

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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Continuing with our tradition, we held a luncheon today at the Downtown Campus to offer a Report to the Community to our constituents. There was a good response from the audience including civic and elected leaders, representatives from the private sector, faith-based and non-profit organizations to our discussion about accomplishments, opportunities and challenges for the District. We plan to continue these information-sharing sessions across the region to keep the community aware and up-to-date about the transformative work we are doing at WCCCD.



Fall 2012 Faculty Organization Day

Faculty Organization Day (FOD) Fall 2012 was held last weekend at the Downriver Campus. The day's activities consisted of District updates, special interest sessions, technology and discipline meetings. FOD is a teaching and learning support initiative to help faculty prepare for the new semester. It is also a time to welcome current and new faculty. We would like to thank all participants who gave their time and hard work in making the day a success.



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Learning Resource Center

- ◆ The Learning Resource Center updated the student and faculty guides. These publications provide an overview of all LRC services. Stop by your campus LRC for a copy.
- ◆ During Faculty Organization Day, faculty was given a LRC Faculty Toolkit CD. The CD included a PowerPoint presentation of all faculty services and forms available. CD's can still be requested and delivered to any campus LRC.



On the Move...

Dr. Ron Harkness was a guest speaker at Henry Ford Hospital. Dr Harkness spoke to a group of staff and post-surgical clients on different ways to enhance their memory, retentive learning skills, and post-secondary educational career program opportunities.

Professional Development for Faculty



The workshop on professional development initiatives by the District, unveiled at the recent Faculty Organization Day, was enthusiastically received by faculty, representing disciplines that included nursing, business, humanities and psychology. A peer-to-peer presentation by CharMaine Hines and the 2011 North Central Educators Association Educator of the Year, Shawn Orr was widely regarded. Some of the comments by faculty included:

"Professional development should be required for all faculty."

"Learning new instructional/classroom strategies is valuable and keeps us refreshed and not complacent."

"This concept is exceptional. It brings us into the 21st century by allowing us to learn online, on our own at a self-pace, and exchange ideas with other colleagues across disciplines."

Meeting with Dr. Greg Baracy, Superintendent of Wayne Westland Schools (left back) and Dr. Paul Saleh, Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services (left front)



Meeting with Dr. John Covington, Chancellor of Education Achievement Authority



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery's Opening Reception of the Educator's Create Art Exhibit at the Western Campus will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2012 from 5:30-7:30pm.

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



District Public Safety Lieutenant Aziz Faison and Corporal Christopher Lenz conducted a Pressure Point Control Tactics/Defensive Tactics training workshop. The workshop updated officers on the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards training guide.



The District Public Safety Department is continuously finding ways to keep our students, staff, and faculty members safe. Here are some helpful tips on what to look for to have a safer commute while using public transportation:

- ◆ Try to avoid isolated bus or train stops and times when few people are around.
- ◆ Stay away from the curb until bus/train arrives.
- ◆ If possible, sit near the driver and notify him or her of any problems.
- ◆ A crowded bus is a prime target for pick pockets; carry your bags close and carry your wallet in your coat of front pant pocket.
- ◆ If someone is bothering or harassing you, move to another seat location and/or tell the person in a loud voice to "STAY AWAY."
- ◆ Remain on the bus/train if you are uncomfortable with getting off.

THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted several organizations this week:

- ◆ Students enrolled in the Fire Protection Technology Program attended an orientation. Discussions included an overview of the program and safety objectives, code of dress and behavior; as well as academic expectations.
- ◆ A meeting of the Wayne County's Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team's was held. The CISM responds to requests around the county for interventions with people who have experienced a recent traumatic event. The team is composed of volunteers in mental health, social work, health, first responders, and clergy.
- ◆ The Wayne County Sheriff's Department held a workshop on how to open a new jail. They discussed managing the change, staffing, furniture, inmate orientation, and training.
- ◆ MIPSE, in conjunction with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, hosted members of the Wayne County Prosecutor's office in a gun safety class.
- ◆ Local media attended a Fire OPS 101 workshop. The training allowed the media to experience scenarios that fire departments face each day.





Student Solution Center



The beginning of every semester is a very busy time for students, faculty and staff. Students have questions and concerns about their financial aid and other issues. In keeping with the District's exceptional customer service initiative, the Student Solution Center was put in place to respond to all student inquires and is located in the Charles E. Morton Board of Trustees Conference Room.

The Student Solution Center has been supported by personnel from Student Services, Public Relations, Administration and Finance, International Student Programs, Educational Affairs, Continuing Education and Work Force Development, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Chancellor's Office. We also developed a new approach for assisting students who found themselves with a Financial Aid SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals). The responses from students have been very positive. Thanks for your support. We could not have done it without you!

Wellness Works Walking Program



Stefanie Smith
Downriver Campus

The District "Wellness Works" Walking Program concluded for the Summer semester. The campus with the most student participation was the Downtown Campus with Jamie Rose claiming the distinction of most minutes walked. For the staff contest, the Downriver Campus had the most participation with Stefanie Smith with the most minutes walked.



