



## THE WESTERN CAMPUS HOSTS THE BOOKWORM CLUB

The Western Campus hosted the Bookworm Reading Club. Children from the community participated in a fun-filled morning of games, singing and listening to stories. They were also visited by the WCCCD Wildcat who reinforced how fun and adventurous reading can be.



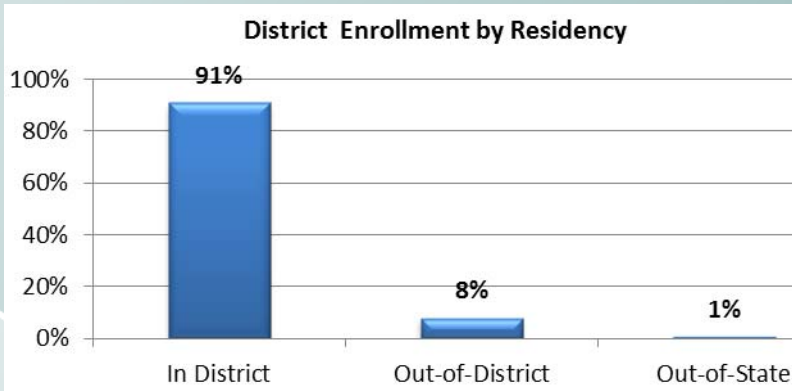
## ACHIEVING THE DREAM



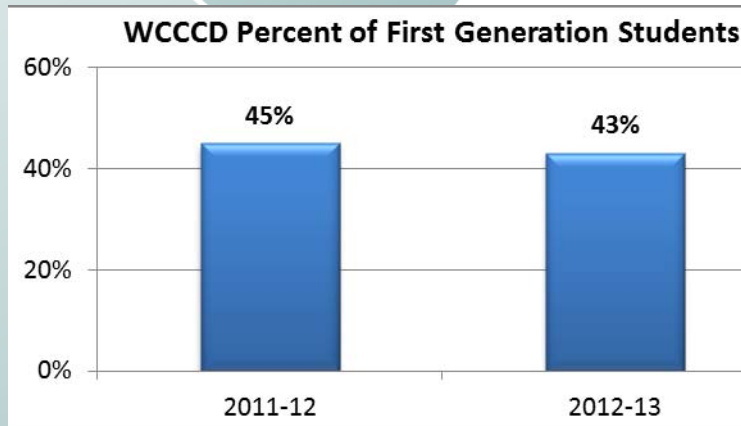
We were pleased to receive correspondence from Dr. Carol Lincoln commending the District on our achievements in meeting the five broad Achieving the Dream principles viewed as keys to institutional transformation. As the first Michigan institution recognized as an AtD Leader College, progress was noted in the following areas: committed leadership, the use of evidence for improvement, broad engagement, systemic institutional improvement, and, equity. We thank all in the District who have worked to make AtD a process for engagement and improvement and look forward to further efforts that strengthen and enhance this important initiative.

## TRIO STUDENTS VISIT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

This week a number of TRIO students went to Eastern Michigan University to look at the possibility of transferring there once they complete their studies at WCCCD. As a part of the TRIO program, students are regularly afforded the opportunity to meet with representatives from four-year institutions, visit four-year university campuses and have workshops on how to transfer. We congratulate these students for understanding the importance of continuing their education and the TRIO program for keeping their mission of helping students succeed.

