

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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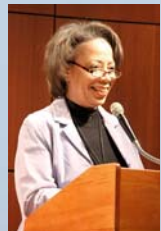


Global Conversations **SPEAKER SERIES**

Governor Rick Snyder visits WCCCD!



Rev. Jesse Jackson



Kimberly Simmons

The Student Services Division and the School of Continuing Education featured several speakers this week as part of our Global Conversations Speaker Series at the Downtown Campus.

Governor Rick Snyder held a Town Hall Meeting where his focus was on the financial future of Detroit. The governor stated that "he has no desire to manage Detroit and simply wants to be a supporting partner in helping the city stabilize its finances and implementing spending forums."

Reverend Jesse Jackson spoke on the importance of recapturing the momentum of the civil rights movement, fight for freedom and fiscal responsibility.

In honor of Women's History Month, Kimberly Simmons, whose great, great, great grandmother, Caroline Quarlls traveled through the Underground Railroad to freedom, presented "A Family Legacy of Freedom." The event featured the Detroit River Project. Participants were also able to take a tour through the Detroit landmarks and sites of the Underground Railroad.

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WCCCD HOSTS RC2020 SPRING 2012 CEO ROUNDTABLE



As a member of RC-2020, Inc., a nonprofit association of community colleges serving urban cities around the world, the District had a rare opportunity to host a semi-annual roundtable of chief executive officers this week. We are excited to share our successes and learn new strategies we might employ from other global urban centers. The roundtable goes through Sunday; however, here are some pictures of their visit to the Northwest and Downriver campuses.



BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery in partnership with the School of Continuing Education, hosted the opening reception for the Traces: Mark Making in Prints exhibit held at the Downriver Campus. The exhibit features exciting images both figurative and abstract created by Evangeline Montgomery and Jeanne Poulet. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am– 5:00pm. The exhibit will be on display until May 25, 2012.




Upcoming Event



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

The Business of Art



Lecture and Demonstration
with
MATTHEW HANNA
*Artist and Business Owner of
Midwest White Glove Fine Art Transportation*

Thursday, April 19, 2012
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

For more information, please call 313-496-2510
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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ The Payroll Department is pleased to announce the success of the staff payroll audit held on Friday, March 16th. Employees were required to complete an employee verification form and present a valid state ID or driver's license to verify accuracy of information. All employee pay groups with the exception of faculty, were required to participate in the audit.
- ◆ The Administration and Finance Division and the Financial Aid Department are meeting on a weekly basis to discuss the ongoing changes in financial aid regulations. The team utilizes the Financial Aid Hand Book along with the Blue Book in order to review regulation. In addition, best practices are reviewed to improve current policies to enhance service to students. These weekly meetings will ensure that the District maintains compliance and transparency as part of a continuous quality assurance initiative.

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



It was an exercise designed to provide another level of training in response to an active shooter in a local school. A team of District Public Safety officers arrived at the vacant Greenfield campus to participate in the simulation of a high risk response for an active shooter. The joint-training exercise was conducted by the Harper Woods Grosse Pointe Special Response Team also known as SWAT. The training is a new state-wide approach to keeping schools safe by preparing first responders with the skills and techniques to deal with perilous situations prior to the arrival of SWAT and municipal agencies. The basic plan is to teach WCCCD campus police the response team fundamentals which other colleges, universities and city patrol officers are receiving to transform them into a universal response agency where any member of either campus police, city or state police will be able to collaborate in the presence of an active shooter.

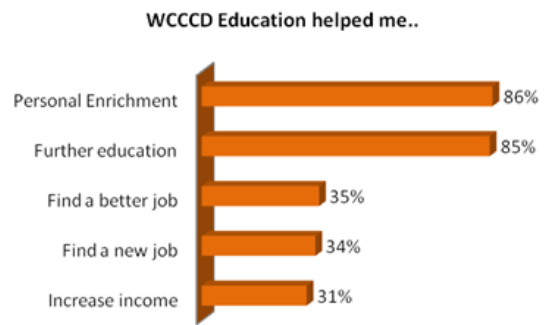


INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Staff from various divisions in the District attended the BANNER Executive Summit and the BANNER Summit this week. This annual conference was a great opportunity for networking and learning new developments on products being offered by Sunguard.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

- ◆ According to American Associates of Community Colleges, community colleges are diverse institutions that serve a wide variety of needs. Students who come to upgrade their skills for a particular job, students who are pursuing an associate degree to transfer to a 4-year institution and students who come to pursue a hobby. The educational outcomes of community college students reflect this diversity. Source: www.aacc.nche.edu
- ◆ According to the 2011 WCCCD New Graduates Exit Survey, WCCCD graduates indicated that in addition to obtaining their associate degree or certificate, the education they received at WCCCD helped them meet the following variety of needs.



Website Hits



For the week of March 21 – 27, we received 58,699 visits to our website. Visits came from 48 countries.

