

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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10th Annual Chancellor's Reading Carnival



Mrs. Ola Ivery
President
WCCCD's Bookworm Club







Board of Trustees Meeting - May 24, 2017



Division of Educational Affairs



From Recruitment, Retention to Completion: WCCCD Making a Difference in the Lives of Many Students

CharMaine Hines and Dr. Abby Freeman congratulated our WCCCD alumni/recent graduate from Wayne State University as part of a longstanding community college to university partnership, Wayne-Direct.

Science (STEM) Research Creates Smooth Pathway from WCCCD to the University of Michigan

WCCCD students Houlong Mac, Noor El-Moussaoui, and Fred Robinson (photo on the left) were selected to participate in a 12-week National Institute of Health (NIH) sponsored summer research immersion experience at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The students will work along side university faculty mentors in the fields of biomedical engineering and molecular and integrative physiology.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Division of Educational Affairs



Distance Learning

Distance education has been in existence for centuries, believe it or not, since the mid-1800s. Today's distance learning options are more often available via the Internet, making them much more flexible, convenient, and timely for learners worldwide, wherever Internet access is available. Now, in the 21st century, millions of students worldwide study via some form of distance education.

(www.masterstudies.com)



Partnership Opportunities

Dr. Harvey Dorrah, Tynisha McGee, and Oneka Samet participated in a conference call with Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska. Discussion included a potential educational partnership/articulation agreement between institutions.



Transfer Programs

Oneka Samet met with Dr. Tammy Anderson and April McCray at the Eastern Campus in preparation for the Commencement Ceremony scheduled for June 10, 2017.



Learning Resource Center

Students can receive research help wherever they are by connecting to the Learning Resource Center website and clicking on "Research Help Now." This is a virtual reference service provided by 14 Michigan academic institutions.

District Design Center

Annie Duerr, Design Center Fellow, presented at a Challenge Detroit event on how her team used design thinking strategies to identify innovative ways to further support immigrant entrepreneurs and business owners with the organization Prosper US Detroit. Design thinking is a problem-solving process used by the Design Center. Steps in the design thinking process are empathize, define, ideate, prototype, and test.



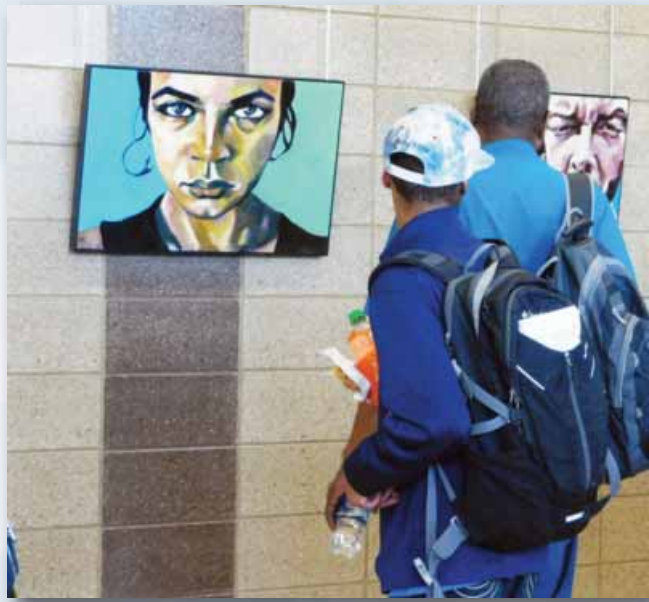
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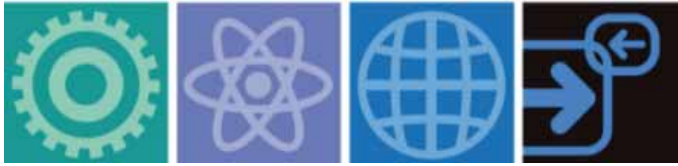
According to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Research Center, enrollment continues to decline but the pace has slowed down in Spring 2017. WCCCD addresses declining enrollment by:

1. Creating a new Student Success Center
2. Conducting targeted outreach and recruitment activities
3. Implementing strategic marketing initiatives
4. Maintaining low tuition rates
5. Offering new high-growth/high-demand programs
6. Providing distance learning courses to meet student needs
7. Promoting guided pathways to ensure student success
8. Concentrating on dual enrollment

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development presented the opening art reception for “Co-Existence in Chaos” with artist Bowen Kline at the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at the Northwest Campus.





