

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



July 25-31, 2020 Weekend Memo 1252



Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

Western Wayne Mutual Aid Hazmat Team Training



COVID-19 Preparations for the Fall 2020 Semester



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MI.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-160 and Executive Order 2020-161, amending Michigan's Safe Start Order and issuing revised workplace safeguards. Under the Safe Start Order, starting July 31, 2020, statewide indoor gatherings will be limited to 10 people and bars will be closed for indoor service across the state, including in Regions 6 and 8.

"As we see COVID-19 cases continue to rise, Michiganders cannot afford to drop our guard. We must take every step possible to save lives, protect the brave men and women on the front lines, and avoid overwhelming our healthcare system while we continue to combat COVID-19," said Governor Whitmer. "After seeing a resurgence in cases connected to social gatherings across the state, we must further limit gatherings for the health of our community and economy. By taking these strong actions, we will be better positioned to get our children back into classrooms and avoid a potentially devastating second wave."

The governor also signed Executive Order 2020-159 to allow Michigan's colleges and universities to proceed with converting large spaces for instruction without approval or inspection.

"Our college students and educators have made tremendous sacrifices over the past four months to protect each other from the spread of COVID-19. When it comes to instruction in the fall, Michigan's colleges and universities are working tirelessly to provide a safe environment for students and staff," said Governor Whitmer. "I am committed to doing everything in my power to remove barriers for individuals, business and schools to fight COVID-19. This order will make it easier for our colleges and universities to educate Michigan's college students in the most safe and efficient way by ensuring everyone can maintain safe physical distancing."



