

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

July 27, 2012
Number 844

There has been a rash of bomb threats made in the Detroit area. Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education and campus safety made it a priority to update staff across the District on how to handle a threat if one comes in. This week we offered three opportunities: one at the Downtown Campus and two at the District Administration Office for staff to be updated on the District Emergency Response Plan, especially as it pertains to bomb threats. The training emphasized what to do if you receive a threat via the telephone. Chief Darrick Muhammad explained what his department will do in the event of a bomb threat, and the session concluded with questions and answers. Training opportunities will be available at all campuses around the District. Stay tuned!



The College for Kids at the Western Campus Partners with the Romulus Middle School

This week was the final week of the College for Kids partnership with the Romulus Middle School. Students had a fun filled week full of video game design, forensic photography, robotics, Chinese and cooking and etiquette. On the last day students invited their families in for a small meal they specially prepared and everyone was awarded certificates of completion. They had a blast this



Adrian Phillips receives his daughter's "bill" for the lunch she prepared and served to him.



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EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS



Developmental Mathematics Redesign

The Division of Educational Affairs reviewed the District's mathematics offerings in an effort to support the redesigning of the developmental mathematics courses. A comprehensive analysis shows that about 75% of the programs require specific mathematics courses, while the remaining 25% requires a variety of math courses based on student choice.

The Mathematics faculty met for a training session on how to teach the newly developed MAT 115 (Pre-College Mathematics) course. The training was conducted by Pearson Publishing, our partner in the development process.

Schedule Development

The Educational Affairs Division has established an academic schedule timeline for development of the Spring 2013 Schedule. Meetings were held with each campus to identify which classes will be offered, spring schedule rollover, discipline statistics, trends, course sequencing, time matrix requirements, and fill rates.

Critical Thinking in Education

A recent article on assessment and engagement in education, authors noted "educators should encourage curricular change that will positively impact the learning process in a way that will have fundamental application for a broad spectrum of learners. Assessing critical thinking includes an understanding of general reasoning and skill sets specific to the discipline. Key aspects of the District assessment model of learning includes:

- ◆ Understanding how critical thinking is defined by discipline
- ◆ Aligning assessment with instructional focus
- ◆ Conducting assessments that are sensitive to changes over time
- ◆ Embedding assessment and feedback into general instruction

Vet Tech Students

Participate in Fundraiser

The Student Association of Veterinary Technicians for WCCCD held a fundraiser which raised \$1,500.00 that was donated to Horse's Haven. This is a place where horses whose owners are no longer able to afford to care for the animal or the animal has been taken away due to neglect or abuse are relocated.

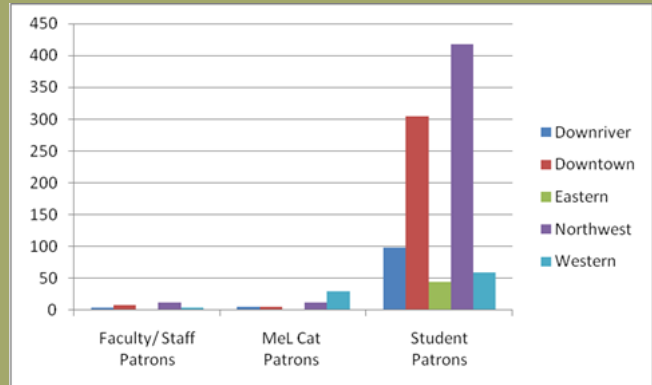


LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS

DALNET (Detroit Area Library Network) Updates Report

With the new reporting structure implemented by DALNET, each member institution can refine the reports generated by Horizon, our library management system. The following is a report that depicts the volume of library items checked out in June 2012 District-wide by the type of borrower.

A total of 1,007 library items checked out for the month of June. The number excludes the AV equipment checked out.



As the Learning Resource Centers continue to move forward with automated reporting, this will result in more reliable data being used for data driven processes within the division.

New Jobs in the Healthcare Fields

A recent study by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce predicts an increase of 5.6 million new jobs in the healthcare, healthcare paraprofessionals and related sectors to be created by 2020. More than 40% of these positions require a postsecondary certificate or an associate degree. The District offers a variety of health science programs to meet this demand to include short-term certificates, college certificates and associate degrees to meet the emerging demand for healthcare professionals.



Faculty member Dr. Charmaine Johnson has been selected to give a presentation on early childhood education at the National Association of Black Social Worker, Inc. 36th International Education Conference in South Africa.

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



Chief Darrick Muhammad, Dawud Muhammad, Aracely Garcia and Lieutenants Alexis Townsend, Aziz Faison, and Vanessa Liddell met with Sergeant Kenneth Mackey of the Wyandotte Police Department to research best practices in collaborating between WCCCD and other municipalities that are seeking to build a cost-effective, efficient, data-sharing consortium. The proposed radio frequency would provide the District Communication Control Center a law enforcement based connection to local and state agencies to better assist students, staff, and faculty.



INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Did You Know?

According to an American Association of Community Colleges brief entitled "Faces of the Future: A Portrait of First- Generation Community College Students" by Takako Nomi, approximately 42% of community college students are first generation students. Nearly 50% of WCCCD students are first-generation with 41% between the age of 25-34 years.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Protect All of Your Hard Work!

The Information Technology (IT) Division provides staff with a valuable tool to protect their documents and other work created on their computer called the H-Drive. The H-Drive serves as a means to protect your work related documents in the event that your computers' hard drive fails. The H-Drive can be located by clicking on the "Start" menu and then "My Computer" icon. The H-Drive is currently available to staff members only. If you have trouble locating your H-Drive, please contact your local IT technical support staff at your respective campus locations or contact the IT Help Desk at (313) 496-2666.

Website Hits

For the week of July 18 – 24, we received 62,555 visits to our website. Visits came from 56 countries. We received 6,474 hits for the academic schedules and 3,608 hits for college catalog.

The Top 5 Content Views

- Financial Aid- 19,704
- Academic Program-16,476
- Student services- 11,906
- Academic Schedules- 6,474

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The Procurement Department has started ordering fall instructional supplies. On average, the department will process approximately 150 fall instructional requisitions which we will be delivered prior to the start of classes on Monday, August 20. During this busy season, our vendors have been very cooperative in meeting our material deadlines. The department is also generating the new fiscal year limited purchase orders which will ensure our vendors are paid in a timely manner.

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE



One of the many happy faces of the Infosys IT Software Engineer Boot Camp graduates was featured in the Detroit News. Elantis Hall, a 34-year-old mother of four from Detroit, successfully completed the program and was able to secure a position as an IT Analyst with GalaxE.Solutions, a health care IT firm that is expanding in Detroit.

To read the article in its entirety, please visit: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120721/BIZ/207210325/1001/Intensive-program-trains-workers-info-tech-jobs#commentsvb>

Upcoming Events

International Tastefest
Downtown Campus
Saturday, August 4, 2012
11:00am– 3:00pm

STUDENT SERVICES



Achieving the Dream

The June 2012 Achieving the Dream (AtD) Data Notes revealed its findings among student's that are single parents and their academic outcomes. Below are a few of the findings:

- ◆ Close to one-third (32%) of all community college students and half (51%) of AtD Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)-filers have dependents. Students with children face unique challenges—such as childcare, employment, student loans, and housing issues—that make persisting and completing their postsecondary goals more difficult. Data shows that female students were more likely to be single parents than male students, and that female single parents persisted at slightly higher rates than male single parents.

Given that single parents represent a substantial proportion of students on AtD college campuses, it is important that colleges consider this student subgroup as they develop their academic success initiatives, programs, and policies.

Students featured on "Wake Up Detroit"

Detroit City Council Member JoAnn Watson welcomed four WCCCD students to her television show "Wake Up Detroit." Student success was the highlight of the program and each student shared their accomplishments and goals. Along with encouraging the viewing audience to experience the wonderful opportunities at WCCCD, Ms. Watson also reminded everyone to register for the upcoming fall semester.



Campus Ownership Initiative

The District Student Services Staff "Campus Ownership" initiative has proven to be an effective tool when assisting students during registration, as well as guiding new students through the first day of class activities. To ensure that each student gets that personal touch that is part of WCCCD's excellent customer service, the District Student Services Staff will be on the campuses supporting the first couple days of the registration season.

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus development team, Dr. Sandra Robinson, Denise Shannon, Mark Lang, Rodney Patrick and Jim Robinson, met with Ray Lazano and Richmond Hawkins from New Detroit at the Corporate College to plan an annual forum/symposium to provide entrepreneurial development training for a diverse population of community leaders/representatives in non-profit organizations. Plans are underway for this signature collaborative event which will be held in November, 2012.

The Corporate College hosted the 2nd Annual Legislative Update for the Driver's Responsibility Act. Facilitated by State Representative Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, this year's update focused on the Driver Responsibility Fees.



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) and the Wayne County Department of Public Health participated in the State of Michigan, Community Health Bioterrorism Dispensing of Medication functional drill.



MIPSE hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's graduation for the jailor training. Sheriff Benny Napoleon welcomed the graduates into the Wayne County Sherriff family.



MIPSE hosted members of Detroit Edison energy generation plants. Participants attended a three-day training session to become members of the fire brigade at their plants.



CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

NEW NURSING SPACE AT THE WESTERN CAMPUS

The Nursing Department at the Western Campus moved into their new lab and class room space. The new area consists of three class rooms, storage space, office space, and a new lab area. This new area is not only spacious but provides the nursing faculty and students with a user friendly environment.



