

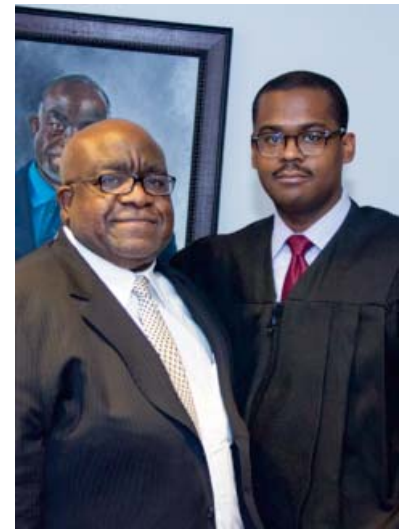
Board of Trustees Meeting- January 14, 2015



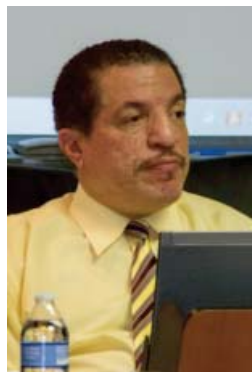
Congratulations to Trustee Mary Ellen Stempfle on her election as Chairperson of the Board.



Swearing in Ceremony
Trustees Sharon Scott and Charles Paddock were re-elected and Trustee David Roehrig was sworn in as our newest Trustee.



Chief Judge Pro-Tem Prentis Edwards Jr.



District Police Authority



Best Practice Tour at University of Michigan- Dearborn



The District Police Authority Department participated in a best practice tour at the request of Deputy Police Chief Crystal James of the University of Michigan- Dearborn Police Department. The focus was on transitioning their security officers to police authority officers certified under Public Act 330.

Advanced Supervisor Training

Lieutenant Miguel Hernandez attended the Advanced Supervisor Training held at the Canton Police Department. This hands-on three-day workshop was designed specifically for first-line supervisors who empower, discipline, lead and develop others. The topic focused on managing workplace relationships and handling special details.



Division of Administration and Finance

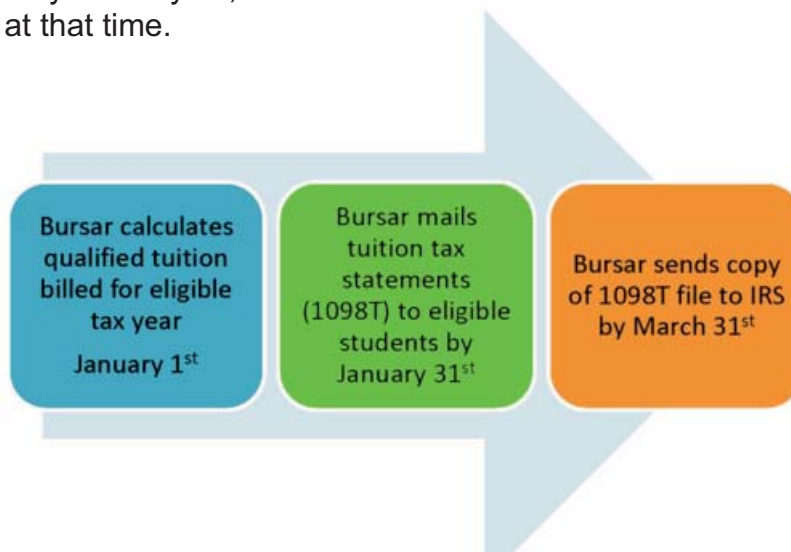
HigherOne Debit Cards Mailed to Students

This week HigherOne, our refund management system, sent out debit cards to all WCCCD academic students. Students are encouraged to look for the green envelope that contains the card and instructions to get started. The refund management system will offer our students new options and advantages in receiving their refunds. Students will have three options for receiving their refunds: paper check, direct deposit into an existing bank account, or open a HigherOne checking (debit card) account.



1098T Processing

The General Accounting Department is preparing for its 1098T processing. The tuition payment statement (1098Ts) is the information that colleges and universities are required to issue for the purpose of determining a student's eligibility for education tax credits. The Bursar's Office will be mailing 1098T forms to eligible students by January 31, 2015. Students will also be able to access their 1098T through their Webgate account at that time.



Administration and Finance

Deferred Maintenance



Division of Student Services



Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment students from Harper Woods High School attended an orientation at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.



