

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



October 16-22, 2021 Weekend Memo 1314

2021 District-wide Conference Day

Commitment to Academic Excellence through Innovation, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Featured Speaker
Sara Goldrick-Rab, Ph.D.
Professor of Sociology and Medicine, Temple University and President and Founder, Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice in Philadelphia

"Congrats to all!!! Best conference ever!!! Now were are hitting at the core of education, to address the student we SERVE as educators." ~Beatriz Esquivel- Ramos



Featured Speaker
Russell Lowery-Hart, Ph.D.
President, Amarillo College



"Awesome! What a great conference day! Very informative good point of views." ~Roger Turner

DISTRICT-WIDE CONFERENCE DAY • FALL 2021

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Innovation, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*



“Thank you for the great District-Wide Conference Day Webinar. The presentation was well designed and the technology worked very well. Great, exciting information about The Chancellor’s Annual Innovation Cycle.
~Nancy Vieira Sterniak, Ph.D.



“In regard to the most recent Conference Day, I wanted to state that this was one of the best events I attended at WCCCD. I found the presentation by Dr. Lowery-Hart to be inspirational, informative, and emotionally-charged. I needed the five-minute break after his discussion to wipe the tears from my eyes. Dr. Lowery-Hart’s description of the typical community college student, “Maria,” was quite accurate and closely described myself as a college student. That is why I teach!”
~Stefanie M. Koomruian-Matejck



Kid President, I Think We All Need a Pep Talk

Kid President

“Well done, team! I thought it was an excellent combination of news, useful info, inspiration, ideas with ideology, and an overall great day. Webinar format was awesome too. Very impressive!”

~Kerri Barnett-Novack



“I enjoy every single moment, I learned a lot from addressing my students needs to insure that education is not limited to classrooms but goes beyond In one word - OUSTANDING 👍”

~Dib Saab



“I thoroughly enjoyed DWCD this year done virtually. I enjoyed the speakers and their messages and also the TED Talks presenters.” ~Megan Lightfoot

“I really enjoyed the exercise! Relationships with students, removing a life of barriers and tutors, these are all valuable tips for getting the job done - for students success.”

~E Martinus Whitfield



“A rich expeditious conference. Well prepared and aligned with great wisdom. Quite enjoyable. Thank you.”

~Dr. Eileen V Martin





SEASON HOME OPENER

vs
Washtenaw Community College
WOLFPACK

Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 2:00 p.m.
Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center
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WCCCD's Wildcat and the Men's Basketball Team are Getting Ready for the Big Game!

November 13, 2021!
Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center





**COVID-19
Special Unit**
Michigan Institute
for Public Safety
Education

**Personal Protection Equipment
Deliveries Continues District-wide!**



Distict-wide Sanitation Continues!



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Civil Engineering and Technician Bootcamp Northwest Campus



Division of Educational Affairs

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

Ahmed Basharat



Professor Ahmed Basharat has been teaching at Wayne County Community College District for 15 years. He is passionate about the opportunity to learn and share in the community. “Teaching is my passion because I can impart education, training, and knowledge in the community.” He further reflects on the ripple effects of teaching, “Imparting a vocational education to one person is not one person’s education but is like educating the whole family of a person. It elevates the social, financial and economic status of present family members and its ripple effects on the future family members.”

Similar to his long-standing teaching path, he has also worked more than 16 years as an engineer in the manufacturing industry—starting as a trainee engineer and currently, as a senior engineer position. He enjoys seeing past and present students grow in their careers as well, “I feel very happy and proud when I meet a previous student and know now she or he is working in the industry and giving back to the community.”

Professor Basharat has a Master’s of Science Degree in Electrical and Electronics Controls Engineering from Wayne State University. He also has professional Engineer Status (Canada).

