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“Encouragement of higher education for our youth is critical to the success of our collective future.”

— Charles B. Rangel

# Valley Briefs

## Student Trivia Day

The Bauer Media Center hosted students from the campus for free pizza and trivia over the lunch hour Thursday, March 31st. The winners were treated to “mystery prizes.”

## Physical Therapist Assistant Workspace Almost Complete

The PTA program and facilities have been “in progress” for two years. Now, the first cohort is to start in the fall, and the classrooms/laboratory are in final stages of completion.

## Ag & Diesel Host FFA Testing Event

High School FFA students from surrounding counties ventured to Wabash Valley College Tuesday, April 5th for an onsite testing opportunity. Winners moved to state competition.

## Solar Savings Update

WVC’s solar array produced 4MWh in January and has saved nearly 102K pounds of CO2 emissions. This reduction is the equivalent of over 770 trees being planted!

“Higher education must lead the march back to the fundamentals of human relationships, to the old discovery that is ever new, that man does not live by bread alone.”

— John Hannah

## Health Careers Day at WVC Includes WGH Led Cadaver Procedure



On March 18th, students from across the tri-state area traveled to Wabash Valley College for a Health Careers Day. There were over 400 health career interested students at the event. These students came from as close as Mount Carmel High School, and ranged from as far away as Effingham, Illinois. Notably, one institution located in Evansville brought 100 students. The Health Careers Day was an incredible success, showcasing the many health related educational resources at Wabash Valley College, including the Cadaver Lab, the Nursing Department, and the Physical Therapist Assistant Department.

Students were offered a campus tour upon arriving at WVC, and then soon after were given the choice to attend two of four breakout sessions

offered in separate one hour slots. The breakout sessions were divided into four categories and included the following:

**Surgery** - Orthopaedic Surgeon, Surgical Podiatrist, Physician Assistant, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Surgical Nurse, Surgical Tech

**Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Services** - Sports Medicine Physician, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Athletic Trainer, Cardiac Rehab Staff

**Nursing** - Inpatient Nurse, ER Nurse, Internal Medicine Nurse, Pediatric Nurse, General Surgery Nurse, Nurse Practitioner

**Radiology/Lab/Respiratory** - Radiology Tech, Lab Tech, Respiratory Therapist

After a lunch break (during which time more than 100 visitors dined at the WVC Red Cafe!), students gathered back into the WVC Brubeck Auditorium to observe a one hour knee replacement performed by the Surgical Team from Wabash General Hospital. Dr. Julko Fullop provided context and narration while Dr. Justin Miller performed the procedure with the help of surgical staff. Both during and after the surgery students were able to ask questions to Dr. Fullop regarding careers, steps of the procedure, instruments used in the procedure, and many other forms of questions. As the day concluded students were given one final opportunity to view the cadaver with the new knee joint in place.

This event was of benefit to both Wabash General Hospital and Wabash Valley College due to all students completing a survey allowing both facilities to track their education and career choices after graduation. Using this data WVC hopes to recruit the next generation of health care workers. Dr. Todd Gill and Jonathan Leach deserve a special thanks for planning and managing the event; this included planning the event, recruiting tour guides, providing tours, writing and making the survey available, maintaining contact with the WGH Marketing Department, and staying in contact with students after the event.

WVC Nursing Faculty field questions from interested students. Each Nursing Breakout Session had well over 100 interested students. Seen from left: Alani Frederick-IECC Associate Dean of Allied Health, Jasmyne Lewis-WVC Department Head of Nursing/Instructor, Megan Bunnage-Nursing Instructor, Vanessa Lowe-Nursing Instructor, Clare Roosevelt-Nursing Instructor



WVC PTA Faculty discuss career paths, licensures, and degree options with prospective students at the Health Careers day. From right are Lisa Hoipkemier-Program Director/Instructor, and Kinsey Whitaker, Academic Clinical Coordinator of Education/Instructor. Several members of the WGH staff are also pictured. Each of these individuals holds a different level or class of education and spoke of their experiences in education and the work force. Every member of this session but one mentioned attending community college at some point during their education!