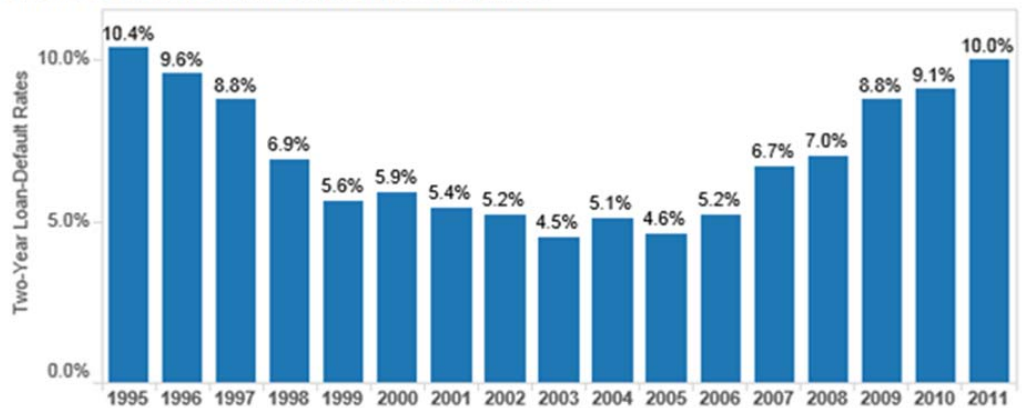


At least 40% of all WCCCD students are first generation students.



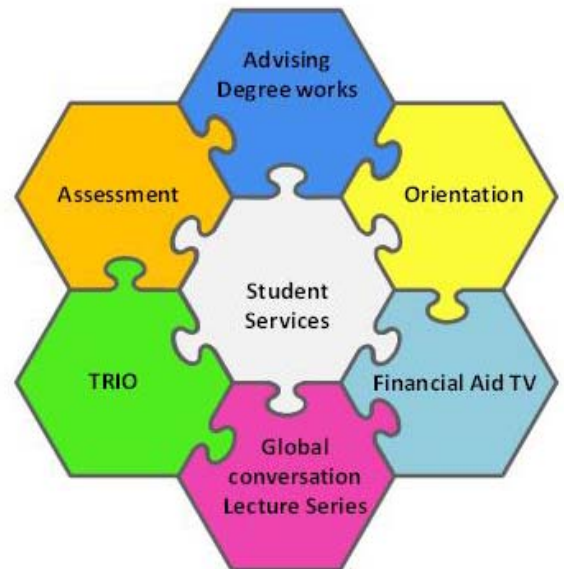
According to the U. S. Education Department, student-loan default rates continue to climb steadily. The graph below shows the national two-year loan default rates for the past 17 years.

Loan-Default Rates Continue to Climb



Source: U.S. Department of Education

## Student Services



## NATIONAL LOAN DEFAULT RATE

## COLLEGE NIGHT

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the annual College Night with the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers. Parents and prospective college students attended this event with more than 50 colleges and universities represented.



## PROFESSOR ROULEAU'S ART IOI STUDENTS

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

- Healthlink held a medical transportation workshop on Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Ambulance Operator.
- The Michigan State University Health and Nutrition Institute conducted an "Eating Right is Basic" Seminar. This 10-week series for the hearing impaired promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Members of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection K-9 Unit attended a training workshop.
- Members of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office attended a Jailor Training class. They were taught such topics as self-defense, CPR, fire safety, ethics, sexual harassment, cultural diversity, stress management, and legal issues.
- The Wayne County Sheriff's Training Division attended a pressure point tactics instructor update. The instructors were taught new techniques and how to secure a combatant in a safe manner.



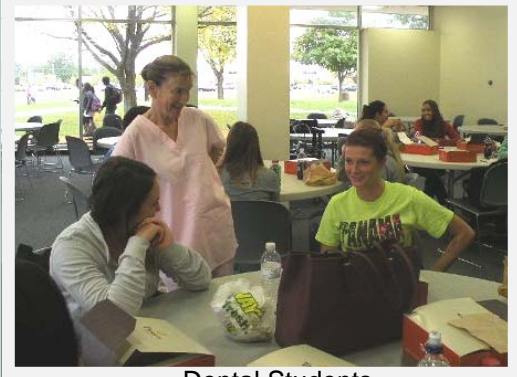
## DOWNRIVER CAMPUS HOSTS TAYLOR MAYORAL CANDIDATE DEBATE

The Downriver Campus hosted the Taylor Mayoral Candidate Debate. This was the first News Herald Internet broadcast of a mayoral debate. There were more than 1,000 page views during the broadcast and more than 150 users engaged in the live chat.



## DENTAL LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOP

In partnership with Johnson and Johnson, dental students participated in a workshop titled “Lunch and Learn” at the Northwest Campus. The workshop informed faculty and students about the new patient care oral products and their usage.