Top 5 Countries

United States
Canada
India
Mexico
Lebanon

STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ Staff from the Recruitment and Outreach Department participated in Cody High School's Open House. The open house allowed students and parents to have one-on-one conversations with WCCCD staff and gave our recruiters the opportunity to echo the District's mission on community empowerment. Information on career programs and admissions was distributed.
- ◆ The Student Services Division and the Dreamkeepers Committee continue to support the needs of our students by servicing more than 300 student applicants who expressed emergency financial need. Dreamkeepers, a program of Scholarship America, which was established by the Lumina Foundation for Education, helps students overcome unforeseen financial emergencies and remain in school.
- ◆ As part of the District's mission to "empower individuals, businesses and communities", the Student Services Division hosted an on-site information fair at the Considine Little Rock Family Life Center. Prospective students were able to speak directly to admissions representatives on how to prepare for the upcoming Summer 2012 registration, complete the FAFSA Application and scholarship availability.

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



- ◆ Staff at the Eastern Campus participated in a CVS Awards Program Luncheon honoring trainees in the Hospitality Retail Management Program and the Eastern Campus students participated in the grant program. Dr. Lee Meadows, adjunct professor at Walsh College, was the guest speaker.

- ◆ Dr. Sandra Robinson and Cynthia Wilson supported the James Tatum 25th Anniversary Jazz and Classical Music Benefit Concert in recognition of professor James Tatum.
- ◆ The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus hosted a Special Populations Career Fair with more than 30 companies and resources that provided resume reviews and information sharing. The event attracted over 300 attendees. Special population students include the following, but are not limited to, students with disabilities, veterans, single parents, ex-offenders, economically disadvantaged, and non-traditional degree seeking students.



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ◆ We have outstanding faculty who teach online at WCCCD. Here is feedback from a student regarding Steven Goldberg, English Instructor.

"I'm thankful that WCCCD chooses it's faculty with such care and consideration. My first year back to school has been challenging, rewarding and esteem building. I attribute most of my experience in this first year to professors like Mr. Goldberg. Professors that are dedicated, encouraging, motivating and uplifting in subjects that might otherwise be seen as dull or boring. It seems like everyone remembers those few "special" teachers/professors they had in their life. The ones that truly made a difference and the ones you will always respectfully remember. Mr. Goldberg is one of those few "special" teachers/professors!"



- ◆ The Veterinary Technology Program hosted the southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association's ultrasound lab. WCCCD students monitored the animals under anesthesia, while other students prepared the lab setup for the dogs and cats. There were 19 veterinarians from around Michigan who assisted with the event.

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ DaShonta Simpkins attended the 2012 Parents Empowering Parents (PEP) Conference sponsored by the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and Wayne County Head Start. This conference provided families an opportunity to receive leadership training and network with other parents. Participants were provided an opportunity to receive free health screenings and valuable information from various community organizations on programs and services.



- ◆ Through the integration of technology, the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development partnered with Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan to provide specialized new hire screening for potential employees applying for the Clerk I position with the court. Approximately 150 applicants were successfully screened and tested.

District-wide Weekly CE Enrollment Maintenance Report

During the week of March 19 - 24, 2012 the District served 933 participants by partnering with 17 community organizations.

Downriver Campus- 171
 Downtown Campus- 36
 Eastern Campus- 192
 Northwest Campus- 208
 Western Campus- 326

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

The Western Campus LRC has a new science area. This quiet area is perfect for studying and is equipped with the anatomical models for students to explore the human skeletal system. In addition, students have access to two great new electronic resources, Skeletal System (Biology), links will allow them to access real photographs of the human skeletal system and to quiz their knowledge on the structures of the skeletal system and Khan Academy, which is a site with a library of over 2,800 videos.



HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center presented the national tour of Damn Yankees, the Home Run Broadway Musical. Hundreds of ticketholders enjoyed classic show tunes.



Campus Upgrades

FACILITY REPAIRS AT THE WESTERN CAMPUS

W.J. O'Neil is repairing the HVAC supply fan for air handler Unit 3 to provide proper air flow throughout the campus.



NEW FURNITURE AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

The Downtown Campus continues to improve its physical environment along with several renovations. A recent update include the replacement of old furniture in the Administration Office.

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit for hands-on training in an Interview and Interrogation Course.

- ◆ Dennis Andrew and Gil Solis participated in a webinar on Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Planning for Businesses. They discussed natural disasters such as tornados, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. The theme was how to plan for an emergency, train employees, and execute the plan.
- ◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education conducted a first aid course for employees. This course taught how to administer CPR and first aid, use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and how to handle emergency situations, taking basic precautions to prevent disease transmission. Employees also learned to care for injuries or sudden illness until advanced medical help arrives, help in breathing and cardiac emergencies. This class also taught care for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness, shock and injury.



