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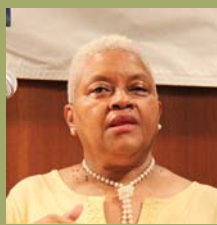
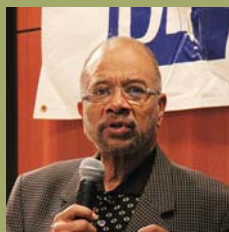
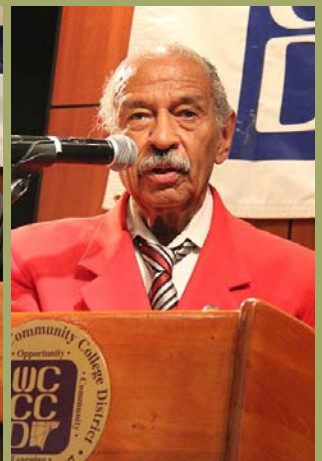


The District was honored to host Dr. John Covington, Chancellor of the new Education Achievement Authority (EAA) and members of his leadership team for a dinner meeting to discuss a new dual enrollment partnership with the six EAA high schools in Detroit. The discussion, which centered on the theme: "The Learning Collaborative: Dual Enrollment and Beyond," reinforced Dr. Covington's vision to "change the paradigm of public education" by providing opportunity for every EAA high school student to earn college credit while completing their high school diploma. Six EAA high school principals attended and are eager to have their students enrolled in courses hosted at the high school and on WCCCD's campuses.



Report to the Community

Continuing with our tradition, we held a luncheon this week 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.



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EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Learning Resource Center



Please take a minute to complete the Fall 2012 Learning Resource Center Satisfaction online survey. The survey provides information that supports data-driven decisions to enhance LRC services and select appropriate resources.

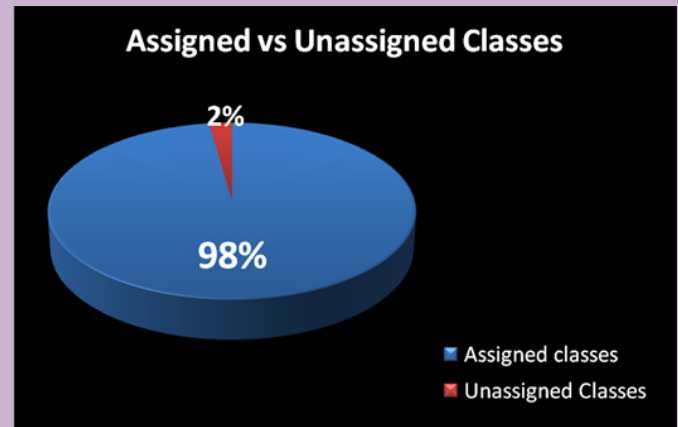
Program Reviews



As part of WCCCD's on-going effort at continuous improvement, the Division of Educational Affairs is committed to doing reviews on all programs we offer. Program reviews are an important tool in determining the impact of a particular program to both students and community members. We are committed to completing a review of all programs within a three year cycle.

Assigned vs. Unassigned Classes

The Division of Educational Affairs celebrates the more than 700 faculty members who have committed to teach course offerings for the Fall semester. Many thanks to the campus presidents and their campus chief academic officers for nearly 100% of sections assigned to faculty. The chart below illustrates collective accomplishments to date.



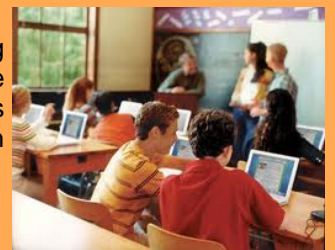
THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development is pleased to announce that the 2012 Motorcycle Safety grant program trained more than 100 riders to receive their cycle endorsements. Successful completion of an approved course allows participants to waive the rider skills test requirement.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

With the rising popularity of personal mobile devices, from smart phones to tablets, an increasing number of colleges are asking students and teachers to bring their own technology to class. The BYOD (bring your own device) movement promises easier access to resources such as textbooks and educational services for students and increased productivity and enhanced collaboration among faculty and staff. (Source : [Community College Journal](#))



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Bonike Odegbami attended the Midwest Business Leaders Forum titled "Immigration and U.S. Economic Competitiveness: A View From Detroit." The forum addressed the economic future of the Midwest as it relates to immigration policy.