WCCCD'S TRIO-Student Support Services helps to close the college graduation gap

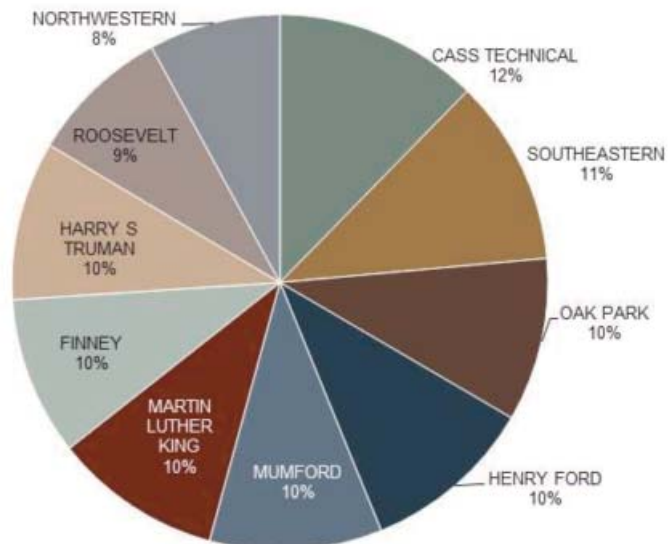
A recently released study by the National College Access Network in conjunction with the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center findings show that low income students who participate in college access programs like TRIO-Student Support Services are slightly more or nearly as likely as their higher-income peers to start and finish college. Proponents of this limited study reference it as an important step in using data to measure success of college access programs like TRIO-Student Support Services.



Top Five Feeder High Schools

The Division of Student Services works with several high schools in the community to provide opportunities for students in the pipeline to college. This helps to:

- Expose students to college experiences in preparation for life long learning
- Prepare students to plan for a college career
- Encourage students to attend WCCCD



Division of Student Services



Student Ambassador Program

What is the WCCCD's Student Ambassador Program?

The Division of Student Services Student Ambassador Program composed of a group of outstanding student leaders who are selected to represent the District in many capacities. They are dedicated to student success, diversity, and strengthening student connections. Ambassadors enjoy working with people, are committed to creating change in their community, and are excited about sharing their experiences at with others.

This program helps to build student leadership skills and their resumes while providing crucial service to the District. Students get a unique networking experience, interacting with faculty, administrators, staff, parents, alumni, and prospective students.



“Yes We Can” Initiative Continues at the Campuses!

“It has been my pleasure to have been on the “Yes We Can” team for the past several years. Our students really enjoy being greeted the first week of classes . This year I experienced a lot of first time students at the Downtown Campus. They were so relieved to see me when they walked in the campus, just to help them find their classes. I could see the relief on their faces. That’s what makes this campaign so important!” ~ Julie Figlioli



Coming Soon!

February is Black History Month

Lots of great activities, speakers and more!

Stay tuned...



Cass Technical High School

An International Baccalaureate World School





SCHOOL OF THE WEEK:

For the first 10 years of her academic career, LeReal Harris attended a private school. "Every single month, my mom paid tuition for 10 years... wow. That's a lot of money," recalls Harris, who is now a 17-year-old high school senior.

For her high school career, Harris' mother decided to switch gears from private schooling and placed her trust in Cass Technical High School.

Cass Tech is one of Detroit Public Schools' premier application schools. The newly authorized International Baccalaureate World School - the first school in the city of Detroit to earn this designation - is a two-time, nationally-recognized School of Excellence ranked in the top 5% of all high schools in the state by the Michigan Department of Education; a top-10 ranked high school by the Mackinac Policy Conference; and is ranked as one of the best high schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

Thanks to Cass Tech's notable Dual Enrollment Program with Wayne County Community College District - the largest program of its kind across the city that allows students to earn college credits while in high school - in May, Harris will graduate from WCCCD with her associate's degree. In June, she will accept her high school diploma.

"Technically, I'll be a college graduate before I graduate from high school!" says Harris, who plans to study pre-law at the University of Toledo in the fall. "I've always wanted to pay my mom back somehow for all that she's given me. Now, I get the chance to do just that."

What exactly does this mean for mom and Harris?

- Two years of college tuition that she will not have to pay for because Harris will enter the University of Toledo as a junior in the fall;
- A tuition-free undergraduate degree as

Harris has already secured scholarships to cover the final two years, and

"Cass Tech: No. 1. Second to None."

"Our students strive for excellence," Lisa Phillips, Cass Tech principal, says affectionately. "They feel that they are first in everything they do. They work harder. They play harder. And the results are usually success. So when we say 'No. 1. Second to None,' even if we come in at No. 2, we still feel in our hearts that we're No. 1."

And that No. 1 mentality is now spreading globally. With the school's announcement of the new International Baccalaureate designation, Phillips said just this month she received at least 25-30 applications from students outside of the country including families from Spain, Mexico, Africa and Brazil who will soon move to Detroit.

