

# CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

April 20, 2012  
Number 830



We received a very complimentary letter from Thomas McKeon, President and CEO of Tulsa Community College about his recent visit to Michigan as part of the RC-2020 membership meeting we hosted recently.



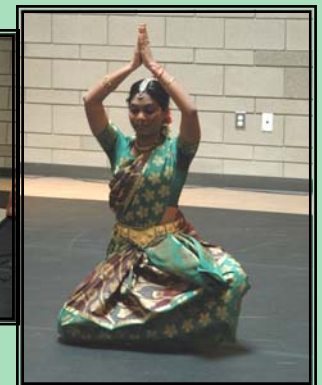
"I want to thank you for the wonderful hospitality that you extended to me and the other RC-2020 members while we were in Detroit. You and your staff went well above the expected to ensure that we had a productive and very enjoyable visit to Detroit. I was very impressed with Detroit and the obvious recovery that is going on, in particular in the downtown area. You have wonderful campus facilities and my staff will definitely be contacting Tony Arminiak since we are in the process of building a Fire Training Center and field. I left Detroit with a very positive impression of the city and particularly of Wayne County Community College District."

## Bi-Monthly Grants Management Meeting



## Bridge to Asia

The Downriver Campus hosted the "Bridge to Asia" Continuing Education program. It showcased the beauty of Asia, allowing the participants to visit displays depicting the life and culture of eight diverse Asian countries. Educational workshops included Hindu Folkloric dance, Japanese tea ceremony, taste fest, Chinese folkloric dance, and traditional dress demonstrations.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE  
CHANCELLOR: (313) 496-2510

DOWNRIVER CAMPUS  
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS  
EASTERN CAMPUS

NORTHWEST CAMPUS  
WESTERN CAMPUS  
UNIVERSITY CENTER

*Where learning leads to a better life!*



## DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



Chief Darrick Muhammad and Lieutenant Bahrija Livadic represented the District at the 13th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. Uniformed police officers, deputies, military personnel, firefighters, federal agents and other law enforcement personnel were present, along with judges, and elected officials from across the Detroit metropolitan area.



## INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The New Graduate Exit Survey is designed to capture new graduates immediate perceptions of their overall academic and student life experiences upon degree completion from WCCCD. This survey is administered annually to ensure proper feedback about student experiences with support services, learning outcomes, plans for professional career development, continued employment, and/or plans to further education.

| "Top 3"                        |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Current/ Post Graduation Plans | % of Respondents |
| Further education              | 98.2%            |
| Employment                     | 72.3%            |
| Self-employment                | 62.3%            |

\*\*The new graduates were asked to describe their current/ post-graduation plans. The table shows the top 3 responses.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Process Improvements using Technology

**Banner Document Management Suite (Xtender Solutions)-** The Information Technology (IT) and Financial Aid divisions implemented the Xtender Solutions, a new Banner functionality. This new feature is now available for processing of the new financial aid year 2012-13. The forms submitted by students would all be digitally interfaced into Banner.

**New Webgate enhancements-** The IT Division has again enhanced WebGate by allowing students to accept or decline Title IV payment authorization by simply logging into their WebGate account. With this new process, students are no longer expected to complete the online forms to let the bursar office know how to apply their financial aid. This enhancement along with the implementation of the Banner Document Management Suite (Xtender) will greatly improve the processing time.

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Now that we are well into the spring, the Auxiliary Services Department initiated a beautification plan by visiting the campuses to identify any routine seasonal repair work needed in and around the campus grounds. Auxiliary Services will work with Facilities Operations by notifying them of any repairs that are needed, develop a schedule to quickly address those needs and help spruce up the District Office Building and campuses.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



Omobonike Odegbami was selected as a Michigan ACE Network Conference presenter for the Michigan ACE Network Conference scheduled to take place on May 22, 2012. Her paper, Passing The Torch: Succession Culture Supporting Women in Higher Education will be presented in a breakout sessions under the conference theme, "Build Inclusion: Bold Ideas. Creative Solutions."



### Website Hits

For the week of April 11 – 17, we received 45,116 visits to our website, 4,105 visits are from mobile devices. Average visiting time on the site is 5:39 min.

### The Mobile Top 5 Content Views

- Northwest Campus- 888
- Financial Aid- 876
- Student services- 763
- Academic Program- 647
- Downtown Campus- 498

\*\*Mobile visits- how many people using mobile to visit our website.

## STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ Kudos to WCCCD's TRIO-Student Support Services participant, LaTonya Archie-Jackson, who was featured in the [Detroit News](#) and on FOX 2 News. Archie, the mother of 13-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter, is a tough, determined woman who holds down a job while working her way through college. Up until a short time ago, the only means of transportation for her and her children was the bus. "We got up at 4:30 a.m. and were at the bus stop by 5:30 a.m.," said Archie. A friend told her about Ways to Work, a national community lending organization that offers low-cost loans (\$1,500 to \$6,000) to qualified families that need to buy or repair pre-owned vehicles. To learn more about the Ways to Work program, click on the following link:

[http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/money/money\\_monday/programs-offer-low-income-families-low-cost-auto-loans-20120409](http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/money/money_monday/programs-offer-low-income-families-low-cost-auto-loans-20120409)



- ◆ The Michigan Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Partnership (MI-LSAMP) held a web conference with its community colleges partners. The mission of the consortium is to encourage and assist underrepresented students to enter into science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) fields of study and to engage in research opportunities. The conference provided participants with clarification on the targeted population for the MI-LSAMP program, statistical data on students in STEM fields, and best practices for STEM programs. Judy Smouter of District Student Services presented the best practice model, Michigan College/University Partnership (MICUP) to conference attendees.
- ◆ The YMCA consortium of colleges, universities and non-profit organizations met at the Downtown Campus. Representatives discussed college preparatory activities for the YMCA's Future Professional Academy high school students and the upcoming Teen SuccessFest open to youth from Southeast Michigan.



### MEET THE STUDENT SOLUTIONS TEAM

The Student Solutions Team continues to provide exemplary customer service to students on all five campuses. The response to having staff from Student Services Division and the Financial Aid Department on the campuses to support staff and respond to students has been great. We will continue to strive to meet the needs of all of our students.

## MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The District's Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted several activities this week:

- ◆ The Wayne County Sheriff's graduation for the Jailor Training was held for students who completed the four-week training program. Sheriff Benny Napoleon welcomed the graduates into the Wayne County Sheriff family.
- ◆ Healthlink Medical Transportation held a Train the Trainer: An Instructors Course in Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO) Ambulance. The goal of the CEVO course is to facilitate the student's knowledge of the laws involving the operation of an emergency vehicle, with practical hands-on opportunities to evaluate each student's driving abilities.
- ◆ The Wayne County Public Health Department held a Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Incident Command 100, 200, 700 and 800 level training workshop for both WCCCD and Wayne County Sheriff employees.
- ◆ Staff conducted a standard first aid course for employees. This course taught participants how to administer CPR and first aid and use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), handle emergency situations, take basic precautions to prevent disease transmission, care for injuries or sudden illness until advanced medical help arrives, help someone in breathing and cardiac emergencies, and administer chest compressions.



## CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted Paris Productions Photography for a Photoshop Fundamentals workshop. Students learned how to open a photo, read the histogram, adjust exposure, understand curves, and hue and saturation. Students brought their own gear, laptop and creative curiosity. This workshop was offered free of charge to customers of Paris Productions Photography that have recently purchased new digital camera equipment.
- ◆ Gail Arnold conducted an admissions orientation and tour of the Downriver Campus for 25 students from the Allen Park Community School. Career program, financial aid and admission information was distributed.
- ◆ Evangelist Evelyn Blacksher held a one day crusade at the Northwest Campus to unite the women of Detroit to fight the war against issues and concerns that plague African American women such as domestic abuse, homelessness, and poverty. "Women of War" looks to recruit women from the community in preparation for their May 2012 campaign. This campaign is also supported by State Representative Alberta Tinsley-Talabi.

### STUDENTS GETTING FIT!

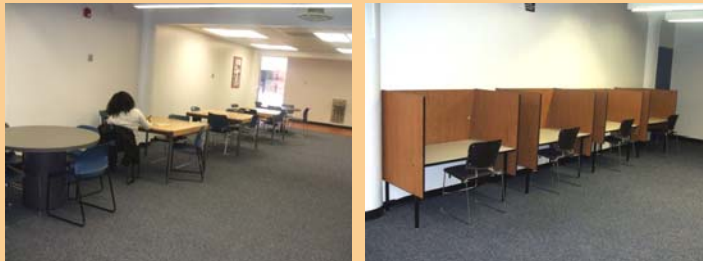
The Northwest Campus TRiO students have started the TRiO Fitness Challenge. The challenge is a flexible, motivational health and wellness program structured for eight week sessions with specific milestones. Students will be competing in walking, stair climbing and Wii exerbeat.

#### TRiO Fitness Challenge



### DOWNTOWN CAMPUS GETS A NEW STUDENT STUDY HALL

The Downtown Campus continues to improve its physical environment in order to create a welcoming and functional environment for students. This past week, a student study hall was made available for use. This gives students a quiet area to study for exams, do research and class projects.



### PEPSI COOPERATION HIRING STUDENTS

A representative from Pepsi Cooperation met with E. Martinus Whitfield to discuss an initiative that will allow students to apply for employment directly to Pepsi through this program. The areas for potential employment are sales and manufacturing.