School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development



Diesel Mechanics Completion Ceremony

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development held a completion ceremony for the diesel mechanic 16-week fast track training. We are excited to report an astounding 100% successful completion rate.



Expanding Our Credentialing Center

The School of Continuing Education's Credentialing Center is pleased to announce the approval of Continuing Education Units (CEU'S) for Confined Space Training. The CEU's were approved by the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Advisory Board of Examiners. This approval will allow the District to offer training and credentials to participants that require certification to maintain employment in the area of drinking water and waste water treatment.



International Programs and Global Partnerships

WCCCD international students along with staff from the International Programs and Global Partnerships Office participated in the Banglatown Neighborhood Motor City Makeovers in Hamtramck. The students helped pick up trash, pull weeds, and beautify the neighborhood sidewalks as well as main roads. Information regarding WCCCD programs and classes was also distributed.



Federal Workstudy Program

New Partnership!

The Federal Workstudy Program is very excited to partner with our newest offsite location, Michigan United. Tim Christensen, Supervisor at Michigan United, and our Federal Workstudy Student, Abdulraman Salem met to discuss English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. Michigan United is a non-profit organization that provides ESL classes to adults in the southwest Detroit area.

Division of Student Services



GLOBAL
CONVERSATIONS
SPEAKER SERIES

Winning and Success in a Global Market



Attorney Albert Nelson Jr. shared his secrets to winning and success with a discussion on competing in a global economy. Attendees were intrigued and very interested in this market which Attorney Nelson brings a vast and diverse background in the legal field, occupational and strategic business consulting.



Recruitment and Outreach



The Division of Student Services provided career information to a sold out audience during the monthly program of the “Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers” at the Charles H.Wright Museum of African American History.




Student Services staff also provided career program information at the Downriver BBQ Throwdown in Wyandotte.



Dual Enrollment



The Downriver Campus hosted a Taylor Public Schools Dual Enrollment Workshop. This was open to Taylor Public High School students interested in attending WCCCD.



We are reaching and touching lives every step of the way!

The Northwest Campus held a high school open house. At the visit Rosita Thompson had an opportunity to speak with a few students, one of the students she met with was Yuridi Morales (pictured on the right) who currently attends Western International High School. Yuridi expressed her options for community colleges. Yuridi and Rosita stayed in communication regarding the journey of life after high school. We're excited to say that Yuridi has chosen WCCCD as her choice! She's so excited that she sent Rosita a copy of her acceptance letter!



Tynisha McGee presented information about WCCCD's Dual Enrollment Program to students at Emerson Elementary/Middle School at their Annual Career Day.



Banner Upgrade Project Status Update

The Information Technology (IT) Banner team met with the Division of Student Services and the Financial Aid teams to discuss the counts and programs upgrade project. Currently, the technical requirements for the upgrade are being implemented. Comprehensive testing will be done once the implementation process is completed.



Software Team Meeting

Members of the IT Software Team attended a WebEx session with a SAM (Software Asset Management) provider to discover ways to monitor and control software resources to maximize the efficient and effective use of our software District-wide.



