

Wayne County Airport Authority Board Meeting

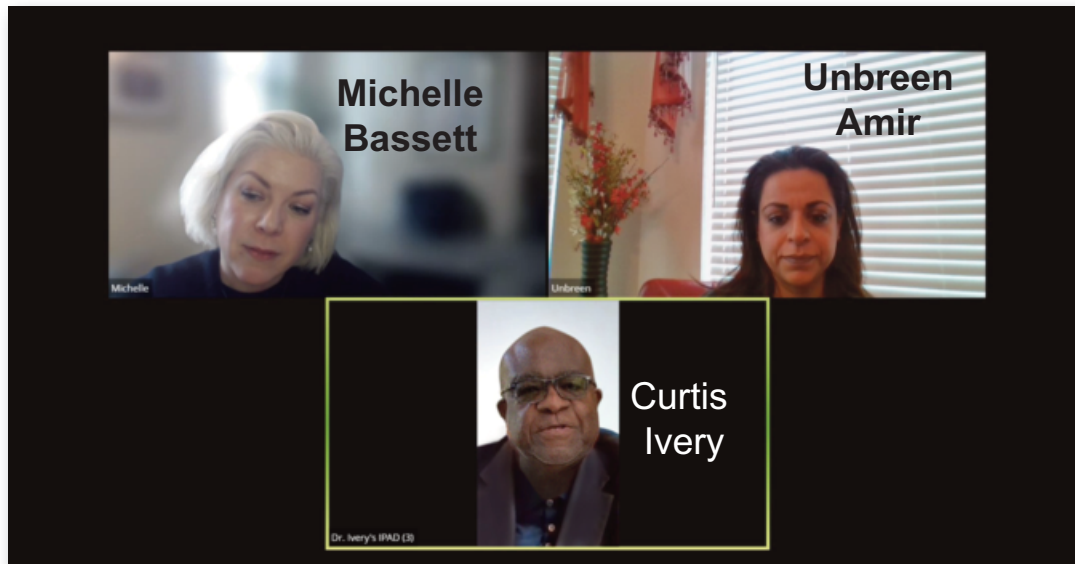


It was an honor for the Wayne County Airport Authority Board (WCAA) to appoint me as the new Board Chairperson for 2024 at the January Board Meeting. Additional meeting agenda items focused on approval of various resolution items and financial updates.

DTW ranked #1 in Customer Satisfaction for Mega Airport according to the J. D. Power North America Airport Satisfaction Study. (The J.D. Power Award)



Strategic Communication Planning Meeting



WCCCD Alumni Network Series

WCCCD continues to create pathways for students obtaining their educational goals. Many of our graduates are community leaders who are making a positive impact in our community. It is our pleasure to share some of these success stories through our Inside WCCCD's Alumni Network series. Learn more by watching our WCCCD Alumni Network Series on YouTube.



Sharon L. Heath

Director, Member Engagement and Satisfaction Blue Care Network of Michigan and Past Board of Trustees Member, Central Michigan University



Patti Kukula Chylinski

Executive Director at Detroit Public Safety Foundation



Dr. Salewa Olafioye

Physician and Medical Officer at Detroit Health Department



Elizabeth (Bettye) Misuraca

Former Assistant for Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara

WCCCD Planning Future-Shaping Initiatives

WCCCD's Division of Institutional Effectiveness is charged with facilitating the District's planning efforts. The guiding principles for implementing an inclusive and data-driven process is ensuring constituent feedback, strengths-based evaluation, incremental assessment and monitoring, and data-driven continuous improvement. Most importantly, the process focuses on ensuring the District's plans are a clear "living" roadmap that is incrementally measured to advance relevancy, currency, and timely adaptation to meet evolving needs of students, faculty, community, and workforce.



WCCCD Chancellor's Action Priorities Process

The Chancellor adopted the 2024-2025 Action Priorities to jumpstart the strategic initiatives development for each campus and division. The priorities will be evaluated for relevancy to determine needs for adjustment. Below are strategic drivers informing the planning process. The priorities will be launched on the website for strategic initiatives.





