

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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Global Conversations SPEAKER SERIES



Detroit Mayor Dave Bing answers questions posed to him by Bankole Thompson, the senior editor of the Michigan Chronicle during the Global Conversations Speakers Series at the Downtown Campus. The focus was on plans to move the city of Detroit and the region forward. Over 300 faculty, staff, students and community members were in attendance.



Vera Leonard and Your 7 Significant Strengths

Do you know what your unique strengths are? What activities energize you and contribute to a great day at work? The support team at WCCCD had a chance to find out the answers to those questions in a workshop on Monday. The workshop, entitled Developing a Peak-Performing Team, was facilitated by Vera Leonard, Executive Coach and Leadership Consultant. The objective was to provide a sense of group identity, purpose and meaning. Participants received individualized reports on their significant seven strengths and learned how their strengths contribute to a strong, productive team. On Tuesday, executives had a similar opportunity when they participated in a workshop on High-Performance Leadership, also led by Ms. Leonard. She introduced a leadership assessment tool that is being applied for leadership development in community colleges. Her message was that high-performing leaders know themselves and use that self-awareness to build a plan for achieving career success. The sessions were lively, interactive and fun as everyone had an opportunity to explore how they are perceived by their colleagues and compare the perception to how they see themselves.



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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ In order to address the facilities issues throughout the District, the Auxiliary Services and Facilities departments are meeting regularly to discuss issues each campus is facing. By having these meetings, they are immediately able to address problems concerning much needed repairs, purchases, new equipment, supplies and materials.
- ◆ The Finance Department held a bi-monthly Grant Management meeting. This forum allowed for discussion of grant activity including program outcomes, grant funded staff positions and expenditure reporting. It also serves as a communication tool for the alignment of District offices.



BRING ON THE SNOW! Just Kidding!

The Facilities Department recently purchased all new powerful, state-of-the-art snow removal equipment for the District's Northwest Campus. The John Deere-Gator XUV 825i is equipped with a snow blade, snow throwers and salt spreader. In addition to our contracted snow removal service, this new equipment will allow the Facilities staff to address immediate snow emergency needs which will significantly reduce the District's liability exposure due to slip and fall injuries. The equipment can also be used year-round to transport heavy materials and supplies to different areas of the campus.

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



SENIOR CITIZEN SAFETY TIPS

As a senior citizen, chances of becoming a victim of crime increases dramatically. You may have a lifetime of experiences, but being aware of your surroundings, staying alert to situations that may make you vulnerable, following your intuition, and watching out for con-games can make all the difference in staying safe. Remember!



Because many criminals target those victims who are considered vulnerable, it is imperative that senior citizens be the "BOSS" (Be Observant, Smart, Safe) whether at home or during their travels.

- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings whether you are in an office building, walking down a street, in a shopping mall, waiting for a bus or driving a vehicle.
- ◆ Carry your purse close to your body...not dangling by the strap. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart. Never leave your purse unattended and never leave your purse open.
- ◆ Place your wallet in the inside coat or front pants pocket.
- ◆ Wrap a rubber band around your wallet to make it harder to be removed from your pocket.
- ◆ Do not carry large amounts of cash in your wallet, purse or in your pockets.
- ◆ Try to sit close to the bus driver or the "exit" while riding public transportation.
- ◆ Always look around before entering or exiting a vehicle. Once inside the car, lock doors and keep them locked while driving. Be particularly alert in parking lots and underground parking structures.

Source: City of Detroit Official Website

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



The District IT Team has been working in setting up the Training Labs for the Software Engineering Boot Camp that is being offered at the University Center in partnership with the Global IT consulting company INFOSYS. The team will assist the participants with the software installation required for the training. This camp is designed to prepare participants to become software engineers within eighteen weeks. Participants had to pass skills assessment to be admitted into the program.

Website Hits



For the week of March 7 – 13, we received 50,311 visits to our website. Visits came from 53 countries. We received 6,394 hits for the academic schedules and 2,601 hits for the college catalog. The average time on the site was 5:31 minutes.

