

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST



The Downtown Campus hosted the Bookworm Club, which is designed to teach children the importance of education, alleviates the problems of illiteracy, and instills a love for reading at an early age that will carry on for a lifetime. The audience of youths and accompanying adults were captivated by Wanda Hudson, narrator of the event.

**The
Bookworm
Club**



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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Where learning leads to a better life!



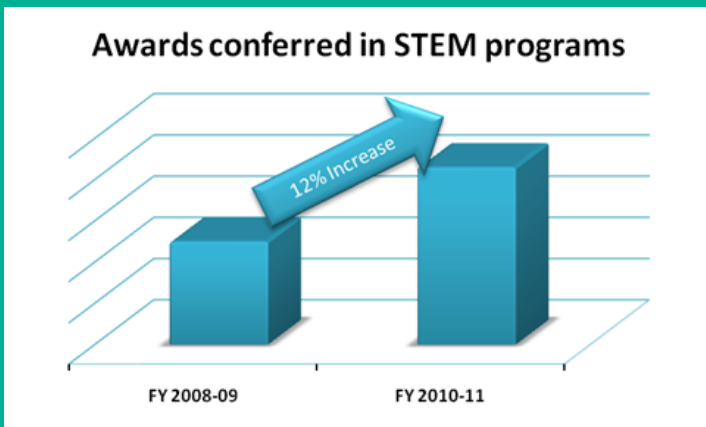


Did you know?

According to a recent article published by the American Association of Community Colleges entitled "Democracy's Colleges - The Evolution of the Community College in America," community colleges play an essential role in preparing the nation's technological workforce. Community colleges have also become the institutions of choice for workers upgrading their skills and for displaced workers preparing to re-enter the workforce.

Source: www.aacc.nche.edu

The graph below represents the percentage increase in degrees and awards granted in natural sciences, engineering/technology, and healthcare at WCCCD over the past two years.



100% of the August 2102 dental hygiene graduates who took the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination required for state licensure successfully passed!



**Process Improvements
Using Technology**

The Information Technology and Human Resources divisions worked together to implement the on-line leave reporting on Web Gate. All exempt staff will submit their requests for time taken off using Web Gate. The leave balance would get immediately updated on approval. This process improvement is an enhancement to the system controls and checks and balances.

Don't Fall For It!



Is it possible for your computer to be held "hostage" while sitting on your own desk? Not really, but a certain type of malware (malicious software) called ransomware allows criminals to disable your computer from a remote location and present a pop-up window, often masquerading as a law enforcement agency, warning that your computer is locked and claims that you will not be able to access it unless you pay following their provided instructions.

Law enforcement agencies state that this is an attempt to extort money with the additional possibility of the victim's computer being used to participate in online bank fraud. Do not follow payment instructions. Make sure your malware and virus protection software is up to date. If your computer is infected, you may need to contact a local computer expert for assistance to remove the malware.



"My Life is Better" Walk 2

Monday, October 22, 2012

12:00 noon

Meet in the courtyard at the Downtown Campus

Wear your blue or white "My Life is Better" shirts!

Community Update- Downriver Campus



THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Donald Guinn delivered a presentation to more than 25 site coordinators for Communities in Schools. The purpose of this presentation was to introduce information regarding the Youth Enrichment Series program and to discuss partnership opportunities.

Continuing Education Maintenance Report

During the week of October 1-6, 2012 the District served 1,339 participants by partnering with 22 community organizations.

Downriver Campus- 238 students
Downtown Campus- 655 students
Eastern Campus- 128 students
Northwest Campus- 318 students
Western Campus- no report submitted

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY

Vista Nuevas Receives Book Donations

Retired 3rd Circuit Judge George Crockett III donated personalized books to the children at the Vista Nuevas Head Start at the Downtown Campus. All hands working together to make reading important and fun for children.



Survival guidelines for Vehicle Accidents

What do you do after a minor accident?

- ◆ Stay calm. Be aware of what's going on around you including your own personal safety and the safety of anyone in your vehicle.
- ◆ Dial 911 if someone is injured. Also call the police, so they can get a report of the incident.
- ◆ Note the time and location of the incident. Record the exact address, or use mile markers or landmarks in a rural area.
- ◆ Take photos. Document the damages done to both vehicles by cell phone or camera.
- ◆ Exchange personal information. Write down the other person's name, address, phone number, license number and insurance details.
- ◆ Talk to witnesses. Get names and numbers of people that saw the accident, and exactly what they observed.
- ◆ Record a description (with their permission) of the other driver. Source: www.libertymutual.com

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS



Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Centers' District-Wide Book Clubs will meet on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 2:00pm for engaging discussions about selected titles. Join us at any of the five campuses for an afternoon of dialogue.

