

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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WCCCD and University of Detroit Mercy Sign Partnership Agreement

Today, we signed a new partnership agreement with the University of Detroit Mercy. Dr. Antoine Garibaldi, president of the university joined with me in the execution of this new collaboration that will extend the articulation between our institutions and provide for the delivery of instruction at the University Center. We are excited about this unique relationship that will offer both baccalaureate and graduate level programs in a variety of disciplines including education and business. Many thanks to the District team for their diligent efforts in making this partnership possible.



Bon Voyage! Study Abroad Students Leave for Costa Rica

Please join me to say "bon voyage" to our students as they leave for Costa Rica this weekend on the study abroad trip. While in Costa Rica, the students will experience the cultural heritage of Costa Rica and its diverse geographical feature. The nursing students will receive an introductory lecture that will compare and contrast the healthcare delivery system between Costa Rica and the United States. The students will also study the language; visit the Poas Volcano, one of the largest geysers in the world and the history of coffee as one of the main cash crops.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE
CHANCELLOR: (313) 496-2510

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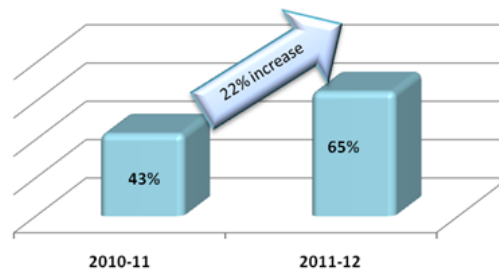
Did you know?

A recent U.S. News article entitled "Employers Demand More Community College Graduates" reported that in the past six months, the number of jobs for Americans who have completed an associate's degree or some college has increased by 578,000, reaching 35.2 million.

Source: www.usnewsuniversitydirectory.com

WCCCD is focused on ensuring that students are empowered with the necessary degrees and certificates needed to enter the job market. This is evidenced by the 22% increase in awards conferred in career and technical fields.

Percent of WCCCD Awards Conferred in Career and Technical Fields



THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Continuing Education Maintenance Report

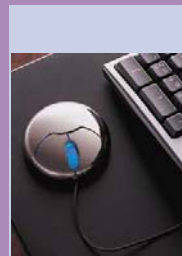
During the week of November 12 - 17, 2012 the District served 970 participants by partnering with 13 community organizations.

Downriver Campus— no report submitted
Downtown Campus- 594 students
Eastern Campus- 110 students
Northwest Campus- 266 students
Western Campus— no report submitted

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Using Technology to Improve Processes

Members of the Information Technology and Finance divisions visited the Lansing Community College to study best practices and to understand the implementation of the Xtender Application for different areas of finance.



Website Hits

For the week of November 12 – 18, we received 58,527 visits to our website.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

An article in Community College Week indicates falling enrollment at for profit colleges. When the University of Phoenix, announced it was closing 115 campuses and satellite locations, it signaled more than a sudden availability of commercial real estate near highway interchanges, where for-profit colleges like to set up shop as a student convenience. After years of explosive growth that really caught fire when the economy collapsed four years ago, for-profit higher education is shrinking fast. First, government figures showed that total enrollment in higher education shrunk nationally in the Fall 2011 for the first time in at least 15 years. The overall decline was just 0.2%, but it was driven by a 2.9% drop in the for-profit sector, which offset an increase at 4-year non-profit colleges (for-profit colleges enroll about 11% of students overall).



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER



Don't forget!

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) Satisfaction Survey will close on December 8, 2012. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey today, if you have not already done so.

WCCCD LRC users Borrowing Updates

Due to the end of the semester approaching, additional library materials from Mel Catlibraries should not be requested or received until the Spring 2013 semester. Please prepare to return all items to a campus LRC by December 3, 2012.

All WCCCD users should plan to return all outstanding library materials by December 8, 2012.

Thank You For Your Donations!

