

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus















































































Community Partnership Opportunities







Glenda Wapegan-Magarrell District Dean, Workforce and Economic Development

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Student Success!

Commercial Drivers License Program

Alajuwon Hayden, a recent Commercial Drivers License Program graduate, started work at Faygo Beverage Company as a professional driver at a significant \$1,500 signing bonus, \$25.00 per hour plus full benefits and pension.



Construction Trades Training Program

Students from the Construction Trades Training Program that were selected for Amazon warehouse development internships demonstrate skills learned to complete several carpentry projects.





Furquan Ahmed met with Michael Turner and Asad Turfe from the Wayne County Executive's Office.

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

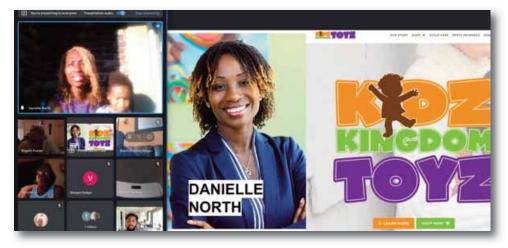


Civil Testing and Technician Partnership Program

Bootcamp orientation has been finalized for the Civil Testing and Technician Program. Industry partners include Michigan Department of Transportation, Wayne County Roads Commission Labs, American Council of Engineering Companies and Infrastructure Contractors. Partners are seeking new sources of workforce training and academic talent through the WCCCD Civil Testing and Technician Program.

Entrepreneurship Training

Danielle North, of Kids Kingdom Detroit spoke about her duality as a for profit daycare and indoor playground owner as well as her mission driven 501c3 organization.





Detroit at Work

Cedric Jackson, Creative Financial Consulting and Public Relations Expert was a guest speaker and presentation judge for the Detroit at Work entrepreneurship cohort's seventh session. Mr. Jackson also presented on the importance of public relations and promoting your brand and business.



Cool Kids Code Summer Camp

Northwest Campus

Campers assembled robotic vehicles, coded and manipulated the vehicles autonomous collision detection. They also participated in sports clinics led by young professional athletes, Tyler Green (soccer) and Joe Hooks (golf).









Dr. Sherry Saggers, Dean of the new Physical Therapy Technician Program assists students with patient care.









Health Science Center Practical Nursing Education Program~Ted Scott Campus



The Voice of Faculty Excellence

As the Vice Chancellor of the Division of Educational Affairs and my enduring commitment to the faculty and their learning environments, it is my pleasure to present to you "The Voice of Faculty Excellence." ~ Dr. David Beaumont

Dr. Maria Jackson-Smith



Education

Bachelor of Science in English, Language and Literature, Eastern Michigan University

Master of Arts in Written Communication, Eastern Michigan University

Ed.S. in Education Leadership/Higher Education
Administration, Eastern Michigan University

 Ph.D. in Education Leadership/Higher Education Administration, Eastern Michigan University

Accomplishments

Graduate Certificate in African American Studies

King/Chavez/Parks (KCP) Future Faculty Fellowship,
Eastern Michigan University, 2009 & 2013

 Larry and Janice Warren Endowed Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University, 2014 and 2017

Fairbanks Graduate Research Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University, 2016

 Minzey Family Endowed Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University, 2019

Dissertation Support Grant, Eastern Michigan University
College of Education, 2019

Professional Organizations Membership

- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- Association for the Study of higher Education (ASHE)
- American College Personnel Association (ACPA)

Dr. Maria Jackson-Smith was adamant she was not going to become a teacher while majoring in English during her undergraduate studies, she was going to pursue professional writing. But after a year in corporate America she knew that career path wasn't for her. She accepted a teaching position at a middle school while simultaneously teaching a Friday evening community college class that no other faculty wanted to teach and she loved it! "I made the leap to higher education exclusively and I have never looked back."

Dr. Jackson-Smith has been a WCCCD adjunct faculty in the English department for 15 years running her classroom with precision fostering a structured environment for her students. She stresses personal accountability and at all times promotes exploration of thought. "I am merely the facilitator of their learning process."

She recognizes that most students enroll in her English I and English II classes because it is a requirement, and not because they want to. So, she knows it is her job to make the subject not only less intimidating to her students, but to "empower them with the belief that they can become active readers, effective writers, and critical thinkers."

Dr. Jackson-Smith is an avid reader and writer and considers herself a "homebody" so when she is not in the classroom she loves spending time at home with her husband and two children.



