

Celebrating our 2020 and 2021 Graduates!

Graduates participated in a drive-thru service to pick up their graduation caps, tassels, and diploma covers prior to our virtual Commencement Ceremony being held on Saturday, June 12, 2021.



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Keynote Speaker
Governor Gretchen Whitmer

WCCCD's Virtual Commencement Ceremony will recognize and celebrate the Classes of 2020 and 2021 on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

To view the virtual Commencement Ceremony on June 12, 2021 visit our website. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m.. Participants can join through a desktop (Windows or Mac), web, or mobile. After you click on the link, follow these instructions:

How to join the ceremony:

1. Click "Join Live Event" from your desktop (Windows or Mac), web-browser, or mobile device.
2. If joining from a mobile device, please download the Microsoft Teams app prior to clicking the link.



Marketing Strategy Meeting

In the News!

WCCCD and Student Featured in Detroit News Mi-ReConnect

The District was featured in a recent article in the *Detroit News* on how a student is benefitting from the Michigan Reconnect program to go back to school at WCCCD and complete an associate's degree in Computer Information Systems. Reconnect scholarships are accepted by all Michigan community colleges and are even available to eligible adults who are already enrolled in their local community college.



Dr. Patrick McNally will be assuming the role of Vice Chancellor for Campus Operations



Against All Odds!

Wayne County Community College District's
Combined Classes of 2020 & 2021
Deserve 'highest distinction'

By David C. Butty

Hats off to the Wayne County Community College District's (WCCCD) combined classes of 2020 and 2021. Whether you are earning a diploma, a program certificate, a degree or even a cool new professional title, your hard work and dedication during this pandemic puts you in the category "with the highest distinction." Even your Class Motto; "We Finished to Begin a New Journey", deserves a standing ovation.

It's no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic has altered the world of learning as we used to know it prior to the long months of quarantine, social distancing and virtual learning. WCCCD, like most institutions of higher learning has found itself in uncharted waters; and this includes going virtual and combining the 2020 and 2021 graduation ceremonies.

This year, the combined classes of 2020 and 2021 will hold a virtual graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 11 0'clock. More than 1,500 students will receive their degrees and certificates in various disciplines. This virtual ceremony supports our commitment to honoring our students' academic achievements while keeping the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff our number one priority. The District will use the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center as this year's venue; replacing the usual Ford Field, which has hosted WCCCD's graduation ceremonies over the years.

Haifa Ahmed will be the class representative for the class of 2020 while Destinee-Faith Sienkiewicz will represent the class of 2021. Both students will address their class respectfully. There are nine Special Recognition Awards students.

Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, will be this year's keynote speaker; and is expected to provide words of encouragement to graduates who are going into the world today where working in the cubicles in the office setting has been replaced by working remotely from home.

Haifa Ahmed, Class Representative for the class of 2020, said she and her classmates are grateful to Wayne County Community College District for providing an educational opportunity at a time when life itself was uncertain. "The year was not what any of us expected. Life changed in ways that no one could have anticipated. Yet, we found ways to continue our studies and complete our dreams in the face of a global pandemic."

Haifa Ahmed, who is studying for her bachelor's degree in sonography at Wayne State University, added; "Today is proof of our determination to succeed in our education. We found hope at WCCCD because the faculty and staff were committed to helping us realize our potential by providing online learning opportunities when we were mandated to "stay at home." It was a year full of emotions and anxiety but our faith remained strong and we pushed forward to this day. WCCCD stands as a strong symbol for

us all."

"Attending WCCCD is an experience I know that I will remember for the rest of my life. WCCCD has taught me such things as self-discipline, being organized and to never consider a failure as an ending."

Destinee-Faith Sienkiewicz, class representative for the 2021 graduating class shares her personal story. "In the spring of 2019, when I decided to enroll at Wayne County Community College District, my goal was to receive a certificate in Sterile Processing and get a job. I accomplished that goal and it was an incredibly positive experience completing my courses and receiving my certificate. Before my certificate even came in the mail, I had a full-time position in a hospital doing what I loved - right in the middle of a pandemic."

Destinee-Faith Sienkiewicz hopes her personal story reflects that of her classmates. "WCCCD has prepared and helped me achieve my goal of having full-time employment and benefits at such a young age. I am sure my story is reflective of many among our graduating class. Although we are from many backgrounds, with different goals and aspirations, we are united in our goals and hopes for a better future for ourselves and our families. Throughout our programs of study, we were encouraged and inspired by our instructors and the staff who were always supportive and understanding as we struggled with online learning. We did it! We have completed a huge step toward reaching our career goals. This is our time to celebrate."

Preparing Commencement Packets for our 2020/2021 Graduates!





COVID-19 Special Unit

Michigan Institute for
Public Safety Education



Personal Protection
Equipment Continues to be
Restocked District-wide!