Jamie Rose
Downtown Campus

Fall Walking Program

September 3 - November 18



On the Move...



Will Sampson participated in River Rouge High School's student orientation. Students and parents were provided information on "How to Establish the Blueprint Towards Students Success." Students also had the opportunity to sign up for the Dual Enrollment Program which allows River Rouge students to take the bus to the Downtown Campus four days a week, to attend college courses and get exposed to the campus community.



Student Services Hosts Disability Workshop at FOD

The Division of Student Services hosted a workshop titled Accommodating Students with Disabilities at FOD. Topics included General Guidelines for Accommodations and The History of Disability Laws In Higher Education. Participants also explored best practices for supporting learning and reducing barriers to curriculum while maintaining high achievement standards for all.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, August 25, 2012
Financial Aid Marathon
Downtown Campus

Saturday, August 25, 2012
Law Enforcement Day
Downtown Campus



INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Did you know?

In Spring 2012, the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development in conjunction with Division of Institutional Effectiveness administered the Community Needs Survey to college constituents to gather information about their needs and how WCCCD can better serve them. Individuals who completed the survey include, but are not limited to community members, community-based organizations, students, faculty, and staff. Participants were asked to identify some of their continuing education/ workforce development areas of interest.

Top "5" areas of Continuing Education

Personal Enrichment
Physical Fitness and Sports
Health Awareness
Workforce Development
Financial Literacy

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



The Eastern Campus would like to applaud the staff in student services, the New Student Success Center, and financial aid for all their assistance with registration and making the first day of class a huge success! Refreshments for faculty and staff during the first week of classes for the Fall 2012 semester were provided.

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Dr. James Robinson represented the District at the "IT in the D" (Compuware, Quicken Loans, GalaxE Solutions, Marketing Associates and Fathead) closing ceremony for the Shifting Code Information Technology Training Program. WCCCD is one of the academic institutions that collaborated with IT in the D and played a key role in a creating highly skilled workforce that is committed to our region.

Dr. Robinson also attended the Region One 21st Century Workforce Initiative meeting sponsored by the United States Veterans Affairs. The meeting focused on various education and training programs for veterans, including, the U.S. Federal Programs Post -9/11 GI Bill. The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a new education benefit program for service members and veterans who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

THE HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center held a community Job Fair hosted by Congressman John Dingell. The event was an opportunity for Southeast Michigan families impacted by the recession to speak with prospective employers, assistance groups and representative of higher education.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

What is a Computer Virus?

A computer virus is a program or piece of code that is loaded on your computer without your knowledge and runs against your wishes. Viruses can also replicate themselves. All computer viruses are man-made. A simple virus that can make a copy of itself over and over again is relatively easy to produce. Even such a simple virus is dangerous because it will quickly use all available memory and bring the system to a halt. An even more dangerous type of virus is one capable of transmitting itself across networks and bypassing security systems.



CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DOWNRIVER CAMPUS HOSTS TRAUMA WORKSHOP

The Downriver Campus hosted the Listening to Themes: Trauma-Informed Care workshop for the State of Michigan employees. This presentation provided an opportunity to explore general principles of treating traumatized clients in a variety of contexts (substance abuse, mental health, medical, etc). Basic information on trauma, posttraumatic stress disorder and co-occurring disorders were provided.



DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS VISIT WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM DENTSPLY CORPORATION

The senior dental hygiene students were welcomed back to school with a visit from Shirley Branum, RDH, MA from Dentsply Corporation. Ms. Branum provided hands-on clinical instruction on the use of Power Scalers.

WCCCD WELCOMES ELAINE LLOYD TO THE NURSING STAFF AT THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Join us in welcoming Northwest Campus' new Associate Dean of Nursing, Elaine Lloyd. Ms. Lloyd is a 1998 nursing graduate of WCCCD. She pursued higher education and obtained a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, Masters of Science in Nursing and Teaching in Health Care Systems Certificate in 2010 at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). She is currently pursuing a Doctorate degree at EMU.



STUDENT SUCCESS

Recent Pharmacy Technology graduate Preshawna Johnson was hired as a pharmacy technician at Heritage Pharmacy Inc. This new clinical site is WCCCD's first long term care pharmacy serving several nursing homes and assisted living communities in Metro Detroit.

FACE-TO-FACE BLACKBOARD ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS

The Downriver Campus hosted an onsite orientation/training program for students taking online classes for the first time. Completion of either the on-line or face-to-face orientation/training program is mandatory for all distance learning students

PHI THETA KAPPA

They also hosted a meeting of the Phi Theta Kappa as they prepare for the semester's upcoming activities. Scholarship information was distributed and alumni networking methods were discussed.

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The results of the ServSafe Certification exam are in! Five out of seven students passed the examination and were issued their certifications. Congratulations to those who passed!

THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE KIM RICE!

Erica McClendon, second year Nursing Student presented a "Thank You" card to Kim Rice, Financial Aid Technician that read: "There's no present like time - Thank you". "Thank you so much Ms. Rice, none of this would be possible without you!! Thanks for being a student advocate!!"

