



Wayne
County
Community
College
District

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

September 7, 2012
Number 850

My Life is Better!



Eastside Advisory Council

We were pleased to join with the Eastside Advisory Group in Grosse Pointe at their Fall Membership meeting. This was an opportunity to introduce Dr. Sandra Robinson as the new provost of the University Center as well as showcase the outstanding work done to date. This was also a good opportunity to share an update of our progress as a District and listen to the thoughts and suggestions on how we can continue to strengthen the work we do in the region. We thank Dr. Julie Corbett, EAG Chair Roger Garrett, the mayors of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and others in attendance for their efforts and contribution.



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DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
EASTERN CAMPUS

NORTHWEST CAMPUS
WESTERN CAMPUS
UNIVERSITY CENTER

Where learning leads to a better life!



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS



Learning Resource Center

New Course in Blackboard- Library Resources: Now available in the Blackboard 9.1 is an approach to distance library services for our online student population. The course includes access to the electronic resources, guided tutorials, link to the virtual reference chat service that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students may activate and/or renew library accounts within the course management system.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Visit a campus Learning Resource Center to activate or renew your library account. Your library account offers the benefits of remote access to the electronic collection including e-books, databases, journals, and learning tools. In addition, active library accounts will allow you to borrow materials from libraries throughout the State of Michigan and within the member institutions of Detroit Area Library Network.

Faculty Accountability

As the Fall semester begins, faculty have remained accountable for attending their class sessions. After the first week of classes, more than 95% of faculty had met with their classes. This represents a one percent decrease in accountability in comparison to the Fall 2011 semester.



THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development is preparing participants in the Right Skills Now Advanced Manufacturing Training Program for internships and career opportunities. A job readiness session was provided to teach resume writing, interviewing skills, appropriate dress, and positive workplace attitude. Participants have successfully passed four industry recognized National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Credentials in Computer Numerical Control Machining that are highly valued in the workplace.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Division of Information Technology has installed and tested the SARS – TRAK program for the Division of Student Services. The program enhances student accountability. SARS-TRAK is a student self-serve check-in/check-out system for measuring students' use of college services, such as advising, counseling, library, labs, tutoring, and career centers.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The Payroll Department is pleased to announce the success of the College Work-study payroll audit held on August 17. Work-study students were required to complete an informational data sheet and present a valid state ID or driver's license to verify accuracy of information held in the system. We look to enhance its processes to better serve WCCCD students.



2012 Michigan Renaissance Festival Holly, Michigan

Wonders of the World– September 8-9
Shamrocks and Shenanigans– September 15-16
Harvest Huzzah– September 22-23
Sweet Endings– September 29-30

For more information– www.MichRenFest.com (248) 634-5552

WEBSITE HITS

For the week of August 29 – September 4, we received 68,886 visits to our website. Visits came from 61 countries. We received 2,352 hits for the academic schedules and 1,423 hits for the college catalog.

Top 5 Countries

United States
Canada
India
South Korea
Yemen

The Top 5 Content Views

Financial Aid- 15,852
Distance Learning- 11,004
Student services- 7,642
Academic Programs- 7,369
Northwest Campus- 5,046

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



Bicycle Safety and Protection

- Use a bike light when riding a bicycle at night.
- Wear a helmet at all times when riding a bicycle.
- Obey all traffic laws; you must stop at intersections; pedestrians have

the right of way.

- Pay attention to your surroundings; warn pedestrians when you are passing them.
- Take extra care when passing parking lot exits or driving through parking lots.
- Give proper hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Before leaving a lane, give a hand signal. Leave the lane only when safe to do so.
- Secure your bicycle with a heavy duty U-lock or chain. When possible, lock at least your front wheel and frame to a bike rack or other stationary object.
- Do not park your bicycle in a doorway, on stairs, or blocking any handicapped access. Use a bike rack.
- Engrave or permanently mark your bicycle with an identifying number and record that number with the police department.
- Ride with the traffic not against it.



THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

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

- ◆ Members of the Detroit Edison energy generation plants attended a three-day fire brigade training workshop. These employees will be the plant's first line of defense until the local fire departments can respond.
- ◆ Members of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency attended a Systems Transformation for Individuals with Co-occurring Disorders Meeting. These quarterly meeting provided updates on systems transformation activities and will continue to work on change agent initiated projects.
- ◆ Wayne County Homeland Security provided a presentation at the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting. This group sets policy for hazardous materials within the county.



In the Mail...

It is so nice to hear from our students and how well they are doing in school. David Caddy, Instructor at the Northwest Campus received the following note that I thought I'd share with you:

"I thought it'd be nice to let you know that I did so well in school last Spring. That was the same semester I had you for PSY 200 and I feel blessed I had you for that course. I must thank you for not making it scary like I thought it would be. And thanks for being patient with me even when I repeated a particular question over and over again. You were very patient and helpful, and I thank you for that. There are several students that have been in your class that have wonderful things to say about you!"



Upcoming Events



Hispanic Heritage Festival
September 15, 2012
10:00am– 3:00pm
Downriver Campus

World War II
D-Day Conversation
September 15, 2012
12:00-3:00pm
Western Campus



STUDENT SERVICES

ADULT EDUCATION



WCCCD is proud of its continuing support of the community through our Adult Education Program. WCCCD is one of the only community colleges to offer a free comprehensive program for constituents to improve their basic literacy skills in preparation for the completion of their GED. The mission of the program is to enhance the educational, cultural and economic development of the community by providing a full range of quality educational courses and services. This semester more than 500 students are on the pathway to improving their lives benefiting from the experience of attending WCCCD.



District Admissions and Records Office will be Closed on Wednesdays for Auditing

In an effort to review and improve District-wide services offered to faculty, staff and students, the District Admissions and Records Office has commenced weekly one-day audits which will occur every Wednesday throughout the Fall semester. During these times, the office will be closed to the general public in order to audit documents and processes in addition to expediting the processing of all incoming requests. We ask for your continuous support and patience as we strive to improve speed and delivery of all services.



Wellness Works Walking Program Student Winner- Jamie Rose testimony

The student winner of the summer 2012 "Wellness Works" Walking Program was Jamie Rose of the Downtown Campus. Jamie started attending WCCCD in January 2012 after serving in the Navy from 2000-2006, two years of which were in Iraq. He is a Business Administration major and would like to someday own his family's business and publish the book that he is currently writing. He continues walking 3-7 miles a day. Congratulations Jamie, for claiming the title of the best student walker and we wish you much success in your future.

DUAL ENROLLMENT



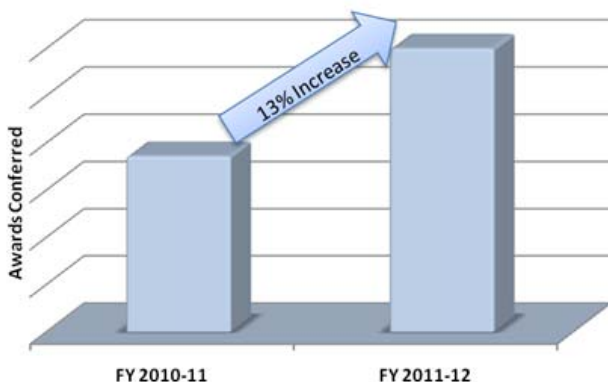
The District continues to enhance our K-12 partnerships by providing opportunities for high school students throughout our service area to enroll into college-level courses through the Dual Enrollment Program. The program is offered to high school juniors and seniors enrolled in one of the local participating schools.