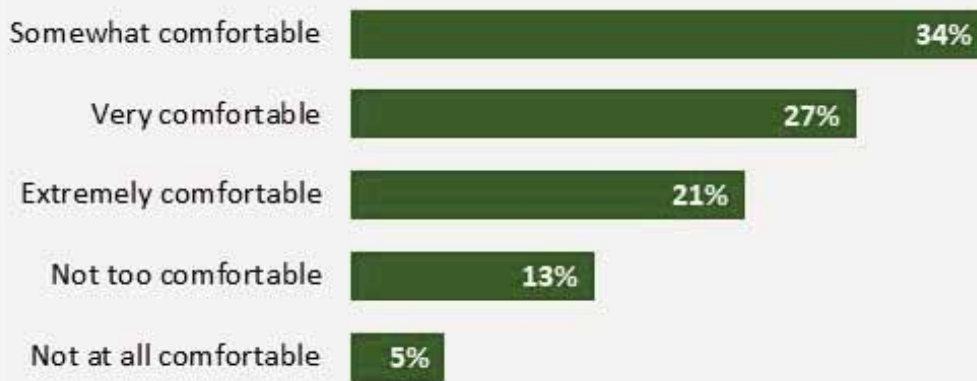
Sanitizing Continues
District-wide!



The Return to Campus for College Students

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) reviews and conducts, national and local research, to support continuous evaluation and improvement of programs and services offered by WCCCD. One of the sources used to conduct national and local research is SurveyMonkey. SurveyMonkey is one of the sources IE uses to conduct surveys and review survey research data. SurveyMonkey recently conducted a poll called "COVID-19 and the return to campus for college students," below you will find some sample data from this poll compared to WCCCD Welcome Week Survey.

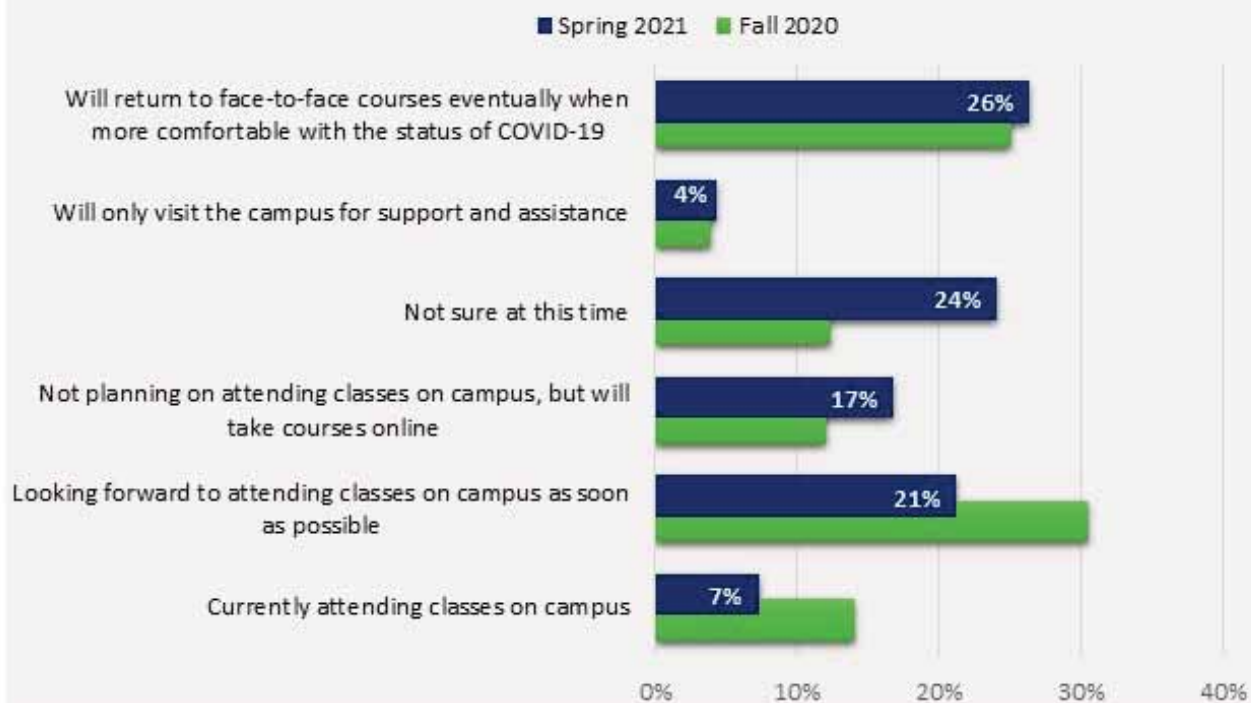
How comfortable would you feel about returning to in-person classes on campus in the Fall of 2021?



Source: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/curiosity/return-to-campus-2021/>

Over 54% of WCCCD students indicated that COVID-19 has not changed their plans for the Fall 2021 semester.

Overall, what are your feelings about re-engaging with WCCCD campus(es)?