Dental Students



Dental Students

## DEGREEWORKS: ARE YOU A COMPLETER? WORKSHOP



As a part of its continuing Fall workshop series, the Northwest Campus Student Services Division conducted a workshop entitled “Degree Works: Are You a Completer.” The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Katherine James.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Northwest Campus partnered with Obama Care Detroit in a town hall forum that provided participants with factual information about Obama Care, the new health care plan for America. The goal of the forum was to give participants a basic understanding of the Obama Care health care plan so they could make an informed decision about the new healthcare law.

## STATE BOARD OF NURSING VISIT



Dr. Debraha Watson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, reported that the State Board of Nursing had an unannounced visit to review the Nursing Assistant Program at the Northwest Campus. The site visitor, Diane Whiten stated that she was “impressed with the facilities.” We were in full compliance thanks to the nursing administrative team.

## ON THE MOVE...

Dr. Charmaine Johnson attended a Kiwanis luncheon at the International Institute in Detroit. The topic of discussion was “Children are our Number One Priority.” The organization sponsors recreational activities for Children's Hospital, as well as a free reading books for children ages preschool to 12th grade.

## OCTOBER— BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Learning Resource Center (LRC) staff at the Western Campus created a “Wall of Hope” showcase. We thank Patricia Jackson-Hill, Breast Cancer Survivor, for encouraging staff to take part in her volunteerism at the “Making Strides of Detroit: Breast Cancer Walk” being held on October 12th.



Window Display



Drafting and Design/3D Animation Advisory Committee Meeting. Ms. McElroy-Anderson seated to the far right.

## DRAFTING AND DESIGN/3D ANIMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Yvette McElroy Anderson attended the Drafting and Design/3D Animation Advisory Committee Meeting. The agenda items included an update on the existing programs, new technology equipment being used in industry and future events for the advisory committee.

## ON THE MOVE...

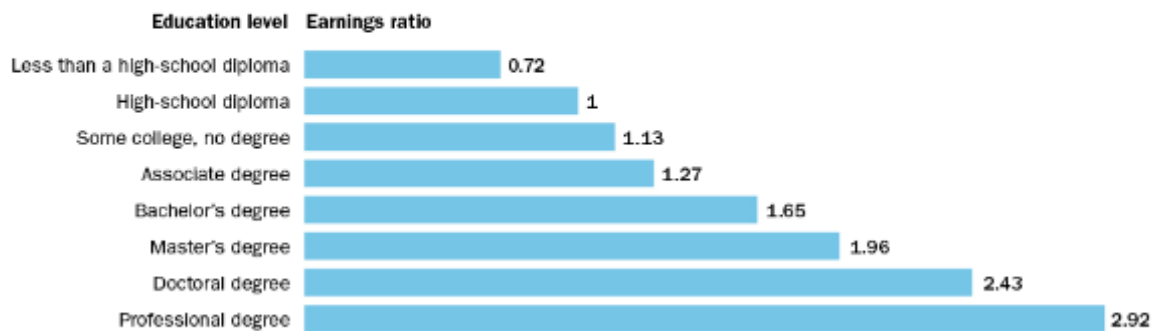
Mike Dotson attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Westland City Hall. The new city hall will be housed in a renovated, re-purposed Circuit City store on Warren that has been vacant for several years. According to Westland Mayor William Wild, the new building will provide for a much more functional city hall with significant space for community use and storage.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### EDUCATION STILL PAYS!

#### Higher Education Raises Earnings Ratio

The typical bachelor's-degree recipient can expect to earn about two-thirds more than a high-school graduate over a 40-year working life. This chart shows expected earnings relative to those of a high-school graduate.

