

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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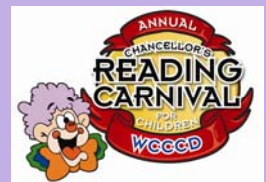
Global Conversations SPEAKER SERIES

Global Conversation Speakers Series featured noted author and Associate Professor of Law at Ohio State University, Michelle Alexander. The session, moderated by radio personality Mildred Gaddis, highlighted topics in Alexander's book The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness.



Campus Beautification Best Practice

Kudos to Downtown Campus President Annette Black and her team of India Smith, Norman McRae, Johnny Belton, Ron Offet, and Roger Turner for developing a campus beautification best practice that is yielding visible results every day. They have developed schematic drawings for the inside of the campus and the external grounds and noted any areas needing attention several times each day. They log in work orders into an Excel file and track the status of requests. Their efforts are noticed and much appreciated.



**5th Annual
Chancellor's
Reading Carnival**

May 19, 2012
Downtown Campus
11:00am– 2:00pm

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BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

K-12 Student Art Exhibition "Art Makes My World"

The School of Continuing Education in partnership with the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery, presented the 8th Annual K-12th grade Student Art Exhibit at the Downtown Campus. This exhibition honors students who have demonstrated excellence in a wide variety of two-dimensional visual art forms including drawing, painting and printmaking. The projects showcase a variety of styles, techniques, materials. The exhibit will run until May 31, 2012.



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ◆ This week, the Educational Affairs Division began the process of faculty selection for the Fall 2012 semester. Educational Affairs staff, along with campus administration, were at the Downriver Campus Thursday and Friday overseeing the selection process.
- ◆ Curriculum revisions have been made to the Mental Health and Early Childhood programs to align with industry standards. To reinforce these efforts, CharMaine Hines attended the Power of Possibilities Breakfast for the Children's Center. Founded more than 80 years ago by then U.S. Senator James Couzens, the center provides mental health, substance and public health to youth in Detroit.
- ◆ The ongoing debate of the value of a liberal arts versus a career-focused education centers on the differences between a targeted education model that is predicated on a singular plan of vocational training in a certain field i.e., learning to do, and an emphasis on intellectual discourse and learning to learn. The District's associate degree outcomes for students encompass both the liberal arts sentiment within a career-oriented framework.
- ◆ The Report of the National Commission on Community Colleges reminds us of the vital role that community colleges have assumed in closing the skills gap in America and how critical they will be in the future in preparing workers to enter high-demand stem fields, such as biotechnology, nanotechnology, health care, and new manufacturing technologies. Other reports have confirmed that the demand to fill jobs in the middle of the labor market, those requiring more than high school, but less than a four-year degree, will remain strong in the coming years. With this in mind, the District is currently examining its program menu to determine areas of expansion.

IN THE MAIL...We received the following letter from a former WCCCD student that I thought I would share with you. "It is with recognition and great appreciation that I write this letter especially to the staff at WCCCD, specifically Jack Dudde and Douglas Payne Jr., instructors for the Computer Numerical Control Technology and Computer Aided Industrial Graphics Design Technology programs. These two programs and instructors built a strong foundation through education for my continued endeavors. It is with great hope that WCCCD will continue to support these programs in providing opportunities for students to become successful in the manufacturing industry as I have done. Thanks to the instructors at WCCCD."

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



The District Public Safety Department recently refurbished and added to the patrol fleet, a fully marked Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. It is the law enforcement version of the Ford Crown Victoria. The patrol vehicles are a very pro-active part of keeping campuses safer. Having a visible presence on the campus makes the students, faculty and staff feel more secure, acts as a deterrent to crime, and may lead to a better educational atmosphere.



INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Did you know?

WCCCD is in collaboration with Michigan Workforce Development and seven other community colleges to close the gap in career and technical fields. WCCCD offers training in the five fastest industry-growing fields. The chart shows the top five career and technical degrees and certificates awarded each year.