What's Trending in IE: Today's Incoming Students

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness conducts national research to support the District with decision making. Ruffalo Noel Levitz conducted an Early-Alert College Completion Risk Survey and Self-Assessment in 2016 to nearly 100,000 entering college freshman. Below are the percentages of students attitudes about their skills from the report identified above:

61%

said they would like help selecting an educational plan that will prepare them to get a good job



61%

said they communicated very well and had a good understanding of others point of view

59%

said they pick-up vocabulary words quickly and find it easy to use them in speech and writing



59%

said they are capable of writing very clear and well-organized papers

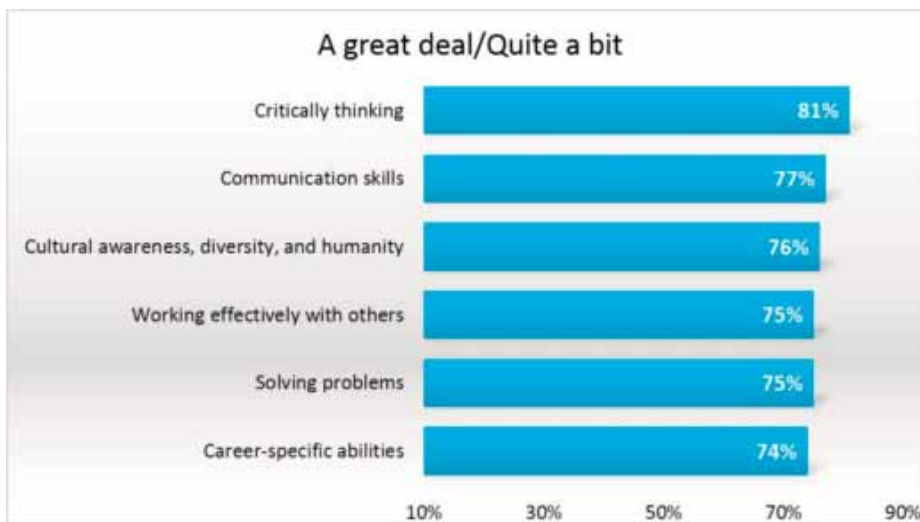


64%

said they get along well with people who disagree with their opinion openly



In Fall 2016, the Division of Institutional Effectiveness, in conjunction with the Division of Educational Affairs, conducted the Student Survey of Instruction (SSOI). Student's were asked "how much have their classes added to their skills in the areas listed in the chart below." Below you will find sample data from this survey:



Division of Human Resources



HR Compliance

The Division of Human Resources is currently working with the following divisions to ensure data integrity through interface compliance with Administration and Finance, Information Technology, Student Services and Educational Affairs to ensure:

- Interface audit
- Data-driven decisions
- Compliance with external standards and regulations
- Improved accountability



HR Compliance



The Division of Human Resources fully recognizes the importance of being in compliance with the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The District provides family/medical leave to eligible employees requiring unpaid time off for qualified medical and family reasons. The District works with a FMLA source, third-party administrator, to ensure all leaves are FMLA compliant.



Office of Accountability and Transparency

WCCCD DIRECTORY REVIEW PROCESS



The Divisions of Human Resources (HR) and Information Technology (IT) are working with the Office of Accountability and Transparency to update and maintain the WCCCD Directory. The combined resources of each area are designed to strengthen our internal process for directory updates. It also places emphasis on the growth of our operational systems and protocols to reconcile data. The process is as follows:

- HR reconciles position control for employee updates
- The Office of Accountability and Transparency reviews position control for data accuracy and submits to IT
- IT uploads the directory to the WCCCD website



Division of Administration and Finance

* Deferred/Preventative Maintenance



District Police Authority



Police Advisory Board

The WCCCD Police Advisory Board finalized its membership and had its first meeting in an effort to improve the District's law enforcement operations



Website Committee

The Website Committee convened this week to discuss website update requests and current projects.



Tech Tip of the Week

The blue light from our computer monitors may cause damage to the retina as eye strain from excessive device use continues to rise. A recent report by CBS provided tech users with a “20-20-20 rule” as a guide. The rule states that after 20 minutes of staring at a screen, look at an object at least 20 feet away for 20 seconds. In addition, you may use the dimmer switch on your devices rather than letting them burn brightly for hours.