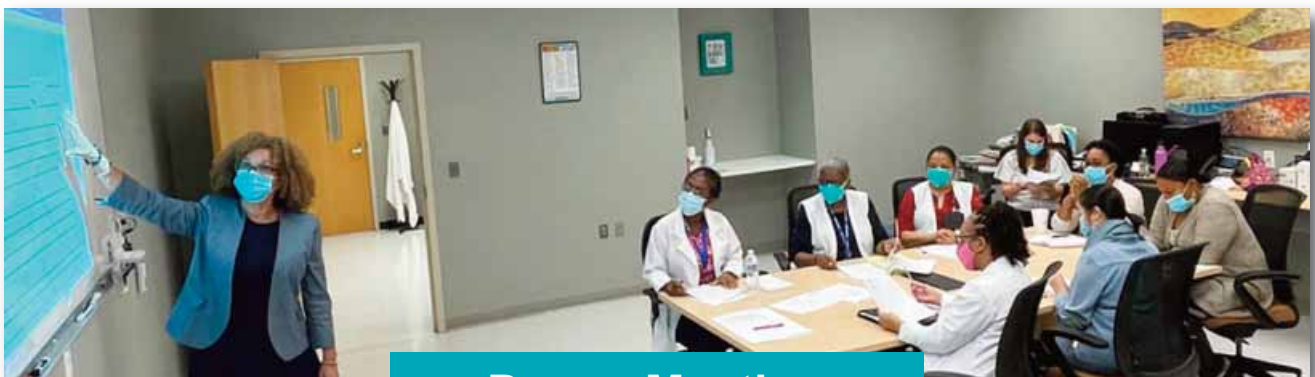
Division of Educational Affairs



Practical Nursing Education Student Lab Session



PNE Administration Team Meeting



Deans Meeting



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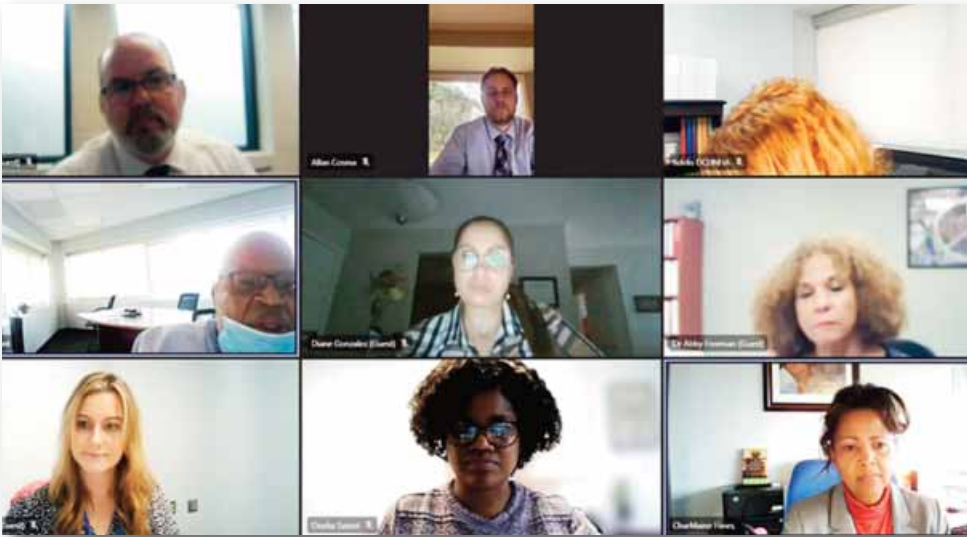
Teaching Learning Center

The Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Committee meets virtually once a month and communicates weekly to update the Teaching and Learning Center materials available to faculty in the TLC Blackboard Shell. Programs such as the First Friday Forums and recently posted articles are examples of materials shared with the team from faculty requests using the Teaching and Learning Center process.



Save the Date!
TLC's First Fridays Faculty Forums
Black Board Tune Up
November 5, 2021
11:30 a.m.

Instructional Council



The Division of Educational Affairs and Campus Operations Team met to discuss Fall 2021 close out issues, Spring 2022 preparation and Summer 2022 development.



