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 - AND MORE!

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"Don't let what
you cannot do
interfere with
what you **can**
do."

JOHN WOODEN

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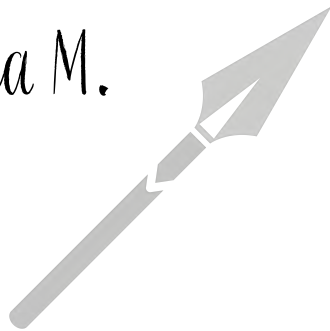
EDITOR'S NOTE

As the school year wraps up, we're celebrating more than just endings—we're celebrating connections. Throughout the year, WVC has welcomed back proud alumni at events across campus for career panels, spoke at ceremonies and proving that once you're part of the Valley, you're always family.

Our newest graduates now step into their next chapter, and we can't wait to see where their journeys lead. Meanwhile, we're looking ahead with excitement—plans for our new athletic facility are moving forward, and a freshly stocked pond is bringing new life to campus.

The future is bright at WVC—and the best is yet to come.

Quianna M.



WVC CELEBRATES 63rd COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Wabash Valley College held its 63rd Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 10, 2025, recognizing the hard work and accomplishments of the Class of 2025. Family, friends, faculty, and staff filled the gymnasium to support and celebrate this year's graduates.

The ceremony featured a keynote address from WVC alumnus Drew Gill, who shared his story of growth and success, encouraging graduates to embrace challenges and make the most of the opportunities ahead. His message focused on determination, gratitude, and remembering where you started.

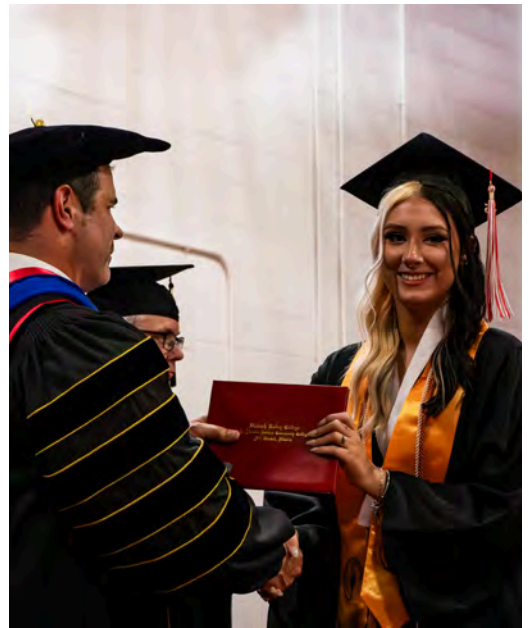
Several WVC Foundation scholarship recipients were recognized for their academic achievement and involvement on campus, showcasing the strong support system that helps students thrive at WVC.

While many graduates walked the stage in person, some were unable to attend due to athletic commitments. Members of the baseball and softball teams were away competing in Region 24 Tournament games—baseball in Belleville, IL, and softball in Carterville, IL.

The 63rd Commencement was a proud moment for the WVC community, marking the beginning of new chapters for the graduates as they move forward into their careers, continued education, and beyond.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! 🎓





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHARE THEIR STORIES AT WVC

A group of international students recently sat down with *View From The Valley* Editor-in-Chief, Quianna McGee, to talk about their experiences studying at an IECC school — mainly Wabash Valley College in Mount Carmel, Illinois.

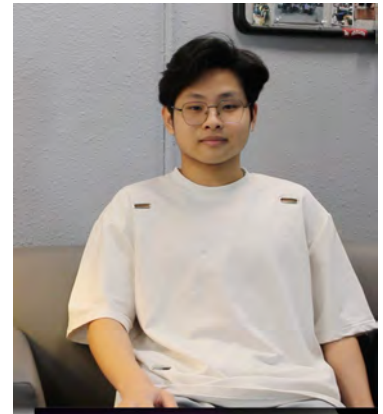
The conversation was honest, fun, and full of different perspectives. Even though the questions were asked in English, the students answered in their native languages — including Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Vietnamese — so they could speak more comfortably and clearly.

They talked about their first thoughts when arriving in Mount Carmel, how they've adjusted to life in the U.S., traveling to and from the U.S., and what they love most about being part of the WVC campus. From meeting new people to exploring American culture, their stories highlight the journey of studying far from home.

This conversation gives a real look into what life is like for international students and shows how WVC helps students from all over the world feel welcome.

Watch their stories on our YouTube page:

[YouTube.com/wabashvalleycollege](https://www.youtube.com/wabashvalleycollege) 



WVC WELCOMES DR. ROBB BACK TO CAMPUS

Wabash Valley College recently welcomed a familiar face back to campus—Dr. Cathy Stennett Robb, who has been named the next Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC). Dr. Robb, a proud WVC alumna, began her new leadership role on May 19, 2025.



With more than 30 years of experience in education, Dr. Robb brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep commitment to student success. Throughout her career, she has been known for improving student outcomes, supporting faculty, and leading impactful academic reforms.

Her ties to WVC remain strong—not only as an alumna but also as a proud parent. Her son, Ryan Robb, graduated from WVC in 2024 and contributed to the college’s student publication, *View From The Valley*.

The WVC community was excited to welcome Dr. Robb back and looks forward to the impact she’ll make across the IECC district. 🌟



THE BEST DECISION EVER



Wabash Valley College has kicked off an exciting new campaign called “Best Decision Ever”, aimed at celebrating the experiences of alumni, current students, graduating sophomores, and even those just starting their journey.

The heart of the campaign is a simple but powerful question: “Why is WVC your best decision ever?”

Whether it’s the classes, the friendships, the campus life, or the opportunities that followed, WVC wants to hear your story—and share it.

This is more than just a local initiative. As part of a district-wide effort, “Best Decision Ever” will shine a spotlight on all four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges campuses through yard signs, billboards, t-shirts, and more. The goal? To show future students what current and past students already know: that choosing WVC can be life-changing.

So, the next time you pass a yard sign or spot a t-shirt, let it serve as a reminder: WVC was—or could be—your best decision ever.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26, 2025

- College Closed - Memorial Day

June 5-7, 2025

- Soccer Camp

July 14-19, 2025

- Theatre Camp

July 22-25, 2025

- Music Camp



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