Career/Transfer Programs

The Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Roundtable has been collaborating virtually for the last week to finalize the layout and materials for the new TLC course shell to be unveiled to faculty this month. Dr. Stacha Floyd, Dr. Oneka Samet, and Allan Cosma have been assisting in the strategice organization and content of the course shell to meet the needs of faculty through direct links to articles, best practices, LRC resources, essential materials, and collaborations.



Operational Excellence Final Grades are DUE!

Students are completing final exams this week and looking forward to a break between semesters. That means it's now time for faculty to input final grades.

As a reminder, faculty can find helpful tutorials on the web page: http://www.wcccd.edu/fs/pdf/FacOnlineGuide.pdf

Instructional Council

Dr. David Beaumont, Dr. Patrick McNally, and Anthony Arminiak will co-host a joint Instructional Council and Presidents Council meeting to discuss Fall 2021 start-up. The meeting will focus on the agility needed to respond to the increase percentage of face-to-face course offerings over the Spring 2021 semester. The discussion will also feature a discussion of the updated learning platform options in the Learning Management System (LMS), classroom and Learning Resource Center technologies availability to deliver instructional services.

Faculty Credential Guide

The Divisions of Educational Affairs and Human Resources have been working to update the Faculty Credential Guide.



Learning Resource Center



The Division of Educational Affairs presented recommendations on operationalizing the Learning Resource Center/Learning Commons (LRC/LC) rethink. The Division of Educational Affairs has been working with the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and Eastern Campusto to begin the Region A build out.

Discipline Leads Roundtable

Dr. David Beaumont met with the discipline leads to discuss Fall 2021 start-up and the Spring 2022 schedule.



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- Potential for positively impacting student, business, and/or community success.
- Aligns with WCCCD's mission, values, vision, and strategic goals.
- Addresses the overarching imperative of equity.
- Financially feasible
- Sustainable



Essential Components of the Chancellor's Annual Innovation Cycle

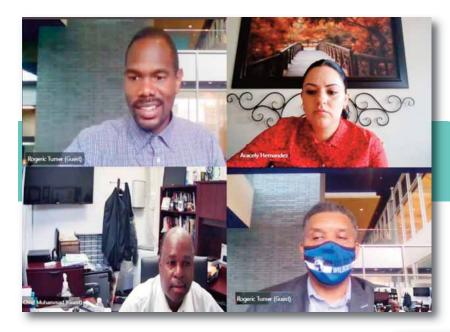
- Each year a workshop will be held for making a "pitch" presentations on teamwork, presentation skills, design thinking, and other forms of problem-solving.
- Those leading projects selected by the judges as outstanding will develop a plan of work for the academic year with the support of the Design Center.
- Host an awards ceremony at which the most impactful and successful innovations are recognized. This would include a Chancellor's Innovation Prize for the top innovation. This event could also include a luncheon, a speaker, and an "Ideathon" for brainstorming the implications for WCCCD's future as a national community innovative trends and best practices leader.

Professional Development Save the Date!

Virtual Faculty Convocation Day August 21, 2021

"Leading into the Unknown: Navigating the New Educational Landscape" Presented by Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton





Summer Activities Planning Meeting

Fall 2021 Registration

Staff met to discuss the ongoing registration efforts in reaching out to students.





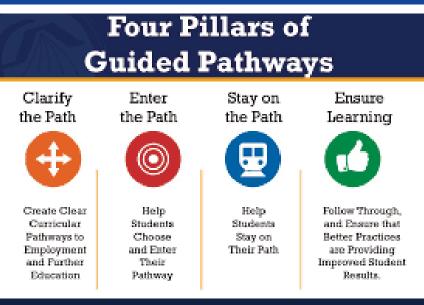
Retention

Staff conducted a degree audit to determine the remaining credits a student needs to graduate. Encouraging and supporting students in persisting on to the Fall 2021 semester and through college completion fulfills the criteria of Pillars II and III of Guided Pathways by helping students identify and stay on their path of learning.



Guided Pathways

The Divisioin of Student Services provides students with a one-stop shop graduation checklist via the Dear Student Did You Know Newsletter. It includes links and dates to all the pertinent information required for graduates like the graduation application deadline. This informative document supports students in fulfilling the criteria of Pillar III of Guided Pathways.



Student Success Center



The Division of Student Services Student Success Team met to discuss increasing retention rates through phone, text, email, and one-on-one contact strategies.