Division of Educational Affairs

Job Fair and Career Exhibit



James Jackson, Deborah Robinson, George Anthony, Jr., and Victor Wheeler, Criminal Justice Faculty worked with CharMaine Hines, Ed.D. and members of the Charter Wayne County Executive’s Office in preparations for the Job Fair and Career Exhibit next week.

Partnership Opportunity with Western Governors University



Staff met with Western Governors University’s Chancellor, Alison Bell, and members of her leadership team to explore educational pipeline pathway opportunities for WCCCD students.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



Continuing Education Virtual English as a Second Language Class

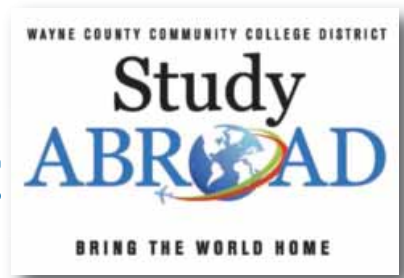


Interfaith Site Visit The Holocaust Museum

The Interfaith Site Visit this month was to the Holocaust Museum, which was an enriching, pulsating and a very memorable experience. It reinforced the need to eradicate hate and prejudice in our society today.



Alumni Spotlight



Following her graduation from high school, Terri Stafford says she wanted to stay close to home while attending college. “By staying home, I was able to maintain family support and the security I needed at the time while continuing my education.” At WCCCD, Terri majored in nursing. “While attending the Nursing Program, I was able to learn the technical and critical thinking skills that has afforded me many opportunities working in the field of nursing. Currently, I am the Clinical Manager at Great Lakes Dialysis Center for both the East and West clinics.

Terri says while she has a lot of fond memories at WCCCD. Two of her memories stand out from among the rest, and these she will never forget. “First, I had the opportunity to attend the Study Abroad Program to Ghana, West Africa. In Ghana, we traveled all over the country and learned the rich history of the country hands-on. Last, but not the least, my most fond memory is when I graduated with an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Nursing. My mother, who is a former employee of WCCCD, ushered in my commencement line. After graduation, we took a picture of both of us in our black caps and gowns.”

Terri’s advice to any student wishing to pursue a post-secondary education is: “Just do it. Time will pass, the next two to four years of our life will go by quickly. What you do with the time you have is the most important decision you will make. The years I spent at WCCCD shaped my future for the better. I am now able to provide for both my family and my community. I would not have been able to do that without continuing my education at WCCCD.”



Terri Stafford





Division of Student Services



Career Planning and Placement

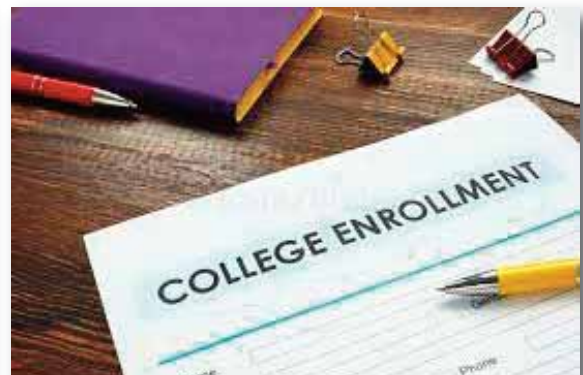
Staff continues to review final details for the WCCCD/Wayne County Job Fair and Career Expo.



Adult Education

Staff assists a community member in obtaining his GED credentials in order to complete his federal student aid package as he pursues his associates degree.

Gearing up for the Wildcats Basketball season home opener on November 13, 2021!



Enrollment Verification

The WCCCD has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse to provide enrollment degree verifications—free. Verifications can be accessed by logging on to student Web-Gate and following the directions for the Enrollment Verification request. Employers looking to hire students utilize this site to verify information crucial to the hiring process.



Student Support Services



Student Success Center

The Student Success team reached out to the Early Alert population and provided them with additional resources that would assist them in successfully completing their coursework.