WEBSITE WEEKLY FAST FACTS

The WCCCD website had 115,505 page views for the week of May 14 – 20, 2017!

Top Ten Most Viewed Pages

1. Homepage
2. Distance Learning
3. Academic Programs
4. Faculty & Staff Resources
5. Academic Schedules
6. Northwest Campus
7. School of Continuing Education
8. Student Services
9. Financial Aid
10. Financial Aid Forms

The top five countries are

1. United States
2. Canada
3. India
4. Nigeria
5. Philippines

Devices Used to Access Website

- Desktop – 59.65%
- Mobile – 37.00%
- Tablets – 3.35%

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Health Science Center

WCCCD's Dental Clinic is Open!

WCCCD's Dental Clinic is open during the summer semester to the public. All services are provided by students and faculty. The services are supervised by licensed dental hygienists and dentists.

A few of the low cost and quality services include: fluoride treatments, cleaning and polishing teeth, cancer screening and teeth whitening.



Pharmacy Technology

The Pharmacy Technology Program is proud to send both James and Jessica, our top pharmacy technology students to Harper/Hutzel Hospital for their first round of clinical. They represent the District and the program well with their extensive pharmaceutical knowledge and excellent communication skills.



Partnerships

Dr. Abby Freeman, Dr. Mark Shikhman, and Damus Golida met with representatives from St. John's Hospital and Medical Center to discuss a group affiliation within the St. John Health System for Anesthesia Technology, Surgical Technology, Surgical First Assistant, and Central Service Technologist.

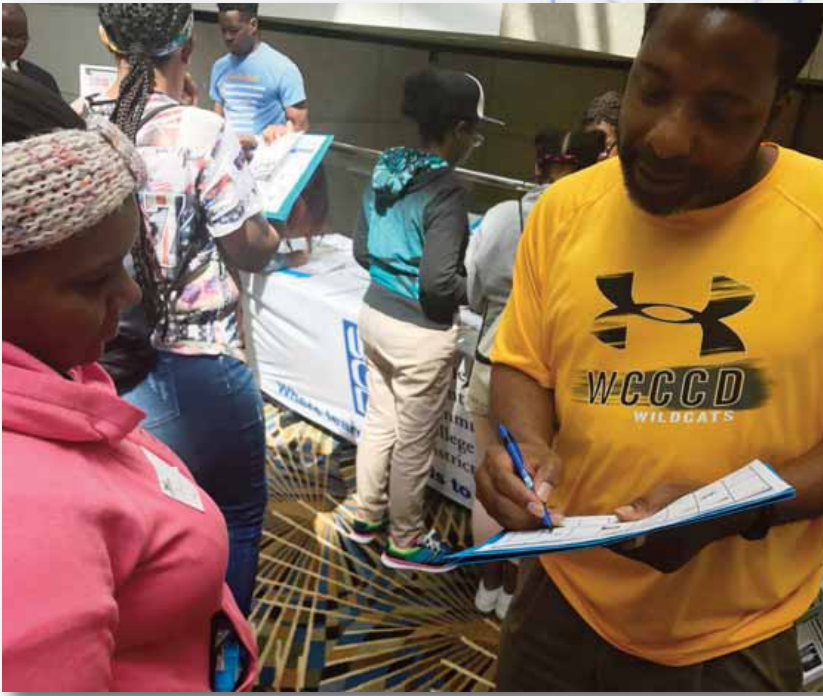


Information Technology Institute



Recruiting for Information Technology Programs

The Information Technology Institute presented on Computer Information System/Information Technology (CIS/IT) program offerings at Youth Day at Cobo Hall. The workshops encouraged participating youth to consider careers in the CIS/IT field through WCCCD. Participants also learned about financial aid options.





Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

BASF Emergency Response Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted BASF for an Emergency Response Incident Command Training. This course demonstrated how to develop a contingency-plan with tabletop exercises designed to enhance their skills in planning and managing an emergency.