THANKS DR. CURTIS GREENE!

Special recognition goes to Dr. Curtis Greene for successfully acquiring desk copy biology textbooks for all of our Learning Resource Centers. His dedication will allow students to access these valuable resources as needed. On behalf of our students, thank you for your commitment to student success.

YOUNG WOMEN LEADERSHIP MEETING AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

The Youth Citizens Police Academy held a "Paths to Greatness: Young Women Leadership Meeting" at the Downtown Campus. The program was designed to inform teen age girls about career options and to motivate, stimulate and educate the youths as it relates to their growth and development.



DOWNRIVER CAMPUS HOSTS THE BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS



The Downriver Campus hosted the Boy Scouts of America Mahican District Popcorn Kickoff event. This training provided the troop leaders direct assistance to a successful popcorn selling season. They also hosted the Girl Scouts of America for a Fall Sale Program Training. This training will be a District (regional) volunteer meeting in preparation for our Fall Sale Program.

COMMUNICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



The Customer Quality Improvement (CQI) Team played an integral role during the first week of classes by assisting students and guests both at the District Office Building lobby and at the campuses. This week's feedback was very positive from the team participants. It gave them an opportunity learn first-hand what the students needs are and to be able to respond to those needs in a productive and timely manner. Thanks to this week's participants for your support...Dr. Patrick McNally, Carolyn Carter, Fizah Khan, Muna Khoury, Kuda Walker, DaShonta Simpkins and Julie Figlioli. Looking forward to seeing more friendly faces everyday!!

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ The Finance and Financial Aid departments are meeting on a weekly basis to discuss the ongoing changes in financial aid regulations, internal controls, daily monitoring, disbursements and monthly reconciliation. The team utilizes the Financial Aid Handbook along with the Blue Book in order to review these regulations. These meeting also involve looking at best practices in order to improve current policies to better serve our students.
- ◆ The Procurement Department is finalizing the processing of all instructional supply orders for the Fall 2012 semester. We have been very successful in placing a majority of the orders which puts us right on track for meeting the District's needs.

VAN BUREN SOCCER ASSOCIATION PRACTICES ON THE NEW FIELDS AT THE WESTERN CAMPUS

Van Buren Soccer Association is gearing up for the season with some practice drills. Their soccer season kick-off will be September 8, 2012.



CODY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Students from Cody High School visited the Northwest Campus. A presentation was given on college admission, financial aid, and registration. Their visit included a tour of the Health Science Building.



FOSTER DAY CAREER DAY AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Staff at the Downtown Campus presented a "Foster Care Youth Career Day" for the Wayne County Department of Human Services, Youth Support Services Division. Participants received information regarding the admissions, registration, financial aid processes and student support services. They also explored various academic and career programs.

WESTERN CAMPUS WELCOMES STUDENTS TO THE NEW SEMESTER

Staff assisted in the hallways helping direct students to their classes and answering questions. Faculty stopped by the instructional office to pick up syllabi. Nursing faculty and students were all smiles as they entered the new lab area. Student Service staff welcomed students back with popcorn while they completed their registration and made their way to their first week of classes.



- ◆ JoAnn Broomfield attended the Public School Academy of Detroit Board of Directors monthly meeting.
- ◆ Nursing faculty attended "Testing Strategies to Address Student Outcomes" workshop hosted by the Michigan Health Council.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

Downriver

- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots (In process).
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project (In process)
- ◆ EPAC main stage floor needs to be repaired/replaced (In process)
- ◆ Replace carpet in Ray Mix Room(In process)

Downtown

- ◆ Restroom renovation project (80% complete)
- ◆ Parking lot replacement project (In process)
- ◆ New furniture and ceiling in the library (In process)
- ◆ Remodel of counter in the instructions office, room 221 (In process)

Eastern

- ◆ Security cameras (90% complete)
- ◆ Mechanical-AHU and chillers

University Center

- ◆ Security cameras

Northwest

- ◆ Backup generator for the welcome center is in need of service. (work in process)
- ◆ Elevator doors need to be replaced in administration and welcome center buildings (in bid process)

Western

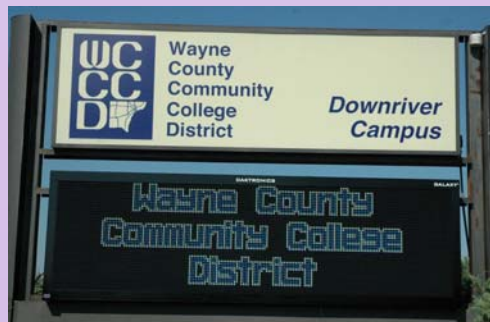
- ◆ Marquee repair (In process)



Completed Deferred Maintenance Projects



- ◆ Marquee at the Downriver Campus
- ◆ Nursing Lab relocation at the Western Campus



Installation of the new utility sink in the nursing lab area at the Western Campus has been completed.