

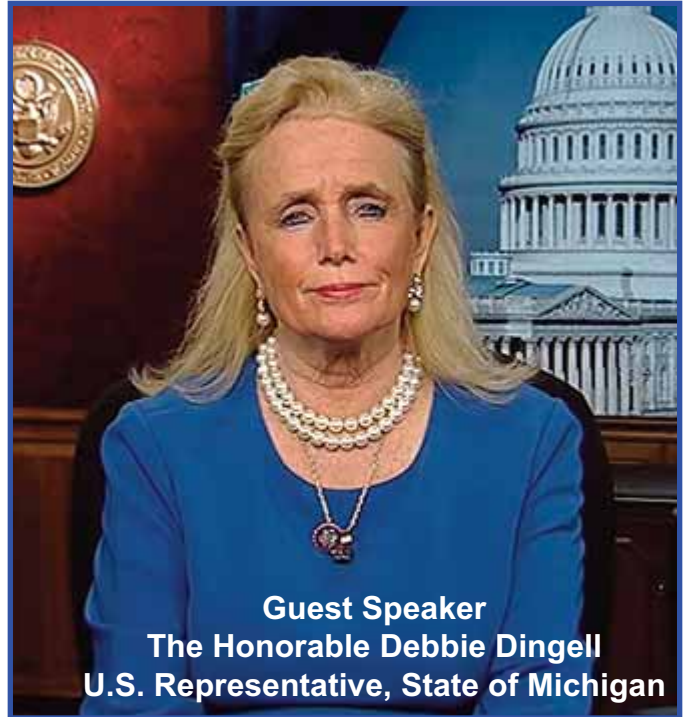
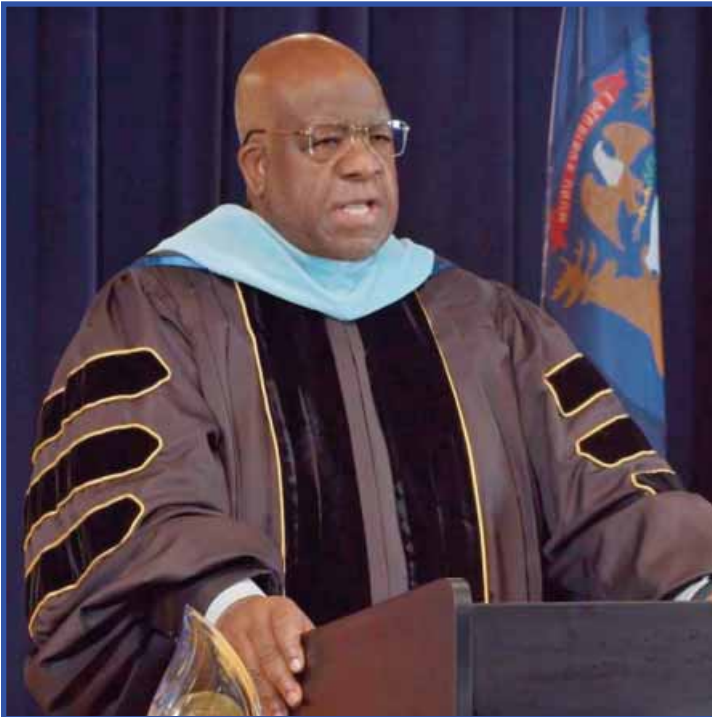
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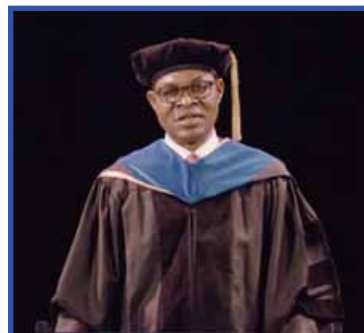
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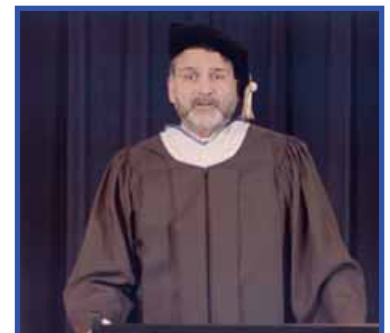
Wayne County Community College District's Class of 2022 *Virtual* 52nd Annual Commencement Ceremony