The Top 5 Content Views

Financial Aid- 9,939
Student Services- 8,929
Academic Program- 8,250
Distance Learning- 7,096
Academic Schedules- 6,394

STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ WCCCD's TRIO- Student Support Services Program participated in a Detroit Economic Club (DEC) meeting. Featured speakers were Andrew Liveris, Chairman and CEO of the Dow Chemical Company and Dr. Mary Sue Coleman, President of the University of Michigan. Both are members of President Obama's Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (AMP), a national effort bringing together industry, universities, and the federal government to invest in the emerging technologies that will create high quality manufacturing jobs and enhance our global competitiveness. The DEC Educational Outreach Program provides a unique opportunity for high school and college students to engage in today's important business and political issues.



- ◆ The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) 2012 All-American Team Awards Program and Luncheon, hosted by the Michigan Community College Association, was held in Lansing. Prior to the ceremony students took an educational journey to the state capitol where they saw senators who were debating a bill on education. The keynote speaker, John Walsh of the Michigan House of Representatives, he affirmed the hopes of students by focusing on two points: 1. Michigan is considered the first or second best state experiencing economic recovery. 2. Community college graduates will be able to secure new jobs in this improving economy in Michigan. Congratulations to our PTK All-American Team honorees, Monique Cleveland, Modou Gaye, BreAnna Plummer, and Pauline Taylor!

- ◆ The Division of Student Services and the School of Continuing Education hosted an Employability Readiness Seminar. Presentations on how to complete an employment application, what to wear to a job interview and job interviewing do's and don'ts were given. Mock interviews were conducted. Representatives from Detroit Michigan Works, Michigan Career and Technical Institute-East, Dress for Success-Michigan, Wayne County Step Program and Michigan Commission for the Blind were in attendance.



MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY MICHIGAN COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

- ◆ Michigan Technological University (MTU) – Michigan College/University Partnership (MICUP) Unlock Your Future program, of which WCCCD is a partner, has been selected to receive the Promising Practices Award, sponsored by the Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs Knowledge Community within NASPA. The Promising Practices Award recognizes programs and services that contribute to collaborative and/or the integration of student services and academic affairs in a college or university setting.
- ◆ We are proud to announce WCCCD students have secured 12 of only 21 competitive seats between three community colleges, for a seven-week MICUP research internship at Michigan Technological University (MTU).
- ◆ WCCCD has been a long-standing member in the MICUP. This transfer transition program with MTU offers a paid seven-week summer undergraduate internship. Recently former MICUP participants visited several Detroit Public Schools in conjunction with the National Society of Black Engineers to encourage young people to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We are proud of Ellesse Bess, Darlene Epps, Clarence Hardwick and Reginald Hicks for exemplifying the values of student and community service. We wish them continued success as they work on achieving their academic goals.

In the Student Service News...

The research studies by the Community College Research Center underscores the importance of using the placement test Accuplacer in combination with other valid and reliable measures when evaluating a student's college and career readiness.

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Careers Open for Those Without Four-Year Degrees

A study done by Georgetown University's Center on education and workforce found that unemployment rates for recent college graduates was 8.9 percent, with students possessing degrees in architecture topping the list at a 13.9 percent unemployment rate. So what about those people who don't have a traditional four-year college degree? What options are out there for people with associate's and GED's? Developmental Specialist in the School of Continuing Education, Andre Jackson, said "it's certainly obtainable for one to have a career when completing a certificate program at WCCCD. One of the most popular certificate programs is web design." Participants are qualified to work as a web designer or consultant in a corporate setting or independently upon completion of this program.



District-wide Weekly CE Enrollment Maintenance Report

During the week of March 5 -10, 2012 the District served 2,091 participants by partnering with 16 community organizations.

- ◆ Downriver Campus- 433
- ◆ Downtown Campus- 126
- ◆ Eastern Campus- 1,388
- ◆ *Northwest Campus
- ◆ Western Campus- 72

* No report submitted

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

The Standards for Libraries in Higher Education is a recent publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries. The publication is designed to guide academic libraries in advancing and sustaining their role as partners in educating students, achieving their institution's mission, and positioning libraries as leaders in continuous improvement on their campuses. One of the key principles addressed was the significant role of libraries as partners of the institution to develop and support information-literate learners who can use information effectively for academic success, research, and lifelong learning.