Premier Programs & Partnerships

With a total enrollment of 2,328 students, Cass boasts a broad range of academic, social and cultural experiences for all grade levels, as well as dynamic partnerships that prepare students for college and careers. The 2013-2014 senior class earned more than \$45 million in scholarships. Annually, Cass has a 98% graduation rate and a 97% college bound rate.

Cass collaborates with nearly every public university in the state, and some HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). Cass also partners with dozens of community organizations and businesses including Quicken Loans, General Motors, Chrysler Corp., UAW-Ford, DTE Energy Foundation, and Iltch Holdings, Inc.

One of the schools most talked about partnerships is the Doctors of Tomorrow Program where incoming freshmen who wish to pursue a career in medicine visit the University of Michigan Medical School monthly and throughout the summer. Cass students receive similar hands-on experiences that first- or second-year medical students are introduced to.

Cass Tech was also one of three Detroit Public Schools selected to participate in a new pilot program this semester with the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. The new Michigan Architecture Prep Program (MAPPP) aims to expose students to collegiate coursework and careers in architecture. Participating students will spend half of their school day on architecture work at locations including the Michigan Research Studio, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, City of Detroit, and the professional workspaces of local architects and designers.

Stellar Academics • Signature Athletics • Winning Attitudes

In addition to excellent academics and leading extra-curricular offerings, Cass has a long-time history of top-notch athletic programs attracting students like Owen Dolle, a 14-year-old ninth grader who transferred this semester from Grosse Pointe.

"I was nervous at first to switch to a new school," he admits. "But everyone is like family here. Cass has the best sports programs and the best academic programs around. When you combine the two, it's very compelling for student athletes, and really to any student, to come here."

Cass holds district, city and state championship titles in football, swimming, volleyball, softball, tennis and golf. Head Football Coach Thomas Wilcher was recently named the 2014 Regional Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. Wilcher joins Phillips as being named one of the best in their respective fields. Phillips holds the title of 2014 District of the Year by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Cass Technical High School
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Principal: Lisa Phillips



This article is available in the Michigan Chronicle January 14-20, 2015 Issue

The Detroit Public Schools Difference

28 schools ranked as top-recommended by Excellent Schools Detroit

New Career Academy Program where students can earn a high school diploma, associate's degree, trade skill certification and paid internship

New K-8 sports leagues with **basketball, flag football, baseball, track & field, soccer, golf and more**

New **Arts/Music enrichment** at every elementary-middle school

Over 200 free, high-quality PreK classrooms across the district

Safe and secure buildings with a full deputized police force

Transportation, free **healthy breakfast and lunch**

21 Community Schools offering extended hours and a range of expanded services

\$138 million in scholarships and grants for 2014 grads



Neighborhood-Centered Quality Schools

(313) 240-4DPS (4377)
DetroitK12.org

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Mike Dotson was elected Treasurer of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

on the move

Orlando Wilkins and Kimberly Hairston represented the District at the Financial Independence Day Expo. They distributed information on admissions, financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

Denis Karic represented the District at the monthly meeting of the Beaumont Health Coalition.

Dr. Sandra Robinson represented the District at the monthly meeting of the Metro Bureau which includes school superintendents from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Carolyn Carter visited the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. This library is a nationally recognized educational main branch containing vast information about freedom seekers who traveled to Detroit via the Ohio and Detroit River using the network of the Underground Railroad.



Karen LaBelle attended the January meeting of the Boys and Girls Club of Romulus and Belleville. A future meeting is planned for Mike Dotson, Western Campus President to meet with the club's director to discuss future workshops and partnership opportunities.