Guest Speaker
The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. Representative, State of Michigan

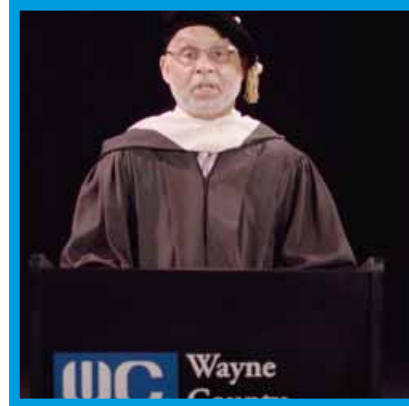
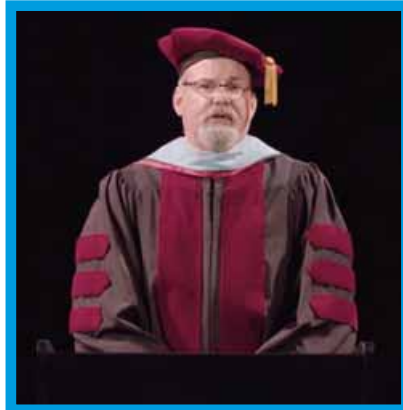


2022 Class Representative
Viola Davis



Invocation
Monsignor Charles Kosanke
Pastor, Basilica of Sainte Anne de Detroit

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Camp FLIT

Fitness and Literature Camp for Kids



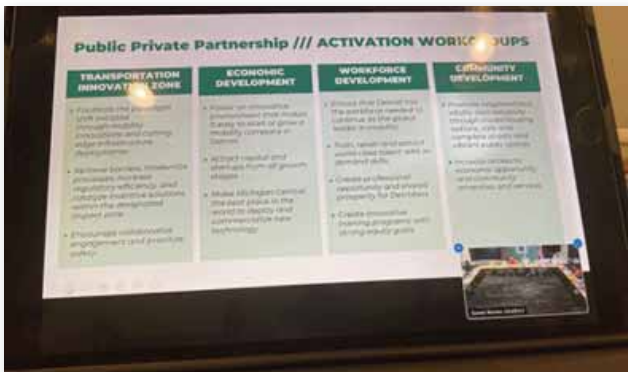
In an effort to promote literacy and get kids moving over the summer months, WCCCD's First Lady and Bookworm Club Founder Mrs. Ola Ivery launched Camp FLIT – Fitness and Literature Camp for kids at the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center. More than 150 students from Cesar Chavez Upper Elementary Academy and their parents enjoyed a day of educational activities. Each student received a back pack with books and supplies.





Mayor's Workforce Development Board Meeting

I served as a panelist for the Mayor's Workforce Development Board Meeting this week. Agenda items focused on the Michigan Central Station, American Rescue Plan updates, and Grow Detroit's Young Talent Program. It was truly an honor to be recognized during our meeting by the board members for receiving the 2022 AACC CEO of the Year Award.



CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

Cindy Pasky, President and Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Staffing Solutions
Dave Meador, Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer, DTE Energy (Retired)

DETROIT RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT

DR. CURTIS IVERY NAMED CEO OF THE YEAR BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Wayne County Community College District Chancellor **Dr. Curtis L. Ivery** has been named **CEO of the Year** by the **American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)** at a recent ceremony in New York City. The national, inaugural award from the AACC recognizes Ivery's achievements and transformational leadership at Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD).

AACC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES



The School of Continuing Education



Student Jada Holman picked up the tablet she won at the first summer concert at the Northwest Campus.