Veteran Affairs

More and more veteran students are feeling comfortable with face-to-face interaction while establishing their education benefits. Staff continues to assist our veterans with registration.



Financial Aid

Federal Workstudy Orientation

The Division of Student Services held a Federal Workstudy Program Orientation for the Fall 2021 semester at the Downtown and Northwest campuses.



Student Activities



Student Executive Council

The Division of Student Services welcomes this year's Student Executive Council District representative, Zelda Jones who is completing her Associates of Arts degree in Pre-Social Work.



Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa Officer Teanna Puentes met with Dr. Tammy Anderson regarding the officer student induction which will be held virtually.



Michigan College and University Partnership

The Eastern Michigan University- Michigan College and University Partnership Meet and Greet was held this week with Michigan Technological University. Students were able to get all of their questions answered about seven-week internship.



WCCCD Bowlers!

WCCCD's Bowling League was recruiting students at the Eastern Campus.



Employee Recognition

Brian Singleton presented Dr. Anderson with the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Advisor Service Pin. Thank you Dr. Anderson for your service and time given to the organization.

Division of Human Resources



Health Benefits

The Division of Human Resources (HR) is constantly reviewing, reconciling, and auditing its processes, procedures, and protocols to assure state and federal compliance. In preparation for the open enrollment period, HR is currently reconciling benefits plans. During open enrollment, employees will have the opportunity to make any needed changes to their benefits as well as re-enroll in any optional benefits.

Open Enrollment

- Enroll in medical, vision and dental plans
- Add or drop dependents
- Choose to participate in Healthy Futures, take your health assessment and record your healthy activities
- Opt out of insurance. Must have other group medical coverage to opt out
- Enroll or change Flexible Spending Savings Account (FSA)
- Enroll or change optional life insurance or accidental death and dismemberment
- Update personal information



Get Ready!
ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT
November 4-19, 2021

For more information, please continue to monitor your WCCCD email and the college's website at www.wccd.edu/dept/human_resources.htm

Division of Human Resources



Professional Development Group Coaching Session

We were pleased to have Ms. Vera Leonard, leadership consultant and certified executive coach, facilitate an engaging virtual session for staff on "Group Coaching: The "Gift" Of Feedback."





District Police Authority

Wayne County Sheriff and Police Authority Collaboration



The Wayne County Sheriff and the District Police Authority recently collaborated on an incident near the Northwest Campus.



Active Shooter Response Training



Police Officer John Lohmeier participated in active shooter response training with the Detroit Police Department.





**October 28, 2021
1:00 p.m. (Virtual)**

The Breast Cancer Awareness seminar is designed to provide the most relevant information on screening, prevention, diagnosis and therapy of breast cancer.



**Guest Speaker
Cheryl Wesen, M.D.**
St. John Providence
Health System

Don't forget to submit your pictures in pink to jfiglio1@wccd.edu to be featured in the Weekend Memo!





The School of Continuing Education

Continuing Education Enrollment Report

October 11-22, 2021

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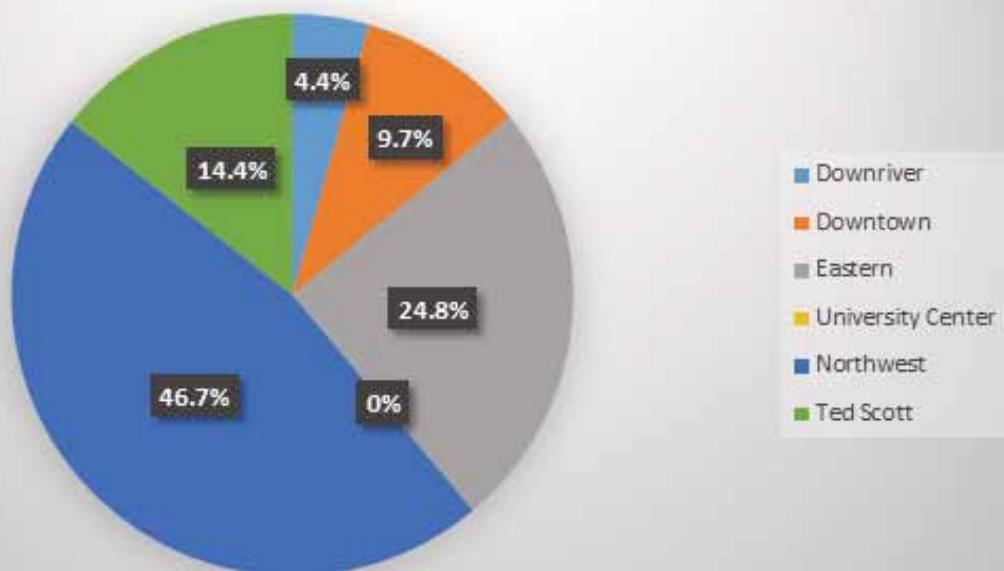
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Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

