

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

July 5, 2013
Number 892

Advising Fair Downriver and Downtown Campuses

The Division of Student Services reached out to more than 200 students with a series of Academic Advising Fairs hosted at the Downtown and Downriver campuses. These events create a student friendly environment that encourages students to meet with academic advisors without appointments. The initiative allows staff to utilize a newly adopted technology called Degree Works in shaping an individual education plan of work for the student.



EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS



Program Review

During the program reviews of the Sustainable Buildings and Sites and Renewable Energy Technology (RET) programs, a comprehensive evaluation of the program involved faculty and administrators. Potential improvements to the Sustainable Environment Design (SED) and RET programs included:

- Revising the SED program into an AAS degree (with a career goal of a Sustainability Officer/Manager supported by LEED certification)
- Revising the RET certificate program to have an Energy Auditor career outcome (supported by the Certified Energy Auditor certification).

The purpose of program review is to evaluate the program and make improvements. Academic programs are reviewed every three years.

July 2013

Learning Resource Center Programs

July 16, 2013

Book Discussion Title: What Keeps Me Sane
 Author: Dr. Esperanza Cintron
 Location: Downtown Campus Time: 2:00pm

July 17, 2013

LRC Scavenger Hunt and Ice Cream Social
 Location: Eastern Campus Time: 1:00pm

July 23, 2013

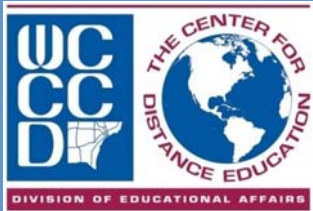
Book Discussion Title: If Not for Dreams
 Author: Dr. Debraha Watson
 Location: Downriver Campus Time: 2:00pm

Book Discussion Title: An Invisible Thread
 Author: Laura Schroff
 Location: Northwest Campus Time: 2:00pm

Book Discussion Title: Born on a Blue Day
 Author: Daniel Tamment
 Location: Northwest Campus Time: 2:00pm

Book Discussion Title: Art of Racing in the Rain
 Author: Garth Stein
 Location: Western Campus Time: 2:00pm

Upcoming Blackboard Orientation Sessions For Students FALL 2013



| Date | Students Training | Day | Time | Campus |
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| 08/12/13 | ITV - Orientation | Monday | 11:00a-12 noon | Northwest |
| 08/12/13 | ITV - Orientation | Monday | 11:00a-12 noon | Western |
| 08/12/13 | ITV - Orientation | Monday | 11:00a-12 noon | Eastern |
| 08/13/13 | Orientation | Tuesday | 6:00--7:00pm | Downtown |
| 08/15/13 | Orientation | Thursday | 6:00-7:00pm | Downriver |



COMPLETION AGENDA 2020

We congratulate Mahogany Mathis, Downtown Campus student, on her commitment to be a "Completer." The Completion Agenda Workgroup has had tremendous support across the District and we look forward to seeing the continued success of our students as we move the Completion Agenda Initiative forward. Stay tuned for more exciting information!



STUDENT SERVICES

On the Move...

WCCCD Michigan Youth College Access Network (MYCAN) member, Judy Smouter represented the District at the YMCA MYCAN annual meeting. MYCAN is composed of colleges, universities and non-profit organizations who, together, serve the mission to help middle and high school students successfully prepare for college. This academic year we serviced 192 youth with eight college tours. Of the 17 graduating seniors, 14 plan to attend college which is an 82% success rate in regards to the MYCAN mission .

Dual Enrollment

WCCCD continues to provide educational opportunities for area high school students even after the end of their regular academic year. Through dual and concurrent enrollment agreements, students are able to participate in college courses during their summer break. This idea is gaining popularity as more families look for early exposure to post secondary education for their children. The number of partnerships with area high schools is increasing to strengthen the pipeline from high school to college.



Wildcat Update

Three of our 2012-2013 athletes were recognized for their academic achievement by the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

- James Crisp-Basketball
- Chinyelu Umeokolo- Women's Cross Country
- Justin Omundi- Men's Cross Country. Mr. Omundi received the Eastern Collegiate Conference Academic All-Conference Honors for outstanding work in the classroom.

Congratulations to our Wildcat athletes! WCCCD is very proud of your accomplishments!