Northwest Campus



LL7 Latin Jazz
June 22, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Hyped International
Records
July 20, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Northwest Campus

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

June 6-11, 2022

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown
Campus
TBD

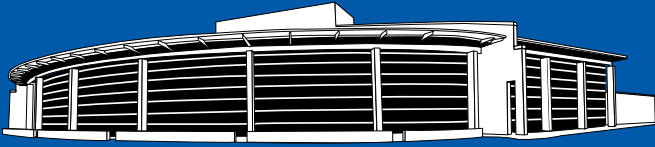
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WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
HEINZ C. PRECHTER
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

The School of Continuing Education

Looking for Some Summer Fun!

All About the Arts



July 28, 2022
9:00 p.m.
Downriver Campus

July 14, 2022
9:00 p.m.
Downriver Campus

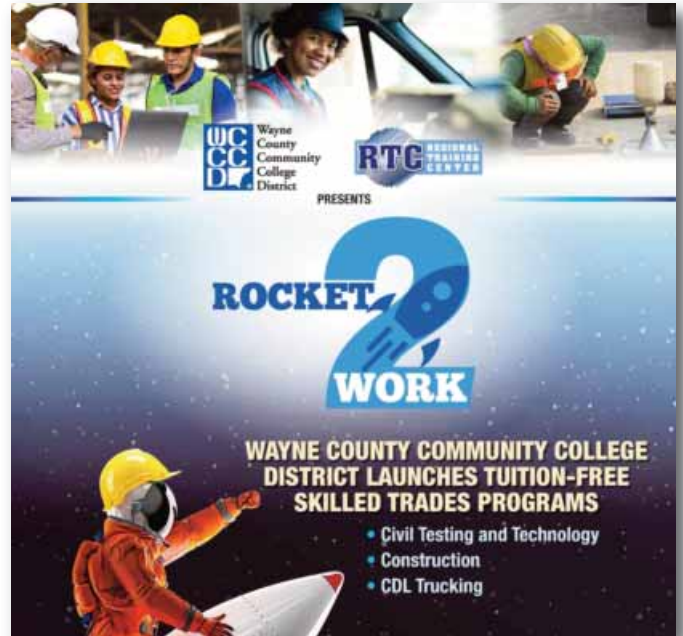




Division of Workforce and Economic Development

“Rocket2Work” Initiative

The “Rocket2Work” Initiative is connecting students and residents to a new talent pipeline for jobs, careers, and economic opportunities. We are currently forming new partnerships within employers and organizations.



The Workforce and Economic Development team met with Dr. David Beaumont to outline steps for better serving, credentialing, and tracking all Rocket2Work students and contacts.

Interest in the District's Rocket2Work Initiative has sparked national attention. Dr. CharMaine Hines interviewed with a journalist from *Newsweek* about the tuition-free training for skilled trades programs that connects students with hiring employers and jobs.

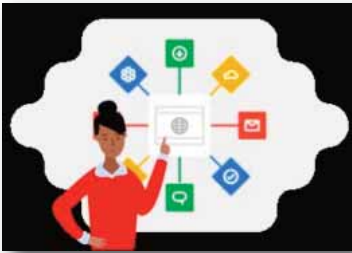




Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Google Certificate Programs



Allan Cosma met with Denis Karic, Melodie Bunkley, and Tonya Anderson to finalize the course offerings for the Google certificate programs for Summer 2022. WCCCD will be offering a variety of certificates including Project Management, Data Analytics, UX Design, and IT Support.

Training Program Opportunities for Youth

The team met with Families Forever 501c3 CEO, Jean Stenzel, and Board Member, Cedric Jackson, to discuss collaboration and workforce training for aging out foster care youth.





District Police Authority

CPR/First Aid Training



Members of the Police Authority participated in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/First Aid training.

Professional Development



“Surviving an Active Shooter Incident” Training for Staff





Celebrating a Year of Teaching and Learning through Innovating and Collaboration!