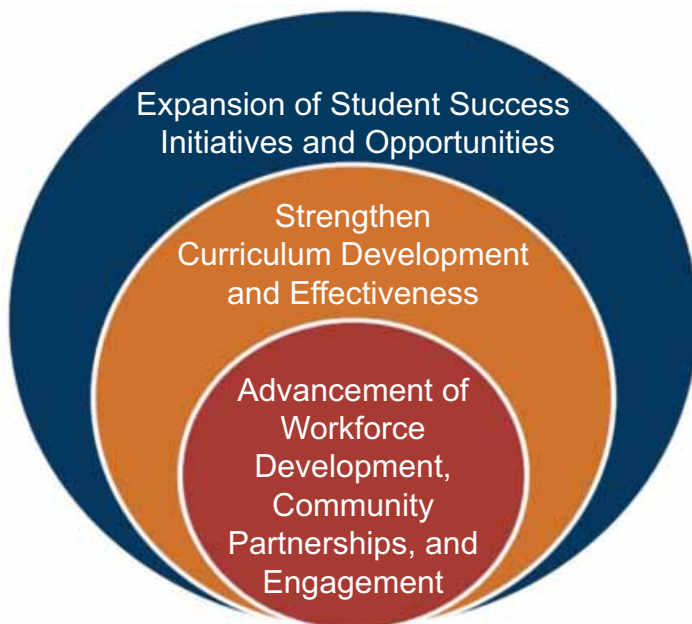
Division of Institutional Effectiveness

What's Trending: Strategic Planning

WCCCD's Strategic Plan is a "living" document that guides the college and its efforts to fulfill its mission and meet the needs of its constituents and community. Input from the college community is instrumental and invaluable to its process of continuously planning and assessing the needs of the community it serves to include staff, faculty, students, business partners, and the community at large. Constituents were asked to participate in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Goals and Initiatives Survey. During this implementation participants were asked to identify WCCCD's greatest strengths and below you will find the top five strengths identified:



Below are the top three goals that participants indicated that WCCCD should focus on and future-shaping trends:

