

# CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society held its spring induction of members at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center. The Division of Student Services announces that we had another fantastic number of 151 applicants this semester. The keynote speaker and first generation college graduate, Michelle Bassett gave an inspirational presentation encouraging students to strive to meet their educational and career goals. PTK advisors, Liz Washington, Earlene Williams and PTK officers skillfully led the ceremony as they recognized the numerous academically competent new members.



## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY



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# Completion Agenda 2020

The Completion Agenda T-Shirt Initiative is about to commence. All campus locations have received their t-shirts and corresponding promotional materials. This initiative aims at increasing the number of students that declare a Program of Study and a Plan of Work. The goal is to get more students to commit early to a Program of Study, thereby providing them with a clear and more direct path to educational completion and success.



## Did you know?

Starting in the Fall 2013 Semester, WCCCD will offer a pilot program in Light Rail Engineering Technology. With the advent of Light Rail in Detroit (M-1 Project), this program is offered at the right time. Ten new Light Rail Engineering Technology (LRT) classes are being created, but the program will also draw heavily on our existing Electrical Electronics classes for program completion. Students completing the two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree will have job opportunities in the emerging light rail industry as well as with traditional railroads as the governing regulations and codes are similar for all rail transit.

### Must Have Information for Part-Time Faculty

A recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, (April, 2013) offered suggestions on compiling critical information that is accessible for adjunct faculty. Information including whom to contact for help, where to go for a copy of a textbook, library resources, campus/classroom map, copy resources, campus security and frequently asked questions to assist students. This information is provided at the Scholar's Corner for Adjunct Faculty Website it includes a needs survey for adjuncts to provide suggestions and input.



## Employees of the Month- March 2013

- District Office**  
Carmen Berman
- Eastern Campus**  
Elizabeth Ajayi
- Western Campus**  
Sharnita Ford
- Downriver Campus**  
Lina Warra
- Downtown Campus**  
Johann Buckner
- Northwest Campus**  
Dr. Gwendolyn Cook
- University Center**  
Darrell Lacy

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery  
Presents: Taurus Burns  
at the Western Campus  
Opening Reception  
Thursday, May 9, 2013  
5:30-7:30pm

# STUDENT SERVICES

## MICHIGAN COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

The Michigan College/University Partnership (MICUP) program held a Mix and Mingle event at the Northwest Campus for students, faculty and staff. Several presenters provided valuable information on an array of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) focused programs. Judy Smouter and Yolanda Russell highlighted the internship opportunities at Michigan Technological University and recognized the current interns. Dr. Eugene Brown, Regional Director of the TriBeta Biology Honor Society spoke about the possibility of WCCCD having a TriBeta Club by Fall 2013.



## Wildcat News....

The WCCCD Wildcat Men's Golf team has played at four golf tournaments so far this semester. Tournaments included the Mott Invitational, Oakland Invitational, Schoolcraft Invitational, St. Clair Invitational and the Eastern Conference. Next week the golf team will be competing in Regional Tournament at the Port Huron Invitational. Go Wildcats!

## ON THE MOVE...

Kris Evans-Barnes and E. Martinez Whitfield visited Paragon Support Systems Inc. Paragon Support Systems Inc. is a nonprofit vocational, community and residential support agency. Individuals with developmental disabilities who reside in Wayne County can receive services. Some of the services offered include educational opportunities, community experiences and micro business development. These services allow clients increased independence and involvement in their community.

## Financial Aid

In an effort to better serve our students, the Financial Aid Department has opened book vouchers for students as of April 29, 2013. The team is diligently processing the Summer 2013 student accounts with the intent that every student is awarded by the start of classes.



The Downriver and Downtown campus Learning Community students, faculty and staff celebrated their involvement in the Achieving the Dream Learning Community environment. Interactive discussions between students, staff and faculty revolved around the positive experiences as well as challenges that the Learning Community environment provides. Such discussions provide the Achieving the Dream Initiative at WCCCD valuable information about the success of the program.

**2013  
Commencement Ceremony  
June 1, 2013  
Ford Field**



## Upcoming Events....

**May 11– Fish-n-Fun  
Downriver Campus**





# Eastern Campus



- The most anticipated grand opening of 2013 for any Detroit area store must be the arrival of Whole Foods Market. On June 5, 2013 Mack Avenue and John R street will come alive for this historic event. Whole Foods Market will employ over 90 local residents. New employees will have received their training on May 21, 22, and 23 right here at the Eastern Campus Corporate College. Whole Foods Market and WCCCD, partnering in the revitalization of Detroit!