Dr. Oneka Samet met with Henry Dryovage, Video Game Design/Metaverse Faculty to discuss potential uses of virtual reality in the academic curriculum and student-based community workshops. He is preparing to teach a new CIS 115: Introduction to Virtual Reality course in the Fall 2022 semester.



Division of Educational Affairs



Operational Excellence

Crystal Brown met with faculty from the Learning Modalities Project. They reviewed and discussed the importance of student attendance for face-to face, distance learning and virtual component classes.



Focus on Curriculum Improvements Computer Information Systems

Staff met with Conrad Ajaero, Computer Information Systems Faculty, to discuss updates to the CIS: Cybersecurity and Associates Degree programs.



Virtual Reality Programming

Drs. Oneka Samet and Monica Wiggins discussed steps to implementing virtual reality programming with Stephanie Friedman, Instructional Technologist at Mount Holyoke College.



Division of Educational Affairs

Follett Book Purchasing System



A team met with representatives from Follett to continue the process of implementing the Follett ACCESS program for the Fall 2022 semester. The program will simplify the process for students by getting all of their required materials ordered online. Additional benefits for this program will be a substantial cost savings for digital course materials compared to the national retail costs for the same products.

FIRST FRIDAYS FACULTY FORUMS

SUMMER
2022

Questions?
Call (313) 496-2345

**Blackboard Collaborative Ultra
Teaching and Learning Center**
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

June 3	July 1
<p>TOPIC: <i>Blackboard Tune-Up 3</i></p>	<p>TOPIC: <i>A Conversation with Student Services</i></p>

Save the Date!

District's Instructional Council	Discipline Faculty Leads	Virtual Reality Metaverse Presentation	Faculty Convocation	Fall Semester Begins
July 21, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 20, 2022	August 22, 2022



At this week's Intercultural Conversations we celebrated Caribbean American Heritage Month with a focus on Aruba. Rovin Ferzo-Hudson gave a presentation on Pride Month. Professor Bruce Ewen spoke on Juneteenth and Cynthia Khan spoke on the work of Refuge Nation in Detroit.



Summer 2022
Virtual English as a Second
Language Pronunciation Class

CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness
Education Center

This week, the HWECC held several classes for members including Strength Training for Seniors, Intermediate Spinning and Yoga.



The Health and Wellness Education Center hosted Camp FLIT – Fitness and Literacy Camp welcoming students from the Cesar Chavez Academy Upper Elementary School to learn how to keep their minds and bodies sharp over the summer months.



Staff met to review procedures related to the upcoming summer camps at the center.



Mike Dotson met with facilities and procurement staff to finalize plans for the construction of a new Concession and Healthy Snack Bar.



Division of Human Resources

Compliance: I-9 Audit



The Division of Human Resources (HR) and the Audit Department are conducting a periodical reconciliation review of all employee I-9 forms. This exercise ensures that HR has all the necessary information and documents in the employee files.



HR and Payroll Year-end Closeout Preparation Meeting



Retirement Celebration August 10, 2022

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus



Planning Meeting

Summer Intern Orientation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACE WOMEN'S
Network™
Michigan

The Michigan American Council on Education is the professional network for Michigan women in higher education. The MI-ACE works in concert with the ACE Women's Network nationally to identify, develop, encourage, advance, link and support (IDEALS) women in higher education.

2022 MI-ACE Women's Network Conference

Women at the District participated at the 2022 MI-American Council on Education (ACE) Women's Network's annual conference with the theme "Women Leading with Resilience in Challenging Times."



Dr. Tammy Anderson, Ashley Storai, Dr. Cora Payne and Diana Rosario-Flynn presented a session for young professionals co-facilitated by Martha Grier and Dr. Hines.



Drs. CharMaine Hines and Jodie Beckley from Schoolcraft College presented on "Women Leaders of Color in Community Colleges: New Research, Same Challenges."



Dr. Yvette McElroy Anderson serves on the Policy Committee for MI-ACE. She recognized the 2022 Historic Honoree.