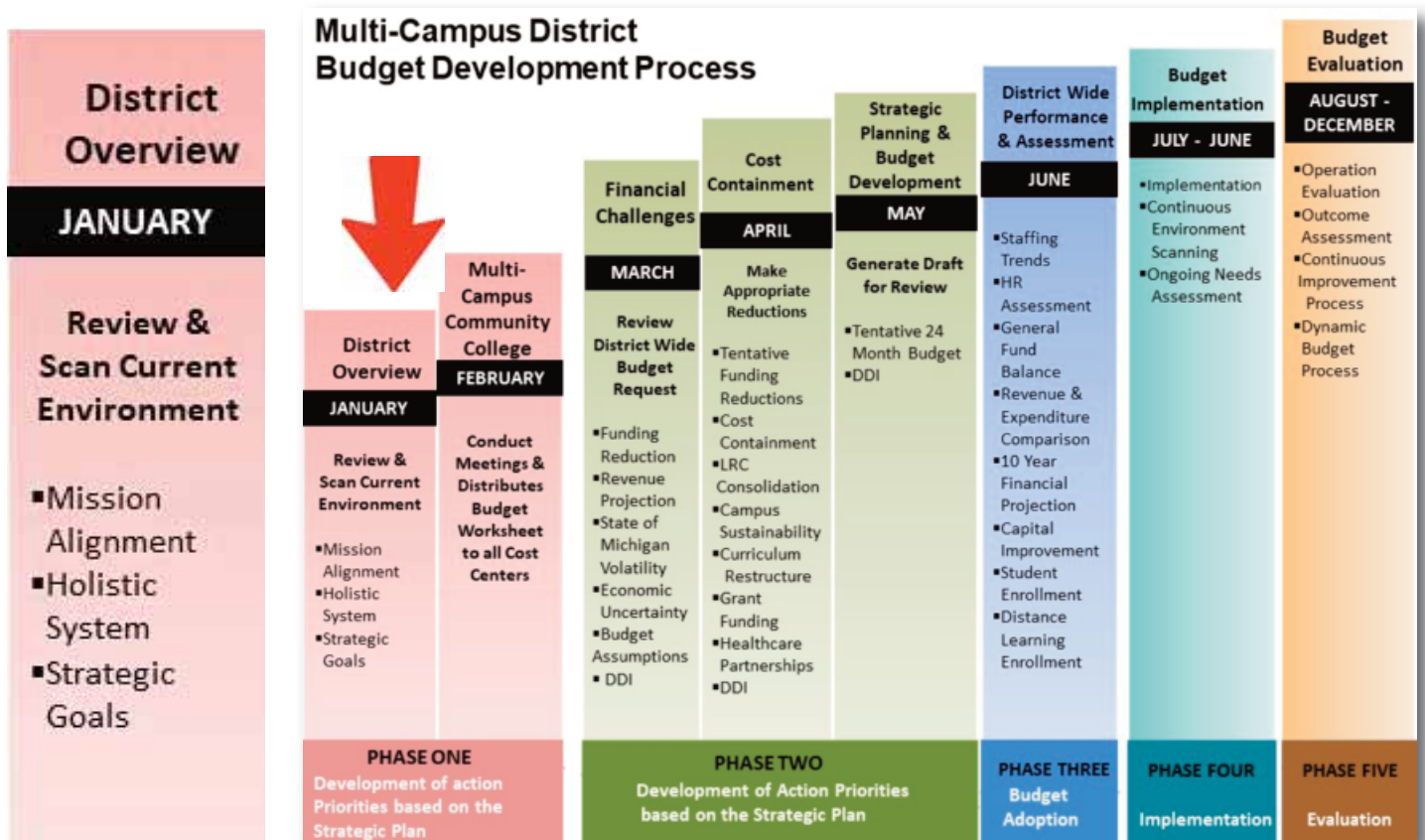


- ### Higher Education Trends
- Closing the gap in high-demand, high-growth career credentials
 - Focus on short-term credentials for career and personal advancement
 - Creative adaptation of program offerings



Division of Administration and Finance

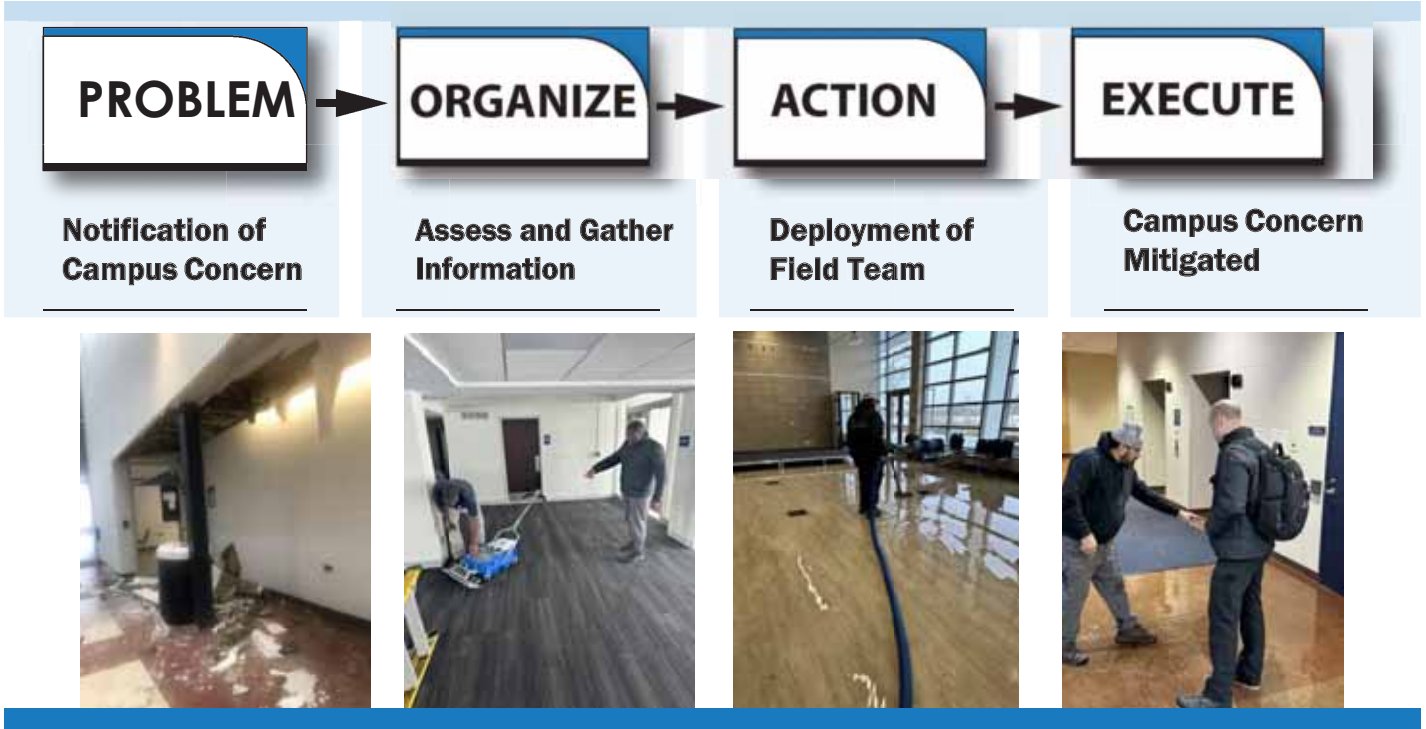
The District is in the first phase of the Budget Development Process, working on projections to build a comprehensive budget that will align with resources and expenditures that best serve the needs of our students and the District.