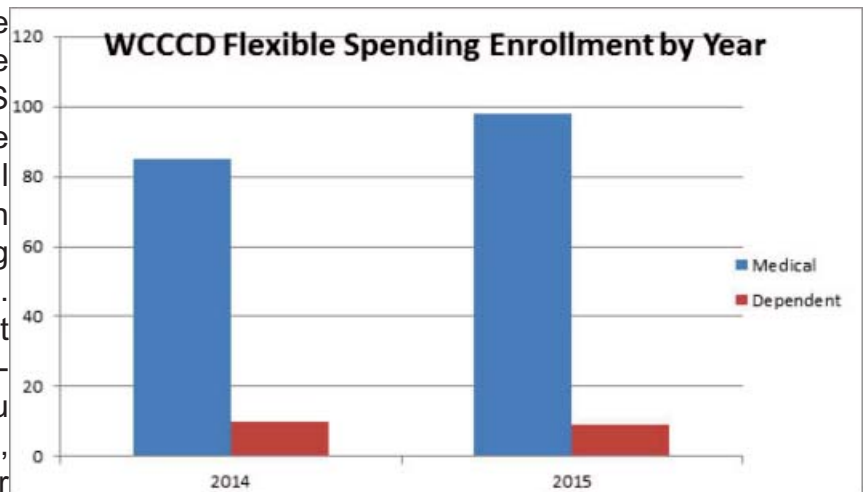


Division of Human Resources



Flexible Spending

There is still time to file claims for eligible health care and/or dependent care expenses incurred in 2014. The IRS allows you to submit claims for eligible expenses incurred in the year 2014 until March 31, 2015. You have until March 15, 2015 to use any flexible spending money you have left over from 2014. Contact Employee Benefit Concepts at (800)355-8040 or online at www.myflex-online.com in order to file a claim. If you have not previously registered online, you must do so in order to access your personal account information. Due to IRS regulations, any 2014 claims filed after March 31, 2015 will be denied.



Address Change Reminder!

If you've had a change of address, please don't forget to update your information. The change of data form can be found on the Human Resources (HR) webpage. Please be sure to provide up-to-date emergency contact information via Webgate as well.

Updating Change of Address

1. Go to www.wcccd.edu
2. Click on the "Divisions" tab, then select the HR link
3. Click on forms, then General Forms
4. Print out the Change of Data form, fill it out, then submit to HR

Updating Emergency Contact in Webgate

1. Go to www.wcccd.edu
2. Click on the Webgate icon
3. Click the "enter Webgate" link
4. Login into your Webgate account
5. Click on the "Personal Information" link
6. Click on View/Update Emergency Contacts

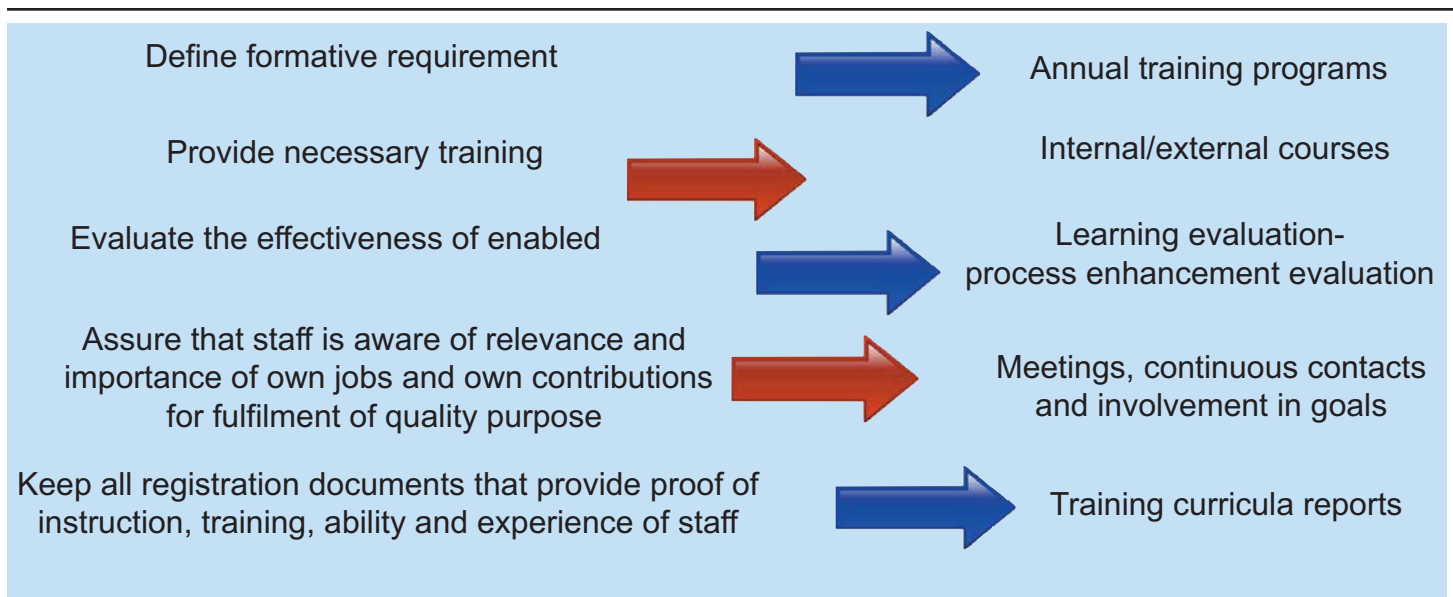
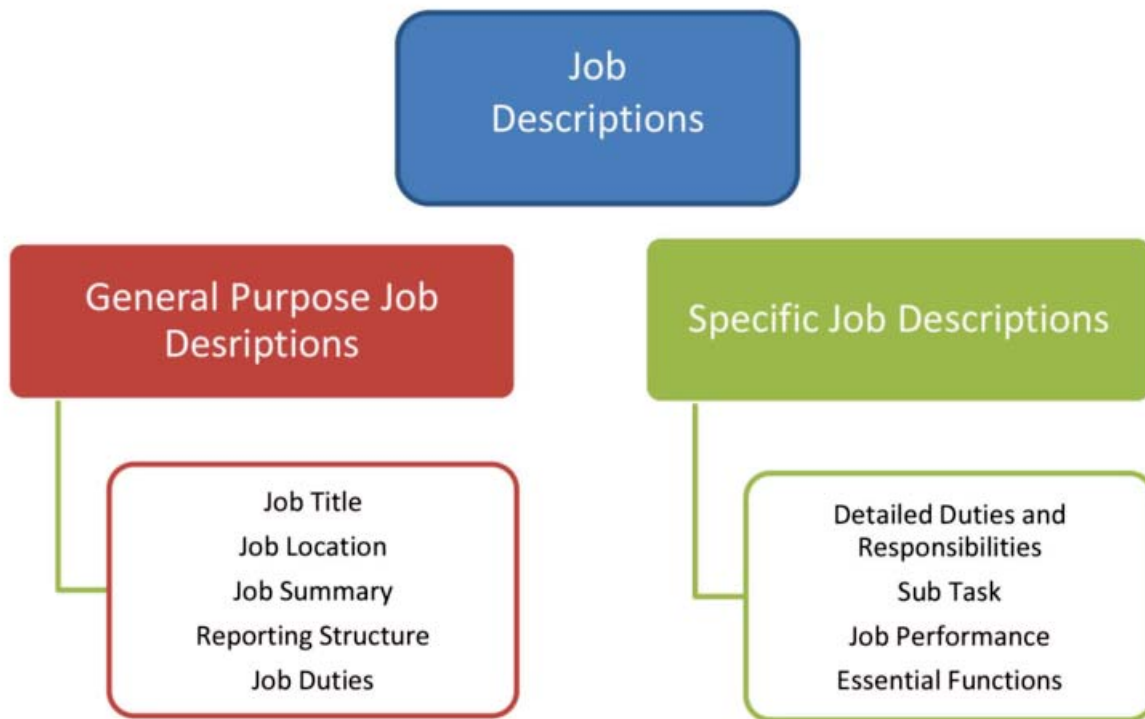