The Plenary Session Presidential Speaker and Lead panelist was our very own Dr. Stephanie Bulger, President of Lane Community College.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Congratulations!

Loretta Hunter was honored at the Michigan Library Association's (MLA) June board meeting with a plaque for a job well done. It was noted that Mrs. Hunter brought focus and action to the MLA's strategic priorities, credited with the substantial growth and increased advocacy.



Staff represented the District at the Pancakes and Politics Forum titled "The Future of the Clean Energy Economy."

DR. RANDALL MILLER
SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS
WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM



UNDERSTANDING CREATIVITY

Matt Richtel, a Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *Inspired, Understanding Creativity-A Journey through Art, Science, and the Soul*, has shared some pithy observations about creativity and how we can find it.

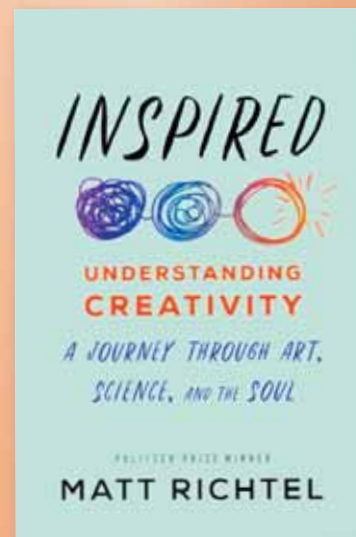
Creativity is born of the connection of ideas and snippets of ideas that emerge from the darkness of a person's mind. The pieces that emerge, and the way they get processed, are as individual as an individual's genetic makeup or fingerprint.

Carlos Santana, the legendary guitarist, speaks of the keys to happiness, satisfaction, and success in noting "the main cancer on this planet is that people don't believe in their own light, which he calls your individual creative spark: your light."

Discussing creativity with Yo-Yo Ma, the great American cellist, Richtel witnessed "a trait that surfaces in conversations with great creators: unyielding curiosity."

Richtel concludes that the most important point for him about creativity is that it "isn't at its core about outcome, or influence. It's not about the end game or even about process. Those come second. First, foremost, creativity comes from personal inspiration. It starts with an impulse, a gut feeling, idea or spark."

We all have the opportunity to seek our own source of creativity and discover where it might take us.



Book Recommendation:

*Inspired, Understanding
Creativity- A Journey Through
Art, Science, and the Soul*

by
*Matt Richtel
Pulitzer Prize Winner*



We got this note from SwiftMD Representative Amy Clark:

“Good Afternoon Unbreen and Brian,

I would like to thank you both for taking time out of your very busy schedules to meet with me and show me around your incredible campuses. I also want to acknowledge and applaud all your efforts in making the SwiftMD program a success at WCCCD. My expectations were far exceeded and I cannot thank you both enough for all your hard work.

We are so excited to work with a college of WCCCD's caliber and we consider it an honor to partner with such a well respected school. It was a pleasure seeing your beautiful campuses firsthand and I look forward to stopping by the other campuses on the next visit. Please extend my appreciation to the various campus leaders who also took the time to chat and show off their respective programs and facilities. I was truly blown away by everything I saw, from the food pantry, to the new recreation/gym facility, to the SIMS patients in the virtual hospital. You truly have a world-class collegiate system that is making a huge impact on the community of Detroit and beyond.”

Supporting our Students

SWIFT MD was on hand to inform our students about the benefits available to them through this program.



Division of Student Services



“Reconnecting” Students

Staff from the Division of Student Services and representatives from Michigan Reconnect continue to recruit students for the Fall 2022 semester.

Professional Development

At this week’s information session, we featured SwiftMD. SwiftMD offers WCCCD students and their dependents unlimited and free consults with doctors and mental health professionals.

A composite image showing a SwiftMD promotional slide on the left and a screenshot of a video call on the right. The slide lists various conditions covered by SwiftMD, such as allergies, arthritis, back pain, joint pain, cold sores, diarrhea, earache, conjunctivitis, fever and flu, headaches, insect bites, Lyme disease, muscle injuries, nasal congestion, nausea, pink eye, sinusitis, sore throat, upper respiratory infections, upset stomach, urinary tract infections, and individual medical concerns. The video call screenshot shows three participants in a meeting.