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Glenda Wapegan-Magarrell
District Dean, Workforce and Economic Development



The team met to prepare for the Summer 2021 semester, skilled trades programs, truck driver training, entrepreneur training as well as recruitment for the Outdoor Training Center.



Community Partnerships

Outdoor Training Center Update

Grass has been cut, trees are being trimmed and fencing is being erected within the next two weeks. Skilled trades training will begin this summer for the Commercial Driver's License Program, Grounds Maintenance/Security and potentially Solar Panel Installation and Tree Trimming.



Grant Opportunity Meeting



Detroit at Work Partnership Program

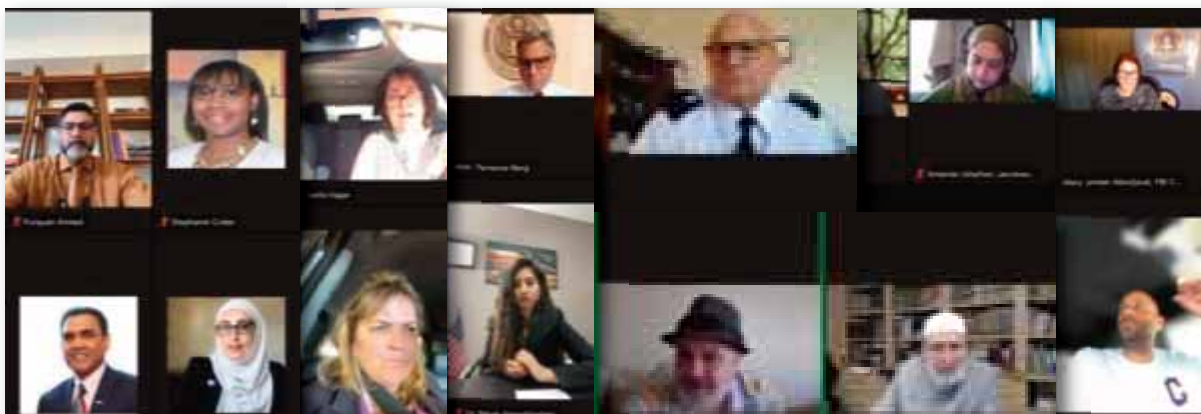
The Construction Trades Training Program will focus on preparing workers for Amazon's warehousing and construction project on Detroit's west side.

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Website Redesign Virtual Leadership Session Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Community Partnerships



Furquan Ahmed participated in the American Human Rights Council's (AHRC) virtual session on social justice and community engagement. AHRC's Executive Director Imad Hamad facilitated the session that included guests such as Chad Baugh, Chief Canton Public Safety, Frank A. Nastasi, Chief of Police Troy and Philip Menna Captain, MSP Tri-County, and F/Lt. Jennifer Johnson, MSP Metro South Post Commander, Second District. The non-profit organization is dedicated to protecting, promoting, and defending human rights, as defined by the U.S. Constitution and outlined in the United Nations' 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

Jonia Tamburi



Professor Jonia Tamburi’s educational journey began in her native homeland of Albania. As her family moved around Europe she was exposed to intensive language programs, which marked the beginnings of her love affair with languages and cultures. She had her first brush with teaching while pursuing her ungraduated studies when she was accepted as a Teaching Assistant for Spanish. And it was her parents’ professional practicum as Fulbright scholars and medical doctors that further cemented her path towards the Humanities.

As an adjunct faculty member since 2012 in Speech and Spanish, she holds a BA with Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures with a concentration in Spanish and Minor in French from the University of Windsor. Additionally, she pursued MA degrees at Wayne State University in Communication Studies and Spanish. She is presently attending WSU working to complete her PhD in Spanish language and literature.

Professor Tamburi strongly believes her role as an instructor is to “Empower students through effective and clear communication while helping to create and foster an environment of collective and individual growth.” It is her students’ progress that fuels her resolve to make every semester the best one yet.

Not surprisingly, Professor Tamburi has had many rewarding experiences throughout her career. Hearing from former students and their successes in both life and educational goals is what keeps her persevering. “Teaching provides the ideal outlet to stir imagination, encourage analysis, and nurture democratic thinking in the classroom.”

When Professor Tamburi is not teaching she finds joy and peace in reading the Bible, classical literature, daily exercise, swimming, and traveling to sunny destinations.

Instruction

- ❖ 9 years adjunct Spanish and Speech at WCCCD

Education

- ❖ Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures with a concentration in Spanish and Minor in French from the University of Windsor
- ❖ Masters Degree in Communication Studies and Spanish from Wayne State University

Accomplishments

- ❖ Certifications in online teaching with Blackboard, Canvas, D2L, and Moodle



Division of Educational Affairs

Operational Excellence

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met to discuss the kick-off of the Course Master Review Initiative. The goal is to review the 841 course master learning outcomes information and introduce a new syllabi template prior to the Spring 2022 semester.