Downriver Campus– Born on a Blue Day by Daniel Tammer
Downtown Campus– What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day by Pearl Cleage
Eastern Campus– A Second Helping by Beverly Jenkins
Northwest Campus– Gathering of Waters by Bernice L. McFadden
Western Campus– The Bridegroom Stories by Ha Jin

Can't find the library items you need within WCCCD's LRC Collections?

Find out how to borrow from libraries throughout Michigan at the informational sessions, "Removing the Limits". WCCCD participates in borrowing agreements with MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) and DALNET (Detroit Area Library Network) Get it Local!

Eastern Campus– October 15 1:30pm
Downtown Campus– October 17 10:00am
Downriver Campus– October 18 6:00pm
Downriver Campus– October 23 10:00am
Eastern Campus– October 25 10:00am
Western Campus– October 29 1:30pm



Faculty Selection



The Division of Educational Affairs concluded faculty selection on Monday at the Downriver Campus for the Spring, 2013 Schedule. This process allows all full-time and part-time faculty members the ability to select courses based on seniority and certification within the different disciplines. The division will now audit the selections as we move towards the start of registration.

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



◆ The Eastern Campus held a Job Readiness Workshop week that provided students with the skills needed to become marketable to employers in the job world.

- ◆ The Entrepreneurial Institute and Resource Center held a workshop on "How to Improve your Videos on the Internet for Free." The focus of this workshop was to show participants how to improve videos and answer questions regarding marketing and the internet.
- ◆ The Institute held a workshop on "Content Marketing for Search Engine Optimization and Your Visitors." The focus of this workshop was to show individuals how Search Engine Optimization done correctly can significantly elevate their business online.
- ◆ The Institute also held a "How to Build a Platform to Write a Book and Build a Business" workshop. The focus of this workshop was to inform participants how a book can help to build a platform for their business. They also discussed how to build an appropriate mix of prospecting activities, including valuable lessons on taking the pressure off phone prospecting and still grow the business.

THE HEINZ C. PRETCHER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Steve Wildern attended the Downriver Council for the Arts (DCA) board meeting at the James R. DeSana Arts and Cultural Center. Mr. Wildern serves as a member of the Board of Directors. DCA's mission is to enrich the quality of life in the Downriver communities by advocating and promoting the arts and providing opportunities for involvement and participation in arts and cultural activities.

Cirque Amongus
Tuesday, October 23, 2012
7:00-8:30pm

**2nd Annual
Halloween Family Fun Day**
Saturday, October 27, 2012
Pre-show Activities
begin at 1:30pm
Show Time 3:00pm

Pewabic Pottery
Wednesday, November 7, 2012
7:00-8:30pm

BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at the Downriver Campus held the opening reception for the "Panoramic Theory" Art Exhibition featuring the artwork of Nora Chapa Mendoza.



"Our Life is Better!"

Downriver Campus students in the Achieve the Dream program showed their support when they were presented with "My Life is Better" t-shirts.



STUDENT SERVICES



WCCCD Athletics

The WCCCD women's cross country team competed at the Lansing Cross Country Invitational. Chinyelu Umeokolo, Nadya Ellis, Jasmine Butler, Latoya Robinson, and Shantel Jones were fierce competitors in this three plus mile race. They were pleased with a fourth place finish and will strive to improve their placement in future races.



Achieving the Dream



- ◆ Achieving the Dream team member, Earlene Williams conducted a stress reduction workshop for the Learning Communities at the Northwest Campus. The workshops consisted of a stress test the students took in class to assess their stress levels. There was a discussion of the signs of stress and techniques to relieve stress.
- ◆ A test taking workshop was also conducted for Achieve the Dream students at the Northwest Campus. The classes reviewed test preparation, test-taking tips and post test tips. Multiple choice, essay and true/false questions were also discussed. .

Downriver Campus Learning Community Students Visit the Detroit Institute for Arts



The Downriver Campus Learning Community partnership of Humanities 101 and English 115 classes met at the Detroit Institute of Arts with professors Adwoa Muwzea and Charlette Taylor for a collaborative field trip and learning experience.

Financial Aid

- ◆ The Financial Aid Office and Student Loan Management Center areas very excited about quarterly email blasts to borrowing students. Students receive informational emails on a quarterly basis that assist them in management their educational debt and making wise decisions.
- ◆ The District Financial Aid Office Student Solutions Team (SST) continues to work hard to serve our students. Members of the SST have been visiting all five campuses to address student financial aid questions and concerns. We are also very proud of the progress made with the Student Hotline! Students are able to call and receive a response within 24 hours.