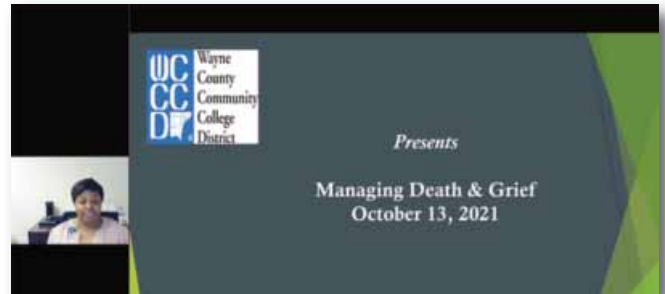
No CE activity to report

Percentages





The School of Continuing Education



The School of Continuing Education hosted the Managing Death and Grief workshop. Participants received information on ways to cope with the loss of a loved one, as well as tools, guidance and resources for support.

ACS CE Review

This week, the School of Continuing Education (CE) conducted its ACS-Activities Classification Structure Review. The review provides an in depth overview of CE programs that are classified by the Michigan Community College Structure.



We received the following communication commending our staff! I thought I'd share a few excerpts with you.



"I had the awesome pleasure of meeting Tonya Seegars. She helped facilitate enrollment in continuing education classes for myself and a friend. I appreciate quality people who do an excellent job. If the rest of my time at WCCCD is as pleasant as working with Ms. Seegars, I will be successful with all the classes I take. Thank you Ms. Seegars for being so diligent and caring."

~Twanna Canty, Supervisor, Business Mail Entry,
United States Postal Service

Building Community Relationships



Trustee Sharon P. Scott and Jim Godbout, Councilman for Westland are pictured at the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet.

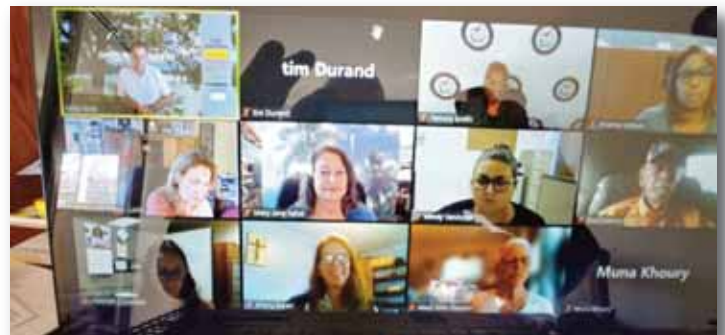


Staff across the District participated in MeLCat Interlibrary Loan training which allows resource sharing across the state.



Anthony Arminiak participated in Wayne County College Access Network Director Meeting.

Muna Khoury and Tim Durand participated in the Belleville Area Chamber monthly meeting.



