CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO



CAREER CRUSADE DAY AT THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS

The first of two Career Crusade Days was held at the Northwest Campus. Career Crusade Days highlight Hi-Tech careers such as Light Rail Technology, Biomedical Equipment Repair, Auto Body Technology, Health Information Technology and Patient Care Technician programs, to name a few. Staff assisted students with career exploration, advising, registration, and financial aid in order to fast track their career choice.







DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

FACULTY AND STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Major Functions of the Division of Educational Affairs

The mission of the Division of Educational Affairs at WCCCD is to promote an effective environment of teaching, learning, scholarship and innovation. More than 500 faculty and staff with attend Faculty Organization Day this Saturday. This event will focus on academic success through continuous improvement.

Jonathan Little, Heather Mernitz and Dr. Linda Caputi, will be the distinguished facilitators for the day. Dr. Caputi will bring a wealth of knowledge to the nursing faculty and staff. She is a certified nursing educator from the National League of Nursing. Jonathan Little and Heather Mernitz will bring their expertise in the areas of analysis and physical sciences. Both are professors at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

A recent article on best practices in <u>University</u> <u>Business</u> highlighted innovations in college libraries including collaborative design and electronic materials.

PROGRAM MARKETING

The Career Crusade event at the Northwest Campus featured a number of programs including Light Rail Technology and Computer Information Systems.

DISTANCE LEARNING

We are staying abreast of federal regulations for online learning which could cost \$143,000.00 per university according to a Western Interstate Commission for Higher Learning (WICHE) survey of 230 institutions.

ON THE MOVE...

Mike Dotson met with Joe Richmond of Midwest Health Plan and Karen Labelle of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to finalize details for an upcoming workshop. On January 29th, the Chamber will partner with the Western Campus to host a workshop for area small businesses and chamber members to provide information and answer questions about the National Affordable Healthcare Act.

WEBSITE HITS

For the week of December 30 – January 5, 17,907 people visited our website, 40.65% were new visitors. Visits came from 48 countries.

Top Five Content Views

Student Services Academic Programs Financial Aid Academic Schedules Nursing Programs

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS SPRING SEMESTER READINESS

In preparation for the spring semester, a variety of maintenance and repair projects were performed. The carpet in the Admissions Office and Records Department at the Downtown Campus was replaced. These enhancements will contribute to a pleasant and comfortable learning environment.





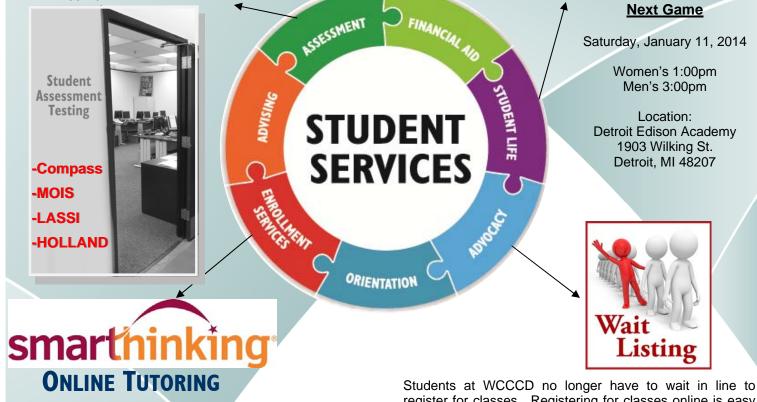
Records Office

Admissions Office

DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

Assessment testing at WCCCD is available at the campus of your choice on a walk-in basis. Student assessment is a process through which the District will be able to determine if students need to improve reading, writing or mathematic skills. The assessment test scores provide the necessary information so students are placed in courses appropriate for their skill level.

The Wildcats Men's Basketball Team continues with a winning season, most recently defeating Macomb Community College, 94 to 77! All home games are played at the Detroit Edison Public School Academy in Detroit. Go Wildcats!



WCCCD's students have access to on-demand academic support FREE of charge by logging into their WEBGATE account and selecting Smarthinking. With Smarthinking, you can access a personal drop-in session, interact with a live tutor, schedule a personal session, or submit questions. Students at WCCCD no longer have to wait in line to register for classes. Registering for classes online is easy and accessible! All five campus locations also have a Student Self-Service Center with staff to provide assistance.

Dual Enrollment

More states are using dual enrollment as a strategy to improve college access and readiness according to the Education Commission of the States (ECS). A 50-state database was recently launched ECS and states are talking about the benefits they see with dual enrollment. It presents a tremendous opportunity to expose students to college expectations, allows them to earn college credit and potentially increases the number of students who go to college," said a ECS Senior Policy Analyst. WCCCD is focusing on creating more partnerships with local high schools and school districts and therefore creating more opportunity for students to participate and therefore go to college. The credits that students earn will be used toward a college associate, baccalaureate degree, technical certificate and high school graduation.