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



Traveling Abroad Safety Tips

In an effort to be proactive in crime prevention information for students, staff and faculty, the District Public Safety Department is providing the following safety tips while studying or traveling abroad:



- ◆ Gain as much information as possible about the country that you will travel to.
- ◆ Visit the following websites:
 - ◆ <http://www.travel.state.gov> (overview)
 - ◆ <http://travel.state.gov/travel/requirements/> (passport or entry requirements)
 - ◆ http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_1765.html (Consular Information Sheets)
 - ◆ www.cdc.gov/travel (inoculation requirements)
- ◆ Check your medical health insurance coverage.
- ◆ Make two extra copies of all your travel information (passport, airline tickets, etc.); leave one set at home with a relative or close friend and take a copy with you.
- ◆ Know your credit card limits.
- ◆ Make certain that a trusted family member is aware of the location of all your legal papers; legal will, insurance documents, mortgage information, internet/cell phone passwords, etc.
- ◆ Leave valuable or expensive looking jewelry at home.
- ◆ Do not bring large amounts of cash; use traveler's checks or credit cards.
- ◆ Take a list of all important telephone numbers (family, U.S. Embassy and Consulate, campus emergency numbers).
- ◆ When you arrive, secure a copy of your important information in a safe and secure location.
- ◆ Bring an extra pair of prescription glasses.
- ◆ Pack your medical prescriptions in their original containers.
- ◆ Mark all luggage on the inside and outside with your name, address and telephone number; if possible cover your outside luggage tags.

THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

- ◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit for a patrol rifle class. This class taught the attendees the basic functions of loading, unloading and maintenance of the rifle. They had to demonstrate their ability to fire the weapon in a prone, kneeling and moving position.



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ The Fiscal Accountability Operations Center (FAOC) would like to thank everyone who assisted in the year-end close process. For the 2011/2012 Fiscal, FAOC processed 3,401 requisitions. This represents a 10.8% increase from the previous fiscal year. As a result of departments entering completed and detailed information into the Banner system, the number of incomplete requisitions was decreased. The goal for the new fiscal year is to further enhance the automated requisition process.
- ◆ Throughout the year, the District has stepped into high gear to provide the needed deferred maintenance repairs and renovations. Several major projects were accomplished and we continue to address maintenance issues on an ongoing basis. We are working closely with all campus facilities personnel to address issues and concerns. This will enable us to incorporate Campus priorities with the District's work schedule assignments. Some renovations are currently performed by District staff. We will continue to utilize our work crew to address upgrades, repairs and renovations throughout the District.

WOW!!!

We received 92,930 hits to our website this week!

STUDENT SERVICES



Michigan College/University Partnership



The Michigan College/University Partnership (MICUP) program hosted two meetings for students, faculty and staff at the Downtown and Northwest campuses. Students were invited to participate in the upcoming G.E.M. (for Graduate Education for Minorities) Lab at Michigan Technological University (MTU). The G.E.M. Lab will address several topics, including why graduate school is important, how to apply to graduate school, and how to fund graduate school. Students will also tour the G.E.M. research labs, hear from people in the various academic/career fields, tour MTU, meet with faculty and staff and participate in some university activities.



CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



- ◆ Rodney Patrick met with members of the Detroit Urban League to discuss possible partnership opportunities that could benefit our students.
- ◆ The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus has nearly finished installing the machining and manufacturing equipment that was recently moved from the Downriver Campus. The equipment and related classes support our academic programs in Computer Numerical Control, Welding and Manufacturing as well as our very successful Right Skills Now Program .