WCCCD's Top "5" Career/Technical Programs
Nursing
Business Administration
Criminal Justice
Dental
Computer Information Systems

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced a partnership to offer free online courses to students around the world. The initiative, known as edX, will be run by a non-profit organization controlled by the two schools. Each has committed \$30 million to the effort. The first official courses will be announced this summer and are set to begin in the fall. EdX students won't receive university credit for the classes, which will span a variety of disciplines. There's no admissions process, but there are exams and other assessments, with certificates available "for a modest fee" to students who demonstrate mastery of the material.

WEBSITE HITS
 For the week of May 9 – 15, we received 62,549 visits to our website.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

LRC Reporting for Spring 2012 Semester

- ◆ Total Patrons Served: 188,528
- ◆ Circulation of Library Materials: 7,186 check outs this semester, with an addition of 138 requests fulfilled through MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) Resource Sharing network
- ◆ Audio-Visual Equipment Requests completed: 8,057
- ◆ Library Group Orientations/ Assignments: 76 classes with 1,456 students
- ◆ New Library Card privileges activated:- 1,277

HUMAN RESOURCES



As part of the WCCCD Human Resource Professional Development series, staff attended a seminar on Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972. The seminar was conducted by Attorney Godfrey Dillard, and he updated the group on current Title IX rules and regulations. He re-emphasized the main objective of the amendment which states that no person on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Staff reviewed all requirements and analyzed various scenarios which lead to a robust discussion.

STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ Several members of the Division of Student Services have participated in a series of webinars on improving services which positively impact student retention and student success outcomes. The Division is committed to studying best practices and professional development opportunities to remain effective in supporting the needs of our students.



- ◆ The Michigan Community College Association hosted Community College Day on providing an opportunity for state leaders to honor the 28 community colleges in Michigan. WCCCD representatives were active in the discussion and attended a reception for the Michigan legislators at the State Capital building in Lansing.

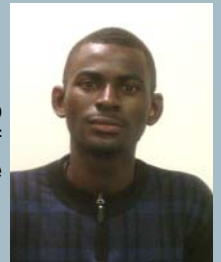


Achieving the Dream

The Achieving the Dream (AtD) team participated in the Echo360 Grants Program webinar on the topic of Lecture Capture. Soon the AtD team will begin a new intervention called the Lecture Capture System which is an umbrella term describing any technology that allows instructors to record what happens in their classrooms and make it available digitally. In addition to simple video recordings, instructors can incorporate other media as well (charts, diagrams, graphs, maps, tables, and websites) to enhance interactive learning. The webinar not only enlightened the ATD team about the benefits of having faculty use the Lecture Capture System to improve student learning but it also provided information about applying for a grant to secure this system at the District.

Student Success

- ◆ Akinleye Oyeniyi, WCCCD student has been accepted to the University of Michigan's Summer Research Program. The program involves one week of training and nine weeks of actual research. Mr. Oyeniyi has chosen to conduct research in the areas of biomedical/neurobiology and animal physiology.



- ◆ Commitment spells success for WCCCD student, Sabrina Chandler. Students with disabilities face great challenges in postsecondary education. Ms. Chandler connected early on by taking advantage of the support services offered through the District's ACCESS Program. She attended the Western Campus and will graduate from WCCCD on June 2nd. Ms. Chandler has enrolled in classes at Eastern Michigan University for the summer and is pursuing a baccalaureate degree in Sports Medicine.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The Fiscal Accountability Operation Center (FAOC) has begun the year-end closeout process. It is critical that we review, resolve and approve all check requests, invoices, travel reimbursements and receivers pertaining to FY11/12. In order to avoid processing delays, purchase order amounts should reflect adequate encumbrances for requested services. All documents being processed after June 30 must be clearly marked with the appropriate fiscal year to which the disbursement is pertaining.

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Department and Student Loan Management Center continue to provide exemplary customer service to students through many avenues. Students are able to receive answers to their most pressing questions in person with our Student Solutions Team, by phone on the student hotline and by email. The response to these coordinated efforts has been great. We are continuing to evaluate our delivery service and implement new and innovative ways of maintaining contact with our students.