403(b) updates for 2015

The maximum amount you can contribute to your tax sheltered annuity 403(b) plan has increased for 2015. The limit for 2015 is \$18,000. Participants age 50 or older may contribute an additional \$6,000 for the year. In order to update your 403(b) deductions, you can access the salary reduction form on the HR webpage.

Office of Accountability and Transparency

The Continuous Quality Improvement Audit Center (CQIAC) 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. The Office of Accountability and Transparency works closely with all divisions to create and follow up on reports and data across the District. The CQIAC collects that data for review purposes to ensure data driven decisions and reports are transparent. Currently, we are in the process of an internal review of WCCCD's job descriptions. Job analysis requires the alignment of the job description and job specification.



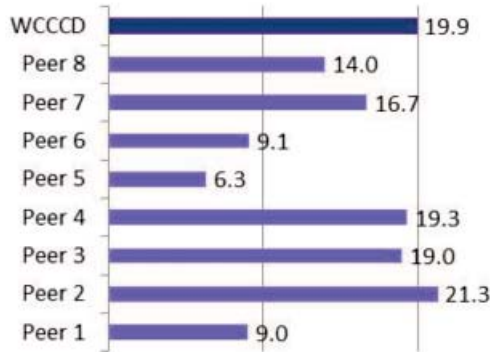


**INSTITUTIONAL
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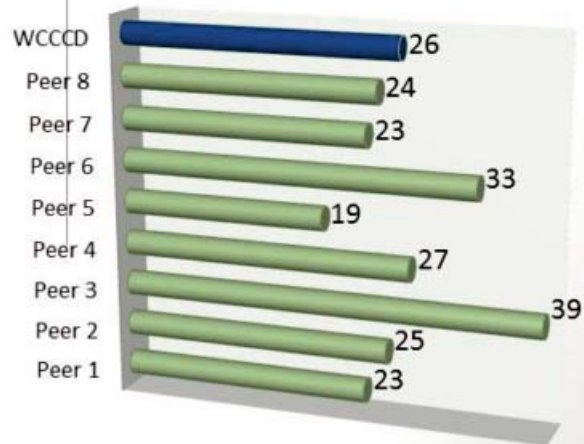
PEER TREND ANALYSIS

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness completes research and peer trends with data that is reported to external agencies such as the Department of Education, State of Michigan, and community college consortiums.