Quote of the Week

"Earning college credit as part of our core high school program is just another way we add value for our families."



staff are preparing for the Spring 2014 Semester. We are kicking off our first staff meeting of the year with strategies and discussions on national community outreach and major priorities within the Division. Our goals are to increase program participation, explore additional grant opportunities, grow professionally, continue to create awareness, strengthen and create new partnerships, and increase training opportunities one step at a time.

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Engaging the Community

DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY



District's Police The Authority Lieutenant Pride Johnson provided basic recruit training to recently hired Detroit Police Department cadets at the Metropolitan Police Academy. The training consisted of how to deal with civil unrest, crowd control and mobile field force response. The tactics are universal standard police training and recognize internationally for law enforcement and public safetv response.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Senate Democrats Introduce Student Loan Legislation: U.S. Senators Durbin, Reed and Warren introduced legislation on December 19, 2013 that seeks to cut student loan defaults. The Protect Student Borrowers Act (S1873) would curb student debt by requiring institutions to make a risk-sharing payment to the Secretary of Education if its cohort default rate (CDR) for the most recent fiscal year is 15% or above. The payments are percentages of the amount of the defaulted loans, ranging from 5% for CDR's of 15-20% to 20% for CDR's that are 30% or above.



DATA CENTER MODERNIZATION

The Partnerships for Affordability and Student Success Act: Senator Reed also introduced S1874, the Partnerships for Affordability and Student Success Act.

The act would establish a state-level maintenance of effort requirement for higher education, and would establish a federal incentive grant program to provide resources to students and institutions in eligible states to improve student outcomes, reduce costs, and increase accountability.

Legislation Introduced in U.S. Senate for Federal Match to Michigan New Jobs Training Program (MNJTP): U.S. Senator Stabenow introduced S1795, the New Skills for New Jobs Act, which would create a federal credit to match the Michigan New Jobs Training Program and similar programs in other states.



The District is currently in Phase 1I of the Information Technology Transformation

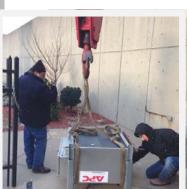
Plan. In this phase, the WCCCD Data Center will be modernized.

Data Center Modernization Phase 1I Status Update

- The air conditioner condensers that arrived over the holiday break were lifted to the rooftop using a crane. They will be stabilized with mounting rails and anchored to the roof. The air conditioner condensers will provide the required cooling environment for the data center.
- The protective anti-static flooring for the new data center has been installed. This flooring is designed to help eliminate static electricity that can cause damage to equipment.
- The electrical contractor has begun running the conduit to supply the power requirements for the new equipment.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMATION PLAN





CAMPUSES ARE GETTING READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

Western Campus facilities staff and staff from Giant Janitorial worked diligently this week to put the finishing touches on the campus in preparation for the start of classes next week. Ceiling tiles were replaced floors stripped and waxed and a new lab area for the Mechatronics Program was implemented.



Registration is still busy at the Downtown Campus as we approach classes for the Spring 2014 semester which is set to begin on Monday January 13, 2014.







WIVERSITY Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

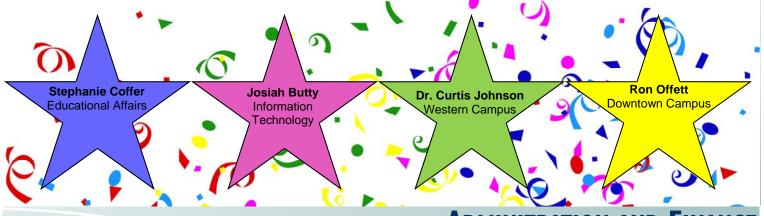
University of Detroit-Mercy students returned to class after the holiday break. Professors were delighted to welcome new and returning students to kickoff the 2014 school year! Students were equally excited to begin their baccalaureate-level coursework.





Professor Karen Waters' Social Work Practice I class

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 2013 EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



ADMINITRATION AND FINANCE

The Finance Department is finalizing reporting and reconciliation of vendor payments for the preparation of Miscellaneous 1099 tax forms for the calendar year 2013. The Fiscal Accountability Operations Center (FAOC) and Procurement Department align to complete the year-end task by reviewing payments and corresponding vendor data including IRS tax identification numbers and tax designation coding in the Banner database.

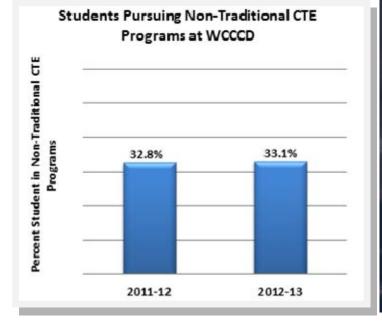
Recent Banner upgrades related to vendor address data allow for multiple vendor information fields as well as selection capability and sort, to ease in form issuance and reporting. Issuance of Miscellaneous 1099 reporting is due January 31, 2014.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Did you know? The National Center for Education Statistics identifies the following characteristics as common to nontraditional students. Source: http://nces.ed.gov

- Attend college only part-time
- Work full-time (35 hours or more per week)
- Are financially independent
- Have children or dependents other than their spouse

The graph below represents the percentage of students pursuing a non-traditional Career/Technical Education (CTE) program at WCCCD.



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