Division of Administration and Finance

Facilities Management

Over the course of this frigid weather, the Facilities Management Team responded promptly to inclement weather needs. The team acted expeditiously, effectively and seamlessly mitigated issues stemming from subzero temperatures throughout the region.





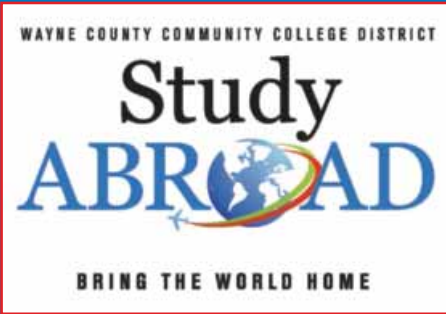
Facilities Management

Snow! Snow! And More Snow!



The Facilities Department persists in its diligent efforts to clear away snow.

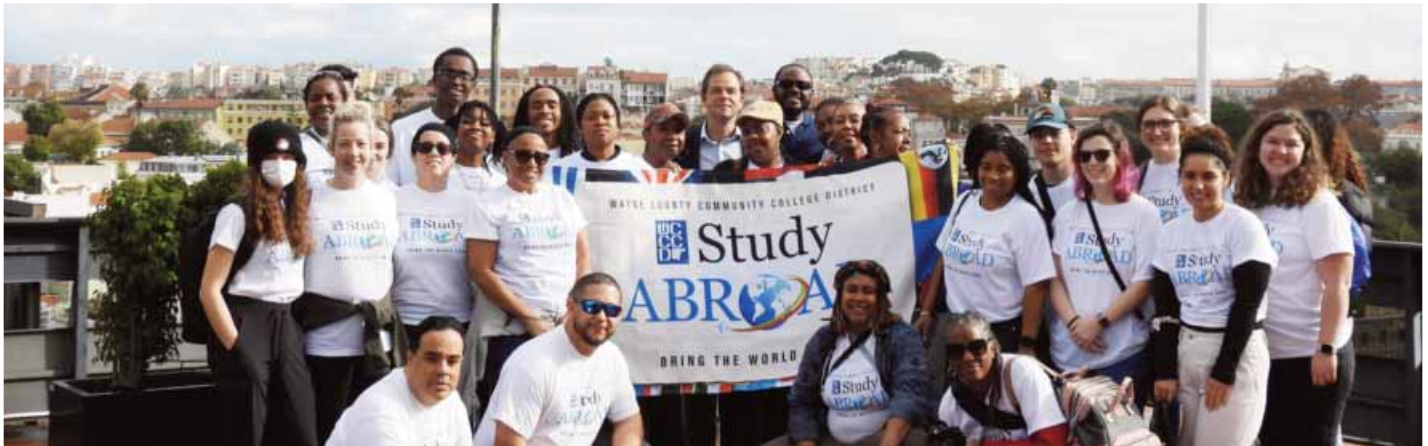




Students Return from Lisbon, Portugal!

