

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

October 19, 2012
Number 856

The District presented a lecture/roundtable discussion on "Public Education and the Future of Affirmative Action." The discussion focused on the future of affirmative action policies in education in the context of the pending U.S. Supreme Court case, Fisher v. University of Texas, which many legal experts predict will end affirmative action in higher education. The roundtable also addressed the crisis of re-segregation in our nation's public schools and offered critical insight for efforts to expand educational equity in the context of the historic transformation of the U.S. into a majority multiracial society.



October 16, 2012

The Detroit News

Editorial: Our thoughts on Wayne, Detroit ballot props
Both county and city voters face decisions on a long list of
measures that would change their charters
By The Detroit News

WCCCD Millage: Yes. Wayne County voters are also being asked to adopt a 1 mill increase to support the Wayne County Community College District. We are hesitant to recommend any tax increases considering the financial stress county households are under. But the college has lost considerable revenue to declining property tax revenues, and the state does not adequately fund community colleges. WCCCD uses its money well and provides a vital service to county residents. The mill is for 10 years. Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com>

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INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The New Graduate Exit Survey is designed to capture the immediate perceptions of new graduates' overall academic and student life experiences upon degree completion from WCCCD. This survey is administered annually by the Division of Institutional Effectiveness, the Division of Student Services, and the commencement committee to ensure proper feedback about student experiences with support services, learning outcomes, plans for professional career development, and/or plans to further education.

The table shows percentage levels of agreement in some content areas based on the students who responded to the survey in Spring 2012.

| WCCCD Skills Area | % of Agreement |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Critical Thinking | 85% |
| Problem Solving | 85% |
| Written Communication | 85% |
| Oral Communication | 83% |
| Awareness of Diversity | 81% |

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Save Your Information on Your H: Drive

This is a reminder for all staff members currently saving a significant amount of information on District local computers. It is important to note that there is no fail-safe way to restore this information in the unfortunate event that the computer experiences a problem or failure. The Division strongly recommends that all work related information is saved to a network drive (H:Drive) to ensure data can be backed up and maintained properly. Please feel free to contact the Information Technology Division at extension 2666 if you are unable to locate your network drive or have any questions or concerns. We also like to remind you that WCCCD computers are utilized for work related activities and everyone must comply with the District's [Acceptable Use Policy](#).

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development hosted a roundtable discussion regarding "Building Pipeline Opportunities for a Sustainable Detroit" at the Downtown Campus. Participants included local and national leaders from the National Manufacturing Renaissance Council, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation, Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation and other local business and community leaders. The discussion centered on building an Advanced Manufacturing Renaissance Council in Detroit similar to those in Chicago, San Francisco and Washington D.C.



Continuing Education Maintenance Report

During the week of October 8-13, 2012 the District served 1,494 participants by partnering with 30 community organizations.

- Downriver Campus-633 students
- Downtown Campus-53 students
- Eastern Campus-239 students
- Northwest Campus-456 students
- Western Campus-113 students



"My Life Is Better" Walk 2
Monday, October 22, 2012
12:00 noon



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

Student Services Hosts Job Fair at the Downriver Campus



Western Campus Hosts Belleville Chamber



The Western Campus hosted the Belleville area Chamber of Commerce. At this special meeting, Mike Dotson and Cecile Taylor provided a presentation on the accomplishments, successes and educational opportunities available at the Western Campus and WCCCD. More than 100 local business owners and community leaders were in attendance.



HUMAN RESOURCES-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Human Resources Division held a professional development workshop on the topic of bullying which was attended by several divisions throughout the District. The workshop was facilitated by Attorney Ethan Vinson who touched on areas such as the definition of bullying, the State of Michigan statute regarding bullying, the different forms of bullying: physical, verbal, psychological, and cyber bullying.



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Instructional Software

The Educational Affairs Division is working with the Information Technology Division to review instructional software for the 2013 Spring Semester. Each campus is being reviewed to determine if they are appropriately aligned with instructional software in each of their computer labs, Learning Centers and Learning Resource Centers.

Transfer Credits

A recent AACC Policy Brief entitled "Transfer: An Indispensable Part of the Community College Mission" (October 2012), highlights the importance of transfer credit as an affordable option for education. The District's annual review of program goals and outcomes, course competencies and assessment methods is critical to ensuring the viability of transfer to four-year baccalaureate granting institutions. Consistent evaluations of methods and standards of instruction assist our students in capitalizing on the community colleges role as an affordable option for higher education attainment.

Advisory Breakfast



DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



Lieutenants Vanessa Liddell and Alexis Townsend attended the City of Detroit Angel's Night planning meeting. The meeting at Michigan State University's extension campus was attended by a variety of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and other municipalities and included strategies on how to reduce the number of incidents that occur during the days preceding Halloween.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Automated Clearing House Online Payment Processing

The Finance Division has completed the implementation of Automated Clearing House online payment processing. This will allow students to make online payments through their checking and savings accounts. The Division will work with the Student Services Division to ensure students are aware of the various payment options.