Supporting our Students

Brian Singleton, Unbreen Amir and Amy Clark of SwiftMD met to finalize plans to get uninterrupted free medical services to WCCCD students.



Division of Student Services



Congratulations!

TRiO student Tonesia Nesbit has been awarded the Dream Award Scholarship. The Dream Award Scholarship is a national renewable scholarship awarded to students who have overcome barriers. The scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Ms. Nesbit will be presented the scholarship in Washington, D.C.

Tonesia Nesbitt

Eastpointe, MI // Wayne County Community College, Detroit, MI // Nursing



A single mother whose daughter was born with multiple special needs, Tonesia is a student and inspirational speaker, pursuing her dreams of becoming an obstetrics nurse and author. She's working toward her degree in nursing at Wayne County Community College in Detroit; her goal is to educate and offer guidance on topics of health, wellness, medical support and community resources to new mothers. An avid writer, Tonesia has penned inspirational articles, poetry, and children's books; as a speaker, she had the opportunity to share a stage with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Tonesia says her daughter's health struggles have taught her the true meaning of faith, sacrifice and unconditional love, and she continues to work hard in school to create a better life for herself and her family.



International Students

Staff continue to assist our international students with registration for the Fall 2022 semester.



Financial Aid

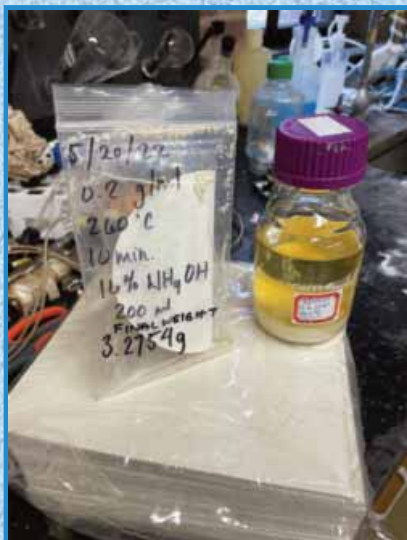
The District Financial Aid Office is in the process of awarding Emergency Financial Aid Funds as a result of the CARES Act.

Congratulations to the WCCCD Adult Education Graduates!



Michigan College and University Partnership

As part of the Michigan College and University Partnership at Michigan Technological University, WCCCD student Chloe Whitfield is working on a project in the chemical sciences and engineering building where they are ultimately making plastic biodegradable to create renewable energy for the earth. Our goal is to create a cost efficient solution that will break down our excessive plastic waste while maintaining its stability in liquid form to be fed to microbes safely.





Division of Student Services



And that's a wrap!

The Division of Student Services has been preparing graduation packages for mailing to graduates who were unable to pick them up on the designated drive through days.





New Podcast Available!

Tune into our latest podcast featuring Christopher Girdwood, Executive Director of the Detroit Region's Aerotropolis, to learn about the Aerotropolis and how it impacts our region's economic development.

The Critical Conversations Podcast Series is now available on all streaming platforms, including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts. The podcast is also available on the college's website at www.wccd.edu. Scroll down on the homepage to select the "Podcast/Videos" button.



Website Redesign Taskforce

The Website Committee continues to work with the leadership team to ensure content is updated. Since January 2022, the committee has completed 356 website update requests.



Division of Information Technology

Systems and Security Infrastructure Meeting - Weekly Update



As cyber-attacks are becoming more and more common, WCCCD has taken steps to increase our security posture by adding endpoint protection from CrowdStrike. CrowdStrike offers industry leading endpoint detection and response as well as 24/7 monitoring provided by the Falcon Complete team, including a breach warranty.