%FALL 2013 FIRST TIME IN ANY COLLEGE (FTIAC)



%FALL 2013 TRANSFER-OUT RATES

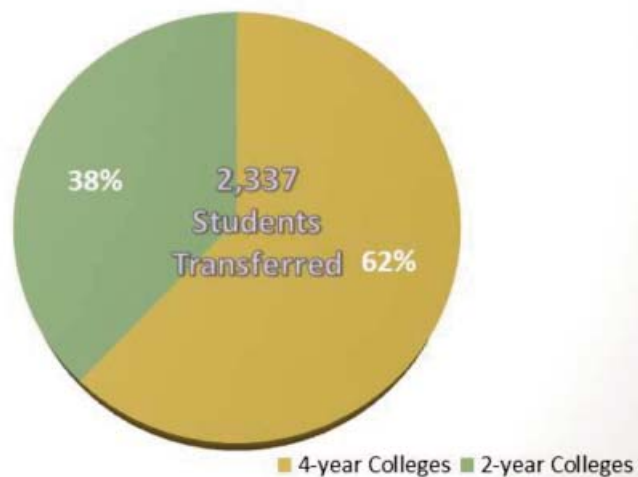


Michigan WIN-WIN Consortium Transfer Analysis

The Michigan WIN-WIN Consortium requests data from Institutional Researchers on students whose records may qualify them for degrees or they are strikingly close but never received an associate's degree. This initiative will assist the District in helping students receive awards they earned and encourage those that are close to come back.

- Of the 4,500 identified students, there are **2,163** students that may potentially be WCCCD graduates.

WCCCD Win-Win Student Transfers



WEEKLY UPDATE

Network Infrastructure Upgrade

As part of the Information Technology Transformation Plan (ITTP), the Division of Information Technology (IT) began the preparation work for the District-wide network infrastructure upgrade project.



Cisco shipment of network equipment and switches



The project is focused on replacing aging networking equipment to meet the rapidly growing technology needs of students, faculty, and staff.

The upgrade includes a detailed network architecture and design to meet today's demand for high speed, reliable, and secured network as well as technology of the future.

Wireless service expansion into the existing infrastructure is also part of the infrastructure upgrade project to ensure wireless access is available everywhere throughout the District.

Professional
Development



SOFTWARE APPLICATION

EMPOWERMENT SERIES



Empowering End Users with Everyday Use of Software Applications

Introduction to Tablets - Overview

The Division of Information Technology (IT) held the fourth installment of the Software Application Empowerment Series (SAES) professional development session. The training session featured an Introduction to Tablets presented by Ashish Patel of IT.

This interactive session covered basic information on how to use tablets and its features such as:

- * Creating and sharing presentations
- * Top 10 apps for IOS and Android
- * Accessing email, videos and movies
- * Cloud services
- * Share photos and much more



UPCOMING SESSIONS!



Microsoft Excel



Microsoft Access



Advanced Microsoft
PowerPoint



Microsoft® IT Academy Program



The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development announces the Microsoft IT Academy and Certiport Microsoft Office Certification Program through the credentialing center. The program features:

- Microsoft Office Certification Exams (MOS)
- Microsoft Technology Associate Certification Exam (MTA)
- Curriculum
- Professional Development
- Software
- Marketing partnership
- Support
- Full Service Deployment Team

Certifications for fundamental technology skills that are critical to the success of the workforce in this ever-evolving technological world.



Division of Educational Affairs



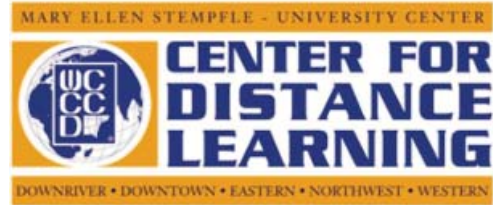
Career Program Instructors Brainstorm at Faculty Convocation

Skilled trades instructors met at Faculty Convocation to discuss common trends in their industries, how convergent technology is changing instructional delivery, and how to work best together to promote the skilled trades areas.



Fire Protection Technology Student Orientation

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted an orientation for students enrolled in the Fire Protection Technology Program for the Spring 2015 semester.



WCCCD online-faculty have a new communication tool right within their classroom for the Spring 2015 semester. Blackboard Collaborate™ offers a collaborative, interactive, and mobile learning experience with a collaborative learning platform that constantly evolves. That's what the Blackboard Collaborate™ online collaboration platform is all about, helping faculty create virtual classrooms, offices and meeting spaces that open more possibilities to more students, wherever they are.