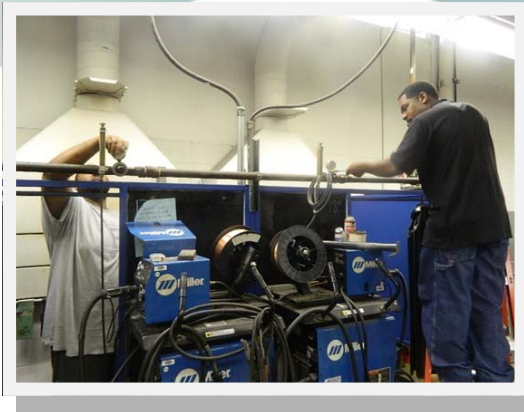


Source: College Board's "Education Pays 2013"

Staff from the Human Resources Division participated in a live webinar titled “Effective Exit Interviews.” The webinar provided a better understanding of what constitutes an exit interview and why they should be done. Valuable insights included developing an exit interview program, ways to report and use the data gathered from the exit interview, and processing and recognizing how to handle legal issues that may arise in connection with exit interviews.

At the Eastern Campus Welding Lab, 18 gauges on the gas lines were replaced and certified. Also, the defective gas house manifold leaks were replaced. These lab improvements focus on ensuring successful learning for our students.

## DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



CONTINUOUS  
QUALITY  
IMPROVEMENT

## OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

The Office of Accountability and Transparency collects, reviews and conducts monthly reconciliations and on-going audits of all District data. A systematic approach is used to procure data from multiple sources, allowing for collective knowledge through accountability and transparency. Sample reports include, but are not limited to:

- IPEDS
- Matrix Management
- Monthly Variance Analysis

## INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), certificates are one of the most popular types of postsecondary education awards. In a recent article entitled "Certificates: A Fast Track to Careers," published in the winter 2012-13 Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Outlook, the National Center for Statistics indicated the most popular disciplines for certificate programs were healthcare, personal and culinary services and mechanic repair technologies and technicians.

WCCCD Certificate Programs	Average Median Salaries
Heating, Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC)	\$43,530
Surgical Technology Central Service Tech	\$39,920
Automotive Service Technology	\$35,790
OIS- Office Specialist	\$34,660
Dental Assisting	\$35,140
Emergency Medical Technology	\$30,360
Pharmacy Technology	\$30,020

The table indicates average median salaries for some of the fastest growing careers requiring a college certificate.

# Coming Soon!

**District-wide Conference Day- Tuesday, October 29, 2013**

*Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center*

*Downriver Campus*

*Registration Begins at 8:00am*

**2013 District-Wide  
Conference Day**

**Connecting People  
through TECHNOLOGY**

# DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

## IN THE NEWS.... COMMUTER RAIL AND LIGHT RAIL



According to an article published this week in the Dearborn Press and Guide MiTrain, a commuter rail project linking Ann Arbor, Westland, Dearborn and New Center in Detroit is in the works. Carmine Palombo, Director of Transportation Planning for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said "MiTrain is a planned regional rail link that would connect with the proposed Detroit bus rapid transit service and the potential privately funded M-1 Woodward Avenue Light Rail line Connection. The story is another indication that the Light Rail Technology (LRT) Program, which started this Fall at the Downtown Campus, was timely. Students graduating from the LRT Program will be equipped to seek employment in both the light rail and commuter rail industry as it expands in southeast Michigan and nationally.

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

September was National Library Card Sign-Up Month and all students activating new library accounts were entered into a drawing to win a WCCCD bookstore gift card. Stephanie Coffey offered a campus-to-campus challenge that the Learning Resource Center with the most new cards activated would receive free lunch. The Northwest Campus LRC staff signed up 264 new patrons of the 632 new library accounts activated District-wide.



One of the Student Winners



## Downtown Campus

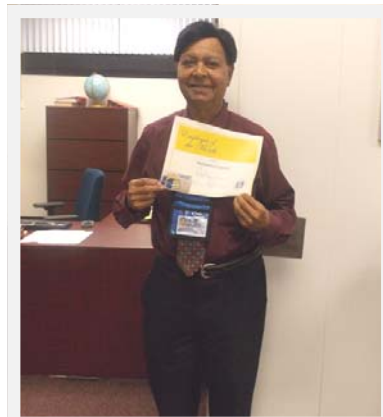
## DEGREEWORKS TRAINING

Jamila Sudduth conducted a DegreeWorks training session for advisors at the Downtown Campus.



## DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Mohammad Lazarus

Congratulations to Mohammad Lazarus for being awarded the Downtown Campus employee of the month.