The goals of the Study Abroad Program are to provide students with:

1. Quality Academic Experiences
2. Cultural Immersion and Exchange
3. Life Long Service Learning
4. Character Development



Students Return from Lisbon, Portugal!



One Vision, One District, One College

Division of Educational Affairs



The theme for the 2024 Spring Semester Virtual Faculty Convocation Day led by Dr. David Beaumont, focused on “Innovation and Transformation.” During the program, District faculty and staff were treated to a learning opportunity from Reed Dickson, Pima Community College faculty member, on the capacity of artificial intelligence (AI) to design and assign tasks, give feedback, and effectively enhance instruction delivery while increasing student interactions. Additional highlights included Discipline Meetings and discussions on topics such as:

- Student Success
- Exploring the Power of Prompts in Text-Based Generative AI: ChatGPT
- Global Education from the Multi-Gen U.S. Community College Window
- 10 Big Social Media Trends in 2024
- The Power of Passion and Perseverance



Featured Speaker
Reed Dickson
Pima Community College



Kim DiCaro
Deputy Chancellor,
Chief Fiscal Officer



Dr. David Beaumont
District Lead Vice Chancellor,
Educational Affairs



Dr. Brian Singleton
Vice Chancellor,
Student Services



Dr. CharMaine Hines
District Vice Chancellor,
Academic Accountability
and Policy



Dr. Allan Cosma
District Associate Vice Chancellor,
Career and Technical Programs



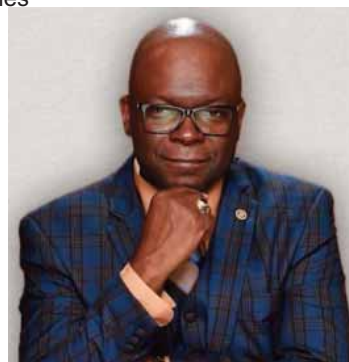
**Michelle
Martinez-Bassett**
President & CEO, Engage
Digital Strategies



**Dr. Wanda
Hudson**
District Dean CIS/BUS



Vidya Moorthy
Founder Clural LLC



Dr. Terrance Dillard
Cybersecurity Expert

Adjunct Faculty Spotlight

By Dr. CharMaine Hines



LOURIE DAVIS

Humanities

Humanities Adjunct Faculty Lourie Davis, is a valued instructor at the District and known for her creative teaching expressions by students in the Introduction to the Visual Arts (Humanities). A long-time and valued WCCCD Scholar's Faculty Innovations contributor, Professor Davis has contributed greatly to inter-disciplinary

knowledge share with other faculty at the District and has developed the HUMANITIES Toolbox and Resource Kit's for faculty and student use in the classroom.

Her talents extend beyond the classroom as an artist pictured with her work and showcased at the District's Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery.

Her work with visual expressions is widely embraced by WCCCD students in their learning of and appreciation for liberal arts and humanities as a field of study is highly sought out and valued by our students. Among her many credentials, Ms. Davis is a board certified Art Therapist (ATR-BC) which is the highest-level of art therapy competency demonstrating one's comprehensive knowledge of the theories and clinical skills used in art therapy.





Podcast #27 Now Available!

Tune into our latest podcast featuring guest Joseph Gruber, who serves as the Community Economic Development Director for the City of Wyandotte. Gain valuable insight into Wyandotte’s real estate development, infrastructure, and ongoing public improvement projects.

WCCCD’s Critical Conversations Podcast series is available on the college’s website and on streaming platforms such as Spotify and Google Podcasts.



COMING SOON!