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted several organizations and activities this week:



- ◆ Staff conducted the annual burn simulator training for instructors. The course included the characteristics of propane, the roles that a burn instructor will play, the proper method to setting up and closing down various burn simulators at MIPSE. A one-day workshop for the District lab aides was conducted this week which included fire extinguisher, lab safety and personal protection equipment training.
- ◆ Wayne County employees attended a first aid/CPR class. They learned basic first aid, CPR, and how to handle choking emergencies. These employees represent the first line of responders in cases of medical emergencies.
- ◆ Healthlink Medical Transportation held a Train the Trainer: An Instructors Course in Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO) Ambulance. The goal of the CEVO course is to facilitate the student's knowledge of the laws involving the operation of an emergency vehicle, with practical hands on opportunities to evaluate each student's driving abilities.
- ◆ Wayne County Public Health Department's Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Incident Command 100, 200, 700 and 800 level training for both WCCCD and Wayne County Sheriff employees was held this week.
- ◆ MIPSE will be overseeing the day-to-day operations of the District Science Labs. This will enhance communication and coordination of safety procedures, waste product removal, hazardous materials storage and training for campus staff, lab aides and faculty.



UNIVERSITY CENTER

- ◆ Dr. Sandra Robinson, Dr. Julie Corbett, Gary Cummings and Michael Dotson attended the Grosse Pointe Park City Council Meeting. They provided updates on the partnerships and activities offered at University Center.



- ◆ The University Center was pleased to host Cecilia Munoz, Domestic Policy Advisor from the White House. Ms. Munoz met with Dr. Sandra Robinson, Mr. Gary Cummings, the Infosys Boot Camp students, and several of our information technology partners.

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS

- ◆ The Entrepreneurial Institute and Resource Center (EI&RC) launched two new series of entrepreneurship workshops for targeted audiences within the community. The EI&RC has held seminars at the Christian Guidance Center (part of the Detroit Rescue Mission).



Andrew McQueen and Cora Chafin have been accepted into the Doctoral Cohort program at Ferris State University.

**2012 Commencement
June 2, 2012
11:00am
Ford Field**



The Northwest Campus having some fun!

"Fun at work can provide a competitive advantage," according to Adrian Gostick and Scott Christopher, authors of The Levity Effect: Why It Pays to Lighten Up. The deans at the Northwest Campus showcased their culinary skills by preparing a pancake breakfast for the entire campus community. It was an opportunity for conversation, laughter and great ideas for the coming semesters.



Kids' Fish 'n' Fun Day

The Downriver Campus hosted the Kids' Fish 'n' Fun Day at Heritage Park's Coan Lake in Taylor. This community education event is designed to bring practical information combined with hands-on instruction to young people between the ages of 7 and 12 about fishing and water safety. Participants learned how to identify specific fish, where to look for fish, tackle box supplies, and proper casting techniques.



District Public Safety Students Awarding of Certificates

The Downriver Campus hosted an awarding of certificate ceremony for Fire Fighter and Basic Emergency Medical Technician and Emergency Room Multi-skilled Healthcare students. Students were presented with specialty certificates and a MIPSE pin.



The National Genealogy Society



The National Genealogy Society hosted its Annual Family History Conference last week. This year's conference celebrated their 100th year anniversary. Carolyn Carter and Asia Browner networked with more than 2,000 genealogy professionals and

gained valuable knowledge on every aspect of genealogical research.

CAREER DAY AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS FOR HIGHLAND PARK STUDENTS

The Downtown Campus welcomed students from Highland Park High School as they attended a "Career Day" which was designed to introduce them to college life. Presentations on admissions, financial aid, registration and programs were conducted by campus staff.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG! DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION

THE DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

The Downriver Campus added colorful patio umbrellas to the patio picnic tables to provide shelter and little extra *pazzazz* for students.



SAVE THE DATE
May 26, 2012
9:00-11:00am

Staff at the District Office Building and the Downtown Campus will plant flowers in the courtyard. It is a tradition to invite staff members to participate in the beautification of our facilities. It is a wonderful event that brings staff members together to take pride in our working environment.

