

# CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING- SEPTEMBER 12, 2012



## Community Updates at a Glance



### September 12 Downtown Campus



### September 14 Downriver Campus

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# EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

## REDESIGNED DEVELOPMENTAL MATH

The students in the redesigned developmental mathematics (MAT115 Pre-College Mathematics) pilot participated in focus group discussions on their experiences with the class. They provided insight on the new role of faculty, class modality, and other resources available online.



## Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Centers will resume the District-wide Book Club discussions this month. Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, each campus introduces engaging discussions about selected titles. Ten copies of the titles are available for LRC users to check out with a valid library card.

### September 18 Book Discussion Titles

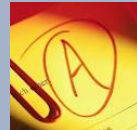
**Downriver**– *Mountains Beyond Mountains*  
by Tracy Kidder

**Downtown**– *Say Amen Again*  
by ReShonda Tate Billingsley

**Eastern**– *The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln*  
by Stephen L. Carter

**Northwest**– *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle

**Western**– *Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet



## MISSING GRADE AUDIT FOR SPRING AND SUMMER SEMESTERS IS COMPLETE

The Division of Educational Affairs has completed its audit of the missing grades for the spring and summer semesters.

**Spring 2012-100% submission rate**  
**Summer 2012– 99.7% submission rate**

## FACULTY EVALUATION TEAM TRAINS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER



The Division of Educational Affairs conducted a webinar on Faculty Evaluation Training for administrative staff members across the District. These trained staff members make up the faculty evaluation team. Each team member is expected to assist in completing about 120 faculty evaluations this Fall semester.

## Open Library Orientations

Getting to Know your LRC's  
Information Resources and  
Information Services



Schedule is available online

## OUR FACULTY PROMOTING MATH!

Richard Sietz, Math Faculty member promotes math every way he can, including wearing special t-shirts.



Fall 2012 LRC Program Calendars  
Available Online!



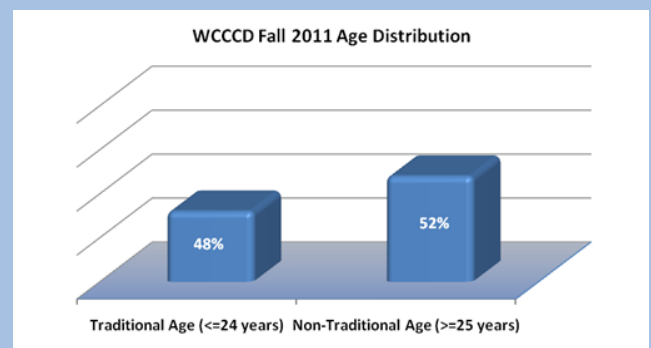
- ◆ Annette Black attended a community partnership meeting. Community leaders were brought together to learn about the new “Pathways to Potential” initiative implemented by Governor Snyder.
- ◆ Mike Farah attended a training workshop at Daikin Training Center for the new Variable Refrigerant Volume system.
- ◆ Dr. George Swan had the opportunity to speak to participants at the annual Detroit Regional News Hub Conference along with representatives of the Detroit Long Term Planning Project. He discussed the importance of education, the investments made by the District to build labs, programs and engage quality faculty to prepare area residents for high demand careers and disciplines in the region.
- ◆ Dr. Swan was the featured reader and speaker for the Third Annual Literacy Day Extravaganza in Inkster sponsored by the Josie Odum Morris Literacy Project, Starfish Family Services, and the Leanna Hicks Public Library.
- ◆ Shawna Forbes met with Herbert Thomas, Employment Services Specialist, with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to discuss future opportunities for training, developing on-campus resources, and strategies for supporting our veterans and their families. This initiative will broaden WCCCD’s commitment to veterans and District’s designation of “Veterans Friendly.”
- ◆ Anthony Arminiak met with Susan Kozak, Executive Director of Community Care Services. Discussion included WCCCD’s partnership with the Supportive Education Program and promoting their supportive employment and housing resources at the WCCCD Job Fair.
- ◆ Mr. Arminiak attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Steak Roast. This event provided an opportunity to network with various agencies, businesses and government officials.
- ◆ Will Sampson met with students, parents and members of Denby High School’s Parent Advisory Council on dual enrollment partnerships with the new Education Achievement Authority school district. The new system will place greater emphasis on community involvement in schools.
- ◆ Donnell Mason was a special guest of Detroit City Council Member JoAnn Watson during a recent taping of the “Wake Up Detroit” television program. The conversation highlighted the benefits of the open door philosophy embraced at WCCCD.
- ◆ Brian Singleton met with Janice Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk to work on a voter registration drive to encourage WCCCD students and community members to vote on November 6. They also discussed ways to engage students and include them in the training and management process of the election day.

## INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

According to a National Noel Levitz blog, the following top five levels of importance are critical to improving the nontraditional student’s level of satisfaction. (<http://blog.noellevitz.com>)

- ◆ Tuition paid is a worthwhile investment
- ◆ I am able to register for classes with few conflicts
- ◆ Adequate financial aid is available for most adult students
- ◆ Faculty provide timely feedback about my progress
- ◆ There are sufficient options within my program of study.

