

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

February 3, 2012
Number 819

This week in Washington D.C. I attended AACC's 21st Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges meeting. The Commission is close to completing its goal of making recommendations and implementation strategies related to the most challenging issues facing community colleges. A full report should be ready for distribution at the annual AACC Convention to be held in Orlando in April.



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BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

THE "FACES OF DETROIT: FOCUS AND REFOCUS" OPENING NIGHT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

In partnership with the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery, the School of Continuing Education presented "Faces of Detroit: Focus and Refocus's" opening reception with more than 100 attendees at the Western Campus. Photographer and native Detroiter Bruce Giffin showcased his collection of photos that express persons who reside in the city of Detroit and to exemplify the essence of what the artist values and visualizes. Mr. Giffin is the owner/operator of Bruce Giffin Still Photography located in Dearborn Heights, Michigan and has designed the latest CD cover for the music artist, KEM (Kemistry).




CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITS


WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT'S
SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
PRESENTS

STRUCTURED FUSION

sculptures / assemblages



Sergio De Giusti
Sculptures
(Italy)



Jide Aje
Assemblages
(Nigeria)

BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD GALLERY
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
1001 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226

OPENING RECEPTION
Thursday, January 26, 2012
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBITION
January 26 through March 30, 2012
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


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SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
PRESENTS

Faces of Detroit

- FOCUS AND REFOCUS -

BRUCE GIFFIN
Photographer, Kresge Fellow



BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD GALLERY
WESTERN CAMPUS
9555 Haggerty, Belleville, MI 48111

OPENING RECEPTION
Thursday, February 2, 2012
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBITION
February 2 through April 2, 2012
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Wayne County Community College District's
School of Continuing Education
Presents

Creating Tranquility




Lecture and Demonstration
with
SENGHOR REID
Master of Art • Kresge Fellow

February 23, 2012
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD GALLERY
NORTHWEST CAMPUS - HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48219

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DR. ALEX JOHNSON VISITS WCCCD

Dr. Alex Johnson, President of the Community College of Allegheny County and Melanie Allenby from Sequoia, Inc. continued their work with the senior team in exploring ways to strengthen organizational culture in relation to strategic development. Focusing on the results from a survey conducted last September, we were pleased to learn that the District scored in the highest percentile in relation to “involvement, consistency, adaptability and communication.” Several priorities were developed by the team to broaden the understanding of culture and contextual elements throughout the District in support of our strategic planning process and direction.



WCCCD and INFOSYS Partnership



Infosys®

We were pleased to have the assistant director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the senior vice president and global head of Commercial and Corporate Relations from Infosys—the largest IT company in India—visiting the District. Thanks to the work of Drs. George Swan and James Robinson, Shawna Forbes and Michael Poole, the District has been selected as Infosys’ U.S. partner in the delivery of training for entry-level software engineers.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Success Stories – Downriver Campus

Rene Goupayou was born in Cameroon, Africa and now lives in Taylor, Michigan while attending WCCCD as a pre-pharmacy student. Mr. Goupayou started at WCCCD in January, 2011 and hopes to go on to Wayne State University (WSU) to pursue a degree in pharmacy. Mr. Goupayou joined the student walking program and was in the top three walkers who achieved the highest number of minutes walked of all students during the Fall 2011 semester. Walking is a way of life for Mr. Goupayou and he claims that walking helps elevate his mood, decrease stress, keep his weight in check and stay in good shape. In Taylor, Rene often walks around the grounds of the Downriver Campus and Heritage Park. We wish him much success with his walking program and his academic pursuits in pharmacy.



THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The School of Continuing Education (CE) and Workforce Development staff hosted a CE Website Launch Party for the redesigned website! Participants who attended received information about the new site and all of the wonderful course offerings we have for children, adults, seniors and much more. Thank you to all those who attended. It was a great success!



District-wide Weekly CE Enrollment Maintenance Report

During the week of January 23-28, 2012 the District served 998 participants by partnering with 12 community organizations.

- ◆ Downriver Campus- 361 students
- ◆ Downtown Campus- 637 students
- ◆ *Eastern Campus- 0 students
- ◆ *Northwest Campus- 0 students
- ◆ Western Campus- 0 students

* No report submitted



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Psychology and Your iPhone ? There's an app for that!

An interesting example of blending Psychology and smart phone technology is an application (app) recently released called Sōsh. The app assists children, teens, and young adults improve their social skills by providing strategies, tools, and information they can easily use in their everyday environments in real-time to navigate social situations. Areas of focus include conversation improvement strategies, reducing stress, managing behavior, reasoning skills and understanding personal feelings and those of others. Sōsh developers state that the app may be used in a personal manner or in conjunction with parents, teachers, or therapists and that the contents of this app are evidence and research based.

