Wabash Valley Youth in Action and Wabash Valley College offered a “Summer Camp” for children in grades 4th – 8th on July 6-9, held at the campus of Wabash Valley College.

A variety of classes were offered for the Camp, including the following: Camp 1501-Fun with Science -Learn about science through interactive and hands-on science activities; Camp 1502-Art- Explore, discover, create and have fun, hands-on art projects; Camp 1503-Choir- Strengthen your choral skills while in the company of other like-minded musicians; Family concert at end of the week to showcase the music learned; Camp 1504- Agility-Agility, balance, and athletic footwork through fun drills and games; Camp 1505-Tree Planting 101; Camp 1506-Rocket Time-Explore the basics of how a rocket works, then create and launch one; Camp 1507-Money Smarts-Learn easy ways to save money for a rainy day or a big “want” and all about the importance of repaying what you owe on time; Camp 1508-PhotoStory-Photo Story is Microsoft’s solution to digital storytelling in a few easy steps; Camp 1509-Cake Decorating-Learn how to create decorative borders and flowers as well as techniques for baking cakes, making icing, covering cake boards, and using decorating tools.

At the conclusion of the camp, there was a Showcase held featuring an exhibit of activities from the week for parents and families.

Pictured at bottom left, young Kaci Johnson is creating her own “masterpiece” in Camp 1502 Art.

Pictured at top left, Maleah Armstrong and Daisy Schroeder apply cake decorating skills learned in Camp 1509.

Pictured at top right, WVC President Dr. Matt Fowler assists students Cooper Loll and Max Zimmerman in the Rocket Time class.

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION REGION 57 SPONSORING ANNUAL TRAVEL RAFFLE

As the International Police Association Region 57 continues to raise money for their scholarship fund, this year they are taking their Annual Travel Raffle online versus just mailing out tickets. All proceeds go to their scholarships, and the winner gets two air tickets to anywhere in the world!

The International Police Association Region 57 established the scholarship in 2010 for Wabash Valley College students. The scholarship is a one-year scholarship which is awarded to a WVC sophomore student who has completed his/her first year of study and is enrolled in a Transfer Pre-Law, Associate in Applied Science; Criminal Justice, or Associate Degree in Nursing program. Character, disposition, academic excellence, and interest in pursuing employment in these fields shall be factors in determining selection. Financial need is also a factor in the selection of this scholarship. The scholarship is for tuition expense and covers up to 15 credit hours for fall and 15 credit hours for spring semester.

The Association is one of the most unique and interesting social organizations in the world. Region 57 of the United States Section is composed of the 34 counties of Southern Illinois: Alexander, Bond, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

For more information, visit ipa-usa.org/57raffle.

STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ACADEMIC AWARDS

The NJCAA office announced last week the recipients of the 2014-15 Academic Student-Athlete Awards.

This year, Wabash Valley College student-athletes were recognized for their classroom work. There were nine who qualified: Baseball: Clay Chandler, exemplary; Anthony Penas, exemplary; Claudio Rubiera, exemplary; and Tyler Sroczynski, exemplary. Softball: Joie Gadberry, exemplary; Kendall Mendenhall, superior; and Allison Webster, exemplary. Women’s Basketball: Ellie Fruit, exemplary; and Sydney Small, exemplary. For a Superior Academic Achievement Award, a student must have a 3.80 to 3.99 GPA. For an Exemplary Academic Achievement Award, a student must have a 3.60 to 3.70 GPA.

The WBCA Academic Top 25 presented by AT&T annually recognizes NCAA Division I, II and III; NAIA; and junior/community college women’s basketball teams across the nation that carry the highest combined grade point average (GPA) inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. WVC secured the third spot on the Junior/Community College Academic Top 25 Honor Roll presented by AT&T with a 3.478 GPA. WVC was the only school to receive this award and also attend the NJCAA National Tournament.
WVC HOLDS GED COMPLETION CEREMONY

Wabash Valley College held the Spring GED Completion Ceremony on Thursday, May 28, in the Brubeck Arts Center Theatre with three graduates participating in the ceremony. Each of the graduates completed the high school equivalency testing requirements during the 2015 academic year and is now ready for college. Each student was also awarded a one-year scholarship to attend WVC in a program of his/her choice. The entire program, including the testing, was completely free for all the graduates. WVC graduated four GED completers in the fall, and six more students completed in the spring, bringing the total to ten new GED completers.

FREE GED Test Prep classes are offered throughout the year at Wabash Valley College. The next classes will be offered August 18-October 8, 2015. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with students choosing to take the classes from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon, or 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

All classes are held in a computer lab in Main Hall 202. Students may register on the first morning/evening of the class. Free tutoring, instruction, and materials are available. IT’S ALL FREE!

Three graduates participated in the WVC GED Completion Ceremony recently in the Brubeck Arts Center Theatre on the campus of Wabash Valley College. These students completed the testing requirements during the 2015 academic year. Pictured, left to right: Andrea Loll, Transition Instructor/Enrollment Director; Michael Tim Bell, GED Instructor; Austin Hoffman, Graduate; Avery Seals, Graduate; and Robert Turner, GED Instructor. Spring graduates not pictured include: Zachary Bare, Joshua Dill, Devyn Hinderliter, and Dustin Kasinger.

DR. LAURA BRUCK HAS MANUSCRIPT ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

Dr. Laura Bruck’s manuscript, “A Hands-on Activity to Build Mastery of Intermolecular Forces and its Impacts on Student Learning” was recently accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed research journal Journal of College Science Teaching. Intermolecular forces – the forces of attraction that occur between atoms in close proximity – are a difficult, abstract topic for learners of chemistry. In her manuscript, Bruck outlines a novel teaching method to enhance and improve students’ ideas about intermolecular forces, and data presented in the article support the educational effectiveness of the activity and its positive effects on student learning. Bruck also provides advice for fellow chemistry faculty on adapting and extending the intermolecular forces activity for use in other areas of chemistry. Dr. Bruck’s article is slated to appear in an issue in the near future.

Dr. Laura Bruck has been an instructor at Wabash Valley College since 2011. Prior to teaching at WVC, she was a middle school science teacher and high school chemistry teacher. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Middle Tennessee State University, a Master of Science in Chemistry from Purdue University, and a Doctor of Education from Oakland City University. Dr. Bruck teaches chemistry courses and is the sponsor of the WVC Science Club. For more information, contact bruckl@iecc.edu.

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