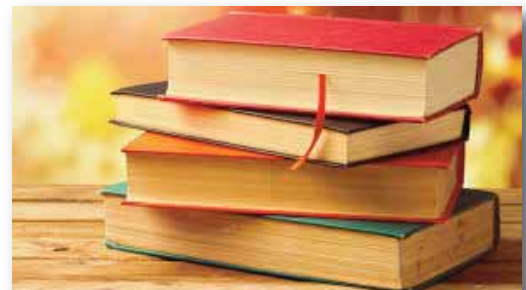


Learning Resource Center



Professional Development

Staff from the Learning Resource Centers attended refresher training MeLCat: The Other Stuff for Interlibrary Loan through Michigan eLibrary. MeLCat is an online catalog service that allows patrons of participating libraries to borrow materials - books, movies, music, and more - from all over Michigan and have them delivered to their home library.



Learning Resource Center Council

The Learning Resource Center Council held a meeting to discuss topics including new Library and Learning Commons, Fall 2021 opening, and updating library processes.



Division of Educational Affairs

Early Childhood Education

Dr. David Beaumont met this week with Dr. Charmaine Johnson, Discipline Lead, Early Childhood to discuss the advantages of NAEYC Higher Education Accreditation of the District's Early Childhood Higher Education Program and potential continuing education offerings.



Classroom Observations

April McCray, Project Manager for the Virtual Class

Observations Initiative, worked with instructional administrators this week to observe instructional activities in the District's Summer 2021 virtual classrooms.

Learning Outcomes and Curriculum Updates

Dr. Beaumont also met with Professor Corrine Mann, Discipline Lead, Human Services to discuss the status of her learning outcomes and curriculum updates, and the continuing education offering for the fall semester.

Best Practice Share

Navigating a New Educational Landscape

Dr. CharMaine Hines led a best practice session on what it means to navigate a new educational landscape. Participants included Crystal Brown and representatives from Saginaw Valley State University and Ferris State University.



Career Programs

The goal of WCCCD's career programs is to prepare students for the workforce. Providing support for our committed, competent and credentialed faculty in Career Education assures that the content of the courses relates well to the occupations for which they prepare students. Various procedures exist to ensure a match between course content and career skill requirements:

- Professional development for faculty
- Industry advisory committees
- Surveys of employers
- Skill needs assessments
- Graduate surveys
- Student work experience (e.g. internships)





Division of Student Services

Professional Development



Kimberly Hairston and Artan Walker completed University of South Florida's MUMA College of Business seven week certificate program in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace. Developing positive interactions allows staff to support students navigating and persisting in making sound academic and career choices. This support helps students fulfill the criteria of Pillars II and III of Guided Pathways.



Dual Enrollment



Frontier International Academy students and staff received their Study Aboard sweatshirts for participating in the virtual trip to Africa.



Division of Student Services

Admissions and Records



Staff continue to evaluate transcripts and confirm degree details.



Staff continue to assist students with registering for the Michigan Reconnect Program.





Division of Student Services

International Students



Staff continue to assist new international students with registering for the Fall 2021 semester.

Veterans



Veteran education benefits are constantly evolving. The majority of the changes enhance or expand benefits for service members, families and survivors. WCCCD supports and recognizes these changes and welcomes students using education benefits.

Adult Education



Tennille Jackson, Former Adult Education Student, is being acknowledged for completing her nursing pre-requisite classes and earning all A's.

Financial Aid



The District Financial Aid Office will be disbursing the first disbursement of student financial aid funds for the Summer 2020 semester. The funds being disbursed are federal and state funds. It will cover tuition, fees, books, and supplies.



Division of Student Services



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

The WCCCD Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society continues to be a Five-Star Chapter providing students and members with leadership, scholarship and fellowship opportunities.

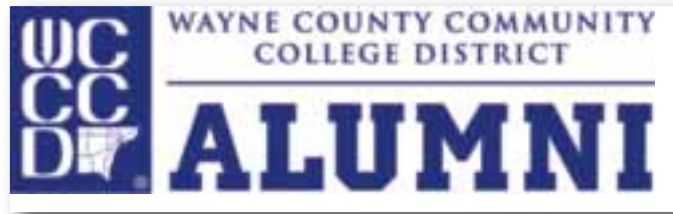


Diane Hines and Zina Evans, Officers of Phi Theta Kappa, are pictured displaying their Regional Officer Team Awards from Michigan Region of Phi Theta Kappa.

MiCup



MiCUP interns are entering their fifth week of their seven-week internship. They are squeezing in a little fun as they finalize their internship research.



Sara Callison

Going to college changed my life!

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus was right on the bus line and offered classes that I needed with flexible scheduling options. WCCCD gave me the chance to advance academically, professionally and personally. I had dropped out of high school at a young age and barely passed my GED.

Every class I took at WCCCD prepared me for the more advanced courses. My first class was a business class that taught basic computer skills. That basic class enabled me to excel in classes that required the use of computers and various software programs. I received an "A" causing my confidence to grow. I started to believe that maybe I could do all of the things that I never had the courage to try!