WCCCD's Learning Resource Centers (LRC) are committed to provide information literacy opportunities for its students. LRC programs include class orientation sessions, open orientations, informational sessions, film series, and the District-wide Book Club discussions. Since the beginning of this year, the LRCs District-wide have provided:

- ◆ 50 Class Orientation with 1,051 students
- ◆ 4 Open Orientation Sessions
- ◆ 1 Information Session about Electronic Resources
- ◆ Film Series at the campuses
- ◆ District-wide Book Club discussions with more than 70 participants



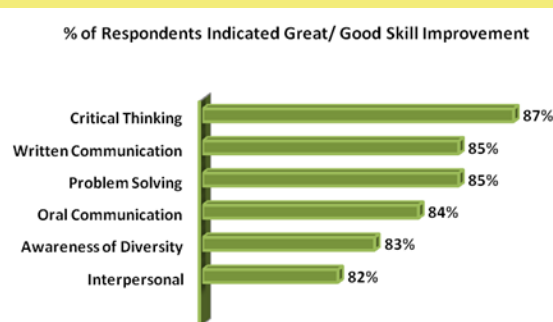
GUEST AUTHOR

Author Beverly Jenkins will be at the Western Campus on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 2:00pm.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Did you know?

Upon degree completion, students are surveyed to capture their immediate perceptions regarding overall academic and student life experience at WCCCD. Graduates in 2011 indicated "good to great" skill improvements in all the core ability areas listed to the right.



FINANCIAL AID

The Student Solutions Team is gearing up for the 2012-13 financial aid award year. Strategic planning, informational sessions and training are currently taking place in order to produce the optimal customer service experience for our student body. Teams members from across the District have played integral roles in developing a plan that will streamline processes.



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ◆ Dr. Ron Harkness and Karen Jackson are meeting with each campus as the District continues with the Fall 2012 Schedule development. This process is extremely important in a multi-campus institution. A critical part of this endeavor includes making data-driven decisions, along with involvement from campus-level leadership.

1,566 and counting!

That's the number of visitors to the 'Scholars Corner' website, a site for adjunct faculty in support of teaching and learning, professional development opportunities fostering excellence in teaching and learning, and scholastic discussions on issues pertaining to higher education governance and its impact on adjunct faculty. Check it out at: http://www.wccd.edu/dept/ajfaculty_home.htm

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Did you know?



By 2020, India will have overtaken China as the country sending the most people to study in the United States, according to a new report by the British Council. The report, "The Shape of Things to Come: Higher Education Global Trends and Emerging Opportunities to 2020," estimates that 118,000 Indians will be enrolled at American colleges then, compared with 101,000 Chinese students.

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS

- ◆ In preparation for summer registration, the Eastern Campus held an advising fair this week. Students were advised of classes to take this summer and many had transcript audits done to determine their eligibility for graduation.



- ◆ Dr. Sandra Robinson, Rodney Patrick, Carol Wells and Paul Gray attended a meeting with the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) to discuss recent changes to the DDOT bus schedules. Many of these changes affect our students who rely on bus transportation to get to and from the Eastern Campus. At the conclusion of the meeting it was determined that there would be no change or minimal change to two of the routes. It was also decided that the Eastern Campus would maintain communication with DDOT to alert them of our semester changes. This would minimize the possibility of mid-semester changes with the DDOT schedule.
- ◆ Dr. Robinson was invited by State Representative Lisa Howze to participate in a Transportation Summit to discuss Detroit's Coleman A. Young International Airport and the opportunities in aviation and other career related fields that might be available at the District. At the conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Robinson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation awarded by the Michigan House of Representatives acknowledging her support and her presentation at the Summit.

UNIVERSITY CENTER



Dr. Sandra Robinson, Dr. Julie Corbett, Gary Cummings, and Mike Dotson met with the Grosse Pointe Farms mayor and city council to give them an overview of the University Center and its university/college partnerships. Everyone was impressed with the level of partnership activity.

ON THE MOVE....