Did you know that 52% of WCCCD students are non-traditional (aged 25 years and older)?





# STUDENT SERVICES



## WCCCD Athletics



The Downtown Campus hosted an orientation day for WCCCD athletes. Lorraine Colts, WCCCD Academic Advisor spoke to student athletes about ways that will assist them in completing their studies while attending WCCCD.



The Men's Cross Country team competed at Ferris State University this past weekend which was the first event for the WCCCD cross country team in three years. Congratulations WCCCD Wildcats!



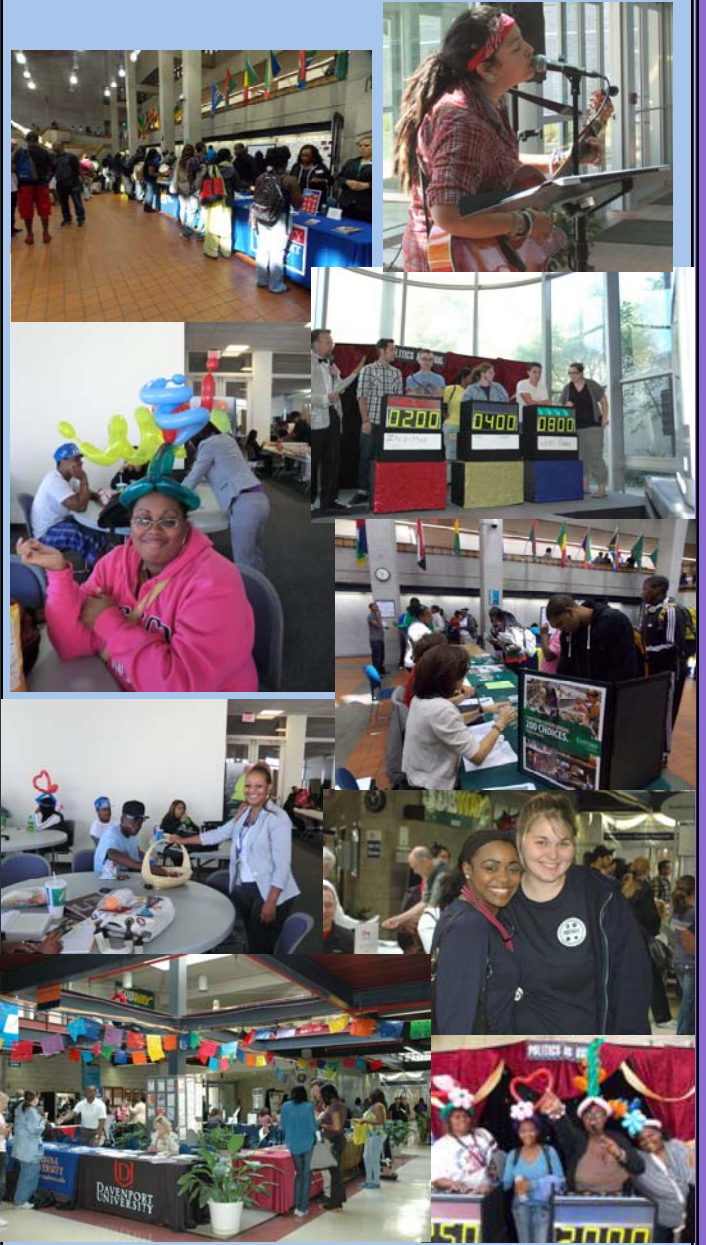
Members of WCCCD's Men's Cross Country team from left: Johnell Robinson, Johnta Thompson, KaShawn Wooten, Larry Goldsby, and Justin Omundi.

### Did you know?

Sports Illustrated #1 book in the top 100 Sports Books of All Time..... The Sweet Science by A.J. Liebling (1956)

## Welcome Week

Students, staff and faculty celebrated Welcome Week this semester with a focus on Constitution Day activities highlighted by a jeopardy style game quizzing students of their knowledge of the Constitution, voting, and American history. Other Welcome Week activities included student support services workshops, meeting campus staff, participating in the Collegiate Informational Fair meeting community organizations, taking campus tours, listening to campus safety/student rights and responsibilities presentations, learning more about financial aid and enjoying various forms of entertainment that emphasized the art of music and poetry.



# THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development held a job fair for the Right Skills Now Advance Manufacturing Training Program Graduates. Each graduate interviewed with participating employers, such as Loc Performance Products, Inc. located in Plymouth, Michigan.

One graduate shared: "This was the best training I've ever received with a sharp group of individuals from all walks of life."

## In the Mail...



Carolyn Carter received the following letter from James Hill, one of her Genealogy students and we thought we would share it with you:

"I was adopted and for my entire life, I felt disconnected and isolated because I never truly belonged to my adopted family, although I know they loved me. When I met my real father as an adult I began the desire, the need, the drive to find out not just who I am but where I came from and through whom. Tonight, begins the start of my journey where I feel like I do belong and I do have a right and a reason for being here. Thank you and God bless you."