NORTHWEST CAMPUS BOOK CLUB FEATURES DR. DEBRAHA WATSON

The Northwest Learning Resource Center held a book club discussion of "If Not for Dreams", a memoir that was written by our own campus president, Dr. Debraha Watson. As guest facilitator, Dr. Watson gave the audience a glimpse into her life as a foster child. Autographed copies of her book were raffled at the end of the program.



DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS CELEBRATE!

The 1st year dental hygiene students and faculty hosted the Second Annual Gourmet International Dinner Celebration for the 2nd year dental hygiene students who will be taking their Northeast Regional Clinical Board Examination in August at the University of Michigan. The evening included both speeches and a professional awards ceremony in honor of and celebration of the students.



WESTERN CAMPUS PARKING LOT LIGHTS REPAIRED

Beacon Signs were on site repairing exterior parking lot lights and flag pole lights to provide efficient lighting in the parking lots for students and staff.



On the Move

Stephanie Coffey attended and successfully completed the Instructional Technology Council Leadership Academy in Minneapolis, MN.

Andy Steeby attended a workshop hosted by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions.

Mel Allen represented the District at the Ecorse Resource Fair. The fair provided an opportunity to show our support and connect with the community and other local service agencies.

Steve Wildern attended the 51st Wyandotte Street Art Fair. Mr. Wildern serves on the Downriver Council for the Arts, a participating agency.

Yvette McElroy Anderson attended the monthly Michigan Association for Adult and Continuing Education Meeting.

In the Mail...

E. Martinus Whitfield received a complimentary letter from a student and I thought I'd share a few excerpts with you:

"Thank you for your advising and encouragement in my studies at WCCCD. When I walked into your office in the summer of 2009, I wasn't sure what field of study to pursue. You went out of your way to help me decide the best course to take. My earning an Associate's Degree in Business Administration (Cum Laude), is largely due to your professionalism and consideration. In closing, I just wanted to thank you again for all your help. You are a tremendous asset to WCCCD."

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

**CAMPUS NEEDS AS OF July 27, 2012

Downriver

- ◆ LRC renovation, new carpet (In process)
- ◆ Marquee out front not working, (scheduled to be done 7/20)
- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots (In process).
- ◆ EPAC landscaping (going for bid)
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project (In process)
- ◆ EPAC Main stage floor needs to be repaired/replaced

Downtown

- ◆ Bathroom renovation project (50% complete)
- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (In process)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (specifications completed, going out for bid)
- ◆ New furniture and ceiling in the library.
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the One Stop Shop.
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the learning lab.
- ◆ Remodeling of counter in the instructions office, room 221.(Awarded to vendor)
- ◆ Elevator lights (In process)

Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU and chillers (In process)
- ◆ Security cameras (installation in process)

University Center

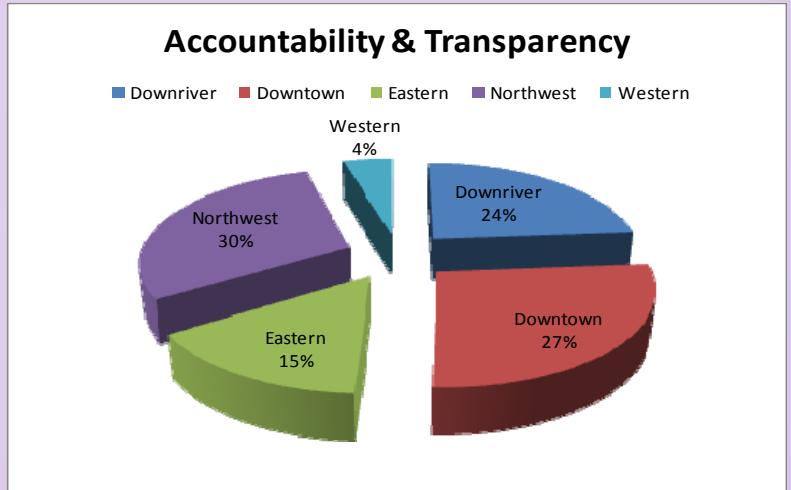
- ◆ Handicap door upgrade
- ◆ Expand stage in auditorium (Working on quotes)
- ◆ Banners for poles (on eight mile)
- ◆ Marquee
- ◆ Security cameras

Northwest

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

Western

- ◆ Soccer field project (in process)
- ◆ Lawn/weeds issue (In process)
- ◆ Nursing lab move (sink replacement, curtain install)(In process)
- ◆ Marquee needs repair/replacing
- ◆ Sprinkler heads need adjusting (In process)



Downriver Campus	
Total	\$627,954.94
*Projects Pending	
Downtown Campus	
Total	\$718,366.31
*Projects Pending	
Eastern Campus	
Total	\$350,964.28
*Projects Pending	
Northwest Campus	
Total	\$790,960.77
*Projects Pending	
Western Campus	
Total	\$117,488.00
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