- ◆ Tammy Smith, Learning Assistant Specialist at the Downriver Campus presented the Achieve the Dream students with a packet containing many note-taking tools. The packet contained important reasons to take notes, note-taking suggestions, and listening skills.
- ◆ Yvette McElroy Anderson attended the "Understanding the Impact of Poverty on Education" conference" at Wayne State University. This conference provided an opportunity for participants to learn about the research related to poverty and how it affects education. It also brought together scholars and practitioners to discuss recent accomplishments, as well as, what is still needed to have a positive impact on the issue of poverty.

CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GENEALOGICAL CLUB

- ◆ The Western Campus hosted the monthly meeting of the Genealogical Club. Members presented were Darin McKissic, Charles Butler Jr., Earlene Tolliver, Brenda Carmichael, and Denise Williams along with club advisors Carolyn Carter and Asia Browner. Ms. Williams shared her experiences of a trip she recently took to the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They house a large collection of newspapers on Microfilm, print and microtext catalogs, state and numerous subject snapshots and numerous free databases all used to research genealogy.



BELLEVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- ◆ The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) hosted their membership meeting at the Western Campus. The BACC works to promote and grow overall businesses within and around the Belleville area. Through membership, many different opportunities are offered to members in areas such as, marketing, strategic planning, community involvement and education.

VAN BUREN SOCCER ASSOCIATION

- ◆ Van Buren Soccer Association hosted their coach's meeting at the Western Campus. The coaches reviewed new ideas for offensive and defensive skills, and positive ways to support the concepts of teamwork, responsibility and commitment. Discussion also focused on creating a fun, safe nurturing environment where children can learn the technical and tactical skills of soccer were discussed as well.



PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- ◆ Avanti Herczeg and Earlene Williams conducted the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society new member orientations at the Northwest and Western campuses. The orientation was held to explain in detail the benefits of joining the honor society. Students were able to apply for official membership after the orientation. PTK is a national honor society that recognizes outstanding students who have completed 12 or more college credits with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

- ◆ Representatives from Wayne State University were at the Downtown Campus to disseminate information about transferability to their institution after students graduate from WCCCD.



WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency – Food Providers Gardeners Roundtable for their pre- season meeting. The Growers and supporters from around the state were present to discuss upcoming events and goals for this year.



GIRL SCOUTS PERFORM A FLASH MOB AT THE DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted a Flash Mob for the Girl Scouts of America for their anniversary. Girl Scouts from local troops were on hand to participate in the celebration as local residents, family, friends and students enjoyed their production.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The Downriver Campus hosted the American Association of University Women for their annual Woman of the Year Award Ceremony. Each year a woman, and even occasionally a man, is selected from the Downriver area that have made worthy contributions to the community.



HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the second Annual Performer's Expo and Open House. Performers were given the opportunity to perform in front of Detroit-area talent-buyers from various venues and festivals. The performances were open to the public. In addition, an educational workshop for performers was conducted by NKS Events.



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

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

- ◆ The Wayne County Public Health Department Federal Emergency Management Administration's Incident Command 100, 200, 700 and 800 Level training was held for both WCCCD and Wayne County Sheriff employees.
- ◆ The Wayne County Sheriffs Department held a one-day class on Concealed Pistol License (CPL). The class addressed loading and unloading, care and cleaning, fundamentals of marksmanship, self-defense and Michigan Laws pertaining to concealed weapons.
- ◆ The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in partnership with the Wayne County Sheriffs Office held a two-day Senior Driver Safety Program. Students learned about current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate a vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. After completing the course, students will have a greater appreciation of driving challenges and of how to avoid potential collisions or injuries to themselves and others.



IRMA GISSTENAR IS A 20 YEAR PATIENT AT THE WCCCD DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC

Currently being serviced by Chelsea Village, 2nd year Dental Hygiene student, Irma Gisstennar is a senior citizen patient that has been coming to the Dental Hygiene clinic for 20 years. She faithfully comes every 6 months for preventive dental hygiene services. Ms. Gisstennar continues to return because of "the excellent care and the thorough treatment; low cost; accessibility to the Northwest Campus; the excellent caring and personable students, staff and leadership."

IN THE MAIL....