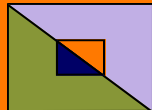
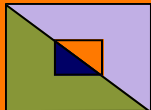
2007 WCCCD alumni Gertrude Djouka made a donation of 41 books to the Northwest Campus LRC. Ms. Djouka will be starting her first semester of medical school in January.

New Study Conducted by Michigan State University

New data by Michigan State University indicates you're more likely to find a job with an associate's degree than with an MBA. Key findings from the annual survey by MSU's College Employment Research Institute:

- ◆ The market for associate's degrees shows a strong gain in job opportunities. Employers will increase hiring of new four-year college graduates about five percent in the coming year; demand for graduates with associate's degrees is expected to increase more sharply — by about 30% compared to last year's survey.
- ◆ The average starting salary for new graduates with bachelor's degrees is \$37,000, but plenty of graduates with two-year degrees are earning more. New graduates with two-year degrees are earning an average salary of \$34,960, with computer science majors with two-year degrees earning \$39,408, while nursing graduates earned almost the same salary (\$36,927) as the typical bachelor-degree recipient.

Career Programs



The Educational Affairs and Student Service divisions have completed meetings with each campus to discuss career programs. These discussions updated campus administrators and staff current on career program information. The goal is to have a more informed campus team that can explain career information to interested students as they begin to register for Spring 2013 classes. These program offerings can lead to high skill, high wage, and high demand jobs.



*December Delights
Tuesday, December 11, 2012 5:30pm
Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Call (313) 496-2510 for your tickets*



STUDENT SERVICES

Metro Youth College Access Network

The Metro Youth College Access Network (MyCAN), formally the YMCA Coalition, met at U of D Mercy for their monthly meeting. Judy Smouter represented the District at this meeting. The network has expanded out of state with its newest member, Bowling Green University. Ms. Smouter was asked to help expand the network even further by inviting more community colleges to participate. In January, another high school will be added to the targeted pool of high school students that will be impacted by college preparatory activities.



Achieving the Dream

The Northwest Campus Achieving the Dream Learning Community held its annual year-end celebration. Following are excerpts from a few of the students:

Neffertia Tyner wrote, "While participating in the Learning Community, I learned about the TRiO program and other programs that will provide me with new opportunities. The Learning Community also provided a lot of workshops that were beneficial. My favorite was the one dealing with stress. In addition, it helped me with my transition from high school to college. I highly recommend this program to anyone who is transiting from high school."

Artheta Albright said, "The experience of the Learning Community workshops has been very informative. Our advisor helped keep our class informed of availability of financial aid, scholarships and much more. I would like to see more students involved in this program."

The District Command Center is up and Running Again This Semester!

The District Command Center is comprised of highly trained, customer-oriented staff members committed to providing superb customer service. They service students at each campus location as well as provide individualized student interactions by phone and email. Each student issue is researched thoroughly and resolutions are provided in a timely manner. Together we uphold the statement that students are our first priority.



CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PHI THETA KAPPA MEETING

The Downriver Campus hosted a Phi Theta Kappa meeting as they prepare for the semester's upcoming activities. Scholarship information was distributed and alumni networking methods were discussed.

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN

A peer mentoring training workshop for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) was held at the Downriver Campus.. The NKFM trains kidney patients who are on dialysis or who have a transplant to mentor other patients living with kidney disease.

DOWNRIVER CAMPUS HOSTS NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

The Downriver Campus hosted a Nursing and Health Science Program open house. Potential students were able to have presentation of each program and meet with faculty and program contacts. Programs included: Nursing, Pharmacy Technology, Phlebotomy, Dental Hygiene, Central Service Technician, Surgical Technology, Surgical First Assistant, Hemodialysis, and Food Service Management.

