

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – SEPTEMBER 26, 2012



Community Partner Award

Wayne County Community College District has been selected to receive the "Community Partner Award" for the Information Center at their annual Gala Celebration event on October 11, 2012. WCCCD is receiving this award for its continued work in partnership collaboration with the Downriver Campus to serve those individuals in our community.



"My Life is Better" Walk
Wednesday, October 3, 2012

12:00 noon

Meet in the courtyard at the Downtown Campus
Wear your blue or white "My Life is Better" shirts!

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

DOWNRIVER CAMPUS
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
EASTERN CAMPUS

NORTHWEST CAMPUS
WESTERN CAMPUS
UNIVERSITY CENTER



Where learning leads to a better life!

Community Updates at a Glance

**September 27
Eastern Campus**



**September 28
Downtown Campus**

**September 28
Northwest Campus**



DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICERS TRAIN ON SUBJECT CONTROL CONTINUUM TECHNIQUES

Lieutenant Aziz Faison and officers Marty Taylor, Carlos Crawford, and Odell Godbold participated in defensive training at the Detroit Police Pistol Range to enhance their skills in Subject Control Continuum Techniques. The training was conducted by a Detroit Police officer on proactive and reactive ways to be effective when dealing with a hostile situation. This training will assist in keeping a safe environment for the District's students, staff, and faculty members.



CONGRATULATIONS OFFICER WILDS!

Officer Matthew Wilds was presented a WCCCD Certificate of Appreciation from Western Campus President Michael Dotson for actions that he took during a building emergency.



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



Strategies to increase student engagement have proven to be an effective vehicle in retaining and helping students master subject matter, particularly in the STEM fields. An article in the Community College Times entitled "Research Projects Spur Student Engagement in Learning" discusses the benefits of including research in course pedagogy, with advanced projects in capstone courses. By incorporating inquiry based research that applies real-world experiments into the classroom, students are more active in the learning process and connects the college to community partners for research-based internships and service learning activities.

FACULTY SELECTION

Spring 2013 Faculty Selection ends Monday, October 1, 2012 at the Downriver Campus.



Learning Resource Center

Faculty-Librarian Collaborations

An article published in Faculty Focus described three approaches to enhance collaborations between faculty and librarians to enhance student learning:

- ◆ The first approach is for faculty to invite the librarians into the classrooms to lead sessions about topics such as citations, how to use journals as sources of information in assignment, and determining the credibility of sources.
- ◆ The second approach involves librarians and faculty working together to identify appropriate materials to support discipline and/or program area include preparation of a subject guide for a course or entire department.
- ◆ The third approach is the preparation of PowerPoint presentation and tutorials available to online students and faculty.

NEW! EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

In order to reward WCCCD's hard-working employees for exceptional performance and as an incentive to raise the bar higher within the District, an Employee of the Month Award was established by the District.. The program will award employees who go above and beyond their job description.



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at the Downriver Campus

The Downriver Campus is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a display of various countries' information and notable Hispanic individuals.



INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

According to the national research report by Noel Levitz, titled "2012 National Freshman Attitudes Report," nearly 94% of community college freshmen express a strong desire to continue their education and a determination to finish their degree. The Division of Institutional Effectiveness seeks feedback from first time freshman related to their academic goals and expectations upon entering WCCCD. Approximately, 84% of new entering students indicated that their goal for attending college was to complete an associate's degree and/or certificate.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

International Student Organization Holds Election for Executive Officers



Upcoming Events



Family Safety Fair and Open House
Saturday, October 6, 2012
9:00 am– 1:00pm
Downriver Campus

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ As the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development concludes the DTE Math, Mechanical and Technical Training with Cohort III, we wanted to share what some of the participants had to say about the current instructor, Lou Vierling:
 - ◆ "You are the G.O.A.T (Greatest of All Times) when it comes to the teachers I have had in my lifetime"
 - ◆ "You are the best teacher I have ever had"
 - ◆ "You were extremely helpful and your style of instruction sets the bar for WCCCD"
- ◆ We are also pleased to announce the start of Cohort IV Math training through the continued partnership with DTE Energy. The training participants visited the Downtown Campus for a career exploration tour. The purpose of the tour was to inform participants of the resources accessible during their training as well as educational opportunities.

Continuing Education Maintenance Report

During the week of September 17-22, 2012 the District served 1,566 student participants.