New Day, New Way Initiative



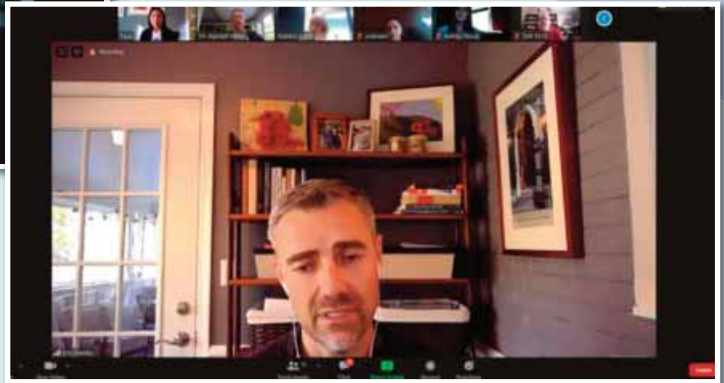
Excitement is in the air about registration for the Spring 2022 semester! The New Day, New Way team is assisting students with questions about registration.





Website Redesign Project

The Website Redesign Taskforce and Ingeniux have completed the CMS specifications for the new page templates and the template components. This week, we will begin testing the CMS templates for component attributes and functionality.



Virtual Leadership Session

This week, the taskforce also held its weekly virtual leadership session to review content for Distance Learning. This weekly dialogue provides us with feedback as we continue to move through the Content Phase of the website redesign project.





Division of Information Technology

Virtual District-wide Conference Day Support



Downriver Campus – Ray Mix Room Equipment Upgrade Project Status Update

Members of the Division of Information Technology conducted a walk-thru with the project manager from Blue Water Technologies to kick start the upgrade project.



DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM



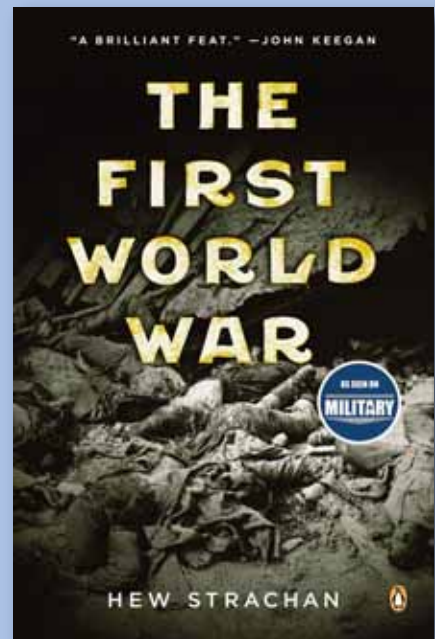
Are You Growing or Just Maintaining?

A very good friend of mine has had a successful career owning three businesses in the powdered metal industry. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Tuck Business School, he had a great time in college and is now in his mid-eighties. Throughout his career he easily could have rested on laurels and enjoyed the fruits of his labors, but he sought more than that. Not only did he desire to be successful in business, he wanted to be successful in life.

Early in his career, my friend developed an interest in art. Because he had accumulated considerable personal wealth, he began acquiring original artworks that caught his eye. Today his art collection is on display in his home, and he generously shares his knowledge of art with others with similar interests.

Often outside observers watch successful people and attribute it to them being very smart. Dr. Henry Cloud notes in his book, *Integrity*, that more often than not the real reason for personal success has more to do with “a drive to grow into ‘more’ than you are at any given moment- a ‘curiosity’ for what is around the corner.” When this becomes a driving force, unlimited good things can happen.

My friend is now an educational mentor to elementary students with learning challenges. Preparing himself to become an effective mentor, he read widely to develop the relevant knowledge base and skill sets. Today, he dedicates time and works to create personal, caring relationships with these young students because he has seen how that helps them learn and grow. This aspect of my friend’s life developed because he sought to grow in ways that could help others rather than just maintaining a comfortable life.



Book Recommendation

The First World War

Written by Hew Strachan

The author shows how the war not only redrew the map of the world, but also set in motion the most dangerous conflicts of today.