## WVC Musical All Kinds of People Plays to Success

Togetherness, understanding, imagination, friendship, and love: all of these harmonious concepts were stressed in the Wabash Valley College Art Council's musical *All Kinds of People*. *All Kinds of People*, based on the optimism and musicals written by Oscar Hammerstein II, ran on March 31st, April 1st and April 3rd. Twenty-four cast members, as young as three-years-old and as old as 80-years-old, sang about the importance of loving people no matter their differences. Songs featured in the musical included "Ol' Man River" from *Show Boat*, "Happy Talk" from *South Pacific*, "Getting to Know You" from *The King and I*, "All Kinds of People" from *Pipe Dream* among other songs from *South Pacific*, *Cinderella*, *Carousel*, *Show Boat*, *Flower Drum Song*, *Pipe Dream* and *The Sound of Music*.



The initial cast was ready to perform *All Kinds of People* in spring of 2020 until the COVID-19 pandemic caused the college to close. Theatre was at a halt throughout the pandemic, and the *All Kinds of People* cast and production crew were at a loss. However, this year the show was finally able to hit the Brubeck Arts Center stage. While some of the initial cast could not return for this year's production, many cast members returned along with a few new recruits.

"Working on a show that had been canceled was a bit difficult sometimes," first year WVC student Ally Bishop said, "but not so difficult that I ever considered not doing it. Some people had to learn more than others. I joined the musical because I have always been into musicals, and I couldn't pass up one that was right here."

Children played a main role in *All Kinds of People*. The child actors and actresses acted as an eager audience ready to learn about kindness and hope. The children also sang songs, danced, and acted out stories. Notably, three girls performed "In My Own Little Corner" from Cinderella. The musical had some great comical moments and a few of those moments were thanks to the children.

"The kids are so funny," Bishop stated. "All of them love being there, and that energy is really palpable, especially during the shows. All of the kids are definitely very fun to work with and be around."

*All Kinds of People* is the last directorial musical for WVC Director Sue Schriber. The cast and WVC have enjoyed having Schriber direct musicals and plays.

"I love how [Sue] treated us all like her children," Bishop added. "She knew just how to give criticism without being overly mean but blunt enough to make a point. She knew exactly how to work the shows so that every one of us could shine. She truly cared about all of us and this theater."

*All Kinds of People* appears to have been a success with the audiences and put a refreshing spin on an essential lesson: love everyone despite their differences.

Article by Maggee Bleyer

## WVC Gymnasium Houses Annual Guns N' Hoses Event



The annual Guns N' Hoses fundraiser was canceled last year because of Covid-19, but it has returned at last! Wabash Valley College hosted the event for the first time in many years, relishing in the opportunity to invite the community to the campus in a joint effort to raise money for charity.

Many organizations in town gathered to compete in the event. Buehler's Buy Low (local grocer), Taco Tierra (fast food restaurant), churches, and even a clothing store (Eclectic Boutique) gathered employees and friends to team up in competition. Some of the action was close; other games were complete blowouts, but everyone remained civil and had a great showing. After such a long time with so many restrictions, many were glad to see this event back and to be able to gather for a good cause.

The college is actively seeking opportunities to partner with local businesses, charities, and events to host or sponsor events. The gymnasium is available for most events upon reservation.

# WVC Student Events Last Month

## FRESH (WVC IECCA Faculty Organization)



Wabash Valley College Student Senate recently received a donation from the WVC IECCA Faculty Organization. The donation will go toward FRESH. FRESH is an on-campus program that aims to supply food and other essential items for students in need. Representing the WVC IECCA Faculty Organization is Assistant Professor Andy King. Pictured from back left to right: Jarrett West, Micah Henson, John Freeland, Andy King, Max Zimmerman, Emma Westlake, and Elliott Gill. Front left to right: Chau-Anh Vo, Loren Kee, Meagan Johnson, and Sumin Cho.

## Elks Donates to FRESH



Wabash Valley College Student Senate received a donation from the Elks Lodge #0715 on Tuesday, March 15th. The donation will go toward FRESH. Pictured from left to right: Larry Hodgson, Max Zimmerman, Maggee Bleyer, Darcy Clodfelter, and Micah Henson.