Meeting with Dr. Jim Holley regarding Health Science Center Program Review

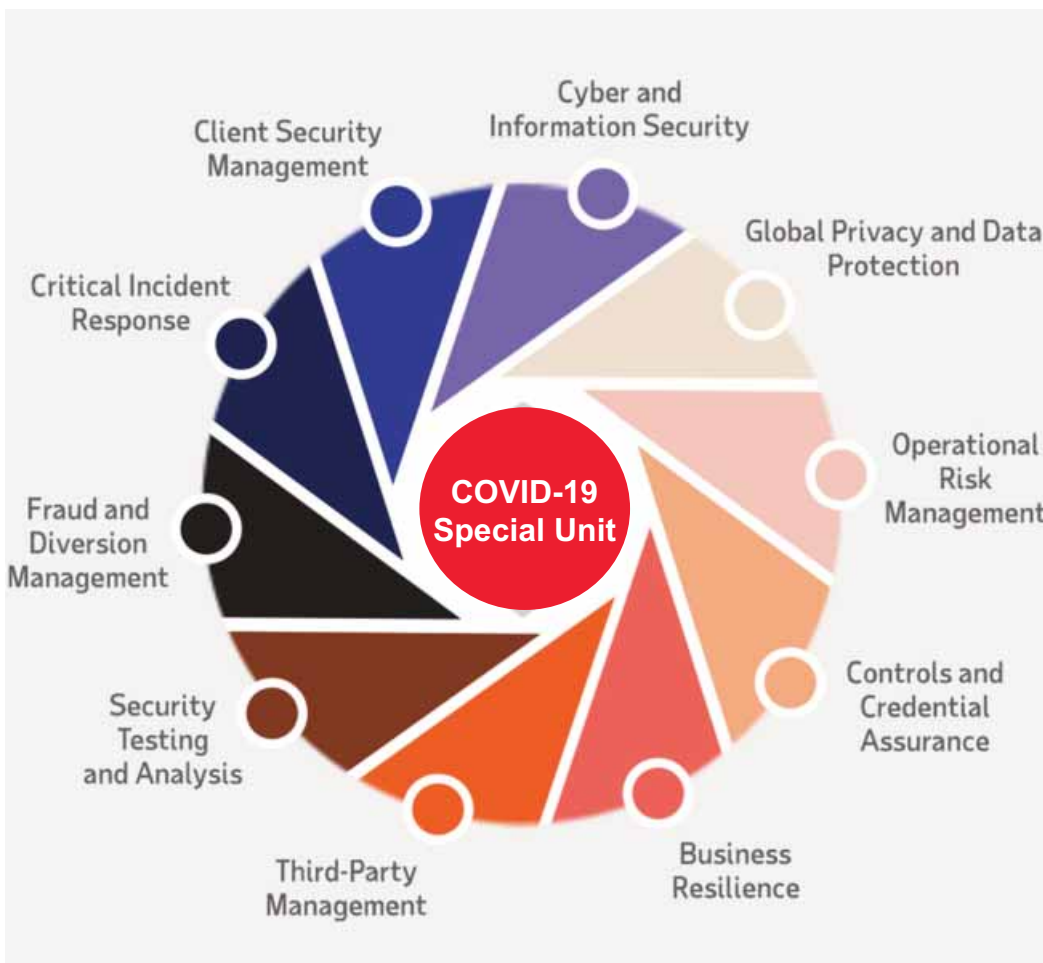


I met with Trustee Sharon P. Scott, Anthony Arminiak, John Dignan, Superintendent of the Wayne Westland Schools, and David Cox, President of the Wayne Westland School Board.

Division of Human Resources



COVID-19 Special Unit Regularity Compliance



The COVID-19 Special Unit is currently auditing the following:

- ❖ Internal controls
 - ❖ Covid-19 leave usage
- ❖ Schedule request and approval
- ❖ Technology access and monitoring activity
- ❖ Remote access request and approvals
- ❖ Segregation of duties

Employee Leave Balance Compliance Review

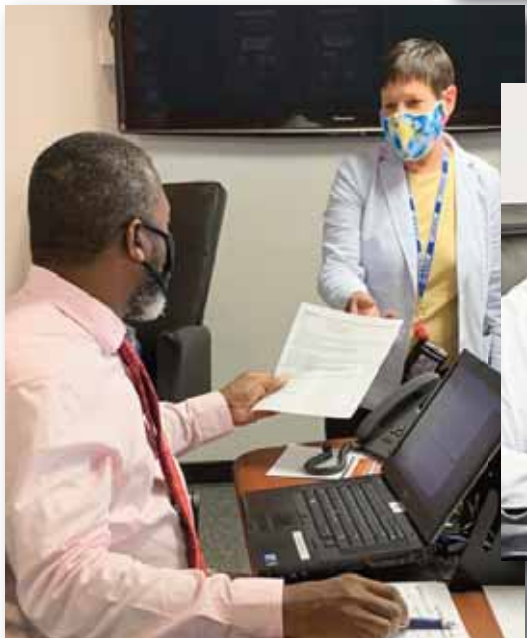
In a continuous effort to assure data documentation accuracy and reporting compliance, the Division of Human Resources, Office of Accountability and Transparency, and the Division of Administration and Finance are the midst of reconciling and auditing all employees' leave balances for 2020. This verification of leave data is essential in aligning the employee web-gate, general ledger and the Banner.

New Day, New Way Initiative

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PATHWAYS IV
To The FUTURE

EQUITY-DRIVEN
TALENT LEADERSHIP
AND STUDENT SUCCESS

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the staff participating in the "New Day, New Way" initiative. They continue to provide quality customer service by responding to all incoming inquiries in a timely and professional manner.



"I wanted to compliment WCCCD's communication efforts in your social media platform. I follow your Facebook and Twitter feeds regularly and find the information relevant and impressive. Fantastic job on the team that manages this area."

~Marlanna Landeros, The University of Michigan, DPSS



Commercial Driver's License Program

CDL trainees begin their on road training. They are practicing driving on highways, expressways and in traffic. Students will begin their final road test soon.



Some of the team members met with Furquan Ahmed to discuss planning and upcoming grant opportunities.



Happening Now! – Fall 2020 Semester Preparations

The Division of Information Technology continues to prepare for the Fall 2020 semester. Staff met this week to discuss:

- Software Needs District-wide ~ Campus Technical Support**
- Computer Classroom Reconfigurations ~ Faculty Convocation Day**

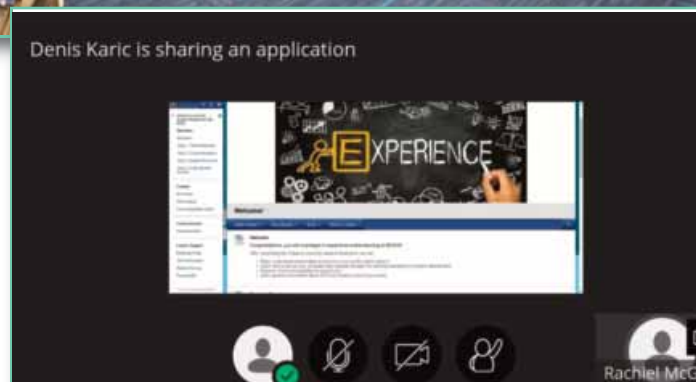




Professional Development



Staff participated in Blackboard professional development training to insure seamless response to online student needs. This remote training effort serves to meet the guidelines and criteria for Pillars II and III of Guided Pathways.