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



5 Powerful Tips to Share with your Children About Bullying

- ◆ Bullying is not OK. Bullying is not genetic. Bullying is not relative to race, culture, or gender, and is a behavior usually taught by someone you love or trust. Bullying is not a right of passage, and is not tolerable under any circumstances.
- ◆ Do not participate if a friend or group of friends are bullying another student. When you're feeling angry and mean, think about what you're doing and stop. Take a deep breath, and count to three.
- ◆ Offer yourself as a friend to a student who is being bullied with a smile or kind word. Everybody is special and unique. Find out what makes the student being bullied special.
- ◆ Be brave. If you are very brave, and feel safe, you can tell the bully to stop. You have that right.
- ◆ Ask for help. Go to a trusted adult if you see another student being bullied.

Teach your children that they are powerful beings, and to use their power to respond to bullying in a positive way.

Source: www.thetalltrees.com

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The Student Perceptions of Occupational Education Programs (PROE) Survey provides feedback and information to help improve curriculum, materials, equipment, and placement opportunities. The chart identifies the top three levels of satisfaction from the Fall 2011 Student Perceptions of Occupational Education Programs (PROE) Survey.

Top "3" Rated Occupational Education Elements	
Satisfaction Elements	Average Rating
Written Objectives	4.06
Teaching Methods	4.02
Instructors	4.01

(1=Poor, 2=Below Expectation, 3=Acceptable, 4=Good, 5=Excellent)

WEBSITES HITS



For the week of January 25 – 31, we received 68,429 visits to our website. Visits came from 52 countries. We received 2,131 hits for the academic schedules and 1,550 hits for the college catalog. Average time on the site is 5:20 minutes.

The Top 5 Content Views

Financial Aid- 12,484
Distance Learning- 11,617
Academic Program- 8,129
Northwest Campus- 7,873
Faculty and Staff Resources- 5,121

STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ A representative of the Michigan Veteran Services Division met with staff to discuss collaboration in rolling out WCCCD's first ever veteran student organization. The meeting focused on creating a workshop and presentation that will inform WCCCD's military veteran population of all the benefits and opportunities involved in participating in the organization.
- ◆ The Records Office collaborated with a transcript capture software company for a possible solution to the overwhelming increase of incoming transcripts from students seeking to transfer credits to WCCCD. Based on a best practice research, the use of web-based transcript capture and evaluation appears to be a great solution. Institutions such as the University of Maryland have already benefited from the efficiency and speed of the product.
- ◆ Student Services staff hosted the Special Populations Advisory Committee Meeting with representatives from Michigan Rehabilitation Services/Michigan Career and Technical Institute-East, Michigan Commission for the Blind, Detroit Workforce Development Department/Michigan Works, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The committee agreed to host a joint career fair for special population students during the Spring 2012 semester.
- ◆ Will Sampson met with administrators from one of the District's premier charter school partners, Chandler Park Academy, to discuss a new pilot initiative that would allow "gifted and talented" 8th grade students to enroll into college-level courses. The initiative is centered around CPA's retention and early academic intervention strategy aimed to push students into early success.



Go WildCats!

The WildCats continue to build a strong team within the Eastern Conference. While they have not won many of their games, they are making progress on and off the road. There is a game against Schoolcraft College on February 4th. Good luck WildCats!



Achieving the Dream

A learning styles workshop was conducted at the Northwest Campus Learning Communities. Students were amazed to find they had a particular learning style and they have come to appreciate the different ways that people receive and process information. Being aware of their own learning preference, students believe that they now will be enabled to learn more effectively.



MICUP Student Update- Ellesse Bess

Ms. Bess graduated from WCCCD and transferred to Michigan Technological University (MTU) through the MICUP (Michigan College/University Partnership) program. Here is what she has been doing at MTU:

- ◆ Working on three separate research projects this summer
- ◆ Attended the Center for Diversity and Inclusion Student Leaders Retreat
- ◆ Made the Dean's List for Fall 2011

Liz Washington Retires

After 17 years of service with the District, Liz Washington is retiring. Staff from across the District, as well as retirees, came out to bid a fond farewell to Ms. Washington as she begins this new chapter in her life. Thank you Ms. Washington for your leadership throughout the years!



In the Student Service News...

Addressing an enthusiastic audience at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor last Friday, President Barack Obama spoke about college affordability, a topic that hits home in a state with some of the highest public school tuition costs in the country.

Echoing his State of the Union address earlier this week, President Obama called on public universities to reign in tuition increases, highlighting a merit-based plan that would tie federal funding for colleges and universities to tuition costs.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Children's Corner is available for children to celebrate diversity and teach today's youth about the past. There are books available on historical events and figures for children pre-K to high school. There are also some of the latest literary award winning titles available.



