

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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The Fall Annual Phi Theta Kappa Induction was held at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center. An inspirational keynote address was delivered by Dr. Glenda Price whose message centered around leadership and service, two of the hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa. More than 100 students were inducted into the honor society. One new inductee, Eric Wilkins, sent an email of gratitude that stated, "I am writing this to let all those who took part in putting on the induction ceremony know that I am extremely grateful to each and every one and for my not declining attendance at this noble event. As I sat there in my chair basking in the glow of those honorees there on the stage, I felt sincerely awed just to be there among them."



STUDENT SERVICES ROLLS OUT FINANCIAL AID TV!

The Student Services Division introduced new services for financial aid students called Financial Aid TV. Financial Aid TV is an electronic service delivery tool that students can access on their cellphone, ipad, or other mobile devices to receive answers to their questions via video delivery. Dr. Zachary Hodges, President of Houston Community College System's Northwest College gave a presentation on how they implemented Financial Aid TV at their institution and what the response has been from students.

Dr. Hodges also spoke to vice chancellors, campus presidents and team members from across the District regarding financial aid processes, customer service activities and what it means to be a comprehensive community college.



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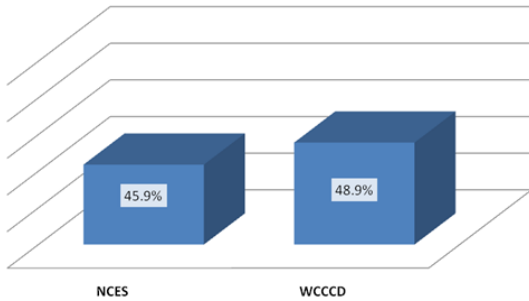
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INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

First Generation Student Population



Did you know?

Recent studies noted the importance of colleges understanding characteristics of first generation students as this group constitutes nearly half the student population in higher education.

The chart is a comparison of the National Center of Education Statistics (NCES) data for first year students who reported their parent's education level of high school diploma or less compared to WCCCD's population that reported being a first generation student.

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Shifting Code Program

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development launched the second cohort for the Shifting Code Program. The Michigan Shifting Code Program is a collaborative effort supported by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. This career transition program is designed to address critical workforce shortages related to computer programming and other occupations in demand. This training is key in sustaining the emerging information technology industry in Michigan .



"For Girls Only" Workshop



The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development held its first "For Girls Only" Workshop at the Detroit International Academy. More than 180 participants, grades third through eighth were provided workshop topics including conflict resolution and self-esteem. The workshop helped to boost self-esteem through education by covering a variety of topics that affect adolescent girls.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Staff from the Finance and Information Technology divisions attended the Banner User's Group of Michigan Conference at Lansing Community College. This is an annual users group conference that is well-attended and brings more than 200 users from various colleges and universities around Michigan to share best practices. The highlight of the conference was the flexible registration module presentation by Northwestern University that is used to register non-credit courses in Banner.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM



The International Programs and Global Partnerships Department is proud to announce that Wanda Hutchinson, WCCCD Federal Work-Study (FWS) student has been hired into Matrix Human Services as a permanent employee. Ms. Hutchinson has been working with Matrix Human Services for more than a year. The skills and training she obtained while being in the FWS program has molded her to be a dedicated, reliable and capable addition to Matrix Human Services.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Learning Resource Center



WCCCD Learning Resource Centers (LRC) are available on the BookMyne Mobile App

The mobile application allows LRC patrons to:

- ◆ Search our catalog
- ◆ Place holds on available materials
- ◆ Log into your account and renew items you have checked out
- ◆ Get reading recommendations
- ◆ Scan barcodes and see which campus has the item

The BookMyne app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Android Market for free. For other mobile device users, SirsiDynix discovery technologies are supported on smartphone browsers for mobile-friendly access.

NOVEMBER "YES WE CAN" CHANCELLOR'S EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

On behalf of our entire WCCCD District family, we are excited to announce this month's "Yes We Can" Employee of the Month award winners!

Due to an overwhelming response and the excellent submissions that we received, we decided to recognize more than one employee for the month of November. This is an opportunity for the District to recognize those employees who strive to achieve the values, goals and objectives of WCCCD's Mission and Vision. The program is aimed toward employees who go above and beyond in performing their duties and responsibilities.

The diligence, dedication, and hard work they have demonstrated has been acknowledged by their supervisor and colleagues. We appreciate their devotion to their work and for enriching our work environment. Congratulations and thank you to the winners for their significant contributions to WCCCD's success! Please look for the January 2013 Employee of the Month nomination forms in your email.