Financial Aid



The Department of Education has implemented changes to how Selective Service and drug convictions impact student aid eligibility. For the 2021-2022 award year, for which the FAFSA cycle has already begun, the Selective Service and drug conviction questions (as well as the option to register with the Selective Service via the FAFSA) will remain on the FAFSA. However, failing to register with the Selective Service or having a drug conviction while receiving federal Title IV aid, will no longer impact a student's Title IV aid eligibility.

International Students



Each semester we conduct an orientation to ensure our international students are in compliance with Homeland Security guidelines. We are currently preparing for the Fall 2021 semester orientation.



Staff was invited to participate in viewing student intern presentations by students of Zion Leadership Group. TRIO is exploring this program as an option for TRIO-SSS program participants.

Admission and Records

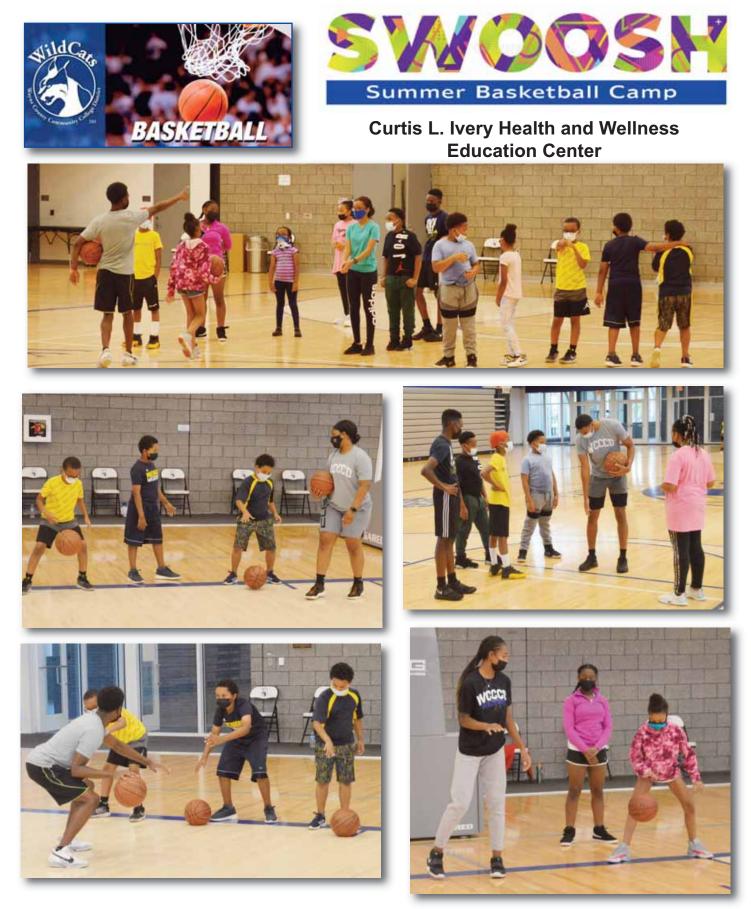


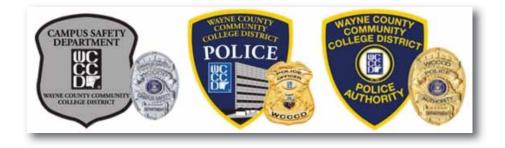
Staff is working on processing dual enrollment applications that have transitioned over into becoming a traditional students at WCCCD.

Disability Services



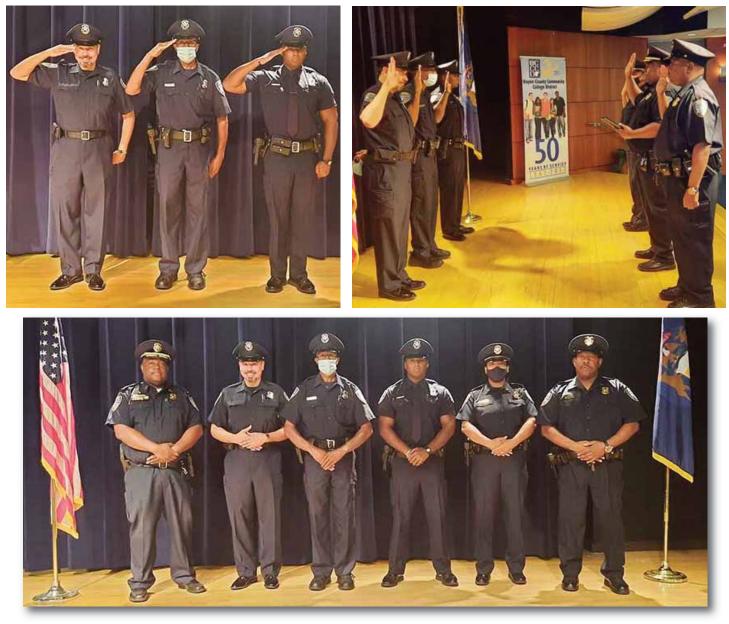
Staff is developing strategies to better serve "special populations" students concerns and challenges.