THE HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



PuppetArt Coming Soon!

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center will celebrate the end of summer with the presentation of *Sleeping Beauty*, performed by PuppetArt, Detroit Puppet Theatre. This wonderful family show will take place on Saturday, September 8th at 2:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and up to four children can accompany a paying adult at no cost. There will also be a workshop offered after the show for the first 60 children attending the performance.

Financial Aid Marathon

The District hosted a one-day Financial Aid Marathon last Saturday at the Downtown Campus. Students had an opportunity to get all of their financial aid questions answered by a financial aid professional and register for classes. This was a great informational opportunity. For those students who applied for FAFSA had the opportunity to have their financial aid status reviewed. There were door prizes and refreshments. One free text book was provided for the first 100 new registrants .



Thanks to everyone for all your help!

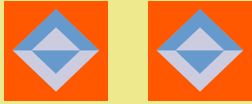
COMMUNICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

- ◆ Muna Khoury and Martha Grier met with Della McGraw Goodwin, founder of WCCCD's Nursing Program about developing an endowed scholarship to assist students in the nursing program. Ms. Goodwin wanted the scholarship to commemorate the 40th anniversary, September 14th, 2012 of the Nursing Program at WCCCD.



- ◆ The Communication and Institutional Advancement Division recognized staff for their dedication, commitment and excellent customer service skills they have shown throughout the new semester.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS



Did you know?



As part of the Entering Student Experience Survey to new students during Welcome Week last Spring, the Division of Student Services gathered feedback on students' first experience with the District. Students were asked to rate their level of agreement with the following statements, based on the time of their decision to attend WCCCD through the end of the first three weeks of the semester/quarter: The below chart are the students top "3" elements of agreement:

Top "3" WCCCD Elements	% Respondents Very/ Satisfied
I am prepared academically to succeed in college	83.3%
I learned the name of at least one other student in most of my classes	77.9%
Course I needed to take my first semester were available at convenient times	66.9%

BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

The Educators' Create Traveling Art Exhibition featuring the artwork of WCCCD faculty has made it last stop across the District. The opening reception was held this week at the Western Campus. If you haven't had a chance to see the works of our great faculty, this exhibit will be on display until September 17 so make sure and stop by!



CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EAGLE SCOUTS IMPROVE FOOT TRAIL BEHIND THE DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

Boy Scout Daniel Gregory from New Boston Troop 237 completed his Eagle Scout project at the Downriver Campus. Mr. Gregory provided leadership to design and construct improvements to the Downriver Campus foot trail behind the campus.



COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF DETROIT

Martinus Whitfield met with Reyonna Orr of Communities in Schools of Detroit, a nonprofit organization, offering at-risk and special needs students support by placing college students inside K-12 schools to offer individual and small group support in reading and mathematics, as well as, a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult.

THE WESTERN CAMPUS WELCOMES FACULTY BACK FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

The Western Campus Office of Instruction welcomed the faculty for the Fall semester with a Reception. An orientation to onsite resources was provided which included clerical support, computer access, photocopying and the lounge area. It was an engaging opportunity for faculty to access the programs and services available to them.



MICHIGAN SEA GRANT WORKSHOP AT THE DOWNRIVER CAMPUS



The Downriver Campus hosted the Michigan Sea Grant Mapping Invasive Species workshop. This workshop provided a hands-on introduction to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network. Topics include invasive species and their impacts and how to report and map invasive species.



ADULT EDUCATION ORIENTATIONS AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Adult Education orientations were held at the Downtown Campus for students who wish to complete their high school requirements. Ilanda Robertson facilitated the sessions and discussed what is needed to achieve graduation.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH!

The Downriver Campus hosted a Register to Vote campaign, sponsored by Marlene Goldsmith of Organizing of America. Ms. Goldsmith provided the ability for students and the community to register to vote at the campus without the need to find transportation to the Secretary of State's office.