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) received a donated ambulance from HealthLink EMS. Healthlink EMS has been a long standing partner with WCCCD's EMT Program. Representatives serve on the EMT Program and provide clinical opportunities to our basic EMT and paramedic students. This unit will provide additional skill training for the EMT Program students and precision emergency vehicle training to various agencies.



- ◆ The Fire Protection Technology students participated in their Jaws of Life skills exercise this week. The vehicles used were recycled from WCCCD's Automotive Service Technology Program which were no longer useful for lab sessions. Students used the jaws, cutters and saws to remove doors and roofs of the vehicles.



ON THE MOVE...

- ◆ Annette O'Connell from the Downriver Campus attended Truman High School's parent teacher conferences. Ms. O'Connell distributed transfer and financial aid information to parents and students who may have a desire to attend WCCCD upon graduation.
- ◆ Rita Millhench, Student Services Advisor at the Downriver Campus is a volunteer for the Henry Ford Hospice Program called SandCastles. SandCastles is a grief support program for grieving children and families that provides an opportunity to come together in a nurturing environment to cope with the loss of a loved one.
- ◆ Susan Hamady, faculty member and artist, has a painting that will be on display at the Detroit Society of Fine Arts at The Players Club the second weekend in February. Professor Hamady exhibits several shows a year, including the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.



CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- ◆ The Northwest Campus Learning Center kicked off the Spring 2012 Workshop Series. Michael Mason, a Tutor captured students attention in his "Learn to Manage Your Time" workshop. The workshop focused on the importance of setting goals and staying focused even in the midst of life's challenges. Mr. Mason also demonstrated how to create your own planners, and several students signed-up for tutorial assistance.
- ◆ Loretta Hunter has been appointed to the DALNET Cataloging and Database Standards Committee. This committee will review and standardize all cataloging procedures for DALNET libraries.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency's "Show Me the Money" workshop. Services were provided to prepare, or help prepare, taxes for people with low income. Workshops were also held on how to prepare your own taxes and keeping your credit in check.

- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted The Information Center for a Mending the Safety Net Program. This program consisted of over 50 community service agency representatives serving the Downriver Community who provided information about their services.



- ◆ Lina Warra, Student Services Advisor at the Downriver Campus kicked off the student services presentations for the Achieve the Dream Initiative with a review of WCCCD programs and assisted students with their plans of work.
- ◆ Poll worker training continued this week at the Downtown Campus. The training is for residents who are interested in working the polls for the upcoming elections.
- ◆ The Downtown Campus hosted "Campus Awareness Week" for students and the community. Workshops focused on entrepreneurship, professional careers, feature programs and career and academic advising.
- ◆ It's that time of year again and student Adrienne Calhoun-Gondeck is utilizing the Western Campus Financial Aid Resource Room to update information as it pertains to financial aid. She is preparing for the 2012-2013 FAFSA priority deadline of March 1st. Information is available on scholarships, loans, and grants.
- ◆ Michael Dotson and Cecile Taylor met with Mr. Weiss, Superintendent of the Romulus School System. This session created a platform for ongoing opportunities to enhance their college culture with students, parents, staff and the community at large.



WCCCD is a New Member at N-OADN

WCCCD is now a member of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing. The organization was founded in 1986, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (N-OADN) is recognized nationally as the voice for Associate Degree Nursing, representing agencies and individual members. N-OADN is dedicated to enhancing the quality of Associate Degree Nursing education, strengthening the professional role of the Associate Degree Nurse, and protecting the future of Associate Degree Nursing in the midst of health care changes.

Upcoming Events

Passport to Africa
Downtown Campus
February 11, 2012
11:00 am– 3:00 pm



Welcome Week Skating Day
Campus Martius
February 17, 2012
5:00-7:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE



As we continue to improve the District's Facilities Operation, the Auxiliary Services Department has embarked on an Energy Conservation Initiative to upgrade the heating and cooling system District-wide. The Downtown Campus is 30 years old, and the heating and cooling system is being upgraded to a more modern and high efficiency system. This system will replace the old outdated thermo steam heating system with a new high efficiency gas heating system and high efficiency electronic cooling system. Through hard work and several meetings with the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DECG) the District received a grant from the DECG to upgrade the heating and cooling system at the Downtown Campus (Smart Building Program).

- ◆ The lighting system at the Downtown Campus will be replaced with energy saving lights.
- ◆ The current pneumatic control heating and cooling system will be replaced with digital control.
- ◆ The return of investment through energy savings will be less than three years.

We are also in the process of continuing improvements in the Central Administration Building, as well as the Eastern, Northwest and Downriver campuses. During the upcoming improvements, we will ask the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DECG) for additional grant funding.

HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Steve Wildern, Theatre Operations Dean hosted a tour of the center for representatives of the Taylor Conservatory and the Taylor Garden Club. The groups are in the planning stages for their annual, Growing Great Gardens event, held at the Downriver Campus. This year's theme is "Going Green for St. Patrick's Day" and will be held on March 17th.

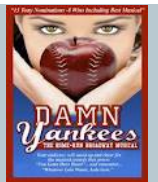
All About the Arts Coffee Series
Downtown Detroit's Magnificent Movie Palaces
with Michael Hauser
February 22, 2012
7:00-8:30 pm



Torme Sings Torme
February 11, 2012

Damn Yankees
March 25, 2012

Call (734) 374-3200 for tickets



CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



The Entrepreneurial Institute and Resource Center held a Lender's Forum for potential entrepreneurs and current business owners. Various lenders discussed the options available to start and operate a business. Each lender showed participants the processes and procedures necessary to obtain funding for their businesses.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

We would like to honor two of our intern staff members; Kofoworola Gbadebo and Oluwatosin Balogun for receiving the African Student Association Emerging Leader Award. We are very proud to have Kofoworola and Oluwatosin working with us in The International Program Global Partnership Department, they both exemplify what it takes to be strong leaders in the community as well as amazing team members. Congratulations Kofoworola and Oluwatosin!



FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office is proud to share this student testimonial.

"I would like to send a big THANK YOU to all that assisted in getting my financial aid issue resolved in a very timely and immediate manner. It feels great to know that I am now attending a school that truly cares about their students. Thank you again for all you did to get this processed so quickly and in relieving a big stress for me. Now I can focus on my studying!"

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

Accountability & Transparency-District-wide Deferred Maintenance

CAMPUS PRIORITIES AS OF February 2, 2012

Downriver

- ◆ Light pole needs replacement (Facilities moved another light to temporarily accommodate, new pole is due in Feb. 23)
- ◆ LRC renovation (new carpet, painting, furniture, re-design of current space) (Specs need to be confirmed)
- ◆ Marquee out front not working, needs repair or replacement (Waiting for quotes)

Downtown

- ◆ Bathrooms need renovation (Specifications being developed)
- ◆ Remodeling of Learning Center lab with new floor tiles instead of carpet [room 239](Waiting for quotes).
- ◆ Replace broken/cracked chairs with 61 new chairs for the Learning Center room 239 (requisition has been submitted)
- ◆ 12 new tables for the atrium with matching 50 chairs. (requisition has been submitted)
- ◆ 19 new classroom tables. (requisition has been submitted)
- ◆ Administration office furniture. (requisition has been submitted)

Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU and chillers (On hold until spring)
- ◆ Security cameras (Waiting for start date)
- ◆ Copiers (Delivery Date: January 27, delivery delayed, rental on the way)
- ◆ Evacu-chair (requisition in approval process)
- ◆ Relocation of campus safety to SSA

University Center

- ◆ Security cameras (On hold until next installment)

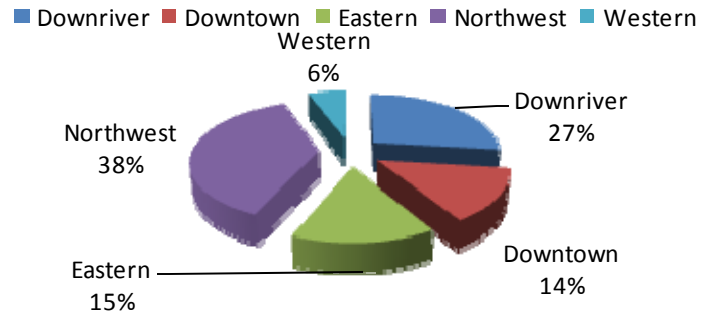
Northwest

- ◆ Equipment needed for snow removal season (New delivery date Feb.10th due to tire issue with John Deere)
- ◆ Replacement door needed for exterior west stairwell AAB (Requisition in process)
- ◆ Carpeting in L17 in the Laboratory Science Building is in need of replacement (Waiting for additional quotes)
- ◆ Condensate line replacement at the General Arts Building (vendor in process of repairing)
- ◆ Fence repair at Southfield Service Dr. (in progress)

Western

- ◆ Plumbing issues – water fountain still leaking, janitor closet leaking (Vendor sending quote to replace water fountain)
- ◆ Exterior lights repaired

Accountability & Transparency



Downriver Campus	
Total	\$556,096.94
*Projects Pending	
Downtown Campus	
Total	\$294,611.45
*Projects Pending	
Eastern Campus	
Total	\$313,742.76
*Projects Pending	
Northwest Campus	
Total	\$780,814.77
*Projects Pending	
Western Campus	
Total	\$117,488.00
*Projects Pending	