District Police Authority

We celebrated the swearing-in of our three new police officers who will now operate based on the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). Chief Darrick Muhammed performed the ceremony. The new officers, Michael Jemison, Kevin Sims and Raymond Batts took an oath to serve and protect the District and its communities.





Professional Development



Josiah Butty attended the Microsoft 365 SharePointe Fest in Chicago, Illinois.



Dr, Fidelis D'Cunha attended the Interfaith Council of Greater Detroit Education Committee Meeting.





New Day, New Way Initiative

The New Day, New Way Call Center is busy assisting callers with information about registering for the upcoming Fall 2021 semester.



Division of Human Resources

Faculty Credentials Audit



The Division of Human Resources continues to review, audit, and reconciile all faculty credentials to ensure compliance with the District standards, accrediting and state agency regulations.

Payroll Audit~Full and Part-time Staff

The Division of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Division of Finance and Administration is preparing for next week's payroll audit for all full and part-time staff. The audit will be conducted at all campuses, including the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the Curtis L. Ivery District Office building from August 9-11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Human Resources Meeting





presented by the Division of Human Resources

LIVING WELL ON THE FAST TRACK: Eating Healthy on the Run



This week, the Division of Human Resources presented a webinar on the topic of "Living Well on the Fast Track: Eating Healthy on the Run." Participants learned how to incorporate quick and effective exercises, identify healthy food options and create healthy meal plans.





presented by the Division of Human Resources

FINANCIAL GOAL SETTING

The Division of Administration and Finance was pleased to provide staff with a webinar on the topic of Financial Goal Setting. Guest speaker Maurice Miller, Jr., certified financial planner for MassMutual Great Lakes, provided participants with the fundamental steps to financial well-being. Topics covered included income, savings, retirement and debt.



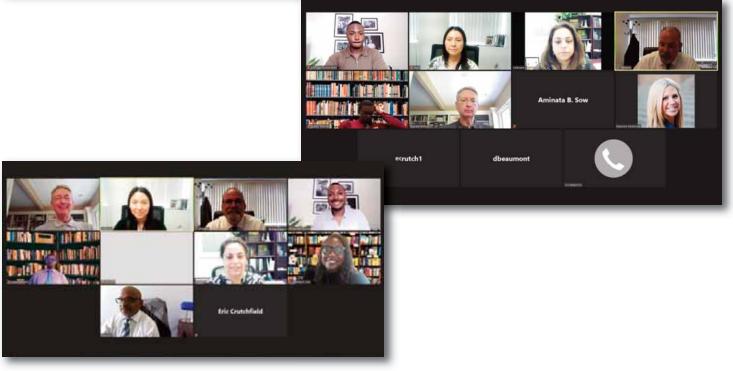
Speaker: Maurice Miller, Jr. CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, MassMutual Great Lakes





Website Redesign Taskforce

This week, the Website Redesign Taskforce met with Ingeniux, CMS provider, to discuss options for the catalog on the new website.



Virtual Leadership Session

This week, our virtual leadership session for the website redesign project focused on reviewing main campus pages. This weekly dialogue provides us with feedback as we continue to move through the Content Phase of the website redesign project.





Website Committee

The Website Committee continues to work with the leadership team to ensure content is updated. During the month of July, the committee completed 82 website update requests.

July 2021 Analytics

Page views - 265,276

Top 10 Most Viewed Pages

- 1. Homepage
- 2. Distance Learning New Students
- 3. Faculty and Staff Resources
- 4. Academic Program
- 5. Distance Learning
- 6. Blackboard FAQs
- 7. Academic Schedule
- 8. Nursing
- 9. Student Email
- 10. Northwest Campus

The website had visitors from 99 different countries. The top five were:

- 1. United States
- 2. India
- 3. Nigeria
- 4. Canada
- 5. China



Tips for an Effective Email

- 1. Write a meaningful subject line
- 2. Keep the message focused
- 3. Proofread before hitting the "send" button
- 4. Respond Promptly

Source: https://jerz.setonhill.edu/writing/e-text/email/



Division of Information Technology

Meeting with Ellucian

The Division of Information Technology held a follow up meeting with Ellucian (Banner) representatives to further discuss the renewal options that would benefit our needs and remain cost effective. The discussion also included some of our immediate priority features listed below that Ellucian offers with a modernization renewal option:

 Ellucian Elevate - Designed to help manage continuing education and workforce development program

 Ellucian Experience - Simplify tasks and information access with a personalized dashboard

Ellucian Intelligent Learning Platform - a single, easy-to-use platform that streamlines common teaching and learning tasks between administrative and learning management systems.