WCCCD MEETS CONNECT

Faculty are moving forward this Fall with the launch of the McGraw Hill Connect Software. Connect is an online interactive learning system designed to help students master course concepts and to achieve better grades in their courses. The Connect software is equipped with LearnSmart, an online study tool that helps students learn faster, study more efficiently and retain more knowledge for greater success in their courses.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

State and Legislative Updates:

- ◆ **MPSERS**– As previously reported, SB 1040 was passed by the legislature and is waiting to be signed by Governor Snyder. The bill would not require all new employees to move into a defined contribution (401k style) plan, but would require the state to conduct a study on the costs of converting to a defined contribution plan, with study results deliverable by November 15, 2012.
- ◆ **The New Report on Michigan's Low-Skilled Adults** found that many workers lack not only occupational skills, which keeps them stuck in low-wage work, but they lack the basic skills necessary to acquire occupational skills. For the report by the Michigan League for Human Services, Strengthening Foundational Skills: A Strategy for Restoring Good Jobs and Economic Security in Michigan, please go to <http://www.milhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/Workforce-Coalition-Report-7-12.pdf>



National Matters:

- ◆ **Federal Budget**– Congress recently adjourned until September 10, with just a few legislative days remaining until it adjourns again for the elections. Congress is not expected to reach any conclusions on the major fiscal issues– expiring Bush tax cuts, the debt ceiling, and sequestration– until a lame duck session following the November elections at the earliest. Just before recessing, congressional leaders agreed in principle to a 6-month continuing resolution that will keep government agencies funded for the first 6 months of federal FY 2013, which begins October 1.
- ◆ **Deferred Action Rules Could Lead to Increased Enrollment of Undocumented Students**– A new federal policy expanding the rights of certain undocumented youths could lead to increased enrollment at community colleges.
- ◆ **At New Online University, Advertisers Will Underwrite Free Degrees**– The World Education University, a free online entity which opens this fall, is focused on an interesting revenue model. They are looking at revenue for advertisers, corporate sponsorships and fee-based tutoring or charging for premium content.
- ◆ **News from Missouri**– A Missouri university that offers associate degrees is telling its students that if they make a good faith effort to attain good grades, they can retake courses in which they do poorly– at no cost to them.

Wayne County Community College District Receives Candidacy for Accreditation by National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

Wayne County Community College District recently received notification from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC) that it has granted candidacy for accreditation for the College's Associate of Science in Nursing Program. "This is the first step in the accreditation of our nursing program. We are very pleased with achieving the status and thank Dr. Doresea Lewis for her leadership as dean of nursing as well as our faculty and staff for assisting the District in this process," states Dr. Debraha Watson, President of Northwest Campus - Provost of Health Science.



They're Back!



Coming to a campus near you! Distribution for the new "My Life Is Better" shirts will begin next week. Shirts may be worn on Mondays and Fridays.

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 replaced (In process)
 - ◆ Replace carpet in Ray Mix (In process)

Downtown

- ◆ Restroom renovation project (85% complete)
- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (In process)
 - ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (In process)
 - ◆ New ceiling in the library (In process)
- ◆ Remodeling of counter in the instructional office, room 221 (In process)

Eastern

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

University Center

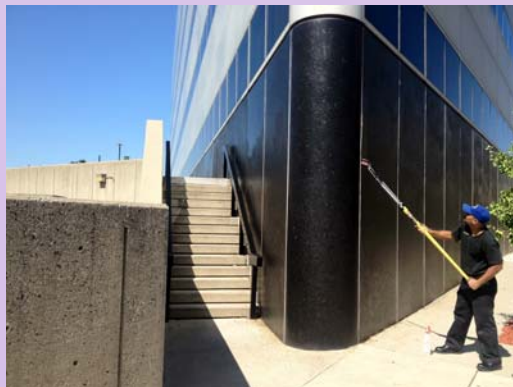
- ◆ Security cameras

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 needs repair
- ◆ Roof leaks (In process)
- ◆ Air handler repair in D-wing (In process)



Leroy washing the District building