### STUDENTS WANTED: POETRY JAM CONTEST

Poetry Jam Contest  
 April 26, 2012  
 Northwest Campus  
 12:00-2:00pm  
 General Arts Building  
 \*\* For more information call  
 Loretta Hunter at (313) 943-4080



### DETROIT WELCOMES WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Whole Foods introduced itself to Detroit and the Eastern Campus with a healthy foods fair in the atrium. This event will serve as a prelude to their upcoming new store opening in Detroit.

### IN THE MAIL....

The Organizing for America Detroit Regional Office Voter Registration team sent a letter of appreciation and I thought I'd share a few excerpts with you. "We are most appreciative of the opportunity to reaffirm to the students that they are a vital and effective force in shaping our communities, cities, and nation by participating in the



voting process. It was evident by the students' attitudes and enthusiasm that they are receiving good instruction and training relative to the privilege and right to vote."

We also received a note from St. John Hospital and Medical Center– Van Elslander Cancer Center. "The past three years have been more than an absolute pleasure to work with your team at the Downtown Campus led by Donald Guinn. What was probably considered at the time as a one time event, has evolved into an annual Breast Cancer Awareness Fair. Our gratitude is extended to you and your staff along with our wishes for a successful academic year."



## WCCCD and the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber

◆ Staff from the Downriver and Western campuses attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Green Panel Legislative Forum. Speakers included Frank Ruswick, Deputy Director of the Office of Great Lakes in Michigan Department of Environment Quality, Todd Scott, Detroit Greenways Coordinator for Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance and Dan Jacob, Senior Principal and Director of Sustainable Design for A3C – Collaborative Architecture.

◆ The Downriver Campus hosted a Representative Patrick Somerville and SWCRC Business Roundtable discussion. Representative Somerville and Speaker of the House James Bolger met with Downriver community business leaders to discuss the economy, challenges that businesses face, and to exchange ideas on how to make the Downriver area more competitive and prosperous.



◆ The Downriver Campus also hosted the SWCRC Business Expo 2012 vendors meeting and workshop. Vendors attended to learn about their locations, marketing strategies, promotion ideas and the black tie and general admission event activities.



## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN VISITS THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS

The Life Science and Society Program School of Public Health at the University of Michigan sponsored an informational display at the Northwest Campus. The Student Nurses Association was on hand to assist as well as to be informed regarding “mybloodspot.” The state health department’s BioTrust for Health makes a collection of blood samples—stored in the Michigan Neonatal Biobank-available for research. This is an initiative of the Michigan Department of Community Health, the department of state government responsible for services promoting health, access to care and disease prevention. For more info go to [www.mybloodspot.org](http://www.mybloodspot.org).



## WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY VISITS THE WESTERN CAMPUS

Sylvia Stancil, Admissions Counselor from Wayne State University hosted an Undergraduate Admissions Recruitment visit at the Western Campus for students interested in transfer programs.



## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS OFFER “MONEY MATTERS” WORKSHOPS



In observance of Money Smart Week (April 23-27, 2012), the Learning Resource Centers, in partnership with the Public Service Credit Union presents “Money Matters: Understanding Credit Information Sessions” at all five campuses. The sessions will be held at 11:00am and 1:00pm during the week. This workshop covers the most important concepts of credit, including: the importance of credit, what information creates a credit score, and how to improve a credit score. It also covers the best strategy for paying down credit card debt.

April 23– Downriver Campus  
April 24– Northwest Campus  
April 25– Downtown Campus  
April 26– Western Campus  
April 27– Eastern Campus

## THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS BOOK CLUB

The Northwest Book Club held the final meeting of the Spring 2012 semester. The book for discussion was “Olive Kitteridge” by Elizabeth Strout. Book club member are as follows: First row: Beverly Paddock, Loretta Hunter, Jacquelyn Chevis Second Row: Joan Williams, Pamela Jones, Earlene Williams and Pamela Broaden



## HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Deborah Duyck and Steve Wildern attended the Michigan Presenters Association quarterly meeting. The meeting was well attended by association members and featured presentations from John Bracey, Executive Director of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs; Katie Wolf, Executive Director of the Michigan Humanities Council; and Michael Kondziolka, Director of Programming at University Musical Society. The presentations were very informative and included information about funding opportunities and special programs offered to Michigan presenters.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development have partnered with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Workforce Intelligence Network, Detroit Workforce Development Department, and local information technology (IT) companies to launch a new initiative to meet the growing needs for skilled IT professionals in southeast Michigan. The Shifting Code Program will train 32 participants in Advanced JavaScript. This initiative will assist experienced programmers to develop critical skills needed to meet the demands of partnered employers Quicken Loans, Compuware and GalaxE Solutions.



## EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ◆ Dr. Ron Harkness attended the Michigan Occupational Deans Advisory Council (MODAC) meeting. Topics of discussion included changes in the Perkins authorization, state updates, and accreditation changes and regulatory environment changes. Dr. Harkness was asked to chair an initiative that would recognize outstanding adjunct faculty for both individual and team efforts. He is happy to report that effective with this fall, the "Trends in Occupational Programs" conference will now start recognizing exemplary adjunct faculty who are part of a career team that has made an impact for students.
- ◆ The Semi-Annual Advisory Committee Breakfast was held the Downriver Campus. In addition to the advisory members meeting with their respective peers, there was a presentation by Matt Roush from the "Great Lakes IT Report" (AM 950), who discussed the Michigan technology industry recovery.

### THE CENTER FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

The Center for Distance Education is currently researching best practices on Interactive Learning classes to see how we can improve our services and raise the number of classes we are currently offering. Meanwhile, we are happy to report that all ITV rooms are fully functional and are working properly. All of the classes for the Spring 2012 semester have been running smoothly without any technical glitches.



## On the Move...



- ◆ Anthony Arminiak attended the Michigan Safety Conference in Grand Rapids. This conference provided speakers and topics that promoted the current and best practices in safety and health. These sessions provided information and solutions to keep the District in compliance with current standards and protect employees, students and guests at each of our facilities.
- ◆ Paul Gray and Gary Cummings attended the University Center Directors meeting at Macomb Community College's University Center. The meeting is a forum for the University Center directors across the state to come together in collaboration as well as sharing ideas.
- ◆ Gary Cummings and Dr. Julie Corbett attended the quarterly Connecting the Pointes meeting. Connecting the Pointes is a meeting of various community service organizations in the Pointes and is used to coordinate, share, and support each others' activities.

# DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



Wayne  
County  
Community  
College  
District



1 College District • 5 Campuses

## Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

### Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

**\*\*CAMPUS NEEDS AS OF APRIL 19, 2012**

#### Downriver

- ◆ LRC renovation (new carpet, furniture, redesign of current space)
- ◆ Marquee out front not working, needs repair or replacement (Marquee has been ordered)
- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots (In process)
- ◆ EPAC landscaping (May 2012)
- ◆ Air conditioning condenser pump not working (In process)

#### Downtown

- ◆ Bathrooms need renovation (In process)
- ◆ Remodeling of Learning Center Lab with new floor tiles instead of carpet [room 239](April 23, 2012)
- ◆ LRC upgrades –furniture, lights, etc. (In process)
- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (In process)

#### Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU and chillers (Obtaining bids)
- ◆ Security cameras (Installation in process)
- ◆ Corporate College roof leak partially repaired (In process)

#### University Center

- ◆ Security Cameras (On hold until next installment)
- ◆ Bathroom not completed (In process)
- ◆ Classroom # 131, furniture needs to be ordered-wall mount projector and dry erase board-platform needs building, electrical work (In process)

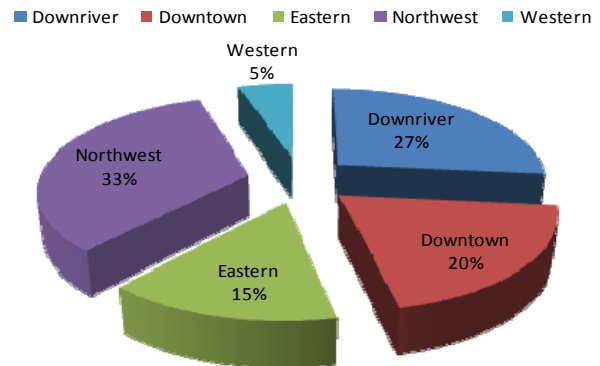
#### Northwest

- ◆ Carpeting in L17 in the Laboratory Science Building is in need of replacement (In process)
- ◆ Backup generator for the Welcome Center is in need of service. (In process)

#### Western

- ◆ LRC Lights need wiring repair (Work in process)
- ◆ Plumbing issues (In process)
- ◆ Soccer Field needs to be completed (In process)

#### Accountability & Transparency



| Downriver Campus  |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Total             | \$627,954.94 |
| *Projects Pending |              |
| Downtown Campus   |              |
| Total             | \$474,912.11 |
| *Projects Pending |              |
| Eastern Campus    |              |
| Total             | \$350,964.28 |
| *Projects Pending |              |
| Northwest Campus  |              |
| Total             | \$790,960.77 |
| *Projects Pending |              |
| Western Campus    |              |
| Total             | \$117,488.00 |
| *Projects Pending |              |