Norman McRae
Johnny Belton
Downtown Campus

Vernessa Coleman
Downriver Campus

Cecile Taylor
Diana Rosario
Western Campus

Dan Saunders
Eastern Campus

Maureen Hunter
Kris Evans-Barnes
Julie Figlioli
District Office

Mike Farah
Northwest Campus

STUDENT SERVICES



Achieving the Dream



The Eastern and Downtown campuses held a ceremony for the Achieve the Dream Learning Community. Students were given certificates of recognition for their participation. They were very appreciative for having had the opportunity to participate in a Learning Community.

Student Mercedes Rushon enjoyed the small class size and said, "I received the chance to actually get to know everyone. It helped me improve my speech because I was always nervous around huge crowds."

Keisha Lynum commented, "Learning Communities were one of the best experiences I have ever had as far as school. I am hard of hearing and the students and staff made it comfortable for me to learn."



WCCCD Wildcats

The Women's Wildcat Basketball Team played Olive Harvey Community College in Chicago, Illinois. The team had an overwhelming victory over their opponent with a score of 100-23. Kudos goes to the women's team!

The Men's Wildcat Basketball Team played their first home game at Detroit Edison Academy against Rochester College. The first 25 people received Wildcat t-shirts and rally towels. The Wildcats won 61-42.



Men's Basketball

WCCCD vs. Cincinnati Community College
Saturday, December 22, 2012
3:00pm
Location: Detroit Edison Academy



Women's Basketball

WCCCD vs. Cincinnati Community College
Saturday, December 22, 2012
3:00pm
Location: Detroit Edison Academy

Come out and support our Wildcats!

FINANCIAL AID MARATHON



WELCOME HOME STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS! COSTA RICA FALL 2012



Pura Vida!!



CAMPUS PRESIDENTS' CORNER

THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

Staff from the Northwest Campus have embraced the spirit of the holiday season by adopting two families. The Teen HYPE (Helping Youth by Providing Education) agency will receive gifts for a family of five, ages 8-15. Founded in 2004 in Detroit, Michigan, Teen HYPE is a youth development organization that empowers urban teens to thrive. The other family is a family of nine children who are being raised by their grandparent.



URBAN LEAGUE MATURE WORKERS JOB READINESS

The Downtown Campus hosted the Detroit Urban League Mature Workers Job Readiness Seminar with more than 100 attendees.



PEARL HARBOR- DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Western Campus in partnership with the Yankee Air Museum observed a "Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance." Veterans, community members and students gathered for the playing of taps and lowering of the United States flag to half mast in remembrance of the soldiers and civilians that lost their lives during the invasion of Pearl Harbor. Afterwards, a special guest speaker from the air museum gave a presentation about the key role that southeast Michigan and Willow Run Airport played in the war effort of World War II.



WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVANCE

The Annual World AIDS Day Observance for 2012 was held at the Northwest Campus to raise awareness of the AIDS epidemic globally, nationally and locally. The program included a panel discussion, workshops, a health fair and various vendor displays containing useful information on the services available to the community.



EASY FINANCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES WORKSHOP

The Downriver Campus hosted a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber and Downriver Community Federal Credit Union "Easy Finances for Small Business" workshop. Small businesses from the area participated in this workshop to increase the awareness of financing options available to expand their businesses.

CITIZEN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

The Downtown Campus hosted the Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training to a very enthusiastic group of students and employees. The importance of being prepared in an emergency with the correct equipment was stressed.



CAMPUS PRESIDENTS' CORNER

81% OF AUTOMOTIVE STUDENTS PASS ASE STUDENT CERTIFICATION EXAM

The Downriver Campus is the official site administrator for the Automotive Program. An average of 81% of students from the Brakes II and Suspension and Steering II classes passed the ASE Student Certification and were awarded a certificate, which will be good for two years. The results from the State of Michigan Mechanics exam will be sent via mail to the students within the next five weeks.

ADULT EDUCATION TEAM MEETS

An Adult Basic Education (ABE) Meeting was held at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus. The ABE Program at WCCCD is a free comprehensive program whose mission is to enhance the educational, cultural and economic development of the community by providing a full range of quality educational courses and services.



UNIVERSITY RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ferris State University and Wayne State University shared their college program opportunities with WCCCD students at the Downtown and Western campuses.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WORKSHOP

Officials from the City of Detroit were at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus to conduct the annual Community Development Block Grant Workshop to local nonprofits and community organizations. More than 120 applicants were seeking funds to help them continue helping the residents of Detroit.



CONGRATULATIONS CURTIS JOHNSON AND AVANIT HERCZEG!

