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**HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH, WABASH COLLEGE ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP**

(CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN) – Hendricks Regional Health and Wabash College today announced a new three-year partnership effective July 1, 2023, that makes Hendricks the sports medicine provider for the Little Giants.

“Wabash Athletics is thrilled to partner with Hendricks Regional Health to elevate our sports medicine operations, especially in athletic training services,” said Matt Tanney, Director of Athletics & Campus Wellness. “The athletic training profession is in the midst of a sea change nationally, and partnering with a trusted, local healthcare provider to leverage its expertise and professional networks in support of Wabash scholar-athletes is a big win. We're excited to work alongside the Hendricks' team in the coming months to launch this effort.”

Through the partnership, the Hendricks team of physicians, athletic trainers, and physical therapists will provide care to Wabash student-athletes. Services include the prevention, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries.

“Building strong, lasting partnerships with schools and employers is something we are incredibly proud of at Hendricks,” said Shane Sommers, Vice President of Professional Services for Hendricks Regional Health. “The field of sports medicine has advanced tremendously, and we are committed to bringing the latest – and most proven – techniques for preventative and rehabilitative treatment of student-athletes. Our athletic trainers that will be taking care of the 13 Little Giants athletic teams are supported by a comprehensive group of orthopedic specialists, including a proud Wabash alum.”

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## **ABOUT WABASH COLLEGE**

Founded in 1832, Wabash College is an independent liberal arts college for men that offers a superior education and fosters independent intellectual inquiry, critical thought, and clear expression. Our students come from 32 U.S. states and 17 countries internationally, and more importantly from diverse economic, social, and cultural backgrounds. Wabash helps men engage these differences and live humanely with them, while challenging its students to appreciate the changing nature of the global society and prepare for the responsibilities of leadership and service within. The College carries out its mission in a residential setting in Crawfordsville, Indiana – the heart of the Midwest – in an unusually informal, egalitarian, and participatory environment that encourages a life of intellectual and creative growth, self-awareness, artistic expression, and physical activity.

Forty-nine percent of Wabash's student body are varsity athletes, where the Little Giants compete as an NCAA Division III member. The College boasts a long and storied athletic history where it competed in, and won, the state's first-ever intercollegiate competitions in baseball, basketball, and football. It's teams have won nearly 200 conference championships and produced nearly 450 All-Americans in school history. As recently as 2022, Wabash saw it's wrestling team finish as the NCAA runner-up, while the basketball team advanced to the Division III Final Four. The school annually competes for the fabled Monon Bell, one of college football's great traveling trophies, and the Little Giant football team ranks fifth all-time in victories among Division III institutions.

## **ABOUT HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH**

Since 1962, Hendricks Regional Health has served west central Indiana as its preferred, trusted healthcare partner. With a deeply rooted legacy of community service, the Hendricks' culture is built on our vision to be the community's indispensable healthcare partner. As a nationally recognized, nonprofit healthcare system, we offer a full spectrum of primary care and specialty services. Hendricks is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network and was named a 2022 Top Teaching Hospital by The Leapfrog Group. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @HendricksHealth, Facebook @Hendricks.org, or visit [Hendricks.org](https://www.hendricks.org).