Fermi 2 Fire Brigade Training

MIPSE also hosted operators of the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County as they attended fire brigade training.



Elite Technical Services Training

MIPSE hosted the Elite Technical Services Group, Inc. for a hands-on training workshop in confined space training.



Little Giant Ladder Demo

Representatives from Little Giant and Granger demonstrated the use of different types of ladders including the Little Giant with a standing platform and an enclosed cage.



Multi-Campus District

Downtown Campus

Distracted Driving Simulation

The Downtown Campus hosted an Aware TXT Distracted Driving Simulator workshop to warn and educate the community about the dangers of texting while driving.





Multi-Campus District

Downriver Campus

The Guidance Center Head Start Circle of Caring

The Downriver Campus hosted The Guidance Center Head Start Circle of Caring. Circle of Caring is a Head Start Program which covers topics for both caregivers and parents.

Southern Wayne Regional Chamber Ambassador Workshop

The Southern Wayne Regional Chamber Ambassador Workshop was held at the Downriver Campus. The workshop was a structured, industry-exclusive Ambassador group that can be an important part of a strategic marketing plan.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Workshop

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Workshop was held at Downriver Campus. This workshop is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer.

Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber

The Downriver Campus also hosted the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Chamber Connections Networking Group workshop. This meeting is held the first three Thursdays of every month.

Eastern Campus

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Students Braxton and Mara are identifying the muscles of the upper extremity of the human body. BIO 240 is a lecture and laboratory course on the structure and function of the human body. Pre-nursing students are required to complete BIO 240 in order to apply for admission to our Nursing Program.





Multi-Campus District

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Moxie Talks

Inspired by the revolutionary TED talks, Moxie Talks brought together girls and inspirational women who shared invaluable information and inspiration in an 18 minute or less, themed talk. Following the Moxie Talk, the girls networked with influential women during a post reception.



Health Screening

The mobile testing unit made a stop at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center as a service to the community to promote support for healthy living.



Multi-Campus District

Northwest Campus

Instructional Specialist Workshop

The Northwest Campus hosted the Detroit Public Schools Community District for a ELA Instructional Specialists Training. Participants were introduced to reading, writing, and engagement strategies to encourage student interaction.



Entertaining on a Budget

The Northwest Campus hosted a workshop entitled Entertaining on a Budget. The workshop detailed many tips about entertaining in style in a short time without breaking the bank.





Multi-Campus District

Western Campus

Autism Safety Conference

In partnership with Creating Brighter Futures, the Western Campus hosted a Summer Autism Safety Conference. Families and caregivers learned about water safety, GPS tracking services and several therapeutic services to help those on the Autism spectrum to have a happy and safe summer season.



Kids Koncert

The Western Campus, in partnership with the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, hosted the fourth annual Kids Koncert at the campus. Over 400 fourth grade students from the Van Buren Public Schools and the Romulus Community Schools were in attendance.



The Western Campus partnered with the Romulus Rotary Club to host a college success celebration. Douglas Peters, local attorney, author, artist and college professor was the keynote speaker and shared tips and strategies for students to be successful in college and in life. The Rotary Club also awarded ten college scholarships to local high school graduates.



In the Mail...

Hello Matt Green,

“My name is Bonnie Perry, and I am writing to say thanks to Kerry Miller for going WAY beyond the call of duty to help my daughter with her participation in the Accelerated Alternative Delivery Surgical Technology Program.

A short summary: My daughter, Joanna, works full-time as a surg tech in a small hospital in West Branch, Michigan. Dr. Mark Shikhman is helping her complete your program to obtain her certification. Joanna is in the OR all day and can't get to the phone long enough to work out the details of enrollment, registration, etc. Kerry took the time to follow up with all the parties concerned and be sure that Joanna was registered and able to start the program in good standing. She made phone calls, gave direction for navigating the website, sent emails, and just generally made it all happen! What a gift to Joanna!

