Evac Lifeteam, the leading air medical service in the United States. The helicopter landed on the WVC soccer field, offering students a unique and immersive opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world application.

This visit allowed nursing students to tour the aircraft, observe the specialized equipment onboard, and gain insight into emergency air transport procedures. The nurses on board the helicopter were available to answer medical-related questions, giving students valuable exposure to the fast-paced world of critical care transport.

Adding a personal touch to the event was WVC alumna Kate Broster, who joined the crew during the visit. Her presence served as an inspiration to current students, showing how the foundation built at WVC can lead to impactful careers in healthcare.

Events like these strengthen the bridge between academic preparation and career readiness, giving students firsthand experiences that deepen their understanding of patient care in high-stakes situations. The SNA continues to provide valuable opportunities like this to help prepare WVC nursing students for the future.



MEDICAL ADVICE



Potential Students and Parents are invited to:

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT INFO SESSION

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025
6:00-7:00pm CST**

We'll Discuss:

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

**Wabash Valley College
Science Building, Room 25**

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

Wabash Valley College invites prospective students and community members to attend an upcoming information session about its highly respected **Physical Therapist Assistant** (PTA) program. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, from 6:00–7:00 PM CST in Room 25 of the Science Building on the WVC campus, located at 2200 College Drive, Mount Carmel, IL 62863.

This informative session is ideal for anyone interested in a career in physical therapy or in becoming a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant. Attendees will learn about the PTA program’s curriculum, explore admission and application requirements, tour the college’s state-of-the-art facilities, and engage in a Q&A session with knowledgeable program staff.

The session is open to the public, and WVC encourages potential students as well as individuals exploring physical therapy career paths to attend.

How to Attend: Registration is required. Please contact Donna at (618) 263-5164 or siglerd@iecc.edu.



Ready to make a difference? **Nursing** applications are open a little longer—but time is running out. Deadline: April 17 at 4 p.m. Start your journey: <https://iecc.edu/nursingextended>

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTORS



Wabash Valley College is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Outstanding Instructor of the Year awards, as selected by the Student Senate and student body. These annual awards honor faculty who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, expertise, and a lasting impact on students' academic and personal growth.

Kristina Isaac has been named the Outstanding Career and Technical Education Instructor of the Year for 2025. Her commitment to student success and her leadership within career and technical education have made a lasting difference in the lives of her students.

Chase Bramlet has been selected as the Outstanding Transfer Instructor of the Year for 2025. His dedication to academic excellence and his support of students pursuing transfer pathways exemplify the high standards of instruction at WVC.

Susan Zimmerman has been honored as the Outstanding Adjunct Instructor of the Year for 2025. Her expertise and the meaningful connections she builds with students highlight the vital role of adjunct faculty in student success.

As part of their recognition, Isaac and Bramlet will serve on the selection committee for the Outstanding Transfer Instructor Scholarship and the Outstanding Career and Technical Education Instructor Scholarship, each offering up to \$750 per semester for the 2025–2026 academic year.

All three instructors will receive commemorative plaques during the 2025 Commencement Ceremony.

WVC extends sincere thanks to these outstanding educators for their continued dedication and the positive impact they make every day on campus and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17, 2025

- Last day for class withdrawal

April 18, 2025

- Campus Closed: Spring Holiday

April 30, 2025

- Student Senate's Spring Fest

April 30, 2025

- Grad Fest

May 1, 2025

- Grad Fest

May 9, 2025

- WVC Commencement, 7pm

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