Admissions and Records



Kewan Covington completes senior waivers for the upcoming Fall 2020 semester.

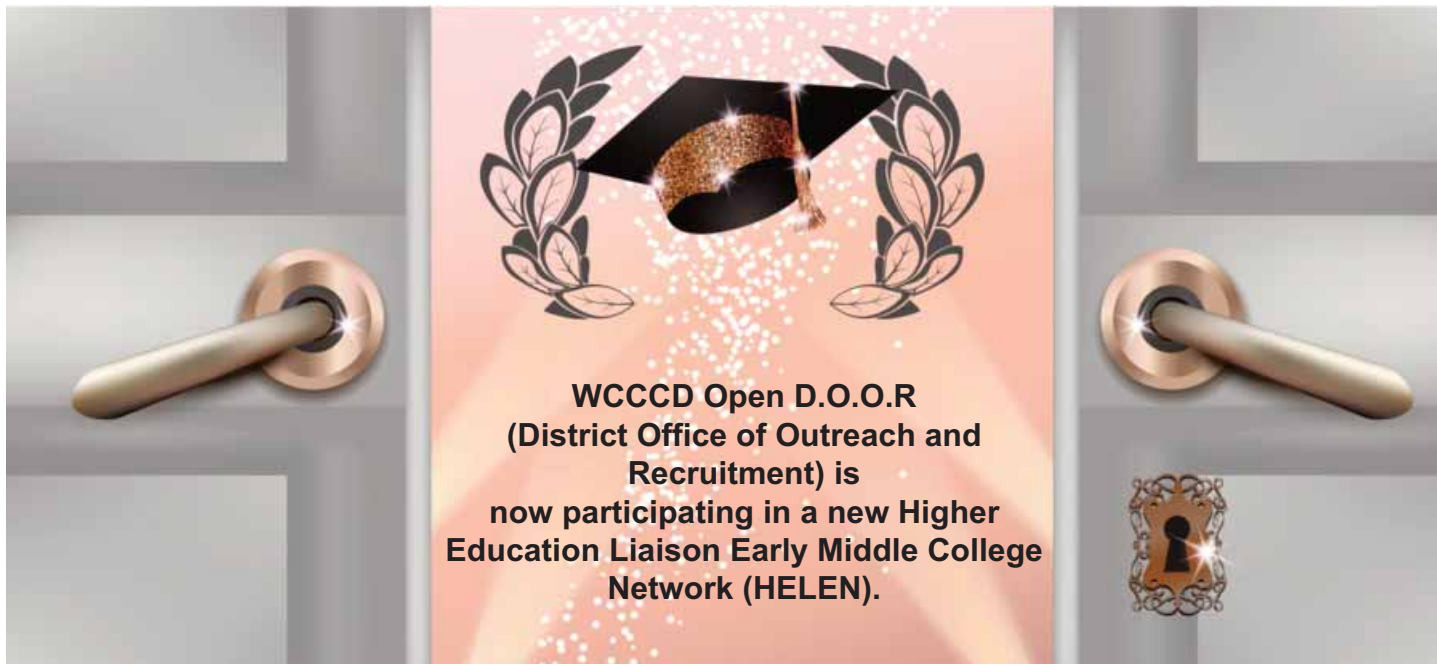
Outreach



The Outreach Team is reviewing upcoming fall virtual programs.