The best day that I remember was attending the Honors Awards Ceremony. Being presented an award for graduating college with honors, while my family was in the audience, was by far my best memory!

When I started at WCCCD, I was just beginning my own journey of recovery. I now have 11 years drug and alcohol free. It won't always be easy and you might even cry at times, but don't quit! The payoff is worth it all!

I went on to earn a Master's degree in Social Work from Wayne State University and am currently a Clinical Therapist at a local community mental health clinic.



Division of Human Resources

Year-End Assignment Audit

In preparation of the 2020/2021 year-end activities, the Division of Human Resources is working closely with the Division of Information Technology and the Payroll Department to ensure that all employee assignments are “rolled over” to the new budgeted fiscal year accurately. The team is also reviewing staff assignments, job descriptions, qualifications, training and professional development requirements in addition to the following:

- Performance Evaluation of all staff 2020-21
- Reviewing Pathways Contract Renewals
- Personnel File organization
- Reviewing District Staffing Alignment
- Credential and background Checks
- Ensuring Compliance with Department of Labor and other related agencies.

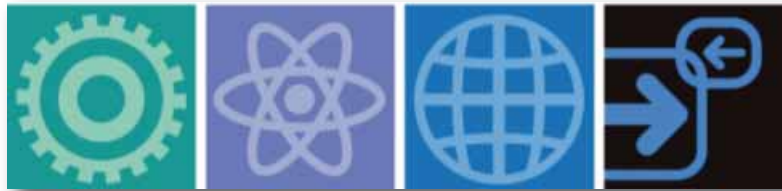


Employee Leave Balance Audit

The Division of Human Resources is also reviewing all time off requests for District and campus staff. This process ensures proper reconciliation of requested leave time as well as appropriate approvals. The Attendance Summary Report is used as a final checklist to review web-time entries prior to the report being submitted to the Office of the Chancellor.

The Leave Audit consist of reviewing the following attendance summary data to assure compliance:

- Vacation request
- Personal time
- Reconciliation of Weekly Leave Report
- Sick leave
- Appropriate signatures
- Banner Record leave update



The School of Continuing Education



This week, the School of Continuing Education hosted a Microsoft PowerPoint Basic 2016 workshop. Participants learned to build powerful presentations working with text, backgrounds, and graphics. They also learned how to create, modify, and print presentation materials.



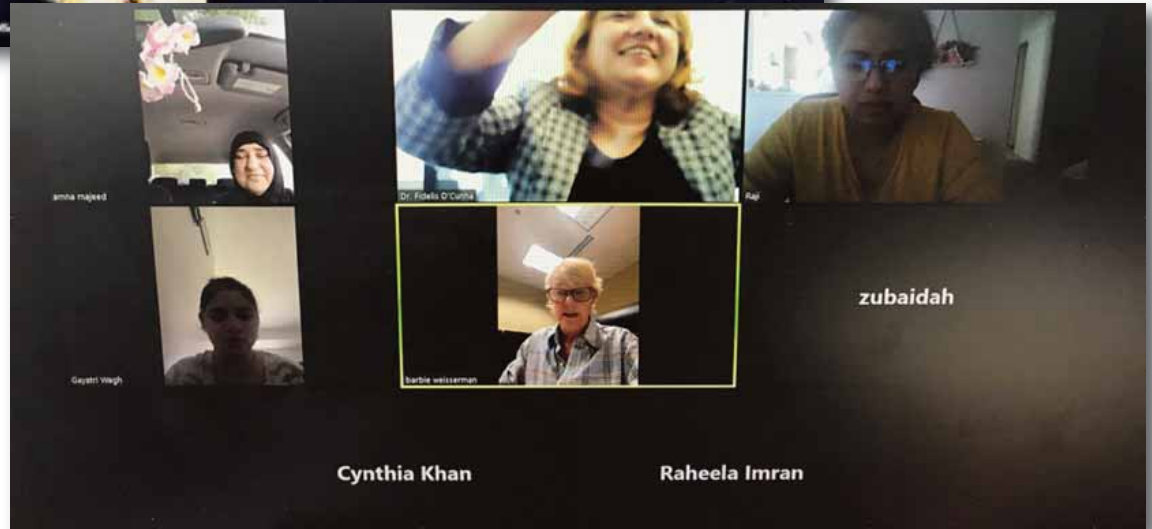
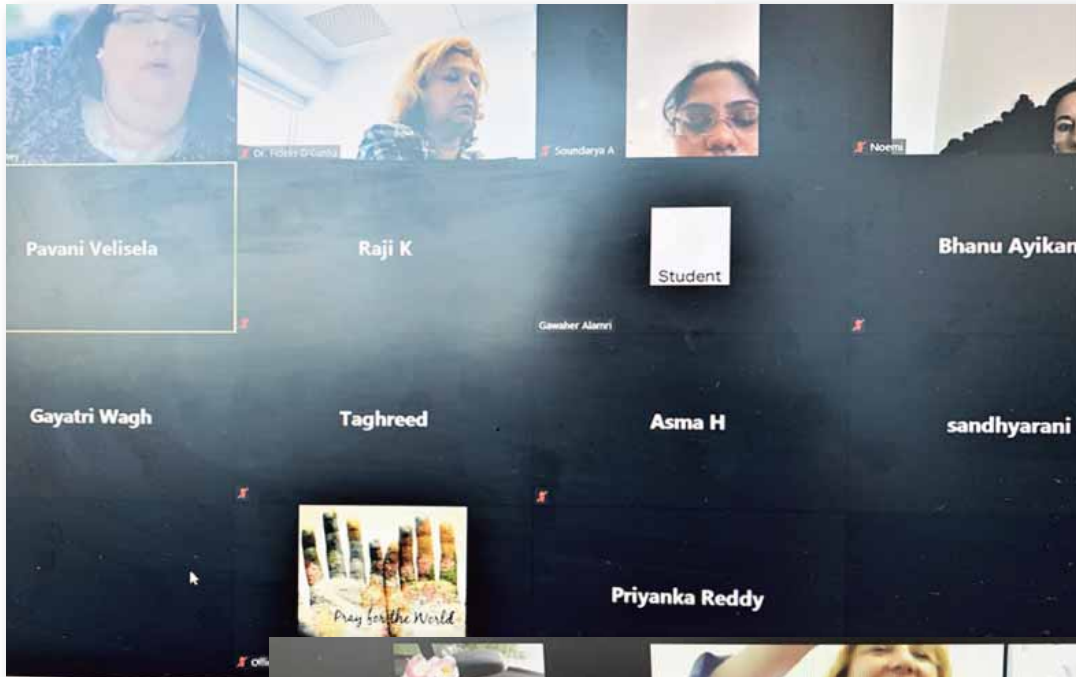
MACET Lunch and Learn