## COMPLETION AGENDA

The Completion Agenda needs community support to achieve its goals. This week, Dr. Ron Harkness met with members of the Eastside Advisory Council, and shared information about WCCCD's efforts at helping our students, faculty, staff and community members understand the importance of the Completion Agenda goals. Various initiatives were discussed and the Eastside Advisory Council shared their support of this noteworthy cause.



# DIVISION NEWS

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### SDAP– SYSTEM DATA AUDIT PLAN

SDAP is a management tool and an opportunity to capture and report critical elements of District operations. It also provides comparisons with best practices among similar institutions. This enhancement allows the District to be more transparent and is an opportunity to provide accurate checks and balances. This tool is used on an ongoing basis to monitor system activity and audit the system data. For example, access to the IT division was audited this week to ensure that unauthorized access has not been granted to anyone.



## THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Through a successful educational partnership with the Detroit Housing Commission, the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development presented the Silver Circle Music Appreciation Program. This entertaining and fun program was designed to expose participants to variety of musical selections. The history and backgrounds of composers and music artists were also explored.

## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

More than 600 Detroit high school students are attending community colleges this fall compliments of the Detroit Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was created by Governor Snyder to provide every young person in Detroit with financial assistance toward a two-year associate degree or technical certificate. The governor's office is helping to fund the program with private donations, and it covers the difference between the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees at five community colleges, and the amount of federal Pell grants offered to students. Participating schools are Wayne County Community College District, Macomb Community College, Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College and Henry Ford Community College.



## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The Bursar's Office is in the process of invoicing students with outstanding balances from the Fall 2013 semester. Notifications will be delivered to students' WCCCD issued e-mail accounts. In accordance with policy, students are invoiced three times per semester. The student's failure to pay an outstanding balance will result in a hold being placed on their account preventing future account activity.

## COMMUNICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

**Home Efficiency and Safety Seminar**  
Saturday, October 12, 2013  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Western Campus



**Community Network Resources Expo**  
Saturday, October 12, 2013  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Downriver Campus

**Health and Wellness Expo**  
Saturday, October 12, 2013  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Northwest Campus





# DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR POLICE EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Lieutenant Bahrija Livadic attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for Police Executive Development Seminar. During the seminar, participants examined important issues for law enforcement executives, and experienced life-like examination of organizational behavior through media, leadership and legal training.



Lieutenant Bahrija Livadic

## FIREARM RETENTION TRAINING

Members of the District Police Authority participated in firearm retention course. Weapon retention is securing your weapon and not letting it get taken away by an assailant. This is a high priority to every law enforcement officer.

## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Members of the District Police Authority

## EASTSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Eastside Advisory Council Meeting that was held at the Grosse Pointe School District's Administration Building. The District's Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Harwood, provided an overview of the District's history, its advancement in technological infrastructure, recent safety precautions, and the District's plan to provide an optimal education experience.

## ON THE MOVE...

- Dr. Sandra Robinson and Nichole Pardo met with Tonya Norwood, the newly appointed principal of Harper Woods High School. Their discussion focused on WCCCD's Spring Dual Enrollment Program and other initiatives during the 2013/2014 school year.
- Matt Puwal represented the District at the Beaumont Community Coalition Meeting.
- Dr. Robinson and Susan Burton represented the District at the Grosse Pointe High Schools' North/South tailgate event, which precedes their annual football game. This event provides an opportunity for community supporters to network and share information with the parents and attendees.



## Eastern Campus

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Vincent Radziecki is currently a student in the Computer Numerical Control Program at WCCCD. Mr. Radziecki stopped by to thank Doug Payne and Matt Puwal for their assistance in helping him obtain employment at Stellar Forge Products. Thanks so much for the dedication you show to our students.



## ON THE MOVE...

- Doug Payne, Computer Network Control (CNC) Instructor attended the HAAS Factory Demo Days which showcased the latest and upcoming features of CNC equipment. These events offer the opportunity to stay in touch with industry professionals and maintain contact with vendors as well as potential employers.
- Mawine Diggs, Dr. George Swan, Antil Smith, Michele Giles, and Dr. James Robinson attended the 25th Annual Eastside Extravaganza.