For a student who works full-time and is trying to arrange the details long distance, Kerry was a life-saver. She did all of this with outstanding efficiency and an incredibly helpful and positive attitude.

Thank you to Kerry . . . and to you as her supervisor . . . for making this kind of outstanding customer service possible.”



Intercultural Conversations

This week's conversation focused on the celebration of National Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Jara Tekleab also gave a presentation on Autism awareness, including the causes, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. Gagan Kaur shared on a Sikh dance called "Bhangra" with a display of the dress worn by Sikh women. The conversations flowed from a video on how Sikhs are mistaken for Muslims.



Intercultural Competency

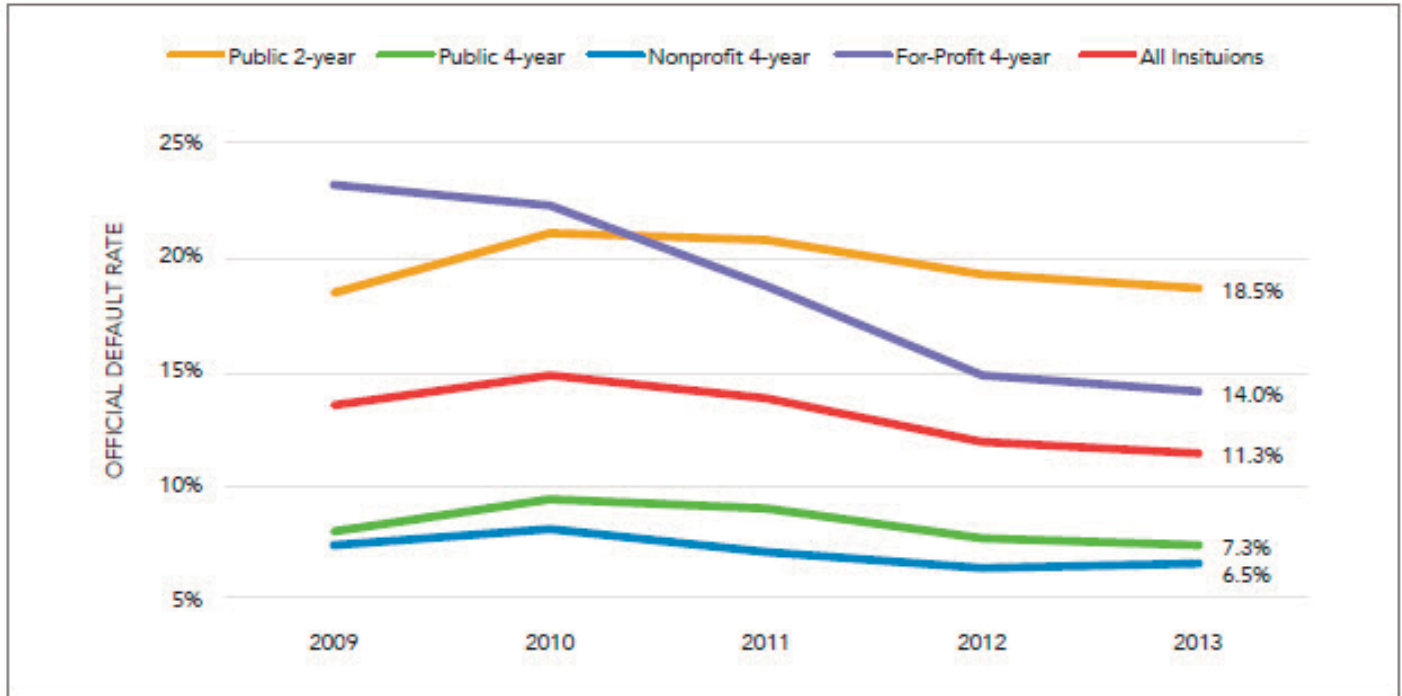
Building Capacity through the Practice of Inclusion
Eastern Campus





Legislative Corner

Three-Year Cohort Default Rate by Sector



Source: Association of Community College Trustees (May 2017). *Lost in the Trillion: A Three-State Comparison of Community College Borrowing and Default*. Study found that defaults are concentrated among low-balance borrowers, with the majority of defaulters borrowing less than \$5,000 while enrolled in community college. A growing body of research identifies low-debt borrowers as being the most vulnerable.