Achieving the Dream

- ◆ The Student Services Achieving the Dream team is finalizing the Fall semester Early Alert System (EAS) outreach to struggling students. Students receiving an early midterm unsatisfactory grade were contacted by telephone, asked a variety of questions and based on the answers, recommendations were given to address issues and improve academic performance. Students who were not successfully contacted by phone were emailed a web link to access the EAS questionnaire. The EAS outreach efforts are one of several initiatives the District uses to help with student retention and the 2020 completion agenda.
- ◆ WCCCD is a proud member of the Achieving the Dream National Reform Network dedicated to community college student success and completion. The network is focused primarily on helping students complete their education and obtain market-valued credentials. Faculty participants in the Learning Community intervention gathered for a workshop on lecture capture technology. They were introduced to a powerful retention tool to engage student learning by recording classroom presentations in which students can review them later online.



WCCCD Athletics

The WCCCD men's basketball team played Lawrence Technological University in a recent scrimmage game. After a heated battle, the WCCCD team came out on top with a 47 to 45 victory. Enthusiasm is high and the team looks forward to many more victories. We wish the men's and women's teams well during their regular season that begins on November 24, 2012.



Grosse Pointe South's Annual College Night Event

Andrew McQueen, Susan Burton and Will Sampson attended Grosse Pointe South's Annual College Night Event. The event hosted more than 150 colleges and universities across the country, allowed WCCCD to present some of the District's premier career and transfer offerings as well as dual enrollment opportunities to students and parents. Students were excited to learn about university partnerships at University Center.



CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



The Detroit Planning Commission held a seminar at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus. Topics of discussion included zoning issues, traffic flows, urban development for the City of Detroit and its residents, various ways the local planning commission operates in the City of Detroit, physical and economic developments occurring in the City of Detroit, and the latest developments within the City of Detroit's master plan.

Flu Shots for Everyone!

CVS in partnership with the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus gave flu shots to staff, faculty, students, and members of the community. Participants who didn't have health insurance received the shots at a minimal charge.



Entrepreneurial Institute and Research Center

The Real Estate Roundtable titled "Everything Real Estate: A Panel of Experts" was held this week and questions were answered for home owners and investors in Michigan real estate. Topics of discussion included foreclosures, real estate tax issues, titles, and investments. Participants learned how to work with a realtor, how to find great deals and explored where and how to start as a new investor.



On the Move...



- ◆ Shawna Forbes, Dr. James Robinson and Dr. Ron Harkness attended the 2012 Annual TRENDS/MODAC Conference held in Traverse City, Michigan. The keynote addressed "The Emerging Culture of Teaching and Learning," which focused on practical examples of how emerging technologies provide educators with an opportunity for continuous professional improvement.
- ◆ Ms. Forbes also presented to the National Tooling and Machining Association – NTMA's Detroit Chapter, a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Advanced Manufacturing Right Skills Now program at WCCCD.
- ◆ Anthony Arminiak, Gail Arnold, Mel Allen, Dennis Andrew and Ethel Cronk attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Luncheon. The guest speakers were Roy Norton, Canadian Consul General and Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. The main topic of discussion was the proposed new bridge to Canada.
- ◆ Ruth Opalewski attended National Disability Employment Awareness Month webinar on "Research and Practice for Promoting Disability Disclosure". The webinar was hosted by Cornell University and addressed employees that fear an immediate and/or long term consequence to disclosing their disabilities.
- ◆ Administrators and staff from the Downriver Campus participated in a Career Program Update workshop. Dr. Ron Harkness of the Educational Affairs Division covered new career program initiatives for the District, highlighted changes to the Course Substitution and Credit by Experience processes and catalog changes that impact student completions.

MY LIFE IS BETTER WESTERN STYLE!



THE HEINZ C. PRETCHER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Upcoming Events

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DISCOVER THE BIG TOP WITHIN

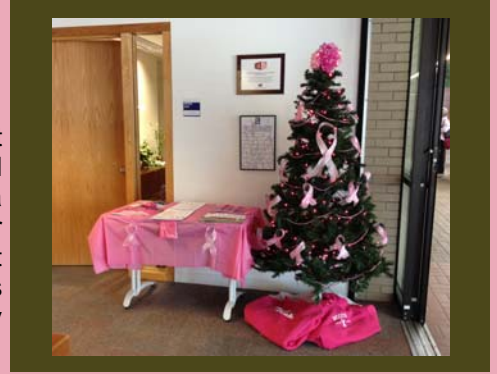
Cirque Amongus
Tuesday, October 23, 2012
7:00-8:30pm

