

# NEWSLETTER

ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*Health Careers | November 2024*



**October was Dental Hygiene Month!**

Pictured: IVCC Dental Hygiene students and their amazing instructors.

**FEATURED:**  
EVENTS, IMPORTANT  
DATES, APPLICATIONS  
OPEN AND MORE!

**FUTURE STUDENTS:** Join us for a Nursing Information Session, join us for Explore IVCC, apply to a Health Professions Program!

**CURRENT STUDENTS:** Don't forget to complete the Spring 2025 PATH Grant application.

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# Events

## Friday 11/1

**Wellness Week Presentation by  
the Perfectly Flawed Foundation**

Cultural Centre | 12:00pm-1:30pm

## Monday 11/4

**Last day to withdraw from 16-week  
classes**

## Tuesday 11/5

**Election Day - COLLEGE CLOSED**

## Thursday 11/7

**Nursing Information Session**

IVCC Main Campus | 2:00pm-3:00pm

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Thursday 11/7

**Hope for Tomorrow Expo**

IVCC Main Campus | 5:30pm

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Monday 11/11

**Veterans' Day - COLLEGE CLOSED**

All Day

## Thursday 11/14

**Last day to withdraw from 12-week  
classes**

## Wednesday 11/20

**Explore IVCC - Open House**

IVCC Cultural Centre | 5:30pm-7:00pm

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Wednesday 11/20

**Last day to withdraw from second  
8-week classes**

## Wednesday 11/27 - Saturday 11/30

**Thanksgiving Break - COLLEGE CLOSED**

# FEATURED:

**IVCC Fall Musical "Forever Plaid  
- The Heavenly Musical Hit"**



The Four Plaids quartet returns to the stage for a concert that "never was" due to their demise after being hit by a bus full of Catholic schoolgirls on their way to see The Beatles' American debut. In limbo for decades, they finally get a chance at the spotlight, performing the tight four-part harmonies they had rehearsed.

### Dates:

- Thursday, November 14, 2024, 7:30pm
- Friday, November 15, 2024, 7:30pm
- Saturday, November 16, 2024, 7:30pm
- Sunday, November 17, 2024, 2:00pm
- Thursday, November 21, 2024, 7:30pm
- Friday, November 22, 2024, 7:30pm
- Saturday, November 23, 2024, 7:30pm
- Sunday, November 24, 2024, 2:00pm

**LEARN MORE**



**FREE EXPO**  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

# Hope for Tomorrow

A Community Response to Homelessness

THURSDAY  
**NOVEMBER**  
STARTING AT 5:30PM

**7<sup>th</sup>**

 Illinois Valley Community College  
in Oglesby, Illinois



**AMERICANS WITH  
NO ADDRESS**  
Documentary Screening



## Free Expo with Food

Featuring local organizations, community partners, and resources focused on homelessness solutions.



## Film Screening

Screening of the documentary "Americans With No Address", the story of the making of the movie "No Address".



## Panel Discussion

Shared insights from local, regional and state experts.



**Carol Alcorn**  
Illinois Valley PADS  
Panelist



**Jonathan Rocke**  
Pathway Ministries  
Panelist



**Christine Haley**  
Illinois Office to Prevent and  
End Homelessness  
Panelist



**Vanessa Hoeffditz**  
Tri-County Opportunities Council  
Panelist



**John Spencer**  
Starved Rock Media  
Moderator



**Claudia Hernandez  
Schaefer**  
Housing Authority of LaSalle County  
Panelist



- ➔ Learn
- ➔ Engage
- ➔ Collaborate



Join Illinois Valley PADS and its Partners



**Robert Craig**  
Films



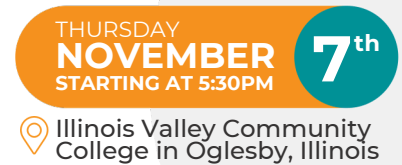
Register Online

<https://swiy.co/hopefortomorrow>



# Free Admission

## Registration is required



While this event is free to attend, registration is essential to help us plan effectively and ensure everyone has a seat. Your registration allows us to prepare for the number of attendees and offer the best possible experience for all. If you are a student and under 18 years of age, please register using your teacher's email address for confirmation.