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ In recent weeks, the District successfully completed a federal grant program close-out audit. The audit focused on the assessment and evaluation of organizational processes related to both the program and financial management of the grant. The District is pleased to announce that efforts to ensure transparency and accountability through the bi-monthly grant management meetings, allowed team members to promptly respond to audit inquiries and document requests.

## WEBSITE HITS

For the week of September 5 – 11, we received 80,995 visits to our website. Visits came from 56 countries. We received 2,125 hits for the academic schedules and 1,469 hits for the college catalog.

### Top 5 Countries

- United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- India
- Nigeria

### The Top 5 Content Views

- Financial Aid: 18,905
- Distance Learning: 10,895
- Academic Program: 7,712
- Student services: 7,604
- Northwest Campus: 4,832



## 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



Global Conversations  
TCHIN  
September 18, 2012  
10:00am– Downriver  
12:00pm– Western



Don't forget to wear your "My Life is Better" t-shirts on Mondays and Fridays.





## CAMPUS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- ◆ The Western Campus, in partnership with the American Red Cross hosted a blood drive. The American Red Cross plays a critical role in our nation's health care system and is the largest single supplier of blood products in the United States, serving nearly 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted a "Register to Vote" campaign, sponsored by Rashid Elabed of ACCESS. Mr. Elabed provided the ability for students and the community to register to vote at the campus without the need to find transportation to the Secretary of State's office.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus also 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. Several groups meet at different times/days to build business relationships and share leads.

### SOCCER FIELDS AT THE WESTERN CAMPUS ARE OPEN

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Community Soccer Park at the Western Campus to kick-off the fall season of the Van Buren Soccer Association (VBSA). Leaders and dignitaries from the community were in attendance. The teams of the VBSA have a robust schedule of games for the fall season to be held on our turf.



### INKSTER HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS ATTEND CLASSES AT THE WESTERN CAMPUS



The Western Campus hosts returning Inkster High School Dual Enrollment students for the Fall 2012 semester. They settled into the new semester with excitement and anticipation with a number of new and returning faculty members.

### NEW STUDY AREA FOR STUDENTS AT THE WESTERN CAMPUS

It's study time at the Western Campus as students enjoy the new student study area near the Nursing Department. This new space has a lounge and two study areas for students to utilize.



### Opening on September 20, 2012 at the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery– Downtown Campus



*Quote of the Week* "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." ~ Nelson Mandela

## THE HEINZ C. PRETCHER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The District presented Puppet Art, Detroit Puppet Theater, The Sleeping Beauty show. After the show, the children and adults joined the Detroit Puppet Theater artists for a workshop on making puppets to take home and do their own show.



## CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



◆ Marcus Harris, Adjunct Faculty for the Entrepreneurial Department conducted a business plan orientation seminar. Mr. Harris discussed the following in his presentation:

- ◆ What is an entrepreneur
- ◆ Entrepreneurial success
- ◆ Steps to starting a business
- ◆ Finding your niche
- ◆ Writing a business plan

- ◆ The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus welcomed the Seek Opportunities and Outreach conference. The conference was an interactive forum that featured motivational presentations on the topics of parenting/foster care, health matters, self-esteem, unlocking your life, understanding finances, and toxic relationships.



## THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

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

- ◆ Healthlink Medical Transportation held a Train the Trainer: An Instructors Course in Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO): Ambulance workshop. The goal of the CEVO course was 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.
- ◆ District Public Safety officers attended a two-hour first aid training course as part of their police authority training.
- ◆ The Wayne County Sheriff's Department attended a first aid and CPR training class.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



### LINKED IN PASSWORDS—CHANGE YOURS TODAY!

The professional social networking site LinkedIn has reported that passwords have been stolen and cracked. Change your password now if you have not done so. More than 6.4 million LinkedIn passwords have leaked to the Web after an apparent hack. Though some login details are encrypted, all users are advised to change their passwords. In today's virtual world make sure you have different passwords for different purposes and websites. If in case one of them is compromised, you are at least protected on the rest.



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# 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 (9-20-12)
- ◆ HVAC energy upgrade project (In process)
- ◆ EPAC Main stage floor needs to be repaired/replaced (Waiting on a quote)
- ◆ Replace carpet in Ray Mix

#### Downtown

- ◆ Restroom renovation project (99% complete)
- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (In process)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (Pre-bid meeting held 8/21)
- ◆ New ceiling in the library (In process)
- ◆ Remodeling of counter in the instructions office, room 221 (50% complete)

#### Eastern

- ◆ Security cameras (90% complete)
- ◆ Mechanical-AHU and chillers (In process)

#### University Center

- ◆ Handicap door upgrade
- ◆ Security cameras (In process)

#### Northwest

- ◆ Backup generator for the Welcome Center is in need of service. (Work in process)
- ◆ Elevator doors need to be replaced in administration and welcome center buildings (In bid process)

#### Western

- ◆ Marquee needs repair (In process)
- ◆ D wing air handling unit (In process)

#### NEW EVACUATION SIGNS AT THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Northwest Campus has completed the campus-wide installation of the new Emergency Evacuation signs.