DISTRICT COMMAND CENTER

The District Command Center is another example of WCCCD's commitment to placing our students first. John Bolden, Brian Singleton, Furquan Ahmed, Charisse Smith, Keith Hudson, Myra Hawkins and Mikael Tesfamikael addressed calls from students and provide assistance and information on a wide array of topics from financial aid to program admission requirements. The leadership demonstrated with initiative underscores our priority to respond to students on a timely basis.

STUDENTS FEATURED ON WAKE UP DETROIT!

JoAnn Nyquist and three dental students were featured on a recent episode of "Wake Up Detroit," a television broadcast with Detroit City Council Member JoAnn Watson. The conversation focused on services provided at WCCCD's Dental Clinic, student success and career opportunities.



Students pictured Shaina France, Rabie Diarbakerli and Meredith Parker.



STUDENT SERVICES

Student Development Council

The Division of Student Services conducted its Student Development Council Meeting with representatives from each campus. A lively discussion ensued between District and campus student services staff about important matters such as registration innovations, student orientation, student tracking initiatives, and exciting student programs and activities.



Veteran's Appreciation Resource Day

The Division of Student Services hosted a Veteran's Appreciation Resource Day and Luncheon at the Downtown Campus. WCCCD is recognized as a Military Friendly School and continues outreach efforts to serve this very exceptional population of our student body. We continue to expose our veteran students to internal and external resources and services to support their success. This event was an occasion to bring awareness to our students who have served in the United States Armed Forces.



Representatives from the Division of Student Services participated in the MACRAO-sanctioned Detroit College Fair held at Wayne State University. This two-day event engaged more than 3,000 Detroit Public High School students and gave them the opportunity to meet with representatives from more than 100 college and universities.

The Grosse Pointe Tailgate recruitment event took place at Grosse Pointe North High School. WCCCD representatives from across the District informed program participants about the athletics program, dual enrollment opportunities, and the importance of voting in this year's election.



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable is enhancing automation and analytical function processing to provide a greater contribution to the success of the District. Process improvement, elimination of paper, productivity increases, and better paid-on-time rates are the initial tactical goals that become steps toward more strategic goals that moves the accounts payable function to a significant contributor to the organization's bottom line.

Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System

It is imperative that the Finance Division stay abreast with changes regarding employee retirement benefit obligations. In lieu of this, Administration and Finance wishes to notify employees enrolled in the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) that effective October 1st, 2012 the employer contribution rate has changed. For employees first working before July 1st, 2010 the rate is 25.36% and for employees first working on or after July 1st, 2010 through September 3rd, 2012 the rate is 24.13%. For new employees first working September 4th, 2012 the new rates are 23.20% for pension plus and 20.96% for defined contributions.

Third-Party Invoices

The division would like to recognize the efforts of all participating third-party organizations as they play a vital role by eliminating cost barriers and thus providing students with access to higher education. Third-party or sponsor organizations pay for all or a portion of a student's cost for attending WCCCD. This week, the Bursar's Office prepared third-party invoices for the 2012 fall semester.



On the Move...



- ◆ Will Sampson represented the District at the Statewide Secondary/Postsecondary Credit Agreement Meeting held at Schoolcraft College.
- ◆ Anthony Arminiak attended the Community Care Services (CCS) Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Arminiak serves as a Board of Director. He also attended House Representative Patrick Sommerville's job fair at the Brownstown Township Community Center.
- ◆ Lina Warra attended Truman and Flat Rock high school's College Nights to distribute important transfer and financial aid information to parents and students who may have a desire to attend WCCCD upon graduation.
- ◆ Michael Rich-Bey represented the District at the 2012 Men's Conference at the Westside Recovery Resource Center. The conference was a means to educate the community on substance abuse. The goal of the Detroit Recovery Project is to offer support to all individuals recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.
- ◆ Diana Rosario Flynn represented the District at the 2nd Annual Detroit Latino Agenda Conference held at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

MIPSE Fire Truck on the Move Again!

Anthony Arminiak participated in the Huron Township Apple Fest parade with the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education Fire Truck.



The VDP 110 class at the Western Campus



Students loaded up their cameras and went to Lower Huron Metro Park to capture nature, beautiful scenery and sharpen their photography skills. Instructor Bill Sanders indicates that these opportunities give students a chance to examine light, shadows, various camera apertures and settings while honing in on their digital photograph skills.



MY LIFE IS BETTER NORTHWEST STYLE!



Not Far From the Tree

Anthropology 151 genealogy students attended the 7th Annual Family History Festival at the Friends Auditorium of the Detroit Public Library. The topics covered were, "Finding Female Ancestors," "Bring 'Em Back to Live: Developing Profiles for Ancestors," and "Slave Research: A Closer Look at Freedom." These festivals are well attended by numerous genealogist, historians and general people seeking to learn more about their ancestors. The students wore their WCCCD shirts in support of the District.