Campus Speech Bills Introduced

Three bills were introduced that would be potentially problematic for community colleges in Michigan. Senate Bill 349 and House Bill 4581 both would create the Campus Free Speech Act, creating strict limitations on speech-related policies at public colleges and universities. Senate Bill 350 would require any community college accepting state funds to submit to a number of policies regarding free expression, as well as a Higher Education Committee on Free Expression in the Department of Education. The Michigan Community College Association staff is working to determine whether leadership in either chamber has an intent to act on these bills.



Minority Male Community College Collaborative Led by Minister Malik Shabazz



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Kimberley Fisher-Alexander and Susan Wiley were awarded Completion Certificates for Parliamentary Study, "Spring into Action with Robert's Rules of Order."



Clara Thurman and Kay Williams attended a workshop titled "FMLA Master Class Fundamentals." This interactive workshop focused on new laws and regulations as it relates to determining employee eligibility, managing FMLA leaves and investigations, as well as other topics.



The Administration and Finance team participated in a webinar "Expense vs Capitalize? Tangible Real Property Regulations." The webinar discussed new IRS definitions for improvements, renovations, adaptations, and betterments of acquired or new buildings.



Josiah Butty and Dion Sloan attended a vendor presentation with Nimble Data Storage Solution.

on the move



Antoinette Singleton met with Cynthia Merritt from Wayne State University's Department of Urban Studies and Planning to discuss the educational opportunities.



Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha, Chelsea Finger, and Aracely Hernandez visited LA SED to review their best practices regarding English as a second Language (ESL) classes.



Dr. Sandra Robinson represented the District at the annual breakfast for The Children's Center.



Tynisha McGee attended the Matrix Mission fundraising Breakfast to discuss partnership opportunities.



The Chancellor's Leadership Institute team met with Carol Weaver, Chief of Staff to discuss the process and strategies for moving forward.

❁ Sandra Thompson attended the Taylor Library Board meeting where she was asked to serve as a Chairperson over the Board meetings for the year 2017/2018.

❁ Anthony Arminiak accepted a certificate of appreciation for the District's sponsorship of the Wayne County College Access Network.

❁ Staff from the Downriver Campus attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Business Forum with guest speaker Bob Fish, CEO Biggy Coffee.

❁ Ethel Cronk, in participation with the Taylor International Rotary, coached and interviewed over seventy students. All students participating in this activity were provided guidance on what to expect during an interview and feedback on their performance during the mock interview.



WCCCD kicked off the 50th anniversary t-shirt initiative at the 10th Annual Chancellor's Reading Carnival.

Stay tuned for the official "rollout" for 50th Fridays!

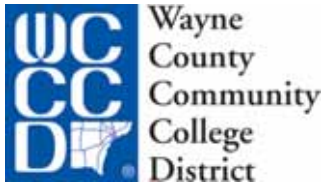


As part of our 50th anniversary celebration activities, the committee is planning a day at Comerica Park to support our Detroit Tigers!

Friday, August 11, 2017

Stay tuned for more information!

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Mission

WCCCD's mission is to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve their goals through excellent and accessible services, culturally diverse experiences and globally competitive higher education and career advancement programs.

Vision Statement

Wayne County Community College District will be recognized as an institution that has achieved national and international recognition for enduring excellence as a comprehensive multi-campus community college district. WCCCD will focus on continuous self-evaluation and improvement; preparation of a highly skilled workforce in support of the Wayne County economy; student academic and career success, and leadership in strengthening the open door philosophy of educational opportunity.

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