On the Move...

- ◆ Dr. Patrick McNally and Anthony Arminiak met with Mark Cochran from Congressional John D. Dingell office and Dr. John Hartig, Refuge Manager regarding an educational partnership opportunity for the District at its new Detroit International Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center site. This is the only Federal International Wildlife Refuge in North America.
- ◆ Mike Dotson and Cecile Taylor attended the monthly business luncheon of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon included an installation ceremony for new officers and directors. The guest speaker was Robert Ficano, Wayne County Executive.
- ◆ Dennis Andrew of MIPSE spoke at the monthly meeting of the Detroit Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) on the topic of Hazardous Materials.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

District-wide Weekly CE Enrollment Maintenance Report

During the week of May 7-12, 2012 the District served 225 participants by partnering with 12 community organizations.

Downriver Campus- 111 students
Downtown Campus- 0 students
Eastern Campus- 114 students
Northwest Campus- 0 students
Western Campus- 0 students

SPREADING THE WORD!



Priscilla Rodgers and Donnell Mason were featured with Detroit City Council member JoAnn Watson on "Wake Up Detroit" a local television broadcast on station W33BY/WHPR highlighting the 5th Annual WCCCD Chancellor's Reading Carnival for Children.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

****CAMPUS NEEDS AS OF May 17, 2012**

Downriver

- ◆ LRC renovation (new carpet, furniture, redesign of current space)
- ◆ Marquee out front not working, needs repair or replacement (marquee being ordered)
- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots (on hold until manufacturing equipment is moved).
- ◆ EPAC landscaping (In process)
- ◆ AC condenser pump not working (waiting for part)

Downtown

- ◆ Bathrooms need renovation (In process)
- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (In process)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot speed bump installation (No change)

Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU & chillers (vendor on sight)
- ◆ Security cameras (installation in process)
- ◆ Corporate college roof leak partially repair new work order submitted for new work (In process)

University Center

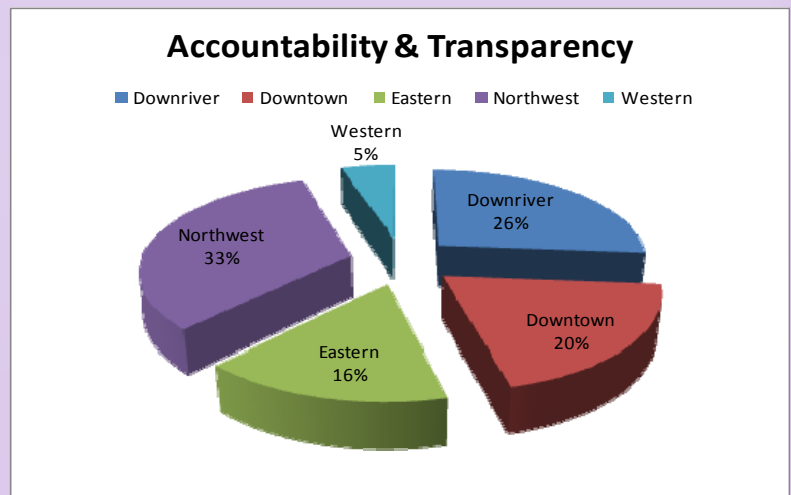
- ◆ Security cameras (on hold until next installment)
- ◆ Classroom # 131, furniture needs to be ordered-wall mount projector and dry erase board-platform needs building, electrical work

Northwest

- ◆ Carpeting in L17 in the laboratory science building is in need of replacement (In process)
- ◆ Backup generator for the welcome center is in need of service. (work in process)

Western

- ◆ Plumbing issues (In process)
- ◆ Soccer field needs to be completed



Downriver Campus	
Total	\$627,954.94
*Projects Pending	
Downtown Campus	
Total	\$474,912.11
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Eastern Campus	
Total	\$379,764.28
*Projects Pending	
Northwest Campus	
Total	\$790,960.77
*Projects Pending	
Western Campus	
Total	\$117,488.00
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