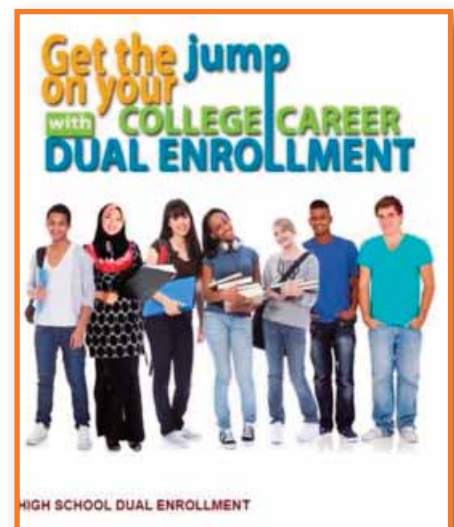


District Office of Outreach and Recruitment (Open D.O.O.R.)



This network is specifically developed for college/university administrator and professionals that work with high school partnerships. This initiative is supported by the State of Michigan Department of Education's Michigan Early Middle College Association (MEMCA).

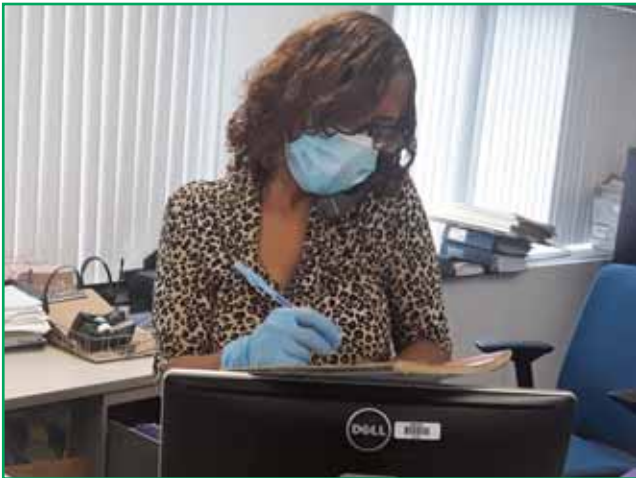
MEMCA is a voluntary alliance of educators actively involved with one or more of the Early Middle Colleges working towards significantly increasing the collegiate and post-secondary success and completion rate of Michigan youth. The group comes together to share best practices, develop a community of learners and reflective practitioners, and share research with the broad high school transformation community.



Congratulations to dual enrollment students from Ben Carson High School for completing their classes at the Northwest Campus.



Advising



Charisse Davis assists students remotely on the various Computer Information Systems programs and certificates offered at WCCCD.

International Students



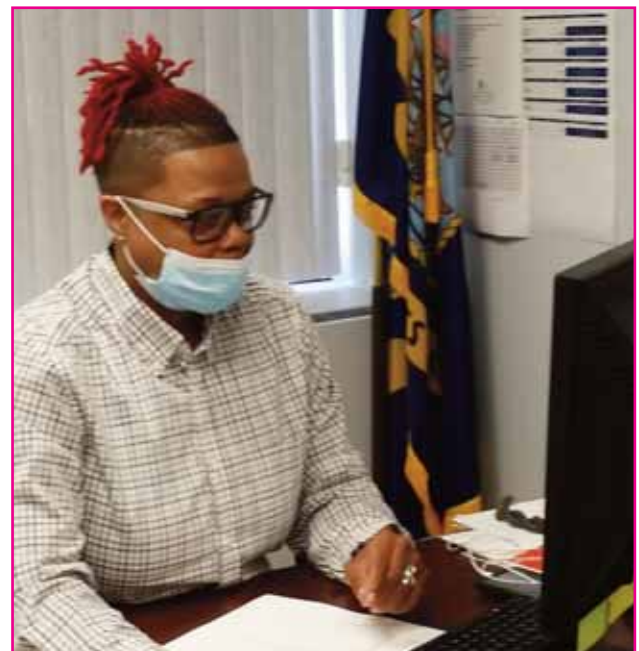
Staff are processing applications to enroll international students for the Fall 2020 semester.

Considine



Artan Walker and Claude Owens, Little Rock Urban Institute Staff Member, met to discuss safety measures and plans for returning GED students.

Veteran Affairs



Hasina Philyaw assists students in optimizing Veterans' GI Bill benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic allowing veterans to participate in online courses with no payment interruptions.



Career Planning and Placement



WCCCD's Career Planning and Placement Department is part of the new website, powered by College Central Network, that is both free and easy for every employer—large, small, public or private—to register just once and then post an unlimited number of jobs to Michigan's community college students and alumni!

