

Freedom Point Project

Some of metro Detroit's prominent business leaders convened to learn about WCCCD's Freedom Point Project. The initiative, part of the District's national historic designation for its Underground Railroad Historic Programming from the National Park Service's Network to Freedom, will serve as an international destination providing engaging cultural and educational experiences.

We look forward to providing more information about this exciting initiative in the coming weeks.



FREEDOM POINT PROJECT





College of Education and Health Professions Announces 2024 Alumni Award Winners

Feb. 21, 2024

The College of Education and Health Professions has named 2024 Alumni Award winners and will honor them at an evening celebration on March 8.

The awardees are Naccaman Williams, Curtis L. Ivery, Judd Semingson, Jennifer Ash and Jordan Glenn.

"These five alumni represent the best of the best in the fields of education and health, and we can't wait to shine the light on their distinguished careers," said Dean Kate Mamiseishvili. "Each is making a substantial difference through innovative thinking and creativity, leading by example and transforming people's lives with genuine care."



Photos Submitted

2024 Alumni Award winners are, top from left: Naccaman Williams and Curtis Ivery; and bottom: Judd Semingson, Jennifer Ash and Jordan Glenn.







Wayne County Airport Authority Board Preparation Meeting



Michigan Community College Association Virtual Presidents' Dialogue



Livonia-Westland Community Leaders Forum

Trustee Sharon P. Scott, Furquan Ahmed, Dr. Patrick McNally, Dr. Annette Hough and Unbreen Amir (Pictured with U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaib) participated in the Livonia-Westland Community Leaders Forum. The program, sponsored by Consumers Energy, included welcome comments from Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan and Westland Mayor Kevin Coleman as well as networking opportunities and a presentation about the upcoming NFL Draft in April.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Training Partnership Approaches One-Year Milestone

We are approaching the one-year milestone of our training partnership with Stellantis in robotics certification. To date, nearly 40 dedicated students have successfully completed the comprehensive program, earning their Robotics Maintenance Certification. This achievement is a testament to their hard work and our commitment to providing cutting-edge vocational training in our Mechatronics Training Center developed through more than \$30 million in grant funding and equipment contributions.



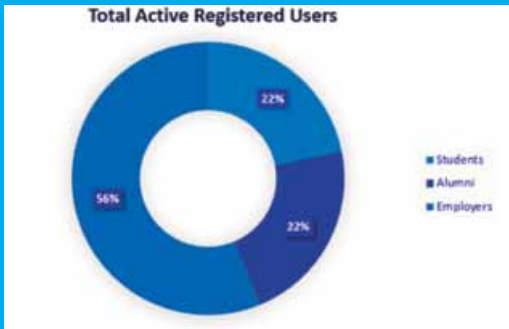


Division of Student Services

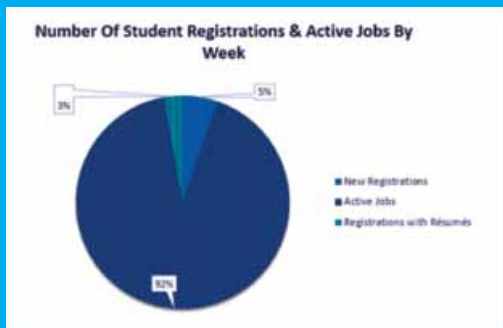
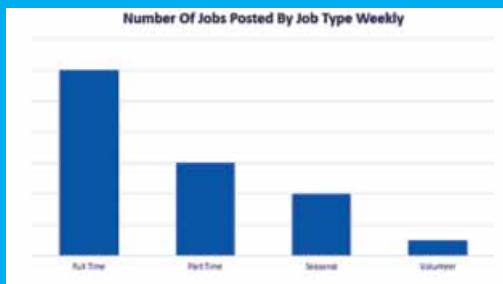


Record Preparation for Graduation

The District Student Services Executive Team met to discuss logistical records preparations for the graduation related ceremonies and rituals.



Career Planning and Placement Portal



Considine Center Hiring Fair

Staff represented the District at the Considine "Work For Us" Hiring Fair to provide information on programs and degrees at WCCCD.