Melodie Bunkley attended the MACET Lunch and Learn Workshop. Discussions were centered around how to connect the students of Michigan community colleges to access affordable, high-quality online learning experiences whenever and wherever desired.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Summer 2021 Virtual English as a Second Language Conversational English Class Launched!



Virtual Sewing Class Launched!



Campus Support Team Meeting

The Division of Information Technology Campus Support and Help Desk teams met this week to discuss:

- Banner 9 Support
- Virtual Desktop Infrastructure maintenance and updates
- Instructional software
- Staff Computer Upgrade project



Managed Print Service with Image One

Staff also met with Managed Print Service provider, Image One for the WCCCD Customer Business review. Topics discussed included:

- District-wide device utilization
- Firmware and security assessment



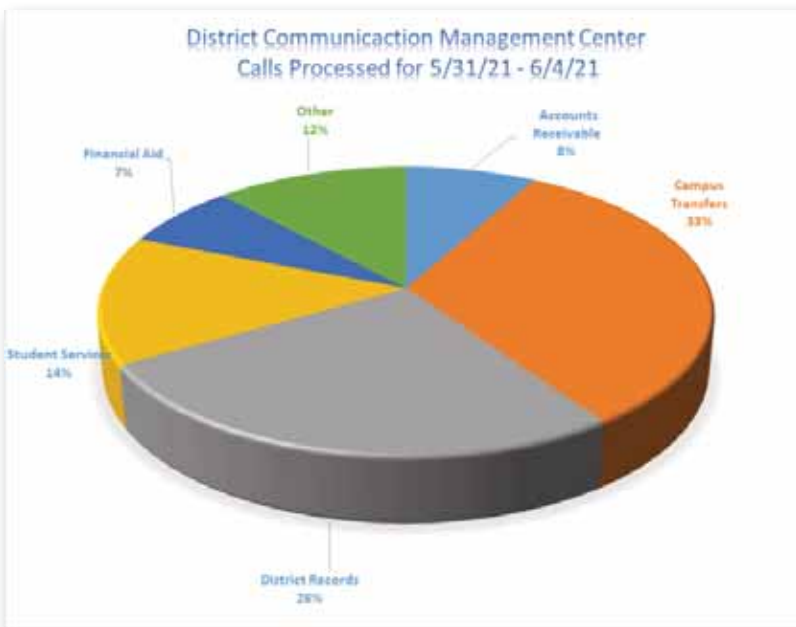
Security Awareness Training of the Month: Web Security

The web security lesson first teaches about the risks trainees face when on the Web. Trainees next learn about safe web searching techniques, general browser security and security settings, SSL, and protecting against web attacks and frauds. Again, those who have not started the lesson are highly encouraged to take the lesson. An email reminder is sent every week to all participants of the campaign.

District Communication Management Center



The District's Communication Management Center is assisting callers with information about the upcoming Commencement Ceremony.