Our next podcast will feature Wendy Ekua (W.E.) Da’Cruz. W.E. is the founder and CEO of The Mushroom Angel Company as well as the cofounder of the Virtual Global Consultant (VGC) Group, a global IT company that helps entrepreneurs, companies, and organizations adopt digitalization to access new revenue and value-producing opportunities.

Previous Guests Include:



Ed Clemente
Host



Joseph Comartin
Consul General of Canada



Sue Trussell
*Director of the
Brownstown Downtown
Development Authority*



Ron Hinrichs
*President and CEO of
the Wayne County
Regional Chamber*



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



WCCCD Expands Technology Certification Programs

WCCCD is addressing the growing demand and aiding our constituents in pursuing technology sector careers, made possible through the Connecting Minority Communities Grant.

Civil Testing and Technology *MDOT and WCCCD Resume Civil Engineering Bootcamp*



Twenty students embark on a practical journey to explore careers in civil engineering and related fields, focusing on testing and strengthening our state's infrastructure.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Student Success!

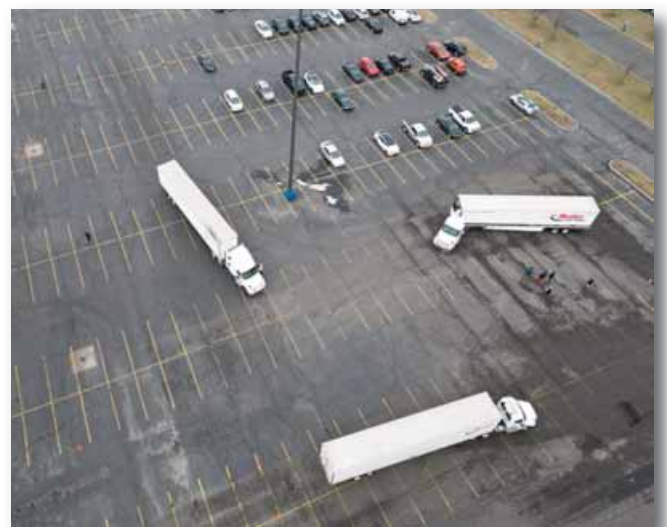


Allen Williams, graduate of the Construction Trades Training Program, embarks on a new career journey at CaHull.



Ameer Muhammad is a 19 year old graduate of the Commercial Driver's License Training Program.

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training Program



The CDL Training Program is gearing up for a new year of training for commercial truck drivers. WCCCD proudly celebrates last year's milestone of training and employing 250 graduates. Here's to surpassing our achievements in 2024!

Enhancing Partnerships with our Local Chambers

Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber



This week, we would like to highlight our partnership with the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber. WCCCD is committed to preserving and expanding the potential of all business and professional enterprises and promoting the civic, cultural and social well-being of the communities we serve. We want to express our appreciation for our local chambers and for all they do.



Staff from across the District attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Legislative Business Forum Luncheon. The featured speaker was Congresswoman Debbie Dingell.



Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Job Fair at the Ted Scott Campus.



Division of Student Services

Veteran Affairs

As the Spring 2024 semester begins, the Office of Veteran Affairs continues to service new and returning students using education benefits.



International Students

Staff continue to conduct orientations for new international students.

Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment Team met to discuss details regarding the Spring 2024 semester.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)



Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter continues to recruit and welcome new students. Aside from participating in volunteer and leadership events, membership includes access to scholarship and internship opportunities, transfer scholarships, and professional development through PTK headquarters.

Athletics



WCCCD held its MCCA Bowling Tournament with more than 50 of the top bowlers in NJCAA Region. WCCCD Coach Mayes passed out the awards.





TRiO

Professional Development

Staff from the Division of Student Services participated in the three-day yearly training, which focused on the assessment of student needs, retention, graduation strategies, and much more. The TRiO Training Institute, supported by federal funding, offers educational development conferences and online seminars to TRiO staff nationwide.

Student Success!

Mohammad Mazad

WCCCD graduate and TRiO Alumni



“Thank you so much for providing me the much-needed support I needed during the hectic period of my college life. TRiO helped me decide my academic pathway as well as transferring to a four-year school. Finally, today I am standing here with a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering and currently working as a DAS Customer Engineer.”