Blackboard Collaborate™ technology delivers an open, education-focused online collaboration platform that provides a wide spectrum of online collaboration tools:

- Web Conferencing
- Mobile collaboration
- Instant Messaging
- Voice Authoring
- Seamless Integration

Source: www.blackboard.com

New Program Opportunity



New program planning for the next college catalog is in full swing at WCCCD. As a part of these planning efforts Steve Krebs and Michael O'Brian, industry experts in the Craft Brewing business, met with Dr. Frank Dunbar to explore the possibility of beginning a craft brewing program at WCCCD.

Division of Educational Affairs *Spring 2015 Faculty Convocation*





Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Mania



The Downriver Campus hosted the Boy Scouts of America, Mahican District Merit Badge Mania. This program provided Boy Scouts in the community an opportunity in earning up to four merit badges at this one-day event.



Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

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

* Members of the Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit attended a Professional and Customer Service for Public Safety Personnel workshop. This class was designed to develop guidelines for dealing with today's social diversity and cultural differences while delivering quality service. Members also attended a two-day training course on supervision and leadership for sergeants.



* Members of Healthlink Medical Transportation attended a Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator workshop. The goal of the course is to facilitate the student's knowledge of the laws involving the operation of an emergency vehicle with practical hands-on opportunities to evaluate each student's driving abilities.



MIPSE hosted the Metro Detroit Fire Inspector Society for a Southeast Michigan Fire Inspectors Society meeting.



Partnership Opportunities

Mawine Diggs met with Senator Bert Johnson to explore entrepreneurship opportunities and possible community partnerships.



Technology at Work!

The Eastern Campus is utilizing the LCD televisions in the atrium to provide classroom schedule information.



First Day of Classes

Student advising, testing and general information was readily available to help students enhance their skills and provide services. We wish all of our students a very successful Spring 2015 semester.



Showcasing Academic Programs at the Downtown Campus

The Downtown Campus is highlighting available programs for students in order to assist students with their academic success. The campus has made a wonderful effort in featuring and displaying WCCCD's career and academic programs in unique ways.



Book of the Week

America's Bitter Pill

Money, Politics, Backroom Deals, and the Fight to Fix our Broken Healthcare System
Written by Steven Brill



Health Science Center Lobby

The Health Sciences Lobby has a new look for students and dental clinic patients. The look includes a group study area with comfortable tables and chairs for students. In a similar manner, the Dental Hygiene Clinic waiting area has been upgraded with additional comfortable seating for students and community members. A flat screen monitor was also installed in that area which will provide pertinent information to students and community on current seminars at WCCCD.



First Day of Classes

It was all hands on deck this week at the Western Campus as faculty and staff welcomed students back for the start of the Spring 2015 semester.

Belleville Cougars Board of Directors Meeting

The Western Campus hosted the Board of Directors of Belleville Cougars football and cheer squads. The Belleville Cougars offer opportunities for children ages 8 – 12 to participate in team sports and offers workshops on subjects such as sportsmanship, healthy eating, exercise and team building.



Girl Scouts of America

The Western Campus hosted the monthly meeting of the Girl Scouts of Belleville, Romulus and New Boston.





MARY ELLEN STEMPFLE UNIVERSITY CENTER

Ferris State University Hosts Urban Counselor's Workshop

Tyrone Collins from Ferris State University hosted the Urban Counselor's Workshop at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center. The counselors meet monthly to discuss topics related to students' transition from high school to college.



University Center- West



The WCCCD/Northwood University MBA partnership is underway! A cohort of WCCCD staff members began a two-year journey that will culminate in a Masters of Business Administration from Northwood University. Classes have started at the Northwood University Troy Campus and will transition to the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center – West in a few weeks.

Dual Enrollment Partnership with Chandler Park Academy

Dr. Sandra Robinson, Dr. Patrick McNally and Orlando Wilkins met with representatives from Chandler Park Academy (CPA) to review and discuss the Dual Enrollment Program goals for students at CPA.