WCCCD RECEIVES AWARD

Mike Dotson and Cecile Taylor received a special recognition certificate from the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. WCCCD has been named the Romulus Chamber of Commerce President's Member of the Month for October 2012.



CAMPUS PRESIDENTS CORNER

College Night at the Downriver and Western Campuses



WCCCD Nursing Students

WCCCD nursing students participated in several regional disaster drills at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and Sinai-Grace Hospital. The drill scenarios involved the explosion of an improvised nuclear device. Students were needed as victims to participate in roles ranging from non-injured to traumatic injury, to those needing decontamination. These mock disaster drills enhance response skills for health care professionals in the community.



SER Metro-Detroit's 2012 Amigos de Ser Business Recognition Luncheon



Allied Health Students Learn Test Taking Strategies

Students from the allied health programs at the Northwest Campus attended an informative workshop conducted by Sue Smith on test-taking strategies.



Congratulations!!!

WCCCD has been selected as 1 of 32 programs nationwide to participate in the 2012/2013 Johnson & Johnson, Clinic Essentials program. This progressive and comprehensive program is designed for programs that have strong faculty commitment with superior facilitation skills and competencies.

Chelsea Village, a 2012 Summer dental hygiene graduate successfully passed all board examinations. In addition, Ms. Village received the "Star Award" from Colgate for demonstrating great compassion in patient care and enthusiasm for community service.



THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



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

- ◆ Oakland Community College instructors presented a Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training session. October is National Preparedness Month and this year's focus is "Pledge to Prepare – from Awareness to Action."
- ◆ The Lincoln Park Citizens Emergency Response Team held a CPR and first aid training workshop. This training will assist them in upcoming disaster drills or real life events.
- ◆ MIPSE hosted the annual Family Safety Fair and Live Burn event. Attendees were provided a tour and participated in various presentations. The WCCCD fire trucks, District Public Safety vehicle and bicycle, Wayne County Sheriff's Motorcycle, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boat, Spartan ERV - Aerial 100' Midmount Platform and Ambulances from several local companies were on display.

Car Seat Safety



MIPSE hosted Children's Hospital of Michigan for a training session for parents and caregivers on the proper way to install a child car safety seat or child restraint apparatus. The child must be present and there were a limited number of replacement car seats available.



GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS SPEAKER SERIES

George Weah, former UNICEF Ambassador, and Liberian soccer legend, was guest a speaker at the Downtown Campus. The series was presented in a joint partnership with the School of Continuing Education, the Division of Student Services and the Liberian Association of Michigan. Mr. Weah used the occasion and his own life's journey as a teaching moment.



The Downriver Campus a storytelling symposium featuring Thomas Dismukes. Mr. Dismukes appeal is universal. His stories were full of laughter and cause for powerful reflection. He was able to discern a meaning behind the madness, in a principle that everyone could related to and apply in their life.



VOTER'S EDUCATION AROUND THE DISTRICT



CAMPUS PRESIDENTS CORNER

The District hosted several organizations and activities this week:

- ◆ A Learning Resource Center orientation was held for students. Student received training on basic library research skills to obtain variety resources to help them on their research paper of this course.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Chamber Connections Networking Group meeting. Chamber Connections is a structured, industry-exclusive networking group that can be an important part of a strategic marketing plan.
- ◆ A pre-job presentation workshop was held at the Western Campus. Participants learned how to prepare a cover letter and resume tailored to fit the position they are applying for.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus in partnership with Community Care Services started another Supportive Education Program. The program assists adults with serious mental health disorders in preparing to complete college-level courses and re-enter the workforce.
- ◆ The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NFKM) held a Peer Mentoring training workshop. The NFKM trains kidney patients who are on dialysis or who have a transplant to mentor other patients living with kidney disease.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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Deferred Maintenance: At a Glance

Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance



Deferred Maintenance



Downriver

- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots (In process).
- ◆ EPAC landscaping (In process).
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project (In process).
- ◆ EPAC Main stage floor needs to be repaired/replaced (In procurement)
- ◆ Additional external security lighting needed. (In process).

Downtown

- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (75% complete)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (Estimated completion on 10/13)
- ◆ 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 (No update)
- ◆ Remodeling of counter in the instructions office, room 221 (75% complete)

Eastern

- ◆ Security cameras (90% complete)
- ◆ Mechanical-AHU
- ◆ Roof leak (One leak was fixed, another has shown up)
- ◆ Window blinds in Cooper Room and office
- ◆ 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



Facilities Update

New carpet in the Ray Mix Room at the Downriver Campus.



New HVAC at the Downriver Campus has begun.



General Maintenance

Northwest

- ◆ Pedestrian gate on Southfield service drive needs installation

Western

- ◆ Dead trees outside and mulch needed in beds