Please reserve your spot by visiting the registration link or scanning the QR Code on the front of the event flyer. This will take you to the registration landing page. <https://swiy.co/hopefortomorrow>

5:30pm - 6:30pm **IVCC Rooms C 124 - 125**

### Expo and Light Meal

Explore local resources and community efforts to combat homelessness. Meet with:

- Nonprofit organizations aiding individuals experiencing homelessness by providing help and hope. Mental health
- professionals providing crucial services. Local shelters working with homeless individuals and families, sharing their
- mission. Government agencies critical to curing homelessness through programs, funding, and policy initiatives.
- Volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute.

6:30pm - 8pm **IVCC Auditorium** Documentary Screening

### Americans with No Address, a Robert Craig Film

Americans with No Address is a powerful documentary by Robert Craig that shines a light on the realities of homelessness in the United States. Through personal stories and in-depth interviews, the film explores the human side of this crisis, offering insight into the challenges faced by those without stable housing. It emphasizes the need for understanding and action to address homelessness on a local and national scale.

8:15pm - 9:15pm **IVCC Auditorium**

### Panel Discussion



**Carol Alcorn** | Illinois Valley PADS | Panelist

Carol has been involved with IV PADS for 31 years, serving as Executive Director for about 20. Her journey of faith has driven her to meet the needs of many in meaningful ways. She is humbled and grateful for the community's progress in helping those in need and thankful to everyone who has supported the mission of providing hope and help to the homeless.



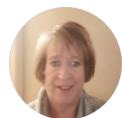
**Jonathan Rocke** | Pathway Ministries | Panelist

Jon became Executive Director of Pathway Ministries in 2016. Founded nearly 70 years ago, it began with two women serving coffee and sharing God's love with homeless men. Now, it supports thousands annually, helping men and women move from poverty to progress, following Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.



**Christine Haley** | Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness | Panelist

Christine Haley, Chief of the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, leads efforts with 16 state agencies. She chairs the Illinois Interagency Task Force and previously directed housing for Cook County Health. Christine holds a BA from Notre Dame and an MS from Case Western Reserve.



**Vanessa Hoffeditz** | Tri-County Opportunities Council | Panelist

Vanessa Hoffeditz has been a Community Services Manager at Tri-County Opportunities Council for 13 years. Tri-County works to address poverty and promote stability in a nine-county area. Vanessa supports Outreach staff who assist low-income and homeless individuals and oversees the agency's food pantry in Bureau County.



**Claudia Hernandez Schaefer** | Housing Authority of LaSalle County | Panelist

Claudia became Director of Asset Management for the Housing Authority of LaSalle County in May 2024, after three and a half years with the organization. Starting as an ICO technician for Section 8, she later served as Section 8 Coordinator. Claudia is dedicated to ensuring safe, peaceful housing for all and advancing the Housing Authority's mission.



**John Spencer** | Starved Rock Local | Moderator

John, President and GM of Starved Rock Media, began hosting the 99.3 WJJK morning show in 1992. A graduate of Western Illinois University and the NAB Leadership Program, he's active in Peru Rotary and NCI Works. John enjoys live music, hiking, golf, and giving back to his community.

For more information, reach out to Patricia Walters, IV PADS Email: [ivpads.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:ivpads.outreach@gmail.com) Phone: 815-488-3256

# ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Apply to an IVCC Health Professions Program!

**Now accepting applications  
for Fall 2025!**

**APPLY  
BY  
MARCH  
1ST!**

Ready to take the next step in your healthcare career? Apply today at [www.ivcc.edu/apply](http://www.ivcc.edu/apply). Each program has specific requirements, so be sure to review your chosen program's details carefully to ensure your application is submitted correctly. If you have any questions, visit [www.ivcc.edu/healthprofessions](http://www.ivcc.edu/healthprofessions) to connect with the appropriate program coordinator for more information.