Downriver Campus- 711 students
Downtown Campus- 99 students
Eastern Campus- 171 students
Northwest Campus- 410 students
Western Campus- 175 students

THE HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Deborah Duyck and Steve Wildern met with Mary Lamos of the Michigan Montessori Society regarding possible future use of the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center for a statewide conference.



LOCAL UNIVERSITIES ON CAMPUS



Representatives from Oakland University and Wayne State University were at the Downtown Campus to inform students about transferability to their institutions after graduation at WCCCD.



STUDENT SERVICES

District Command Center

The District Command Center continues to thrive with its “all hands on deck” approach in addressing student inquiries. To date, the center is proud to announce that in efforts to achieve 100% student satisfaction, we have continuously met our commitment to responding to all student inquiries within 24 hours.



WCCCD Athletics

WCCCD athletes participated in a celebratory luncheon at the Downtown Campus. Basketball, cross country running and golf athletes were recognized for their unwavering efforts to represent WCCCD well in their competitions. Coach Roger Turner, Judy Smouter, and a former WCCCD athlete all inspired the student athletes to strive for higher goals while maintaining excellent grades.



ACHIEVING THE DREAM



- ◆ The Northwest Campus held Resume Writing and Interview Skills workshops for Learning Community students. Earlene Williams and Daniel Martinez provided students with tips on resume writing and job interviewing techniques.
- ◆ Aaron Grundy presented a financial aid workshop to Achieving the Dream students at the Northwest Campus.

STUDENTS STAR ON WAKE UP DETROIT!

Detroit City Council Member JoAnn Watson welcomed three WCCCD students to her television show “Wake Up Detroit”. Student success was the highlight of the program and each shared their experiences. Along with encouraging the viewing audience to experience the wonderful opportunities at WCCCD, Ms. Watson also reminded everyone about the millage proposal on this November’s ballot.



In the Mail...



“Please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude for WCCCD’S continued support of the Music on The Plaza concert series. WCCCD’s generous support has helped us improve virtually every aspect of Music on The Plaza from our printed materials and signage to marketing, featured artists, sound equipment and other amenities. We look forward to once again working with you on next year’s Music on The Plaza concert series!”

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ The General Accounting and Financial Aid departments have been working diligently in preparation for the 2011-12 annual Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate transmittal (FISAP). All institutions of higher education participating in campus-based awards are required to complete and submit this report annually. The Department of Education use the results of the report in relation to awarding funding for the upcoming award year.
- ◆ Recent legislation amends the Income Tax Act to reduce Michigan's individual income tax rate. Effective with the first pay in October, Michigan income tax withheld will be reduced to 4.25%. These rates will remain in effect through December 31, 2013. For additional information and revised tables, visit www.michigan.gov/withholding.

CORPORATE COLLEGE AT THE EASTERN CAMPUS



- ◆ Denise Tyus presided over the Corporate College at Eastern Campus' Phi Theta Kappa Orientation held this week.

- ◆ All the HVAC training units were recently replaced with new equipment at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus. All new ductwork was done by students in the Spring 2012 HVAC 109 class (Ventilation and Duct Fabrication) under the direction of instructor Dick Ruetz. The Eastern Campus Facilities Department placed the units after the ductwork was fabricated.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Solomon Asmelash attended a network security seminar hosted by Corero Technologies. The main focus for the seminar was application security and Denial of Service attack known as DDoS. Topics such as how DDoS attacks are evolving and best practices for network and application protection were discussed.



On the Move...



- ◆ Anthony Arminiak attended the Ecorse Substance Abuse Task Force in partnership with Ecorse Public Housing.
- ◆ Mr. Arminiak also attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Board of Directors meeting.
- ◆ Rodney Patrick, Paul Gray and Glinda Cherry met with Detroit Public Schools and the Tuskegee Airmen to the Tuskegee Airmen Aviation Awareness Week for Spring 2013.



Downriver Campus staff sporting the #1 WCCCD fashion!



MY LIFE IS BETTER DOWNRIVER STYLE!



HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Human Resources Division held two webinar workshops. Staff from Human Resources and Student Services attended a Title IX “Investigator Training: Practices in Complying” webinar which provided a “how to” in handling issues that arise out of Title IX complaints. The webinar touched on all steps of an investigation including: the complaint, grievances, documentation, obligations, addressing issues that arise, hearings, confidentiality and preventative education.