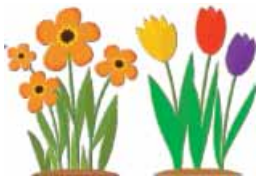
- Continuous threat hunting
- 24/7 monitoring and response
- Proactive management

Staff from the Division of Information Technology and the Division of Educational Affairs met to streamline and strengthen instructional software support at all campus locations.



CAMPUS TECHNICAL SUPPORT





Flower Planting Day!

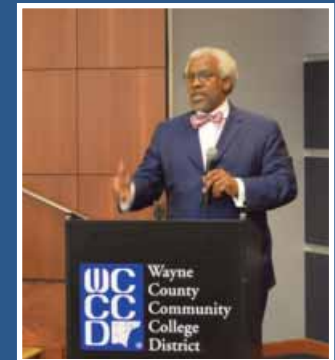


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Community Partnerships

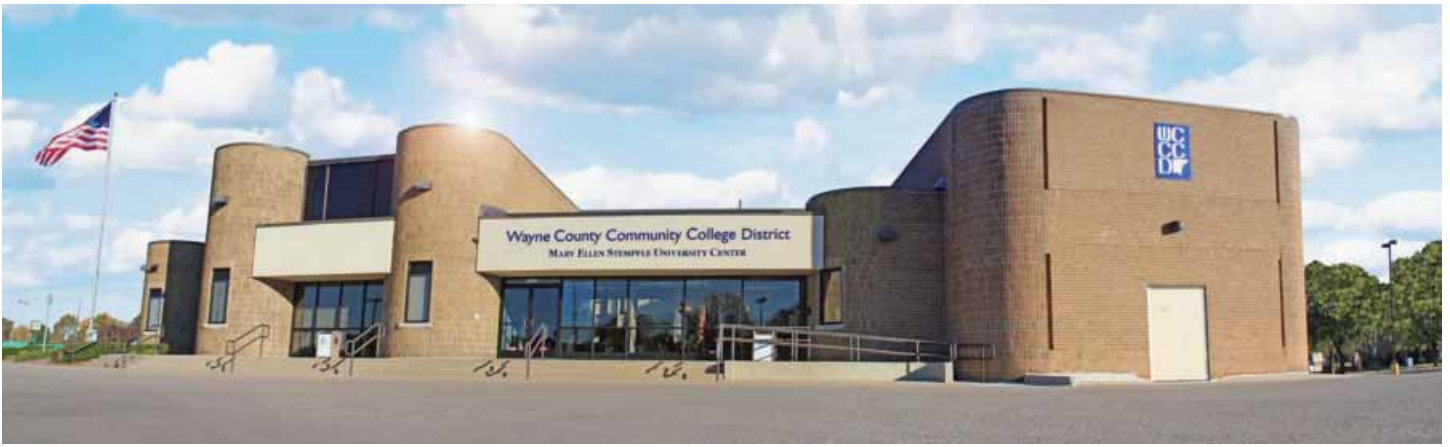
Dr. Yvette McElroy Anderson and Yvonne Parson met with a representative from Senator Gary Peters' office to plan for an upcoming townhall meeting to be held at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Juneteenth

Dawad Muhammad and Attorney Todd Perkins were guest speakers at a presentation on Juneteenth.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Supporting our Dual Enrollment Students