### PROGRAMS:

- Registered Nursing (RN)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Services
- Medical Assisting
- Phlebotomy
- Licensed Practical Nursing

### LEARN MORE:

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**HEALTH  
PROFESSIONS**  
*Illinois Valley Community College*



# Spring 2025 PATH Grant Application

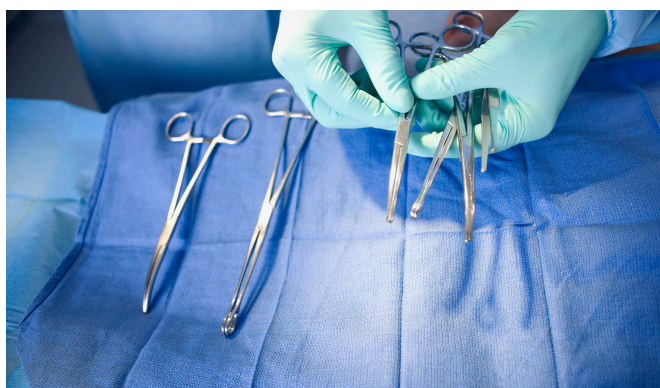
Please ensure you complete the application in its entirety. Visit [www.ivcc.edu/path](http://www.ivcc.edu/path) for more information!

**Credit** programs include: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Dental Hygiene, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Nursing (RN), EMT-B, Paramedic, Certified Medical Assistant, and Phlebotomy. If you have questions, please email [Heather Seghi](mailto:Heather.Seghi@ivcc.edu).

**Non-credit** programs include: Medical Billing and Coding, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, EKG Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Surgical Technician, Patient Care Technician, and Sterile Processing Technician. Email [Lexis Buckley](mailto:Lexis.Buckley@ivcc.edu) with any questions!



CREDIT APPLICATION



NONCREDIT APPLICATION

## Support Spotlight

Safe Journeys (formerly ADV & SAS) offers a safe atmosphere where survivors of domestic and sexual violence can find support, resources, and strength as they journey toward healing and thriving in LaSalle and Livingston counties.

**Located in CTC 220C on Tuesdays!**

[Learn More](#)



Safe Journeys

[More Resources](#)

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



## The City of Oglesby is looking for Paramedics and EMTs to hire!

The city of Oglesby is looking to hire paramedics (\$25/hour) and EMT's (\$17/hour). Both full and part-time positions are available. Pick up and drop off your application at city hall or call 815-883-3389 for more information.

[DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)



CITY OF OGLESBY

110 E WALNUT ST, OGLESBY, IL 61348



### Urgently Hiring:

Pleasant View Skilled Nursing Community: Ottawa, IL  
Overnight RN – full-time and part-time options available

Luther Oaks Skilled Nursing Community: Bloomington, IL  
RN – full-time and FLEX options available

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## LASALLE COUNTY

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# Medical Assistants Recognition week was October 21–25!



**MEDICAL ASSISTING**  
Illinois Valley Community College

## Certified Medical Assistant

*Apply to IVCC's CMA  
program by March 1, 2025!*



## New Medical Assisting Lab!

- ✓ Average wage of \$20.84
- ✓ Sit for national certification (AMAA)
- ✓ Affordable program!

Learn more or apply at  
[ivcc.edu/apply](https://ivcc.edu/apply) by March 1st!



### Flexible Learning

Our program utilizes a blend of virtual and in-person classes, providing students with increased flexibility in managing their schedules.



### Hands-on Learning

IVCC prepares individuals for an active role in health care through hands-on experiences in our on-campus lab, as well as real-world, virtual simulation.



### On-the-Job Training

Students are placed with one of our community partners to complete their externship and sharpen their skills by working in established offices or clinics.



### One-Year Program

Complete in one full academic year. Classes for this program begin in the Fall of each year and finish with the student externship in Summer of the next year.

IVCC NURSING INSTRUCTOR

# WINS LOCAL OUTSTANDING TEACHER HONOR

Amber Robertson learned that she was selected as the September nominee of Shaw Local Radio's Teacher of the Year honor as students, nursing faculty and administrators gathered in the College Nursing Lab to hear the announcement.

Shaw Local Radio promotions manager Summer Studstill also presented a certificate, pizzas for the group, and a \$100 check, while informing Robertson that she is now eligible for the year-end top award! Congratulations!



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## ASHLEE FITZPATRICK & with HANNAH BOWERMASTER

Ashlee Fitzpatrick and Hannah Bowermaster from IVCC's Student Success office recently got to sit down with our friends at Safe Journeys to talk about some of the resources we offer on campus to students!

[LISTEN NOW!](#)