The second webinar was attended by Human Resources staff and focused on Intermittent Leave Under FMLA. The webinar addressed the legal and human resources issues confronted by employers and provided practical steps and procedures for employers to follow such as basic requirements of FMLA, use of intermittent leave under FMLA, scheduling of intermittent or reduced schedule leave and transfer of employees to an alternative position during intermittent or reduced schedule leave.

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS INFORMATION CENTER

The Downtown Campus Information Center offers students a place to access important college information, along with programs and services.



MICHIGAN GREEN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

The Western Campus was the platform for the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) Certified Applicators and Registered Technicians (CARTS) training workshop with more than 80 participants.



CAMPUS PRESIDENTS CORNER

The District hosted several organizations this week:

- ◆ The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) held a FUSE meeting which was offered to the Wayne County mental health workers. FUSE helps communities to break the cycle of homelessness and crisis among individuals with complex behavioral health challenges who are the highest users of emergency rooms, jails, shelters, clinics and other costly crisis service systems.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Financial Aid Federal Work Study Orientation. Students from around the District attended this orientation to begin their Fall 2012 Federal Work Study assignments.
- ◆ The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber' held a 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.
- ◆ The Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency held a roundtable discussion. Participants listened to representatives from Forgotten Harvest explain the mission and logistics of how they were able to distribute 43.9 million pounds of food last year to more than 260 emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area.
- ◆ WCCCD hosted a team meeting of the Building Training – Building Quality (BTBQ) program. Through the Affordable Care Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has been asked by Congress to oversee a demonstration grant program to train individuals to become qualified personal care aides – those aides working outside of certified nursing homes, home health agencies, and hospice.
- ◆ Steven Levine of CLP and Associates held a pension workshop. Due to the State of Michigan Office of Retirement Services recent Retirement Plan Reform changes, the workshop covered upcoming changes that were signed into law and will affect our retirement plans.

STUDENTS REGISTER TO VOTE

The Downtown Campus welcomed representatives from the NAACP, ACCESS, and Organizing America to assist students with registering to vote. Several students signed up and were excited about being able to vote for the first time.



NURSING CLINICAL SEMINAR

The Western Campus hosted a six hour clinical seminar for second-year nursing students coordinated by instructors Sheryl Thomas and Gwen Cook. The seminar featured Thomas Palmer, MD and Miryah Rice, RN of the Henry Ford Hospital Hospice Wayne Team who describe Hospice as a concept of care for terminally ill patients and their families



DTE Energy



DTE CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE DAY

The Downriver Campus hosted a DTE Energy Customer Assistance Day Program with more than 780 participants. The program centers on various payment assistance programs including case management, home heating credit, residential income assistance credit, low-income weatherization, state emergency relief programs, THAW, and winter protection plans and shut off protection plan information.



WEBSITE HITS

For the week of September 19 – 25, we received 61,816 visits to our website.



THE MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



- ◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted members of CERT team from around the county in a training exercise. Participants performed rescue tasks at a multiple vehicle accident involving a school bus, search for lost people in the woods, practice using fire extinguishers, and was briefed by the Red Cross what they can provide at emergency incidents.



- ◆ MIPSE hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's jailor training graduation. Sheriff Benny Napoleon welcomed the graduates into the Wayne County Sherriff family. Students completed the four-week training program.

The 23rd Annual Kinship Adoption Festival at the Northwest Campus



COMMUNICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Thanks to this week's Customer Quality Improvement (CQI) Team for playing an integral role by assisting guests and WCCCD students at the Administrative office lobby... Dr. Pat McNally, Kuda Walker, DaShonta Simpkins, CharMaine Hines and Bonike Odegbami. Way to go team!! Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!



BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery hosted a one-day lecture and demonstration with Jide Aje, printmaker. Participants learned about the process of making prints and how to transfer them to fabric.



DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



Wayne
County
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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

- ◆ Concrete walls inside campus need power cleaning (75% complete)
- ◆ Downtown parking lot replacement project (Pre-bid meeting held 8/21)
- ◆ New furniture and ceiling in the library (No update)
- ◆ 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 and Chillers
- ◆ Roof leak

University Center

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

Northwest

- ◆ Backup generator for the welcome center is in need of service. (Scheduled for 9/29)
- ◆ Elevator doors need to be replaced in administration and welcome center buildings (scheduled for Christmas break)

Western

- ◆ D wing chiller

General Maintenance

Western

- ◆ Dead trees outside & mulch needed in beds
- ◆ Plumbing issues (in D wing)
- ◆ Follow up on roof leaks