Student Activities



WCCCD Student Executive Council Representative, Justin Connally, participated in University of Michigan's Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) remotely working alongside a faculty member completing his symposium on Higher Education Networks, Philanthropy, and the Shaping of Student Experience.



Wayne County Community College District

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
2020 – 2021

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 • 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

VIA ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3161956007?pwd=Q1lpNURhRkZUZUlpCkVw2YndWQXNlWZa09>
Meeting ID: 316 195 6007 Password: 36NwV

All positions are open:
President
Vice President of Scholarship
VP of Leadership
VP of Service
VP of Fellowship
Secretary
Public Relations/Historian

ELIGIBILITY:
• Phi Theta Kappa membership
• 3.5 Cumulative GPA
• Currently enrolled in at least 3 academic credit hours
• Prepare and present a campaign speech (no more than 3 minutes long) which highlights their qualifications and reasons for running
• A willingness to serve

All eligible students are encouraged to run for office!
A new officer orientation will be held to help you better understand your position.
Check your WCCCD email for all communications.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.PTKUSA.EDU](http://www.ptkusa.edu) OR CALL 313-899-2634. Follow Us!

Division of Educational Affairs



Nursing Program

Student Scheduling for the Fall 2020 Semester





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Distance Learning *Staff Assisting Faculty and Students*

The Distance Learning team is working with students remotely to help them navigate the online process. Providing adequate support is critical to the success of online students.



Faculty Convocation Day Student Success in A COVID-19 Environment

Plans for the upcoming Faculty Convocation Day include cross-divisional presentations providing information that demonstrates the District's commitment to a "New Day, New Way to Learn" and provide instruction in a COVID-19 environment. Sessions will include pertinent updates on resources and tools to help facilitate student success. The virtual experience is shaping to be an engaging experience for all faculty.





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Faculty Certification Training

Dr. Frank Dunbar led a training session on Faculty Certification for campus-based academic deans. Topics covered included a review of the Higher Learning Commission's guidelines for determining qualified faculty and our procedures and protocols for certification including preparation of a packet for approval.



Learning Resource Centers Training for Faculty

Not quite sure how the library catalog works? Want to see if a campus library carries a particular journal? Need help in working the libraries' subscription databases into your class assignments? Want to hone your Web-searching skills? Make a librarian's day by contacting your campus library for a one-on-one session. Faculty and staff members worked remotely getting to know the LRC and how LRC information could best be shared with students.

Curriculum Committee



Some members of the Curriculum Committee reviewed information on new courses in Computer Information Systems, Anthropology, and reviewed information on the Practical Nursing Education Program.

The committee:

- Reviews proposals for curriculum changes, new programs, and courses and recommends these changes and revisions for approval and inclusion in the upcoming college

catalog.

- Considers information such as the mechanics of the academic program, adjustments in admission, retention, dismissal requirements, sequencing, and changes in the catalog description of academic procedures.
- Recommends policy on various academic matters such as program admission, retention,



Division of Educational Affairs

Faculty Preparing for Fall 2020 Instruction

Faculty in the career and transfer general education disciplines are actively engaging in professional development webinars, video-conference seminars and tele-conference discipline meetings in preparation for operational modality for the Fall 2020 semester. Faculty have engaged in the following preparation activities:

- **Sciences:** Professor Christian Nwamba and faculty members, shared article on teaching and learning and the use of simulations.
- **Electrical Electronics and Engineering:** Professor Rahmatolla Golsen and discipline faculty are providing curricular enhancements to the career program and course options for seamless transfer to four-year universities.
- **Early Childhood Education:** Professor Charmaine Johnson with the University of Michigan – Dearborn creating articulation agreements to streamline transfer for students in the program.

Supporting Student Success

The Division of Educational Affairs provides District-wide direction and oversight for curriculum, academic planning, faculty, program accreditation, and instructional delivery. Staff were hard at work providing support in the following areas:

Faculty Instructional Support

- Real time voice responses to the Faculty Hotline
- Continue to provide email responses from vice chancellors faculty hotline inquiries
- Instructional Deans phone outreach to faculty to discuss fall start up activities

Student Success Call Support

- Real time voice responses to student inquiries
- Daily schedule management reviews
- Graduation application review

Curriculum and Program Alignment Audits

- Held joint faculty and staff Curriculum Committee meeting
- Conducted Faculty Certification Training



McDonald's of MI Career Employment Town Hall for Employment Opportunities for Students

CharMaine Hines represented the District at a 'Michigan Hiring and Archways to Opportunity Virtual News Conference' hosted by the McDonald's Group of Michigan, the Detroit Branch NAACP, Mayor's Office for the City of Detroit, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, and members of the Detroit Public School Community District Board.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Intercultural Conversations



At this week's virtual Intercultural Conversations we discussed the celebration of Eid Al Adha Mubarak.