UNIVERSITY CENTER

Dr. Sandra Robinson, Dr. Ron Harkness, Denise Shannon, Dr. Julie Corbett, Andrew McQueen, and Gary Cummings visited Macomb Community College's University Center. The visit provided an in-depth look at programs, policies and procedures related to university partnerships with Macomb Community College and suggestions for the potential growth of WCCCD's University Center.



Brain Injury Awareness

The Brain Injury Awareness seminar hosted by the Western Campus provided critical information to participants about traumatic brain injury and prevention. Senior therapists from the Detroit Medical Center provided information on resources available through the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.



Youth Leadership Education

The Downriver Campus hosted the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Youth Leadership Educational Module. These high schools students were introduced to various education systems from high school to four-year university and colleges. They were also provided a tour of MIPSE, the Downriver Campus and the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.



CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- ◆ Dr. Debraha Watson attended the DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital ground breaking. The hospital is developing a \$77 million construction project. The renovations will include a new lobby, expanded ER and ICU and a Radiology unit. The DMC is one of our major health care partners for clinical training. This expansion will provide our students the opportunity to work in a state of the art facility our region and expand on job opportunities for our graduates.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus and MIPSE provided a tour and career demonstrations for Harper Wood Chandler Park Academy High School students.
- ◆ In the spirit of reminding students about their potential eligibility for Phi Theta Kappa and/or the Trio Transfer Program, Yolanda Russell, Transfer Coordinator, and Nancy Teatro, PTK Liaison at the Downtown Campus, held a meet-and-greet for students.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring into Poetry Workshop

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
9:00-11:30am
Downtown Campus

Financial Education Workshop

Thursday, April 5, 2012
6:00-9:00pm
Corporate College at the Eastern Campus

The 25th Annual 4C Month of the Young Child Conference

Saturday, April 21, 2012
8:00am- 2:00pm
Downtown Campus

College Week

April 30-May 4, 2012
10:00am- 4:00pm
Corporate College at the Eastern Campus

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSITUTE

The Downriver Campus hosted the Organizational Development Institute workshop titled Introduction to iPad. This workshop introduced staff and faculty to the most popular tablet. It covered general uses, features, pros and cons of each model and comparisons to other brands.



On the Move...

- ◆ Loretta Hunter attended the first meeting of the Dalnet Cataloging and Database Standards Committee -University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. The focus of the meeting was brainstorming.
- ◆ Dr. Debraha Watson, Matt Green, Doris Fields and Mike Farah took a best practices visit to the Michigan State University Learning and Assessment Center. The center houses the largest state of the art simulation lab in Michigan for training physicians, nurses and allied health personnel.
- ◆ Jo Ann Nyquist attended the Downriver Career Technical Consortium Wide Advisory Committee meeting. The purpose of the committee is to provide a stronger link between the school and the business community which employs WCCCD graduates.



100 HIGHEST ASSOCIATE DEGREE PRODUCING INSTITUTIONS

WCCCD continues to demonstrate its commitment to students' access and success. In the latest issue of Diverse Issues in Higher Education, the District was nationally ranked for the number of associate degrees awarded to minority students during 2010-11 in a number of academic areas. Of the 100 highest associate degree producing institutions, it was ranked number one in the number of Associate Degrees awarded in the Social Sciences and number five in the number of awards in Dental Support Services.



DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



Wayne
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Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

Downriver

- ◆ LRC renovation (new carpet, painting, furniture, redesign of current space– 4/6/12)
- ◆ Marquee out front not working, needs repair or replacement (In process)
- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots (In process)
- ◆ EPAC Landscaping (Mid-May 2012)
- ◆ Air conditioning condenser pump not working (Being reviewed)

Downtown

- ◆ Bathrooms need renovation (Bid awarded)
- ◆ Remodeling of Learning Center lab with new floor tiles instead of carpet (room 239)(4/6/12).
- ◆ 12 new tables for atrium with 50 matching chairs (Waiting for delivery)
- ◆ LRC Upgrades –furniture, lights, etc. (In process)

Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU and chillers (Obtaining bids)
- ◆ Security Cameras (In process)
- ◆ Evacu-chair (Order placed 3/22/12)

University Center

- ◆ Security Cameras (On hold until next installment)
- ◆ Bathroom not completed, temporarily repaired
- ◆ Classroom # 131, furniture needs to be ordered-wall mount projector and dry erase board-platform needs building, electrical work
- ◆ Parking lot light pole – needs replacement, was knocked down during snow removal (In process)
- ◆ Handicap door upgrade

Northwest

- ◆ Carpeting in L17 in the Laboratory Science Building is in need of replacement (4/6/12)
- ◆ Backup generator for the Welcome Center is in need of service.(3/29/12)
- ◆ Surge protection for emergency power system will need to be installed

Western

- ◆ LRC Lights need wiring repair (4/3/12)
- ◆ Plumbing issues (4/2/12)

Accountability & Transparency