Accessibility to Resources

Students receive additional funds through Wraparound Grant

The District continues to offer scholarships to students in need. WCCCD has offered hundreds of thousands of dollars in Reconnect Wraparound Grant funds to help students obtain books, secure child care, have access to internet and transportation. Hundreds of students were able to continue on their path to complete a certificate or college degree thanks to this program.

Division of Student Services



Students and their families continue to have 24/7 access to medical and behavioral healthcare through SwiftMD's program. They may speak to a doctor anytime, anyday.

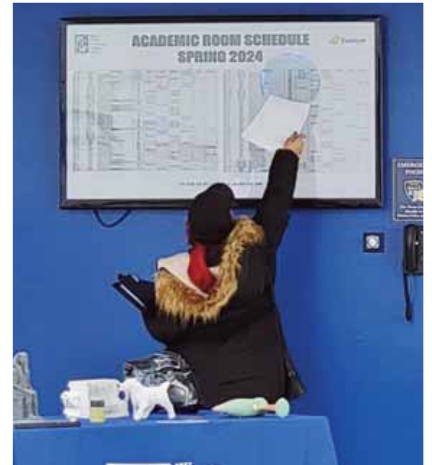


Federal Work-Study Program

The FWS office continues to recruit new and returning students for the Spring 2024 semester. The program is designed to mentor, guide, and provide on-the-job and real-world experiences to our students. Students receive essential information and an orientation which will assist them throughout the program while working towards their degree.



First Day of Spring 2024 Classes!