Student Event Articles by Maggee Bleyer

## Student Senate Hosts Watch Party for "March Madness"

On Monday, April 4th, the WVC Student Senate hosted a watch party for the NCAA Division I playoff championship game that concludes "March Madness." Free popcorn, soft drinks, and other snacks were provided. Leading up to the "March Madness" event, Student Senate also provided faculty, staff, and students at WVC the opportunity to fill out brackets in a bracket challenge. The prize for the winner of the bracket challenge was a \$100 gas card. The winner of the bracket challenge, Cole Carter, was announced at the event. Carter is an instructor for the Radio/TV program at WVC.

## Monthly Faculty Bio

### Kyle Peach, Radio/TV Broadcasting Lead Instructor



Kyle Peach, Director of broadcasting, is also the lead instructor of the Radio/T.V. department at Wabash Valley College, which has 3 associate degrees connected to the program. Peach is from Mt. Carmel, IL. Growing up, Peach's role models were Fred Rogers (Mister Rogers' Neighborhood) and Bob Barker (host of The Price is Right). He credits Mister Rogers and Bob Barker as his early reasons for becoming involved with television.

"There are embarrassing pictures of me somewhere pretending to be Mister Rogers and changing my coat and having a big, long microphone and playing game show games like Bob Barker," Peach shared. "So, I think, even from a very early age, I was just fascinated with television and with broadcasting."

When he was in high school, Peach began working at WSJD-FM 100.5, a broadcasting and media production company founded in Mt. Carmel. Peach has had many jobs such as running the score board/public address announcing at the Mt. Carmel Little League, being involved with radio/television stations, and being an on-air reporter for Channel 7 in Evansville, IN. Peach is a graduate from both WVC and the University of Southern Indiana. In 2002, Peach began working at WVC and soon became the lead instructor of the Radio/T.V. Department.

Article by Maggee Bleyer

Peach's style of teaching challenges students to become visually aware of the Radio/T.V. world. By creating an interactive environment for his students, Peach also teaches about the theory and history behind the field of broadcasting.

"The students who really show love for the media industry motivate me to do what I do," Peach expressed. "Students who come in with the mindset that this is something they want to do and that they're going to take seriously but have a good time doing it, makes life in the department so much fun. I'm so pleased to be involved with students who put forth that effort."

"We try to stay up on the latest technology," Peach noted. "In our program, we try to make it as hands-on and interactive as it can possibly be. We want our students producing videos, making audio productions, using our cameras, doing live broadcasts, producing shows, covering sports, announcing sports, and more. We want students filling a lot of positions and trying to run our campus radio and television stations that are heard in the community."

In the Radio/T.V. Department, students are given the opportunity to work with programs like 89.1 The Bash (WVC radio station), News Channel 15, various sports media, and more. The department has had many successes throughout the years, such as winning the 2020 and 2022 Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS) National Community College T.V. Station Of The Year award and, this year, receiving a record-breaking number of seven IBS nominations. None of this would have happened without the dedication and hardwork of Mr. Peach, who can often be found still working on campus at 2 or 3 am.

Peach brags he is a die-hard St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. If he is not broadcasting a game or teaching a class, Peach can be found at the St. Louis Busch Memorial Stadium watching the Cardinals. Besides teaching at WVC, Peach is also a play-by-play broadcaster at the University of Evansville and on ESPN. Every year, on World Kindness Day, Peach dresses up as Mister Rogers as an homage to his forever role model.

## New HVAC Units on Campus

On March 7th the Misco Crane Service traveled to Wabash Valley College to install new HVAC units at several locations on campus. The Bauer Media Center received new units in addition to one portion of the Science Building. The cranes were only on campus for a short period to move the massive units, but workers remained on campus several days for the installation process. WVC has been in the process of replacing old HVAC units for several years. It has been several years now since the Spencer Sports Center received a new system, but the Applied Arts Building also recently received a new HVAC system. WVC is thankful to have the resources to maintain and innovate facilities for the use of faculty, staff, and students.



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