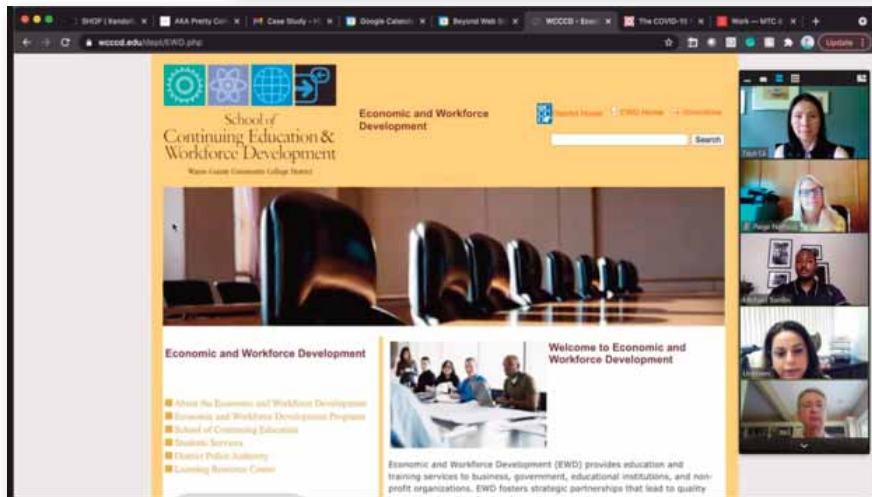


The District Communication Management Center staff assists and disburses incoming calls District-wide. This graph represents a breakdown of how each call was processed.



Website Redesign Taskforce

The Website Redesign Taskforce has been meeting regularly to discuss content editing and migration as well as a review process for PDF documents on the website.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Congratulations to Dr. Charmaine Johnson who was newly elected to the Michigan Association for the Education of the Young (AEYC) Governing Board. Professor Johnson holds more than 30 years of experience teaching in early childhood.



Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha attended the Board meeting of Refuge Nation, one of our collaborative partners



Dr. CharMaine Hines participated in state leadership planning session sponsored by the MI-ACE Network.



Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education



Fire Fighter Student Lab Session



SWAT Training



FBI SRT Training

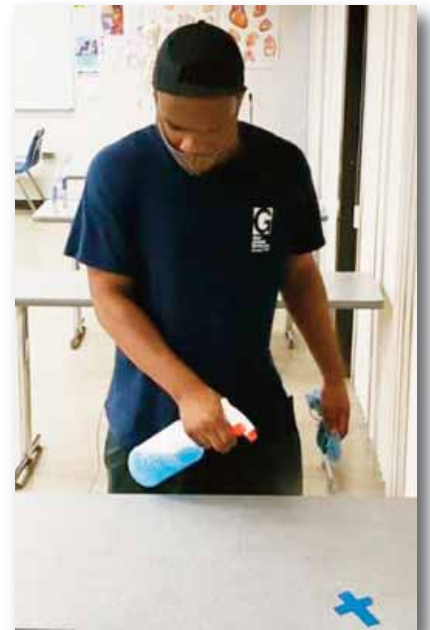


Fire Officer Training

Facilities Management



Custodial Services





District Police Authority



Community Engagement

The District Police Authority escorted community members and staff from St. Scholastic Church as they cleaned neighborhood streets and conducted a peace march.



DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM

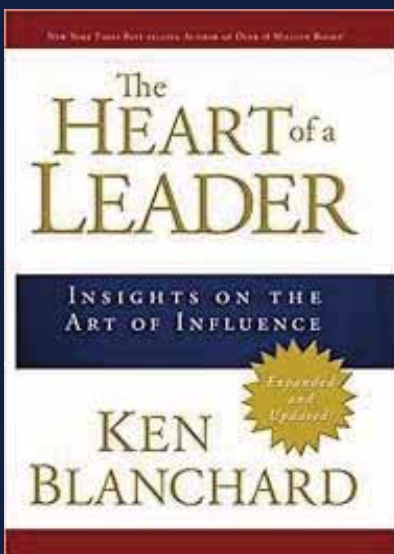


Self-Awareness Fosters Self- Corrections

Some of you may recall the story of the commercial airline pilots who got an error message on their instrument panel telling them their landing gear was not deploying properly. They were so consumed with addressing that problem that they neglected the reading on their altimeter. Their plane crashed into the Everglades, and there was no problem with their landing gear, only an instrument malfunction.

This true story can serve as a metaphor for the importance of self-awareness. A few years ago the president of a publishing company was leading a meeting where he “ran off in his own direction and agenda and left others behind, somewhat pushing his plan through and then talking as if it were everyone’s,” notes Dr. Henry Cloud in his book, *Integrity*. What was remarkable about that experience, however, is that the president apologized for what he had done and understood the consequences. He demonstrated self-awareness without receiving any feedback.

This ability to recognize a behavioral error and to self-correct is an important sign of maturity and self-awareness. We all experience weird moments where we succumb to less-than-stellar behavior. What is important is for us to recognize and accept what occurred and to make a correction. Leaders who do that demonstrate why they have risen to their leadership roles, and they are much more likely to have loyal followers.