THE HEINZ C. PRETCHER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



*Tennessee Christmas
with Lee Greenwood*

**Sunday, December 16, 2012
3:00pm**



Celebrate the holidays with Grammy Award winning country superstar Lee Greenwood singing such favorites as "White Christmas" and "Joy to the World." You're sure to "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" with the singer who has been named Country Music Association's Male Vocalist of the Year. His widely-loved, "God Bless the USA" was voted the most recognizable patriotic song in America.

For tickets please call the box office at (734) 374-3200

In the Mail...



Hello Ms Nancy Teatro,

I just wanted to thank you again for your helping with my academic planning. I really appreciate your insights into how to get things done efficiently. I've been accepted by Wayne State University for the Fall 2013 semester. My next goal is a bachelors in social work and then on to a masters in counseling. Your kind attention and thoroughness will save me time, money and effort that should be put into achieving my goal. Your intelligent and caring guidance meant a lot to me and will not soon be forgotten. Eric Wilkins, Downtown Campus Student

THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education participated in the Wyandotte Christmas Parade. Greg Kowalski, Fire Protection Faculty Member drove the fire truck in this holiday celebration.



On the Move...



- ◆ Downriver and Western Campus staff attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Legislative Forum. The guest speaker was Rob Fowler, President and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan. His presentation focused on the general election results and the effect those results will have on Michigan businesses.
- ◆ Anthony Arminiak was selected treasurer at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) November Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Arminiak will now be part of the SWCRC Executive Committee.
- ◆ Stephanie Coffey and Tamara Parks attended the Southeastern Michigan League of Libraries' Fall Meeting at Oakland University. The theme this year was "For Educational Purposes Only: Copyright for Libraries." The LRC Council will be developing informational sessions regarding the use and copyright responsibilities of educational institutions for the Spring 2013 semester.
- ◆ Carolyn Carter attended the preview of the Detroit Historical Museum's new exhibits. The new improvements include three new permanent exhibits: the Gallery of Innovation, the Allesee Gallery of Culture and Detroit: The Arsenal of Democracy, an expanded Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad exhibit, and an updated Streets of Old Detroit and America's Motor City exhibits.
- ◆ Dr. George Swan was appointed to a new three-year term on the Detroit Workforce Development Board.
- ◆ Shawna Forbes and Dr. Swan have been invited as presenters at the 2013 League for Innovations Conference in Dallas, Texas.



DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



Personal Safety While Shopping This Holiday Season



- ◆ Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
- ◆ Shop online with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you are not familiar with it.
- ◆ Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.
- ◆ Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
- ◆ Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as one time or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.
- ◆ Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.
- ◆ Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- ◆ Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- ◆ Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.
- ◆ Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.
- ◆ If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated. Select a central meeting place and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

Source: National Crime Prevention Council

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



Wayne
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Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance



Deferred Maintenance

Downriver

- ◆ EPAC landscaping (Expected to be complete by 11/18)
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project (Completion date 3/15/13)
- ◆ EPAC Main stage floor needs to be repaired/replaced (Waiting for purchase order)
- ◆ Additional external security lighting needed. (In process).

Downtown

- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (Completion date 2/14/13)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (Lots 1,2, and 5 completed, lot 4—Completion date 11/23/12)
- ◆ New furniture and ceiling in the library (Ceiling tiles are in procurement)
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the One Stop Shop (No update)
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the learning lab, room 239 (No update)

Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU (In process)
- ◆ Roof leak (One leak was fixed, another has shown up)
- ◆ Window blinds in Cooper room and office (Completion date 12/14/12)
- ◆ Ladies restroom upgrade

University Center

- ◆ Handicap door upgrade
- ◆ Security cameras
- ◆ Expand stage in auditorium
- ◆ Marquee

Northwest

- ◆ Elevator doors need to be replaced in administration and welcome center buildings (scheduled for Christmas break)

Western

- ◆ D wing chiller (In process)
- ◆ Windows in café area leak. This has been an ongoing problem since they were installed (In process)

General Maintenance- Western Campus

- ◆ Dead trees outside and mulch needed in beds (On hold until Spring 2013)
- ◆ Interior and exterior lights need replacing

