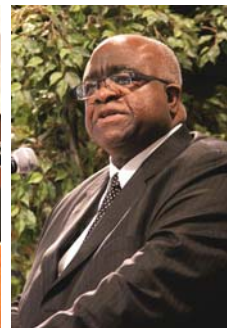


# CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

April 13, 2012  
Number 829



Wayne County Community College District hosted a national conference today titled "Towards New Geographies of Opportunity in Education." The conference focused on the 50 year anniversary of the landmark supreme court case Brown vs Board of Education. The objective of this conference was to consider the pivotal role educators, advocates and policymakers can play to improve education and economic opportunity on a local and national scale.



**Keynote Speaker**  
Kevin Jennings, CEO,  
Opportunity Nation and  
former Assistant Deputy  
for the U.S. Department of  
Education, Obama  
Administration

## SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE GOVERNOR

We received the following thank you letter from Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and I thought I would share it with you. Thanks to all who made the Governor's Town Hall meeting a success!

*"Thanks to you and your team on hosting a great town hall this week. It was very well done. Please keep up the good work. Best Wishes."*



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## DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



◆ Interim Lieutenant Aziz Faison attended a “Grant Writing for First Responders” training workshop. The Clery Act has mandated that higher education institutions address campus violence and safety concerns. Consequently, there is a need for community colleges and universities to locate budget dollars to address these safety and security issues. This training will assist the District Public Safety Department in creating an effective grant strategy and then deploying it with the Office for Resource Development.

◆ District Public Safety officers are being trained to use the collapsible baton, one of the use-of-force options adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Subject Control Continuum for self-defense and to assist in apprehensions. All certified officers must now undergo eight hours of annual maintenance training to carry the baton. The baton training course is designed to give staff the minimum level of proficiency to carry and use a baton while on duty as police authority and campus safety officers. This increases officer’s survival and reduces the district’s liability.



## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

◆ Tami Stanza represented the District at the 5th Annual Reverse Trade Fair with more than 250 vendors. The fair was hosted by the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association and it allows suppliers, contractors, and consultants the chance to meet with procurement professionals from around the state at one time. This was a great opportunity to meet with local vendors and provide a brief overview of how to do business with the District.



◆ Progress continues on the Downtown Campus Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades Project. The new chillers are now installed. The project is currently on schedule and anticipated to be completed by the end of April. In addition, mechanical and electrical upgrades are scheduled for other District locations. Completion of these projects will allow a more comfortable and sustainable environment for the students, faculty and staff.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Despite rising concerns that cyber attacks are growing more and more sophisticated, hackers used relatively simple methods for a surprisingly 97% of data breaches in 2011, according to a report compiled by Verizon. Often, the breached companies lacked firewalls, used bad ports to the internet, used default or easy to guess passwords. Therefore, the report suggests that when it comes to IT security, the basic security principles must be followed and adhered to before we implement other sophisticated technologies.

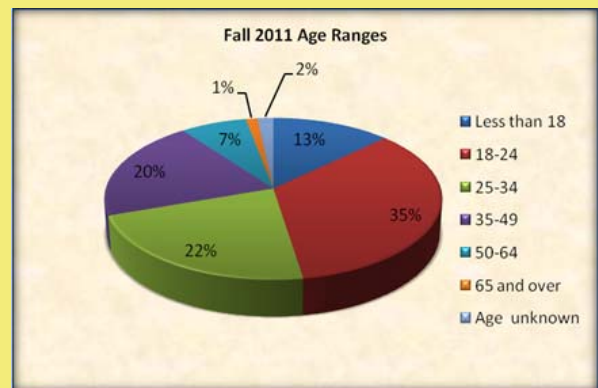


### Website Hits

For the week of Apr 4 – 10, we received 35,027 visits to our website. Visits came from 50 countries. We received 2,601 hits for the academic schedules and 1,629 hits for the college catalog.

## INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

According to the American Association of Community Colleges, 29 is the average age of a community college student. Likewise, the average age of a WCCCD student is 29. The chart below represents WCCCD’s student age ranges from 18 to 65 in Fall 2011



After over 35 years of loyal service to WCCCD, Linda Coleman-Woodard will be retiring effective April 13, 2012. Ms. Coleman-Woodard has worked in the Nursing Program since its inception. Many thanks to her for her dedication and invaluable contribution to WCCCD. Congratulations and best wishes!

## STUDENT SERVICES

- ♦ TRIO- Student Support Services Transfer Coordinator, Yolanda Russell accompanied natural science faculty members Apryl Brown, George Granderson, Bonita Leavell and students from across the District to participate in the Michigan Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (MI-LSAMP) undergraduate research symposium hosted at the University of Michigan. The MI-LSAMP is an alliance of nine community colleges and baccalaureate degree granting institutions. The overall goal of the MI-LSAMP is to significantly increase the number of under-represented minority students earning undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields from the participating universities and prepare them for entry into graduate programs.



- ♦ MICUP students are actively preparing to leave on their educational journey to Michigan Technological University as summer research interns. Meetings were held to inform students about the expectations of being an intern, a university student as well as a representative of WCCCD. The eleven interns will experience seven weeks of university life while taking a three credit hour class and doing research under their faculty mentor.