WCCCD partnerships with Wayne State University

WCCCD supports articulation agreements with 16 universities and colleges and several partnerships with four-year universities. Wayne State University is one partnering university. Currently, the WayneDirect program allows WCCCD students interested in transferring to Wayne State University the opportunity to access WSU's academic resources and support services and participate in WSU activities while enrolled at WCCCD. Another student focused partnership program with WSU is the Michigan Louis Stokes Alliance of Minority Participation. This program provides research opportunities to science, technology, engineering and math students.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS



According to a recent article in the Community Colleges Week, the number of associate degrees conferred has increased for a decade. Associate degrees conferred in 1999-2000 were 565,000 and in 2009-2010 849,000. Source: <http://www.ccweek.com/>

Likewise, WCCCD has experienced a 13% increase in awards conferred between 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years as represented in the graph.

CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne County Heritage Chapter meeting of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). This has been a long standing relationship between the chapter and the Downriver Campus. We are glad to be the site for their monthly meetings.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus also hosted a Learning Resource Center orientation for students. The orientation covered on-line databases and printed materials on literature critical review of American novels. Students received training on basic library research skills to obtain a variety resources to help them with their research papers in their course.
- ◆ WCCCD alumni and graphic art designer, Muhammad Rasheed has been selected to head an art department in Kuwait. Mr. Rasheed is the oldest of nine children and the son of Muhammad Rasheed and Bakkah Rasheed, Northwest Campus Learning Center Coordinator and adjunct English faculty. He graduated from the Center for Creative Study and College of Art and Design with a BA in 1994 and studied at the Joe Kubert School of Animation in New Jersey.
- ◆ Capital improvements continue at the Downtown Campus. Currently contractors are working on remodeling the restrooms across from the Administration Office.
- ◆ The old cafeteria at the Western Campus has been repurposed into an art studio where students sketch by natural illumination. Strategically located next to the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery, new energy was felt in the corridor as other students and staff curiously observed the artistic engagement of Professor Dryovage and the students of ART115.



BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

"Thank you for sharing with me a copy of Art: The Connecting Thread. I agree with you that art is a powerful tool for teaching and enriching the lives of students. It was particularly touching to read about the exhibit of touchable portraits for the visually impaired. Your commitment to investing in the cultural health and education of your students and community is inspiring and worthy of emulation. I wish you a most successful school year, and may the arts become an engrained part of our daily lives." Eduardo J. Padron, President, Miami Dade College

"Thank you for sending the wonderful publication, Art: The Connecting Thread. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and have enjoyed reading it. You are to be congratulated on creating this opportunity for so many of us to connect art to all aspects of our lives. I look forward to future exhibits in your galleries." Glenda Price, Retired President of Marygrove College



NEW EXHIBITS COMING TO THE GALLERIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT!

Urbane Construction
(Artwork of Allie McGhee)
Downtown Campus
September 20– November 17

Panoramic Theory
(Artwork of Nora Mendoza)
Downriver Campus
October 11– December 7

Communion
(Artwork of Anita Bates)
Western Campus
October 18-December 8

One-Day Lecture and Demonstrations at the Northwest Campus

Jide Aje (Printmaking)
September 27

Tim Burke (Sculpture)
October 25

Gilda Snowden (Spray Paint/Mixed Media)
November 15



Global Conversations Speaker Series

TCHIN– A Renowned Native American Storyteller
and Motivational Speaker
Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Downriver Campus 10:00am