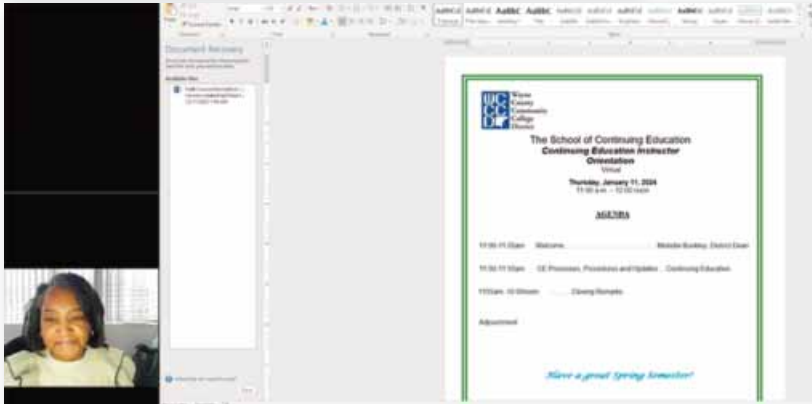


Spring 2024 Continuing Education Instructor Orientation

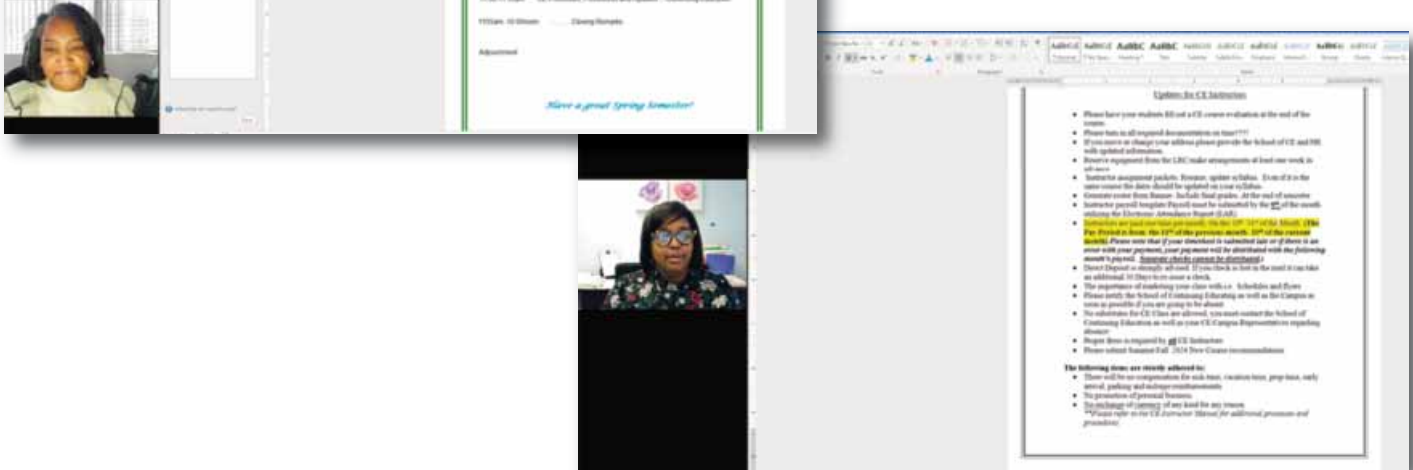


School of Continuing Education

Wayne County Community College District



This week, the School of Continuing Education hosted the Spring 2024 Continuing Education Instructor Orientation virtually.



The Downriver Campus hosted Boy Scouts of America Great Lakes Council Mahican District Round Table Monthly Meeting and Workshop. This roundtable discussion allowed the Mahican District to plan and coordinate training, programming and educational events during the year.

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Division of Human Resources

Professional Development

Staff from the Chancellor's Office participated in a workshop focused on Elevating Customer Service Excellence. Facilitated by Glenda Baylor, the session offered valuable insights, exchanged best practices, and emphasized the ongoing significance of utilizing metrics for data analysis.



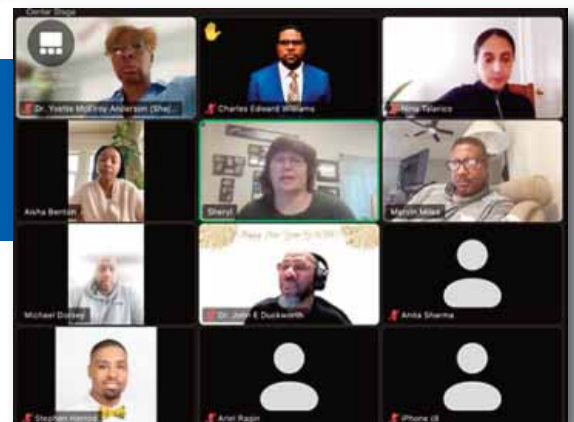
Glenda Baylor



Building Community Relationships

COVID-19 Testing Site at the Northwest Campus

Dr. Yvette Anderson participated in a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Community Testing Site Partners update meeting.



Division of Information Technology

The Division of Information Technology collaborated on the production of the virtual Faculty Convocation event. The team tasks included utilizing high-tech equipment to capture various presenters and their presentations, and using video editing software to craft an exciting and engaging presentation for our faculty and staff.



Information technology assistance at the Northwest Campus.


Staff from the Division of Information Technology gave a refresher session at the Ted Scott Campus on classroom projectors.



DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

• JANUARY IS •
POVERTY
AWARENESS MONTH



Poverty Awareness month is a month-long initiative to raise awareness and to address the growth of poverty in America.

Come join us in the conversation to find ways how we can end poverty by creating equity and opportunity for those impacted.

Wednesdays
January 17, 24 & 31
2024

Intercultural Conversations

At this week's virtual intercultural conversations, we celebrated World Braille Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Poverty Awareness Month. Professor Bruce Ewen shared on the demographical breakup of poverty in the United States and the causes of poverty.



Cultural Book Discussion

We talked about the following books at this week's cultural book discussion:

1. Evicted by Mathew Desmond
2. Nomadland by Jessica Bauder
3. Poverty by America by Matthew Desmond



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Stretch and Recovery Classes

Stretch and recovery gives members an opportunity to unwind both mentally and physically in a comfortable group setting.

Community Partnerships

Mike Dotson met with David Miechiels from the Riverfront Conservancy to finalize volunteer workshops at the Health and Wellness Education Center.



Strategic Initiatives

Staff met to discuss the Strategic Initiatives process and prepare for 2024/25 budget.

Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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