"I teach English in the General Arts Building at the Northwest Campus, my class is located in the farthest corner of the administration suite. There is no traffic that far back into the suite except for students attending my class. I have to let you know that the deans and the security personnel consistently check on me throughout the day. They do not merely listen to make certain that I am okay; they make certain to come to the door and make eye contact with me each time. Because of that, I feel so safe and protected, and I appreciate the thoughtfulness so much. I thank them often!" **Maria Jackson-Smith, English 119/120 Instructor**

"I wanted to take a moment to send the word around that I've passed NCLEX, and am now an RN! Words cannot begin to describe how thankful I am for the energy, compassion, and dedication that you've invested into my education. I knew going into NCLEX that I had been educated by some of the best, and that I was more than prepared. You are the reason that WCCCD has an amazing NCLEX pass rate, and delivers top-notch nurses! Keep on doing what you're doing, and always keep in mind that you will never be forgotten! Thank you a million times over!" **Stephanie Sobus- 2011 Nursing Graduate**

"I would like to take the opportunity to share a recent positive experience at Wayne County Community College District. I think it is important for you to know about the quality cooperation and assistance I received on behalf of a cooperative effort by your faculty and staff at Western Campus and Northwest Campus. I am a current student and attend the Western Campus. I am also a Federal Work Study student employee in the Instruction Department at the Western Campus effective this Spring 2012 semester. I have returned to college after more than twenty-five years and am enjoying my return to the college life. I have been impressed overall with your faculty and staff. They seem to try to meet my expectations and I feel have exceeded them this time. I am a student in Professor Kitakis' BIO-240 lecture class. Professor Kitakis is very thorough and a great lecture and Biology professor." **Student-Susan Policicchio**

Breaking News from the Nursing Department!



The Nursing Department has received notification from the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission that we are now in "candidacy status" which means we have demonstrated potential to achieve NLNAC accreditation. This is determined through a review process of critical elements of the Nursing Program including faculty, curriculum, resources, and outcomes. The review is conducted by members of the professional staff of NLNAC based on a written presentation prepared by the Nursing Program administrator and faculty members.

Western Campus Facility Update

Facilities staff at the Western Campus have been replacing damaged ceiling tiles in the Instructional Office.



BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

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

**Art and
Storytelling**

Lecture and Demonstration
with
CAROLE MORISSEAU

Thursday, March 22, 2012
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

Campus Accomplishments District-wide

Downriver

- ◆ Millennium House walkway-cut and removed overgrown trees
- ◆ Auto Shop bay area-repaired air line hoses
- ◆ Career and Technical Lab-made repairs to exterior doors
- ◆ Machine Tool Room# E124 repaired the roll up door
- ◆ Career and Technical Tech Yard Area-cleaned winter debris from the yard

Downtown

- ◆ The new chiller is here and is being installed; completion time is schedule for the end of April.
- ◆ Ladies restrooms have all received a new coat of paint
- ◆ Parking lot #1- Large pot holes has been repaired
- ◆ Elevators annual routine maintenance has been completed
- ◆ Multi-purpose #236- Stage was sanded to remove black shoe scratch marks and restored and polish
- ◆ Old registration booth have finally been removed out of the shipping and receiving area, creating much needed space

Eastern

- ◆ Student and faculty parking lot pole lights have been repaired
- ◆ Air handling unit# 01 and heating ventilator #02 are now all working properly
- ◆ Campus ground and parking lots-all general spring cleaning has been done to all outside perimeters of the campus building and parking lots

University Center

- ◆ Room# 131: training class room: recently underwent renovation that included installation of a new white dry board; four lamp ballast; room tables and chairs as well as set up power strip for laptops
- ◆ Outside wall lights were also repaired and are now functioning properly

Northwest

- ◆ Air conditioning system in General Administration Building-G4 Computer Lab have now been completed and ready for the Spring season
- ◆ All campus grounds are being cleaned and readied for Spring Season
- ◆ All building Interiors are undergoing new fresh paint

Western

- ◆ The flag poles-exterior ground lights are all working properly
- ◆ Ballard walkway electrical lights-circuit has now been repaired
- ◆ Exterior parking lot – Pole Light has also been repaid and are now working fine

Accountability & Transparency