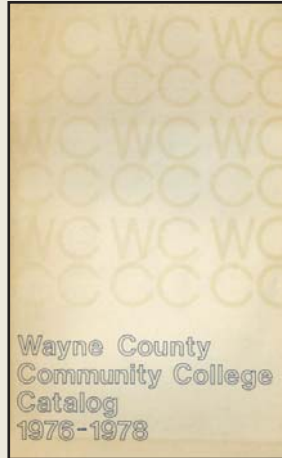
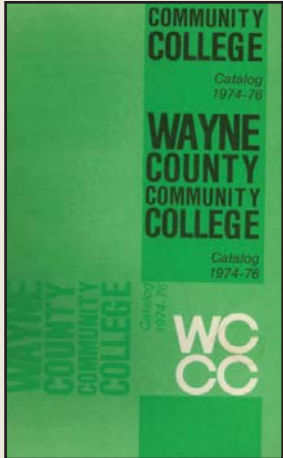


International Programs and Global Partnerships

Forty-eight international students representing 18 countries joined WCCCD for the Spring 2015 semester. Studying in a new country can be both exciting and overwhelming as students adjust to a new academic environment and new academic policies. They also have to adjust to a new culture, new customs, new foods, a different climate, and being away from your family and friends.

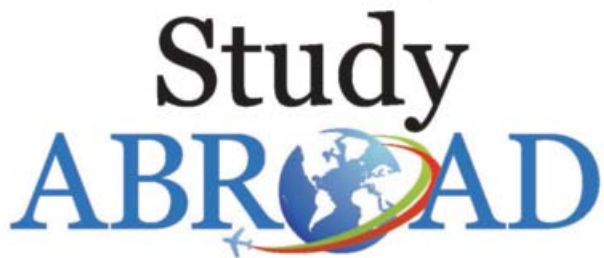
International Students for Spring 2015





Continuing Education from the 1970's





BRING THE WORLD HOME

Spring 2015 Study Abroad Trip to Geneva, Switzerland

April 4-10, 2015

Students who have applied to the Spring 2015 study abroad trip to Switzerland and have met all the requirements have been notified via email and postal mail. We received a total of 63 applications for consideration. The next step is for these students that have been accepted into the program, to take their qualification letter to their respective home-base campus president to begin their scholarship work assignment.

Legislative Corner

President Barack Obama Proposes Free Community College Tuition:

By far the biggest national story affecting community colleges last week was President Obama's proposal to offer free community college tuition to qualifying students. Students would need to maintain a 2.5 GPA and show satisfactory academic progress. Under the proposal, the federal government would cover three quarters of the costs while states would need to cover the remainder. More details from the administration are available on whitehouse.gov.



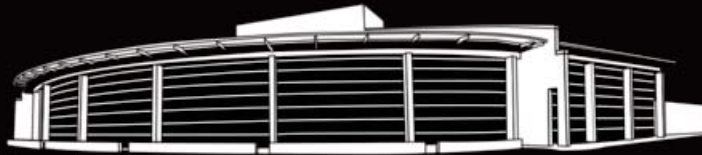
Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization Introduced: Senator Alexander was formally elected as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP). One of his first actions as chairman was to reintroduce legislation to reauthorize the HEA.

Road Funding: Governor Snyder and legislators finally reached an agreement on transportation funding. The deal makes a number of structural funding changes including eliminating the sales tax on gasoline, changing the per-gallon gas tax to a tax on the wholesale price of gas, and asking voters in May to approve a one-cent increase in the sales tax to offset other changes. Of importance to community colleges, the May ballot question would also specify that School Aid Funds could only be used for public schools, community colleges, and career and technical programs, not universities.

Capital Outlay: Senate Bill 761, which contains planning authorizations for 29 university and community college capital outlay projects, unfortunately never got any traction in the House of Representatives. Next steps for the capital outlay process remain unclear at this point.

Investment Options: The House unanimously supported Senate Bill 1088, which would expand the range of investment options available to community colleges to include investment grade bonds of the state or any of its political subdivisions. The bill now goes to the Governor for signing.

Energy Performance Contracting: The full Senate unanimously supported House Bill 5806. This bill would expand on the ability of community colleges to use performance contracts to finance energy saving renovations. HB 5806 now goes to Governor Snyder for his consideration.



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January 21	Downriver Campus	The Gratitude Steel Band
January 28	Western Campus	Jen Lawson
February 4	Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center	Metro Jazz Voices
February 11	Northwest Campus	John Davis
February 18	Downtown Campus	Nique Love Rhodes
February 25	Eastern Campus	Inohs Sivad

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Wayne County Community College District's
Division of Student Services Presents

STUDENT ADVOCACY DAY

Celebrating and Serving Our Students



Thursday, January 29, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Eastern Campus

5901 Conner, Detroit, MI 48213

Join us for a day of food and fun! Student Advocacy Day is an informal gathering where students can interact with the faculty and staff at WCCCD. There will be games and a chance to win prizes. Our theme is "Celebrating and Serving Our Students."

Food!

Prizes!

Games!

Giveaways!

For more information please contact the Division of Student Services
at 313-496-2634 or visit www.wcccd.edu