Facilities Management



Downriver Campus



Auto Service Technology Program



Drawing Students

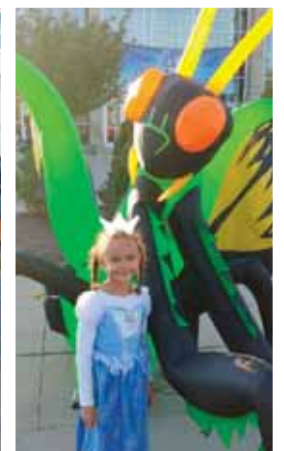
Science Lab Preparation



Auto Bay Facilities Update Completed

TRUCK AND TREAT

Downriver Campus



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Community Partnerships

The George W. Crockett Jr. Community Law School presented a public education program at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to help attendees gain a basic knowledge and understanding of the legal system. This was the second workshop in a series of four.

WCCCD's Wildcat cheers on the Wildcat's season home opener which will be November 13, 2021!

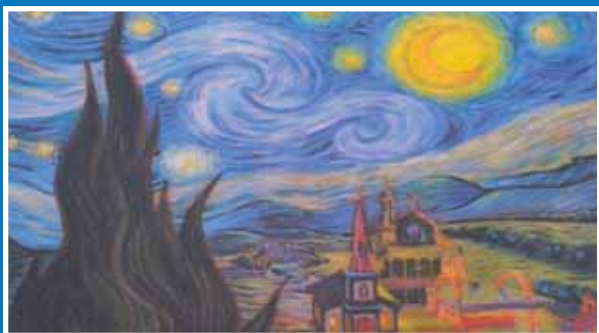


Eastern Campus



3-D Printing Showcase

PDP classes show the functional and creative applications of 3-D printing, where students have recreated tools, ID badges, and plaques but also artwork.



Student Highlight

Darnell Wicker, Jr. earned an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration, Spring 2020 and will be graduating with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Product Development Prototyping this semester. Mr. Wicker said that the education he has received from WCCCD has allowed him to become an entrepreneur. He designs and creates chess games.



Priority Registration



Smartboard Refresher Training

Northwest Campus



Campus Operations Meeting

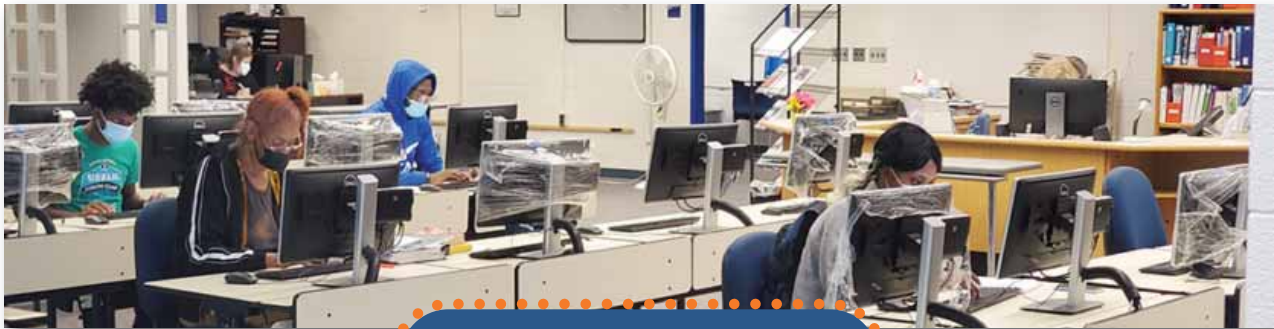


Promoting our Programs!

Jocelyn Rainey and Justin Sample hosted a table highlighting programs across the District and handed out free hygiene products to students.

Ted Scott Campus

Early Middle College Meeting

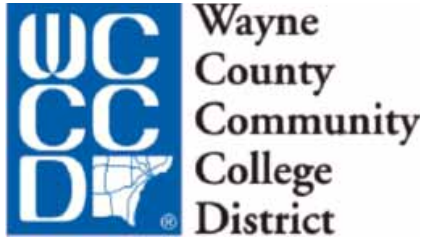


Student Success



Save the Date! Halloween Safety Night Trunk and Treat October 27, 2021 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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