Adam Ferris, Founding Editor of the comic book "The Good Fight" presented on the background to this anthology on diversity and inclusion.



DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Best of Both Worlds

As we prepare to launch a new fall semester, either remotely or in person, we need to remind ourselves what we truly offer at community colleges.

Anthony Kronman, Professor and Former Dean at Yale Law School and Author of *The Assault on American Excellence*, argues that higher education is a fundamentally moral enterprise whose purpose is to help students become better human beings. “Universities should be devoted to not only the transmission of skills but the shaping of souls.” Given that the core curriculum is largely gone, Kronman echoes Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., in observing “students need to be directed toward the great questions as expressed in science, philosophy, and art.”

Kronman asks “could it be that there are better and worse ways of living- grades of excellence in the work of being human- even if there is no single way that is the best of all...could it be there is a form of education that increases a student’s chances of becoming an excellent human being, just as there are educational programs to produce excellent flute players and mechanics?”

Peggy Noonan addresses these issues in “A Progressive Defends Liberal Education,” Wall Street Journal, August 31-September 1, 2019. Citing Kronman, she states “even to consider such an education involves the issue of character; that a person’s character can be better or worse; that character is shaped by education; and that one of the goals of higher education is to instill in the student a love of those things for which a person of fine character should have.”

The vocational approach, in contrast, “involves the idea that life is all about work and the business of higher education is to prepare you for a profession.” Kronman asks, “what do I need to learn to be a successful lawyer or computer scientist?” It ignores the more important question, “what makes a whole life honorable and fulfilling?”

While there is a clear dichotomy between liberal arts and career education, is it not gratifying to know that we, as community college professionals, offer the best of both those worlds? We have both the challenge and the opportunity to ensure we have the knowledge, vision and insight to help steer students towards their appropriate goals.



District Police Authority



Campus Safety Council

The District Police Authority held its monthly Campus Safety Council meeting at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



The District Police Authority urges everyone to follow Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Order that requires people to wear face masks whenever in an indoor public space and in crowded outdoor spaces.

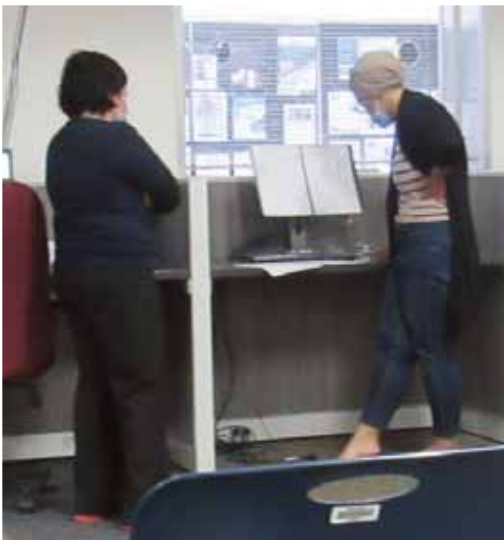


Professional Development

Lieutenant Keiara Younger participated in LEIN warrant data entry training remotely. The training was conducted by Melissa D. Lesperance, MLD, CSSP, Director of the District Command Center at Ilitch Holdings Inc. and former dispatch supervisor at Wayne State University Police.

Downriver Campus

Assisting our Students



Assisting Returning Students at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Eastern Campus

Preparing for the Fall 2020 Semester



Instruction Staff Meeting

The instruction team is working on class preparation and social distances for the face-to-face classroom setups.

Hussman Foundatoin Continues to Distribute Food at the Eastern Campus Parking Lot



Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center



Staff at the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center continued to inventory and test all equipment in preparation for the start of the Fall 2020 academic and continuing education classes.