MiCUP Experience Student Testimony

"The MiCUP Program was truly an amazing experience. During the seven weeks I spent in the upper peninsula of Michigan, I learned quite a bit of real world lessons. Juggling time between research, class, studying and leisure proved to be a daunting task. It's something you must get adjusted to fast in order to succeed. Even though it seemed like there was never enough time in a day, keeping focused and staying positive helped me tread through. Engaging in a multitude of different activities such as hiking, canoeing, working out at the gym, conversing with new acquaintances, etc. kept me from missing home too much. In fact now that I am home it is actually those seven-weeks I am missing. I really wish the program had been over the course of the whole summer. However, I will always cherish my seven-week stint at Michigan Tech for the good and bad times I encountered because it made me a stronger person."



Eastern Campus

Detroit City Council District 4 Community Meeting

The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus partnered with local columnist Rochelle Riley and Detroit Future City Works to host a Detroit City Council District 4 Community Meeting. Councilman Andre' Spivey, Patrick Andrews from TEAM 313, and other local stakeholders were on hand to share their thoughts on the revitalization of this new city council district, which includes WCCCD's Eastern Campus.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Spanish for Travelers class

Students enrolled in the *Spanish for Travelers* class at the University Center participated in a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Professor Maria Dominguez introduced students to the various artwork created by artists of Spanish-speaking countries. They were most excited to visit the "Rivera Court" in which world renown Mexican muralist Diego Rivera actually came to Detroit to paint in 1933.



On the Move...

Dr. Sandra Robinson attended the 13th annual National Charter Schools Conference representing the District and the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.



Northwest Campus

Pollworkers Training

The Detroit Department of Elections Poll Workers Training workshop began at the Northwest Campus this week. This workshop will educate and train poll workers in preparation for the upcoming August primary and general 2013 election cycles.





Downriver Campus



The Downriver Campus hosted the Downriver Community Federal Credit Union's (DCFCU) You Don't Know Google, Part II workshop. As part of the DCFCU's Grow Your Business Workshop

Series, this session was facilitated by Tom Lawrence, IT Expert of Lawrence Technology Services, and designed to give participants personalized, hands-on training.

Southwest Wayne County Regional Chamber



The Downriver Campus hosted the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Chamber Connections Group workshop. 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.

On the Move...

- Anthony Arminiak attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Board of Directors meeting.
- Dennis Andrew, Deborah Duyck and Steve Wildern attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's event, After Business Ours.
- Gail Arnold and Lina Warra participated in the Ninth Grade Counts! Program hosted by Madonna University. This is a high school and college readiness program aimed at increasing the academic preparedness, self-efficacy, and motivation of 8th grade youth.



The Downriver Campus hosted a visit from Spring Arbor University. Representative Jeremy Adkins shared information about the facility and programs with WCCCD students interested in transferring after graduating from WCCCD.

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

- Gil Solis provided safety training for District employees. Training topics included first aid, CPR, automatic external defibrillation and personal protection.
- The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit for a Department of National Resource Hunter Safety Instructor Update Training.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Intel's New CPU

Intel announced a new version for popular microcomputers. The new version code named 'Haswell' seems to add very little to your desktop but packs a wonderful addition to your laptops and tablets. It has two new features, faster graphic support and great battery life. You should expect to see non-'Haswell' based laptops to go on sale to make room for the new and improved Intel chips.

Western Campus



New HVAC Equipment Arrives for Enhanced Career Programming

The Western Campus received new Carrier units and other industry grade equipment to remain on-site. Dick Ruetz, HVAC Faculty Member, inspected the updated HVAC labs. He assessed what the needs would be for installation and is developing a plan to involve students with more hands-on experience in the upcoming HVA 101 Refrigeration and HVA 102 Hermetic Systems courses.



Downtown Campus

Faculty Alignment

Jamila Sudduth of the Downtown Campus and Yvette McElroy-Anderson of the Western Campus held two computer related program meetings at the Downtown Campus. The Chief Academic Officer's (CAO) collaborated in an attempt to facilitate alignment and to also ensure that both campuses are supportive to the needs of the faculty. The CAO's are interested in creating avenues for open communication to meet the learning goals of our students. During the meeting, faculty had the opportunity to share information and put forth recommendations for program improvements.