Staff met this week to discuss Fall 2021 semester readiness. Topics included: Faculty Convocation Day, District-wide classroom configurations and instructional software.

Preparing for the Fall 2021 Semester

Yoseph Demissie and Dr. David Beaumont met to discuss readiness for the upcoming Fall 2021 semester. Items discussed: Smart Classroom technology, learning management system, and Faculty Convocation Day.



Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education





DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Vírtual Intercultural Conversatíons



At the Intercultural Conversations this week we discussed International Day of the World's Indigenous People and Win with Civility Month presented by Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha. Narjis Zeidi from the Division of Human Resources also provided a presentation on Moharram, the Islamic New Year.



We hosted a Film Club meeting to discuss pedagogy using film to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the classroom.

Facilities Management



SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM

DR. RANDALL MILLER



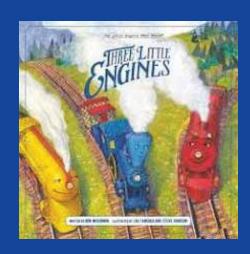
Invest in Your Character

"Good is the enemy of great" has now become part of the lexicon for anybody who reads regularly. Jim Collins begins his book, Good to Great, with an entire chapter entitled "Good is the Enemy of Great." More recently, Kurt Reece-Peeplez has written his book: *Good is the Enemy of Great.* All of this ink underscores the importance that high performers give to letting go of things that aren't working or aren't working at the desired level.

Just as snakes and some insects shed their skin so they can refresh and become new again, it is wise for high performers to put aside "things that are taking away from the future," notes Cloud in Integrity. An important part of wisdom and emotional maturity is being able to part with things that might be good, but not the best. "Shedding one's skin to make room for the new one is a good practice," and it positions you for a successful future.

We all understand that working hard with diligence and perseverance is an important component of success. But hard work by itself will always fall short without strength of character. Qualities like empathy and compassion can also play a role. As Bob McKinnon states in Three Little Engines, "giving others a head of steam so they can do it too" is an admirable quality. It is important to recognize that sometimes success comes from a helping hand. Investing in your character in multiple ways that help make it strong, like helping others, will likely enable you to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Book Recommendation



Three Little Engines (A modern retelling of the classic *The Little Engine That Could*)

Written by Bob McKinnon

Downriver Campus





WCCCD/Michigan State University Fruit and Vegetable Crop Management Program student internships.



Accuplacer Testing



EMPCO Testing

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Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board

The city of Detroit's Historic Designation Advisory Board held a public meeting at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. They voted unanimously to approve the WCCCD Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus Underground Railroad Historic Site Designation preliminary report and voted for staff to complete the final report and ordinance. The board also toured the campus and the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center. They were extremely impressed and are looking forward to utilizing our facility.









Bill Sander's Photography Students Capstone Project

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Eastern Campus

Fashion Design Program Flat Pattern Making Design

Professor Angela Slate's student Claude Wright completed a difficult challenge creating a cowl neck gown using the "Slash and Spread" method. We are very proud of him because he tailors his own clothes but seldom makes apparel for women.





ART 101 Students in Action!







Banner 9 Training The Division of Student Services navigated staff at the Eastern Campus through Banner 9 registration updates.

Work Keys

Matt Puwal administered the WorkKeys exam for individuals interested in the Operator's Union.



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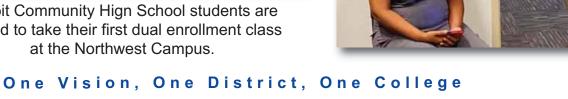






Detroit Community Hign School students are excited to take their first dual enrollment class at the Northwest Campus.

Student Success!



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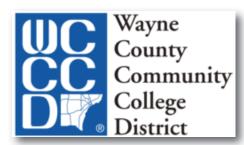






First Day of Fall 2021 Classes is August 23, 2021!

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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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