Curtis Johnson was inducted as one of this year's Phi Theta Kappa's honorary members. Honorary membership is by nomination only and it was Michael Dotson's honor to nominate him this year for all of his hard work and dedication for Phi Theta Kappa, especially at the Western Campus.

Kudos to Avanti Herczeg, Academic Advisor at the Western Campus, who will graduate from Eastern Michigan University with a Masters of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership in Higher Education/Student Affairs on December 16, 2012.



THE HEINZ C. PRETCHER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Downriver Campus hosted the Downriver Arts and Crafts Guild Holiday Show. Artisans provided community education through interactive art demonstrations for all ages, including children's make and take projects. Demonstrations included a variety of art mediums and original crafts.



Upcoming Event



*Tennessee Christmas
with Lee Greenwood*

Sunday, December 16, 2012
3:00pm
For tickets: (734) 374-3200

THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted a Citizen Preparedness Program which was presented by instructors from Oakland Community College. The program focused on "Pledge to Prepare – from Awareness to Action."

◆ MIPSE also hosted the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary's monthly meeting. Information is shared from the national and district levels.

On the Move...

- ◆ Stephanie Coffey attended the 2013 Money Smart Week Planning Meeting at the Federal Reserve Bank. The Learning Resource Centers will participate in financial literacy sessions in April, which will be open to students, faculty, staff, and community members.
- ◆ Diane Gonzalez attended the Annual Counselor Holiday Breakfast at the University of Michigan Dearborn. The program highlighted graduate studies programs, community college transfer scholarships and the new housing apartments that will be available Fall 2013 for incoming transfer and freshman students.

Website Hits

For the week of November 26 – December 2, we received 59,842 visits to our website. Visits came from 45 countries. We received 4,033 hits for the academic schedules and 2,827 hits for the college catalog.



The Top 5 Content Views

Financial Aid
Academic Program
Student services
Distance Learning
Northwest Campus

Top 5 Countries

United States
Canada
India
Pakistan
Costa Rica

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY

As we continue to discuss a safe environment for our students, staff and faculty, the District Public Safety security council members recently had a meeting.



LEGISLATIVE CORNER



State and Legislative Matters

Personal Property Tax (PPT): This week Lt. Governor Calley publicly announced the administration's new plan that will replace 80% of lost PPT revenue. While still not 100%, the original bills only replaced about 20% of the lost revenue to community colleges. This version represents a tremendous improvement. Unfortunately, the proposal includes a threshold of 2.5% of property tax revenue, which was not revealed in earlier meetings with Lt. Governor Calley. This would preclude six colleges from qualifying for reimbursement.

Concealed Weapons on Campus: After leaving the bill on the floor for several months, this week the Senate passed Senate Bill 59, which allows an individual with a concealed pistol license to carry a concealed weapon in a no-weapons zone if he or she received additional training. This bill would prohibit weapons being carried openly in these areas, even though that is allowed under current law.



December Delights
Tuesday, December 11, 2012 5:30pm
Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Call (313) 496-2510 for your tickets



DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



Wayne
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Downriver

- ◆ EPAC landscaping (Completion date expected 12/7)
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project (In process).
- ◆ EPAC main stage floor needs to be repaired/replaced (Completion date expected 12/17)
- ◆ Additional external security lighting needed. (In process).
- ◆ Updated facility snow removal equipment

Downtown

- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (Lots 1,2, and 5 completed, lots 3 and 4 are 95% complete)
- ◆ New furniture and ceiling in the library (Bid in)
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the One Stop Shop (No update)
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the learning lab, room 239 (No update)

Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU (In process)
- ◆ Roof leak (One leak was fixed, another has shown up)
- ◆ Window blinds in Cooper room and office (In process)
- ◆ Ladies restroom upgrade
- ◆ Marquee needs replacing

University Center

- ◆ Handicap door upgrade
- ◆ Security cameras
- ◆ Expand stage in auditorium
- ◆ Marquee

Northwest

- ◆ Elevator doors need to be replaced in administration and welcome center buildings (scheduled for Christmas break)

Western

- ◆ D wing chiller (In process)
- ◆ Windows in café area leak. This has been an ongoing problem since they were installed.
- ◆ Dead trees outside and mulch needed in beds (On hold until Spring 2013)
- ◆ Marquee not working, needs replacing/repair
- ◆ Updated facility snow removal equipment (In purchasing)
- ◆ Light pole banners need to be purchased and installed (In process)

UPDATE

New Building at the Northwest Campus

Facilities crew is being trained on the new back-up Emergency Power System at the new construction site.



General Maintenance

Western Campus

Interior and exterior lights need replacing