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

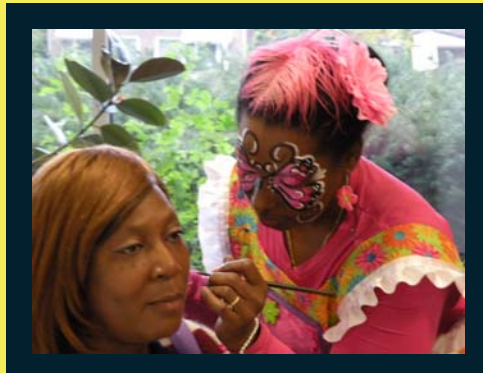
Breast Cancer Awareness

As support of the National Month of October Breast Cancer Awareness, the Student Services Division at the Western Campus is providing women with informational leaflets and a hands-on opportunity to write their name on a pink ribbon as a personal commitment to be informed and get tested. We thank Asia Browner for garnering the information as part of her volunteerism at Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure – Karmanos Cancer Institute. The winning formula for fighting this devastating disease equals Mammograms + Education + Family Support + Early Detection.



SAFE Health and Wealth Expo

The Northwest Campus partnered with Sisters Acquiring Financial Empowerment (SAFE) for the annual Health and Wealth Expo. This program was open to the community and featured workshops on topics such as healthy living on a budget, stress reduction, job seeking tips, domestic violence awareness and personal finance. The event also promoted awareness on health, diet and exercise, and included physical activities for the entire family to enjoy.



The campuses hosted several organizations and activities this week:

- ◆ The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) held a “Meet and Greet the Candidates.” Local, county and state candidates from around the Downriver communities were present to meet and interact with the community, and discuss their views and positions of various topics. The SWCRC also held their Chamber Connections Networking Group meeting. Chamber Connections is a structured, industry-exclusive networking group that can be an important part in developing a strategic marketing plan.
- ◆ The Information Center held a “Planning for the Future of Your Loved One with Dementia” seminar. Participants learned about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Mega Conference Academic Quiz Bowl weekly competition. This is a high school sanctioned competition with 16 academic teams from the Mega Conference competing in jeopardy style matches. Each team consists of four students with alternates.
- ◆ The Michigan Department of Human Services held a quarterly informational workshop to update participants and Wayne County managers and supervisors with information on policy update/changes, as well as new initiatives within the department which included the Pathways to Potential initiative.
- ◆ The Downtown Campus hosted a Veterinary Technology Program Workshop for students and community residents. Representatives from the Vet Tech Program informed participants about the program, admissions procedures, career opportunities, what their duties would be as a vet tech.

THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



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

- ◆ The District Public Safety officers attended a two-hour first aid refresher training course as part of their police authority training.
- ◆ The Lincoln Park Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) and staff from Riverview Memorial Elementary School attended CPR training. The course covered one and two-person CPR for adults, children, and infants. The Lincoln Park CERT as attended training in disaster preparedness and fire safety.
- ◆ The Wayne County Sheriff's SWAT Division attended a training exercise workshop. This training covered building entry and clearing, as well as team work.

VOTER'S EDUCATION AROUND THE DISTRICT



Black United Fund of Michigan Celebration

WCCCD staff attended the Black United Fund of Michigan (BUF) 42nd Annual Benefit Celebration, "Homegrown Success Celebrating Michigan Businesses- Large and Small" was this year's theme.



BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

*"Communion" opening reception
with Anita Bates at the Western Campus*



DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



Wayne
County
Community
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District



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Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance



Deferred Maintenance

Downriver

- ◆ Sidewalk repair to campus entrances and parking lots (Completion date 11/6/12).
- ◆ EPAC landscaping (Completion date 11/13/12)
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project (In process).
- ◆ EPAC Main stage floor needs to be re-paired/replaced (In procurement)
- ◆ Additional external security lighting needed. (West side- completed East side- - completion date 10/26/12)

Downtown

- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (75% complete)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (Estimated completion date 11/15/12)
- ◆ 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 (No update)

Eastern

- ◆ Mechanical-AHU
- ◆ Roof leak (One leak was fixed, another has shown up- room 301A)
- ◆ 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

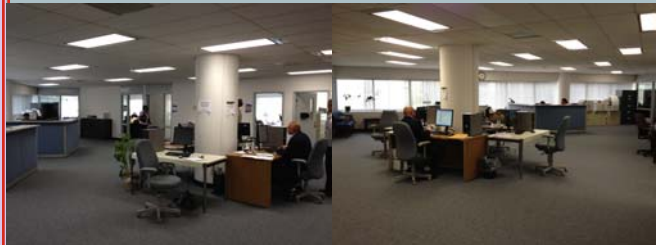
Facilities Update



Cement work at the Downriver Campus



The Auxiliary Service Department recently completed major renovation in their Central Shipping and Receiving Area, upgrading the Mailing Room as well as increasing working space for duplication and secure storage.



New carpet in the District Records Department

General Maintenance- Western Campus

- ◆ Dead trees outside and mulch needed in beds- Spring 2013