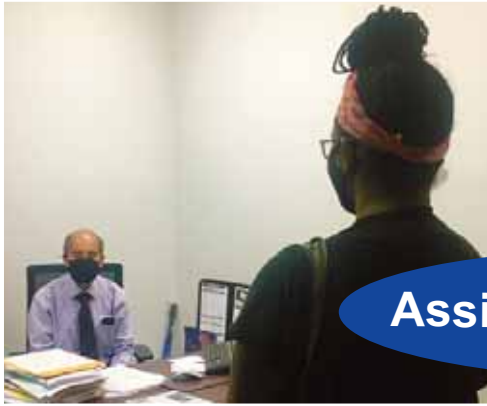


Congratulations to Yvette McElroy-Anderson!

Michigan Chronicle's Women of Excellence (WOE) induction ceremony was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Michigan Chronicle held a special mixer for WOE honorees.



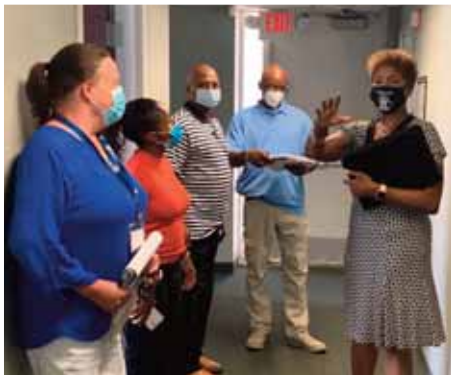
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Healthcare Support Site Visit



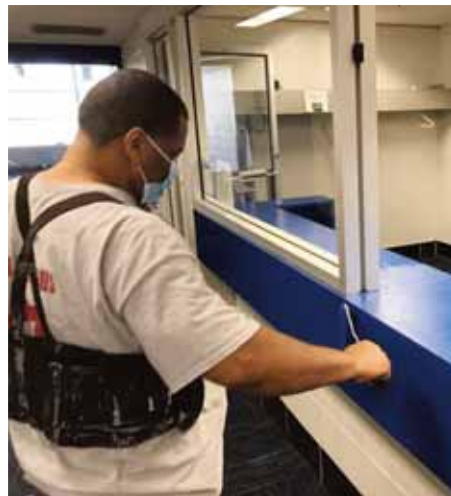
The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and WCCCD staff members participated in a site visit at the Northwest Campus. The purpose of the visit was to look at opportunities to provide healthcare support to the service area.



City Clerk Janice Winfrey was at the Northwest Campus to discuss the voting process

Facilities Maintenance

Eastern Campus



Health and Wellness Center



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Curtis L. Ivery District Office

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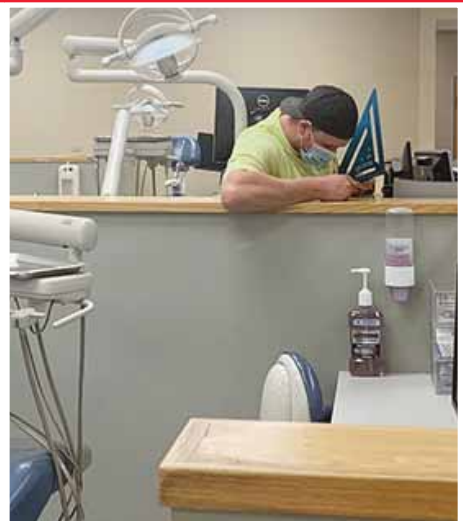


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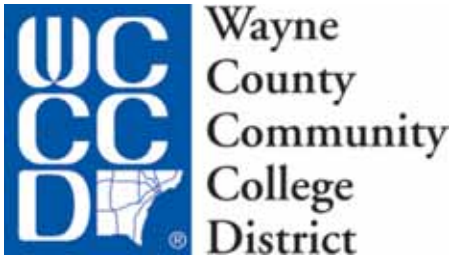
Northwest Campus ~ Denise Wellons-Glover Welcome Center



Health Science Center



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Mission

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

Vision Statement

WCCCD will be known as a premier community college and innovator in the areas of high quality academic and career education, talent development in support of regional economic growth, diversity and inclusion, and technological advancement.

WCCCD's Values Statements:

- Supporting excellence in teaching and learning
- Honoring diversity
- Serving the common good
- Being accountable
- Operating with integrity