### ***Achieving the Dream***

The Achieving the Dream (AtD) team participated in a webinar on best practices used in Early Alert Systems (EAS). Early Alert Systems identify and alert students who are experiencing academic challenges during the beginning of an academic semester. WCCCD has incorporated its own EAS as part of the Achieving the Dream Initiative. From the webinar AtD members learned that effective EAS programs use intrusive advising and positive reinforcement, identify dedicated staff champions, and utilize faculty as an integral part of referring students to academic support services.

## EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ♦ University of Detroit Mercy (U of D) held an information session at the Downtown Campus inviting WCCCD students to meet with representatives to discuss the ease of transferring to U of D. Students would complete their basic studies with an associate degree then continue at U of D to receive a bachelors degree. U of D also informed students about scholarships, grants and financial aid.
- ♦ CharMaine Hines attended a Developmental Educational Conference in Newport, CA. An inspiring keynote presentation was given by Dr. Mark David Milliron, an award-winning leader in student success strategies and chancellor of Western Governors University of Texas. Highlights included an accelerated academic degree model whereby students matriculate through coursework by demonstrating competency in degree subject matter and student success/instruct comfort incorporating technology in the classroom.

## LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER



### ***National Library Week- April 16-20***

In observance of National Library Week, Learning Resource Centers (LRC) district-wide will present LRC Scavenger Hunt's. Students will complete a short questionnaire about LRC services and/or information resources and win a prize. This is a great way for students to learn more about the resources available to support the District's curricula. Faculty and staff are welcomed to learn more about the LRC by completing the short questionnaire. Sorry—no prizes will be awarded to faculty and/or staff.

## UNIVERSITY CENTER



The University Center continues to promote partnerships with four-year universities. Drs. Sandra Robinson, Stephanie Bulger, Randall Miller, Ron Harkness, Julie Corbett, and Muna Khoury, Andrew McQueen and Gary Cummings met with representatives from U of D and discussed a possible partnership with WCCCD.

# THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

In commemoration of National Poetry Month, the School of Continuing Education presented its first Annual Spring into Poetry Workshop at Romulus High School. More than 25 students were able to explore different styles of literacy-self expression and compete in a poetry slam contest. A few comments that student participants made were: "Better than what I thought it would have been," "It was very exciting, please come back," and "Please invite us to your program next year."



## MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

- ◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit for a hands-on training workshop that focused on adaptive leadership behavior for law enforcement.
- ◆ MIPSE provided an ITV presentation on Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). This was an overview of OSHA's standard to ensure that all employees understand when, what and how to properly wear personal protection equipment. This presentation emphasized hazard identification, avoidance, control training, and types of equipment.



## HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Deborah Duyck and Steve Wildern met with a Downriver Council for the Arts sub-committee to explore ways to work together in the future. DCA's mission is to enrich the quality of life in the Downriver communities by advocating and promoting the arts and providing opportunities for involvement and participation in arts and cultural activities.



### *On the Move...*



- ◆ Steve Wildern, Dean of Theater Operations attended the Downriver Council for the Arts (DCA) Board Meeting. Mr. Wildern serves as a member of the board of directors.
- ◆ Gail Arnold attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn "On the Move" event. Students from around the community gathered to visit various college and university representatives from the region.
- ◆ Ethel Cronk participated in the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium area-wide advisory board meeting. The advisory board aids the consortium schools with topics related to NATEF certification of automotive programs.

## CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS

- ◆ Dr. Sandra Robinson and members of the Office of Resource Development met with State Representative Alberta Tinsley-Talabi and Walter Hampton to discuss development and coordination of the Corporate College Community Council.
- ◆ The City of Detroit Planning and Development Department held a public hearing at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus in partnership with HAND (Homeless Action Network Detroit) and other community organizations to discuss available funding sources that could assist in reaching the national goal of eradicating homelessness within 10 years. Community organizations from throughout Detroit attended and the Eastern Campus was more than happy to play a role in helping to meet this challenge.
- ◆ Dan Sanders attended the East Michigan Association of Energy Engineers chapter meeting. The presentation was on green energy Jobs in Michigan and the presenter was John Sarver who recently retired from the Michigan Energy Office where he promoted energy efficiency and renewable energy. In addition to talking about green energy job prospects and trends, Mr. Sarver discussed government policies that will impact the growth of green energy jobs in Michigan.
- ◆ The Detroit Department of Transportation held two Public Hearings at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus in the Cooper Room to inform the public about changes to the bus schedules. As in the past the event was well attended and many questions and concerns were discussed by the public.



## CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- ◆ Dr. Doresea Lewis, Diane Gonzalez and Mel Allen provided a tour and presentation to more than 90 Crestwood High School students. The presentation covered admissions, financial aid, academic programs and WCCCD campuses and centers.
- ◆ Ethel Cronk and Martin Depowski, automotive faculty member, participated in an Automotive Hybrid Electric Vehicle planning meeting lead by Patricia Talbot, Michigan Department of Education. Ms. Talbot is exploring the possibility of implementing an alternative fuels or hybrid electric vehicles program at the high school level. Area high school and community college representatives participated in this planning meeting to provide logistical information on what is needed to begin this type of program.
- ◆ On behalf of the WCCCD's Nursing Program, Dr. Debraha Watson has pledged to support First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive national initiative, "Joining Forces", to mobilize sectors of the community to give our service members, veterans, and their families the support they deserve particularly when it come to employment education and wellness. Together, the healthcare community and nurse educators can commit to raising the quality of care available to our nation's military and veterans in our work to prepare future generations of nurses.
- ◆ The Northwest Campus hosted the "Greening of Detroit" event. The Greening of Detroit is a non-profit organization established in 1989 to guide and inspire the reforestation of Detroit. The event reached out to students in Detroit to provide them with the necessary tools to increase their environmental science skills, environmental exploration and provide quality, service-learning opportunities in order to create the next generation of environmental stewards.



- ◆ The Nursing Department held two skills workshops and reviews for the Certified Nursing Assistant Program. Each session was four hours long and assisted students with skills previously acquired during the training, to enhance those skills prior to State of Michigan testing.
- ◆ The Western Campus hosted an educational workshop on behalf of Farm Research Cooperative Group. This workshop educated individuals on the benefits, eligibility and requirements for the Pigford II claim process. The Pigford II settlement agreement demonstrates a commitment to recognizing past discrimination by United States Department of Agriculture against black farmers.



### ***Kudos to Donna Chapman!***

Christine Strauch, a current ACCESS student at WCCCD was assisted by Donna Chapman at the Downtown Campus's One Stop Shop, with a drop/add due to medical reasons. Ms. Strauch stated that Ms. Chapman was helpful, professional and displayed great compassion and concern for her medical condition and assisted her with a smile. She wanted WCCCD to be aware that the service she received was exceptional! Thank you, Ms. Chapman, for providing outstanding service!



**The 25th Annual 4C Month of the Young  
Child Conference**  
Saturday, April 21, 2012  
8:00am– 2:00pm  
Downtown Campus



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**MATTHEW HANNA**  
*Artist and Business Owner of  
Midwest White Glove Fine Art Transportation*

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5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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# DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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## Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

### Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

#### CAMPUS NEEDS AS OF 4-12-12

##### Downriver

- ◆ LRC renovation (new carpet, painting, furniture, redesign of current space) (Painting is in process)
- ◆ Marquee out front not working, needs repair or replacement (Marquee being ordered)
- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots
- ◆ EPAC landscaping
- ◆ Air conditioning condenser pump not working

##### Downtown

- ◆ Bathrooms need renovation (waiting on vendor)
- ◆ Remodeling of Learning Center Lab with new floor tiles instead of carpet [room 239](Work partially completed).
- ◆ LRC upgrades –furniture, lights, etc.
- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning

##### Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU and chillers (Obtaining bids)
- ◆ Security cameras (Installation in process)
- ◆ Evacu-chair (requisition in approval process)
- ◆ Corporate College roof leak partially repaired- new work order submitted for new work

##### University Center

- ◆ Security cameras (On hold until next installment)
- ◆ Bathroom not completed, temporarily repaired
- ◆ Classroom # 131, furniture needs to be ordered-wall mount projector and dry erase board-platform needs building, electrical work
- ◆ Parking lot light pole – needs replacement, was knocked down during snow removal (In process)
- ◆ Handicap door upgrade
- ◆ Install monitors

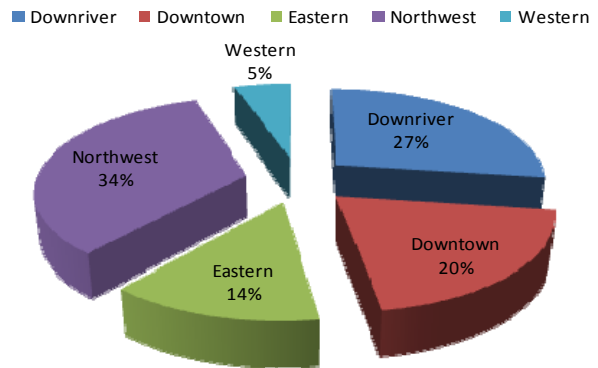
##### Northwest

- ◆ Carpeting in L17 in the Laboratory Science Building is in need of replacement (Being awarded)
- ◆ Backup generator for the Welcome Center is in need of service. (Work in process)
- ◆ Surge protection for emergency power system will need to be installed. (Work in process)

##### Western

- ◆ LRC lights need wiring repair (Work in process)
- ◆ Plumbing issues
- ◆ Soccer field needs to be completed

#### Accountability & Transparency



<b>Downriver Campus</b>	
Total	\$627,954.94
*Projects Pending	
<b>Downtown Campus</b>	
Total	\$470,712.11
*Projects Pending	
<b>Eastern Campus</b>	
Total	\$313,742.76
*Projects Pending	
<b>Northwest Campus</b>	
Total	\$784,765.77
*Projects Pending	
<b>Western Campus</b>	
Total	\$117,488.00
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