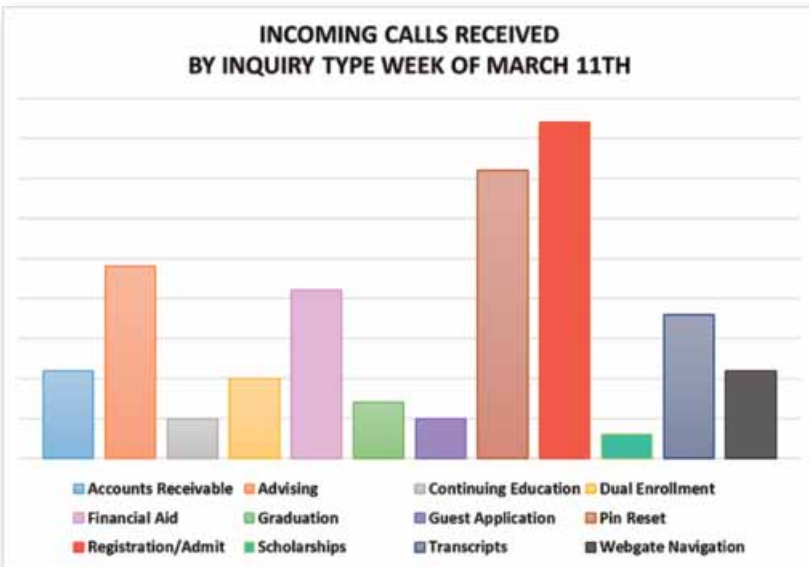
Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program

The FWS Office is working with eligible students to work at our offsite partner locations. Students are encouraged to sign up by submitting their information via email to participate in the program.

Division of Student Services

Command Center

The data reflects the number of students assisted by the Division of Student Services this week.



Admissions and Records

Staff continues reviewing records for new transfer students.

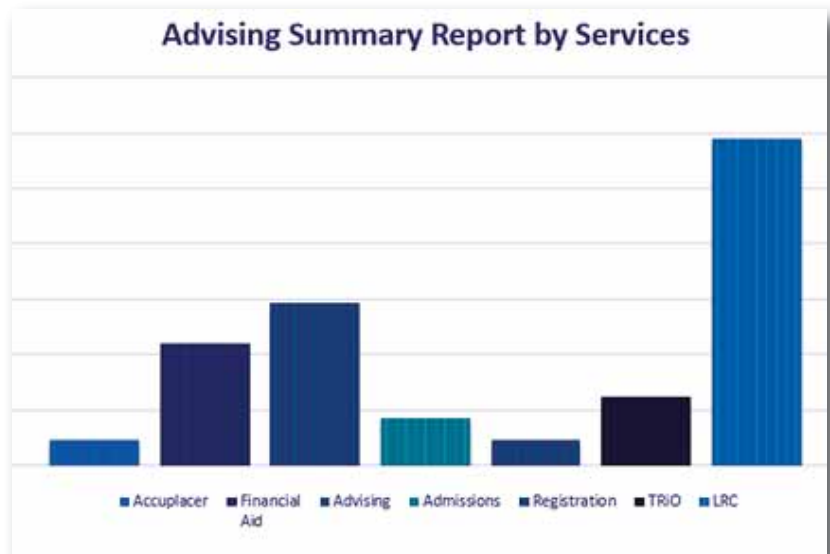


Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment students from East English Village High School participated in a presentation on entrepreneurship at the Northwest Campus.

Advising and Registration

The District-wide Advising Report highlights the utilization of various student support services. The numbers indicate a high level of engagement with services such as Advising, Financial Aid, Registration, and other support services.





Division of Educational Affairs



Welcome New Discipline Lead: George Lakkis

Taking on the role of Faculty Lead for the Advanced Manufacturing cluster group, George Lakkis has forty years of experience as a full-time faculty member. He holds an M.S. plus 30 in electrical and computer engineering, as well as an M.S. in physics. He looks forward to actively engaging with industry stakeholders to update advisory committees and facilitate student employment opportunities.



Automation and Electric Vehicle Curriculum Conversations

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs recently met with the director of the Automotive Manufacturing Electrical College (AMEC), sponsored by General Motors. The purpose of the discussion was to explore potential options, career advisory support, cutting-edge curriculums and pathways in the mobility occupational cluster.



Virtual Reality

The Virtual Reality (VR) Experience was held at the Northwest Campus and garnered enthusiastic participation from both students and staff. Courses in the metaverse provide an immersive and enriching experience in virtual reality technology, aligning with our commitment to offer innovative educational opportunities.