- ♦ Students from the Eastern Campus took a field trip to the Downtown Campus to attend Global Learning Day. Students were excited to learn about other cultures, interact with vendors and broaden their cultural horizons. Jasmine Jackson, a student from the Eastern Campus won a trip for two to Aruba!

# The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Dr. Sandra Robinson and Mawine Diggs represented the District at the 27th Annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast in Grosse Pointe. The on-site coordinators at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center from University of Detroit Mercy and Western Michigan University also attended the event and met many of the community representatives from the eastern side of the county. The mayors of Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe greeted more than 200 attendees and welcomed guest speaker, David Beasley, Former Governor of South Carolina.

# Western Campus



Michael Rich-Bey, Learning Center Coordinator at the Western Campus presented a series of presentations to students enrolled in Nursing and Central Services Technician programs.



The topics addressed were, test taking techniques, dealing with test anxiety and note taking strategies.

Students in the Comparative Religions Class at the Western Campus attended the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. The students heard the story of a survivor who shared how this tragedy affected his life. After the tour and lecture, the class then met to discuss how this field trip has encouraged the students to look at life in a totally different perspective.







# Downriver Campus

## ON THE MOVE....

Kerri Barnett-Novack and Ruth Opalewski attended the Tech Savvy webinar hosted by Jill Houghton, EARN, and AT&T.

Ronghua Luo attended the Michigan Virtual Reference Service Collaborative 9<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting at Washtenaw Community College.

- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office community forum on cyber crime titled "Fighting Cyber Space Predators." This year's theme "New Challenges, New Solutions" reflected on the increasingly complex mission of victim advocates today. The Downriver Campus participated at the Southern Wayne County's largest business-to-business event. They also hosted the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Chamber Connections Group workshop.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Community Breakfast "Taking our faith outside our four walls." Community members gathered to receive the latest information from substance abuse experts and were provided valuable resources and information on how to inform families about substance abuse.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the "Financing Your Education" workshop which provided information on cash flow and cost containment strategies for financing college expenses. The program was conducted by Jeffrey Taylor of the Tuition Rx Financial Education Association.

## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WORKSHOP AND EXPO

- ◆ The Downriver Campus in partnership with Biker Bob's Motown, Rosenau Powersports and American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.) held its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Motorcyclist Expo.
- ◆ The Downriver Campus in partnership with A.B.A.T.E. also held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Safety Awareness Workshop. This workshop provided awareness to improve the safety of motorcyclists on streets and highways.



## The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted an opening reception for the Spring 2013 Downriver Campus Student Art Show. Students, their families and members of the community viewed the rich variety of artwork created in the Spring 2013 art classes. This exhibit will be on display until May 10th.



## The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

- ◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted operators of the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County as they attended fire brigade training. Operators refreshed their training in fire extinguishers, foam application and fire extinguishing including the burn room. This annual training is a requirement of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- ◆ MIPSE also hosted the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for their monthly meeting. General informational meetings to share information from the National and District levels, and relay information back up the chain of command.





# Downtown Campus

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Former Downtown Campus student, Eric Wilkins recently shared with us that he has been accepted into Wayne State University's School of Social Work and will begin classes in the fall.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Human Services held a seminar which focused on special education rights, responsibilities, interventions and resources that will help children with disabilities succeed in the community. The Michigan Protection Advocacy Service was also in attendance to lend support and information to foster parents, social workers, and teachers on ways of improving the special education system.

- ◆ The National Church Adopt-A-School Initiative in partnership with the MOSES group conducted a training workshop to foster a better understanding of the community's school system at the Downtown Campus. The training also discussed ways of improving the schools curricula as well as the importance of partnering with schools and biblical foundations for social outreach.



- ◆ The Downtown Campus was pleased to host the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Annual Art Competition. This annual event is sponsored through the Congressional Institute. High school students across fourteen districts were invited to participate and the winner will have their work shown in the tunnel between the Capitol and the House Office buildings in Washington D.C.



## Global Learning Day

See pages 8 and 9 for more great pictures!





## STUDENT SUCCESS

Kyra Ballard, Federal Work Study Student from the Northwest Campus was recruited into the U.S. Air Force and will be leaving for training at the Lackland AFB, Texas after the Spring 2013 semester ends.