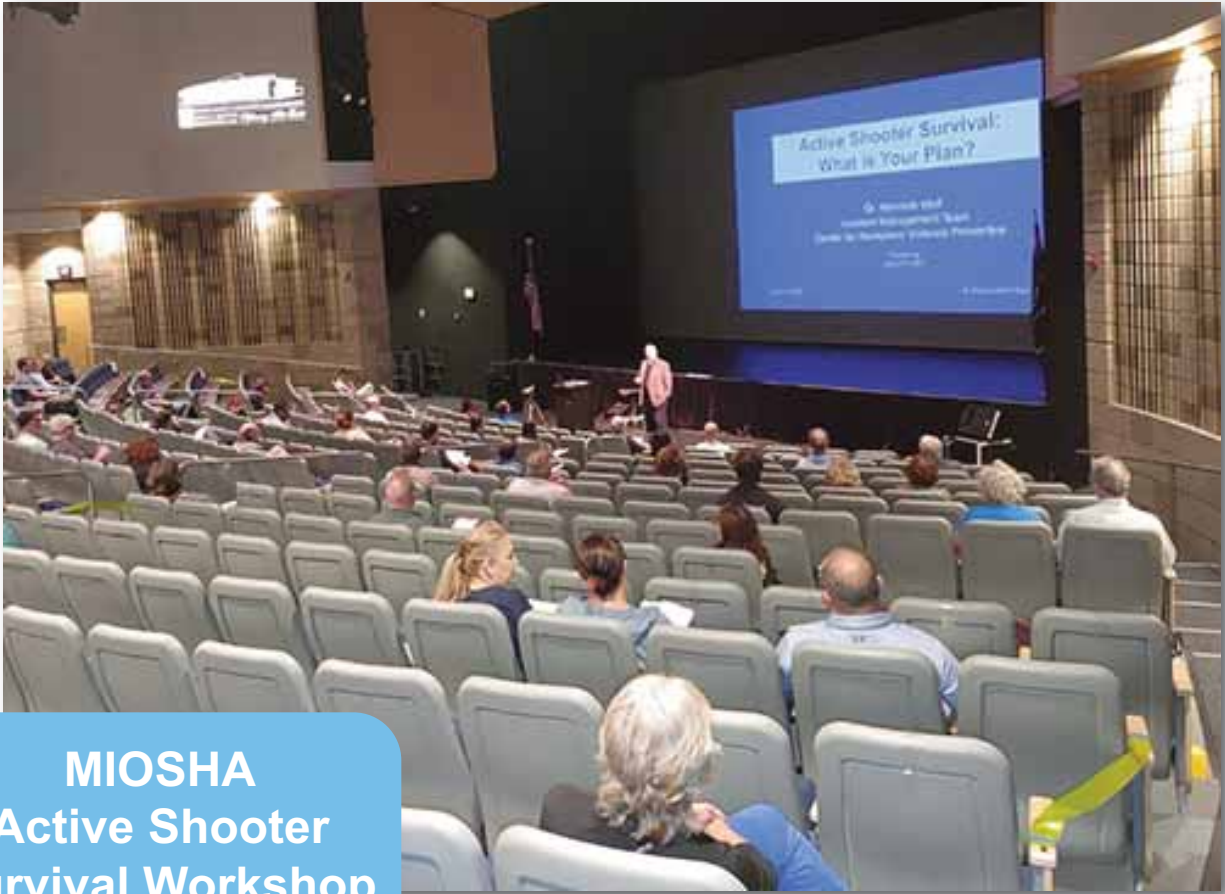
Denis Karic and Kemal Kurtovic represented the District at the Chandler Park Academy High School graduation.

Juneteenth Celebration Planning Meeting

Mr. Karic, Kimett Hackworth, Dr. David Whale and Mr. Kurtovic met with the City of Harper Woods Mayor, Valerie Kindle, to review logistics for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration.



Downriver Campus



**MIOSHA
Active Shooter
Survival Workshop**



On the Move...

Kim Smouter and Michelle White participated in the Trenton High School college visit.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



Detroit Fire Department Fire Engine Training



Great Lakes Water Authority Safety Training



AED Update

Eastern Campus



**Biology Students
in Action!**



**Renovations are
Completed in the
Faculty Office Suite!**



**Students on
the Move...**

Students in the Fashion Design Program visited the “Hermes in the Making” Exhibit.

Northwest Campus

Detroit Police Department Graduation Ceremony



Ted Scott Campus



**Canton Preparatory Academy
Early Middle College Graduates!**



Practical Nursing Education

Probate Court Virtual Classroom Visit



**Practical Nursing
Education**

Perkins Application Meeting



Professional Development

Student Services Workshop

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