Poll Worker Training



The Poll Worker Training is underway at the Downtown Campus for the month of July. Participants are updated on federal and state regulations related to conducting elections, reviewing of policies and procedures, and customer service.

HUMAN RESOURCES



IMPORTANT- Medical Leave Information

Please be advised that effective immediately, any one returning from a medical leave must have their return to work document sent directly from the physician's office to Human Resources. Any hand delivered physician statement will not be accepted. The College is not responsible for lost time while the employee is waiting for a physician statement to be received by Human Resources.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



Wayne
County
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The Northwest Campus received an exterior grounds facelift. Due to adverse weather conditions and defective pavement, new asphalt was installed and laid in the parking areas and driveways. Not only does this provide a positive appearance to the facility, but it ensures safety for our students, faculty and staff.



THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development participated in an employer-based program focusing on the importance of personal traits, academic skills, and life skills that are critical to obtaining a job and advancing in a career. The panel consisted of local area employers including Compuware, Henry Ford Health Systems, Home Depot and the MGM Grand Hotel/Casinos. The group discussed possible solutions for building soft skills as the foundation to an employable workforce.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The Fiscal Accountability Operations Center (FAOC) is working diligently to make certain that instructional supplies are on hand for the Fall semester. Campuses have conducted inventory and began to identify needed supplies. All instructional supply requests will be entered electronically via the Banner system. To avoid delays and ensure all requests are furnished with detailed information, (FAOC) will continue to assist the campuses with requisition input and procedure.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Did you know?

According to a National Student Satisfaction and Priority Report by Noel-Levitz, students at community colleges nationally identified the following elements as some level of importance for attending a community college. Source: www.noellevitz.com

- Quality of instruction
- Knowledgeable faculty
- Intellectual growth
- Campus Safety
- Variety of courses

| WCCCD Elements |
|--------------------------------|
| Bookstore |
| Overall quality of instruction |
| Student records |
| LRC/Library |
| Learning Center |

Additionally, graduates who responded to the WCCCD New Graduate Survey indicated that they were most satisfied with the elements in the chart above.



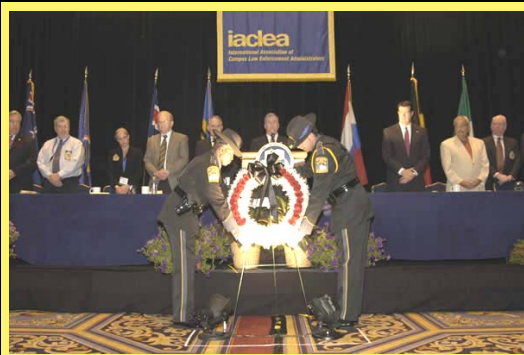
Swimming Safety

Summer is filled with many changes for college students. Whether you are taking summer classes, have a summer internship, or plan to make the best of a class-less summer, finding a balance between enjoying your summer and staying healthy and safe is extremely important.

Pool Rules – Swimming is not only fun, but it is also a great form of exercise. However, thousands of deaths and accidents associated with water recreation occur each year. The summer safety tips below are great guidelines to follow when swimming:

- Always use the buddy system by swimming with a friend
- Swim at places that have lifeguards when possible
- Always check local weather conditions and warnings before swimming. Avoid dangerous conditions like thunderstorms or strong currents

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70 percent of deaths associated with water recreation. Be a responsible drinker and avoid drinking alcohol before and during water activities. Source: Protection 1 Campus Safety Matters



International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Annual Conference

Chief Darrick Muhammad attended the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Annual Conference and Exposition for campus public safety leaders.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Affirmative Action: The U.S. Supreme Court has vacated a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that had upheld the race-conscious admissions policy at the University of Texas at Austin. The Court left intact its precedent that diversity can be a compelling government interest.

No Student Loan Rate Compromise Yet: Despite optimism about a possible compromise before July 1 on the pending interest rate hike on new Stafford loans, it is now clear that a deal will not be reached before Monday. Nonetheless, Senators remain engaged on the issue and are working toward a compromise, but at this point any deal will have to be passed after the rate change applied retroactively.

News Report: The number of international students will continue to rise over the next ten years as a result of a larger global higher education population and, the U.S. will likely remain the top location for students seeking international higher education, according to a recent NAFSA Association of International Educators report.



Back to School Health Fair

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Northwest Campus 10:00am- 2:00pm