## Northwest Campus



### ON THE MOVE...

- ◆ Dental hygiene faculty at the Northwest Campus instituted an Objective Structured Clinical Examination for the dental hygiene students. This learning activity was used to help prepare students for patient treatment and clinical board examinations. In addition, student results will be used to measure and further help develop students' critical thinking skills.

- ◆ Andrea Juarez participated in a roundtable discussion entitled "Critical Examination of Race, Ethnicity, Class and Gender in Education" at the 2013 American Educational Research Association Annual Conference (AERA) in San Francisco, California.
- ◆ Mike Farah attended a seminar on project management tools which emphasized scheduling charts. The seminar focused on ways to structure and organize a skillful project team, with a strong emphasis on teamwork, innovative communication, and reporting procedures.



- ◆ The dental hygiene students and faculty participated in a Lunch and Learn sponsored by Wendy Swanson, Manager of Johnson and Johnson. Ms. Swanson reviewed the Clinical Essentials Program titled "Brush, Floss, Rinse." This program supports the students in assessing patient oral hygiene needs and a customized approach to oral hygiene recommendations. In addition the program will assist students in bridging lecture materials and clinical application.



- ◆ Shirley Branam, HDH, MBA, and the Central Clinical Educator for DENTSPLY Professional presented a seminar on pain management to faculty and students. The seminar reviewed local anesthesia and nitrous oxide techniques in managing pain for patient care comfort during dental procedures. Pain management is required for licensure for all dental professionals.



- ◆ The Surgical Technology Program at the Northwest Campus had a site visit by Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting. Their mission is to provide recognition for the quality of the education programs in its system to the public. The site visitors noted that the District is supportive of the program as evidenced by the budget, state of the art facilities and outstanding faculty.





# Global Learning Day at the Downtown Campus



Coordinated and hosted by Irv Jones, the Downtown Campus hosted Global Learning Day with more than 700 participants. Attendees enjoyed dancing, music, study abroad experiences and lots of great drawings! Kudos to our Executive Dean of the Study Abroad Program, David C. Butty and trip facilitators Judy Smouter and Julie Figlioli for a job well.









## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ The Office of Retirement has several tools available for those planning to retire in the coming months. Please log on to MiAccount and view the Reform Tools Overview. The tutorial will help you understand how the changes to the retirement plan affect you, and it explains your election options. If you haven't attended a reform information meeting, browse the seminar and webinar schedule and register for a meeting. <http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools/0,4653,7-206-55754---,00.html>
- ◆ Spring is in the air! The Procurement Department is doing some "spring cleaning" by reviewing any open encumbrances on purchase orders. This "cleaning" up of encumbrances allow us to stay up-to-date for a smooth year-end close process. In preparation for summer classes beginning May 20, the department has outlined a process to allow a timely delivery of material.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM

### STUDENT SUCCESS!

- ◆ Aida Ndiaye, WCCCD international student from Senegal tops her class in the Pharmacy Technology Program. Ms. Ndiaye starts her clinical on May 21st at Harper Hospital in Detroit working with the outpatient Pharmacy Department. Congratulations Aida!
- ◆ In an effort to continue to support our students in providing professional attire for the workplace, the International Programs/Global Partnerships and Federal Work-Study (FWS) Office partnered with the Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO). The Professional Clothing Initiative is always looking for gently used items because the demand is so great and the need is prevalent. From business suits, ties, dresses, casual outfits and shoes are available free of charge to any FWS student participating in the FWS Program going on a job interview, working in the office or one of our career fairs.



## DISTRICT POLICE AUTHORITY



District Police Authority provides a safety escort to the children of Vistas Nuevas as they board a bus for a field trip to the zoo.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Reinventing Teaching with Technology

The National Center for Academic Transformation just completed work on the largest ever effort to remake remedial math courses with technology. The project is supported by the Gates foundation. The redesigned models had the students work with interactive software in labs, receiving individualized help when they needed it and working through modules that could be completed only after a student mastered the material. (Source : Chronicle of Higher Education)

## THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development is pleased to announce the partnership with the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan. We will be providing customized computer training for adults looking to meet the workforce needs with top-notch computer skills.

During the week of April 22-27, 2013 the District served 525 participants by partnering with 14 community organizations.



# DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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## Deferred Maintenance



Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance



West Parking Lot Storm Sewer Repair at the Downriver Campus

The main restroom exhaust fan motor was repaired at the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus.