Book Recommendation

The Heart of a Leader, Insights
on the Art of Influence

Written by Ken Blanchard

Downriver Campus



**Automotive Service Program
Lab Session**



**Emergency Medical Technician Program
Lab Session**



Community Partnerships

Staff decorated the building door of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Office.



Rachel Scott participated in the Wayne County Homeland Security monthly meeting.



Student Success!

Eastern Campus



Air Conditioning II

Instructor Eujay Peterson's (HVA 104-105) students are gaining hands-on training on brazing copper tubing.

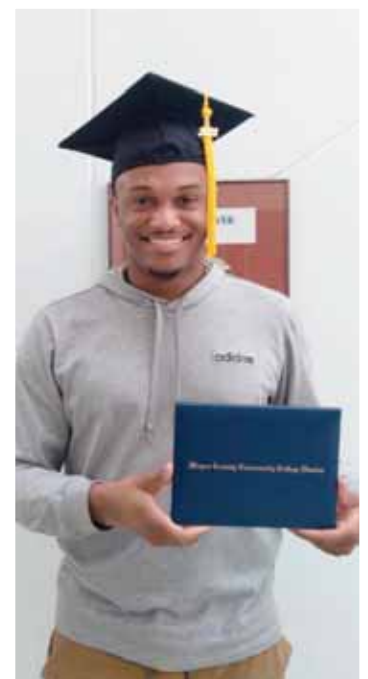


Digital Video Production II

Instructor Gwendolyn West-Gonzalez DMP 103 class is learning the fundamentals of digital video capture and editing basics on Final Cut Pro.

Eastern Campus

Congratulations Graduates!



Northwest Campus



Campus Operational Meeting



Department of Elections



Yoga Class

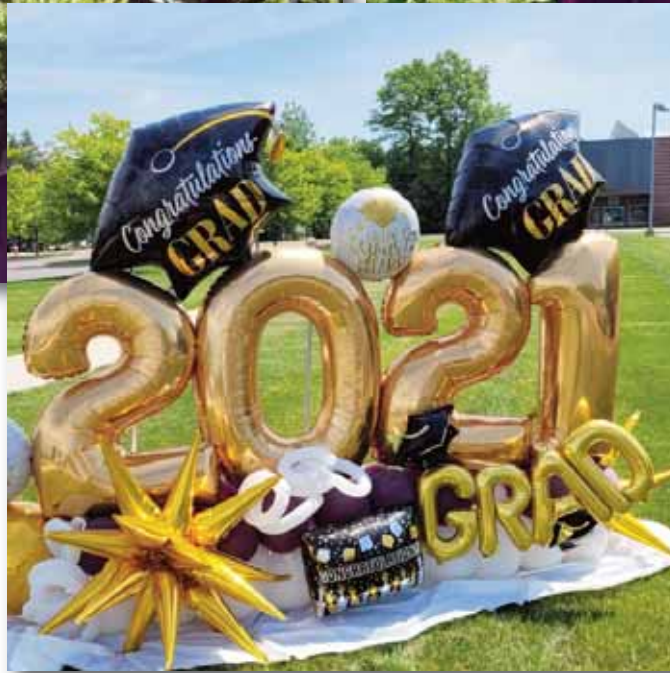
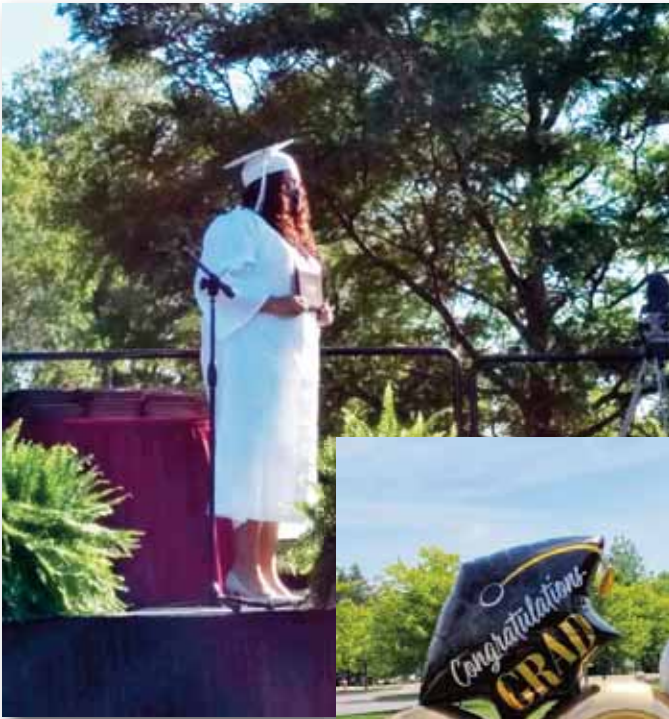


Student Success!



Ted Scott Campus

Romulus High School Graduation



Campus Operations Meeting

Student Success!

One Vision, One District, One College

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