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

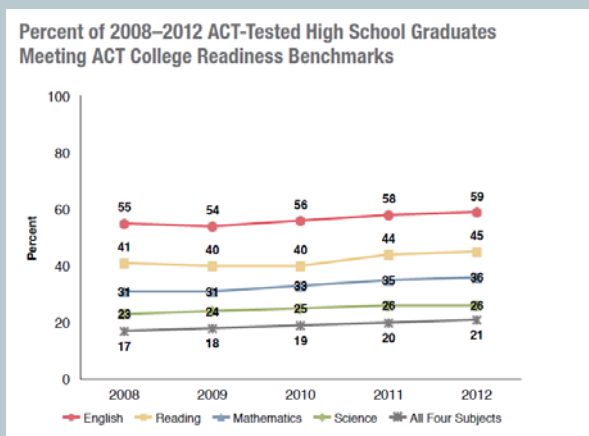
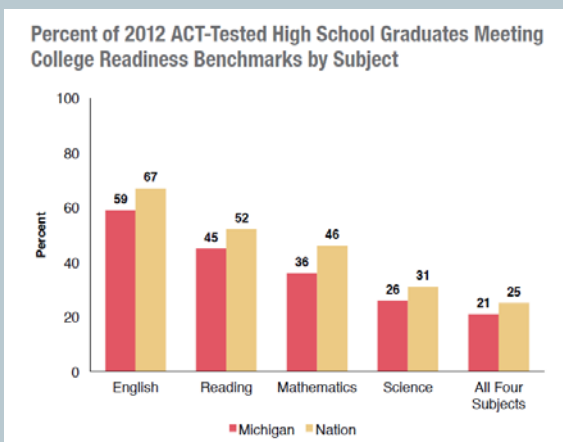
State and Legislative Matters:

Legislative Committee on the Transferability of Core College Courses– Following the study committee on the block transfer of credits last year, the legislature included boilerplate language in the FY 2013 community college appropriations bill that is focused on improving the transferability of the core college courses by revising the current MACRAO agreement.



National Matters:

College and Career Readiness– Annually, ACT provides a snapshot of the college and career readiness of ACT-tested high school graduates. For a quick view of the percent of 2012 ACT-tested high school graduates meeting college readiness benchmarks by subject and also the trend from 2008-2012, please see the graphs below.



Did you know?

- ◆ A new study by the National Bureau of Economic Research finds that graduates of for-profit colleges and community colleges fare about the same in earnings. For the article, please go to <http://chronicle.com/article/Graduates-of-For-Profits-and/133968/>.
- ◆ Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College, and Henry Ford Community College have signed a “reverse transfer” with Wayne State University. For the article, please go to <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120830/METRO01/208300463/1361/Wayne-State-signs--reverse-transfer--deal-with-3-community-colleges.>

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



◆ The iPad, iPhone, iLearn class at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus equals iFun! Students in this class have really enjoyed learning something new every session about the devices.

◆ The Entrepreneurial Institute and Resource Center hosted Jerrick Jefferson, Founder and CEO of The Art of Winning. Mr. Jefferson spoke on breaking the complacency barrier, doing more today than you did yesterday, how to develop highly effective time management habits, and breaking old habits to get new results.

THE HEINZ C. PRETCHER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

PuppetArt– Detroit Puppet Theater performs The Sleeping Beauty

Saturday, September 8, 2012

2:00pm

Adults \$8.00 Up to four children accompanied by a paying adult will be admitted at no cost



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.
- ◆ EPAC landscaping
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project
- ◆ EPAC Main stage floor needs to be repaired/replaced
- ◆ Replace carpet in Ray Mix

Downtown

- ◆ Restroom renovation project (98% complete)
- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (In process)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (Pre-bid meeting held 8/21)
- ◆ New furniture and ceiling in the library
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the One Stop Shop
- ◆ New receptionist cubicles in the learning lab
- ◆ Remodeling of counter in the instructions office, room 221 (In process)

Eastern

- ◆ Security cameras (95% complete)
- ◆ Mechanical-AHU & Chillers

University Center

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

Northwest

- ◆ Backup generator for the welcome center is in need of service. (Will be installed by 9/21/12)
- ◆ Elevator doors need to be replaced in administration and welcome center buildings (in bid process)

Western

- ◆ Soccer field project (in process)
- ◆ Nursing lab move (sink replacement, cabinet replacement, curtain install)(In process)
- ◆ Marquee needs repair/replacing
- ◆ Roof leaks
- ◆ D wing chiller

General



Maintenance

Downriver

- ◆ Replace non-functioning emergency lights (In process)

Western

- ◆ Weed control



Landscaping at the Northwest Campus



Mechanical renovation Continues at the District Office