Division of Educational Affairs



MOSPA General Meeting

Dr. Allan Cosma recently attended the general meeting of the Michigan Occupational Special Population Association (MOSPA). The meeting covered various topics including the upcoming MOSPA Conference scheduled for May, elections, and a brief presentation by Virginia Zimmerman on updates from the Michigan Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity regarding the Carl Perkins' community college virtual visits.



Instructional Council

The Instructional Council convened academic administrators across the District to receive updates on key performance indicators (KPI). The meeting provided a professional development opportunity on Carl Perkins requirements.



Discipline Leads

This Division of Educational Affairs team met with the discipline leads this past week and welcomed new leads Dr. Nancy Sterniak (Foreign and American Sign Languages) and George Lakkis (Advanced Manufacturing).



Textbook Services Continuous Improvement Efforts

Staff met with members from the Division of Administration and Finance to discuss textbooks, Access project with the bookstore and the necessary support as we continue to offer our students digital access for more courses.

One Vision, One District, One College



Technology Day Planning

Staff met to plan for the upcoming technology workshops for September and October.

DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



Virtual Intercultural Conversations

At this week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations, we celebrated Women's History Month 2024 and shared on African American Women in the Old West, as well as, Catherine Coleman Flowers, Maria Theresa Kumar, and Candace Cabel.



Youth Programs

Matt Green and Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha met with Michael Zwibelman, Founder of Jimiri, to discuss partnership possibilities. Jimiri is a nonprofit organization that promotes youth programs to address racial segregation and promote social justice by building diverse friendships across racial and ethnic divides.



Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha met with Kim Clark, Vice President Michigan Region Officer for Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Upsilon Zeta. They discussed strategies to involve students in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities.



Building Community Relationships

State Career Technical and Education Conference



Dr. CharMaine Hines participated in a state career technical and educational association leadership conference as a presenter and workplace skills assessment evaluator.



American Human Rights Council

Furquan Ahmed participated in the American Human Rights Council's Community Leadership Discussion. The featured speaker, Antonia Marie De Meo, serves as the Deputy Commissioner-General United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the Director of the UNRWA Washington DC Office.



Detroit Institute of Arts

Staff attended The DIA's Inside|Out Partner Orientation. This in-person meeting is a pivotal opportunity for the DIA to share insights, discuss their progress, and explore ways to collectively enhance the success of the program. Muna Khoury, Karen LaBelle, Amanda Consiglio, and Rachel Kidd are pictured with Salvador Salort-Pons, CEO of the Detroit Institute of Arts.



Michigan ProStart Competition

Chef Vennyne Ephriam served as a judge at the recent Michigan ProStart Competition held in Kalamazoo, MI. The Michigan ProStart Competition brought together 6,416 next generation hospitality leaders to showcase their exceptional table top and culinary talents.

On the Move Continued...



Chandler Park Academy

Denis Karic and Kemal Kurtovic met with representatives from Chandler Park Academy to discuss the dual enrollment offerings for the upcoming summer semester.

College of Creative Studies

Yolanda Russell represented the District at the College of Creative Studies (CCS) Counselor Visit Day. Participants explored programs, toured the campus, and met with Dr. Don Tuski, CCS President.



Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

Michael Poole represented the District at SEMCOG's Justice 40 Community Task Force meeting.



Belleville Central Business Association

Muna Khoury and Karen LaBelle attended the Belleville Central Business Association (CBC) monthly meeting to share upcoming events and continuing education information.



HAPPENING NOW!

MICROSOFT 365 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

IT/Student Services

Student Self-service/Single-Sign-On

The Divisions of Information Technology and Student Services met to discuss the implementation plan for the new Banner student self-service module and single-sign-on.

Topics included:

- Testing and feedback of the new self-service module
- Communication plan
- Detailed discussion on the Microsoft 365 migration timeline



IT/ProServe

Staff from the Division of Information Technology met with their Microsoft Partner to discuss the Microsoft 365 migration project. This project consists of migrating student email from the existing Google Workspace environment to Microsoft 365. This migration will also enable students to download the Microsoft 365 suite of applications on up to five devices such as laptops, desktops, and mobile devices.

**Bi-Weekly Strategic Initiatives
Update Meeting**



Staff met to address a range of topics, including infrastructure support and system upgrade architecture and design. The team focused on initiatives such as Microsoft 365 Self-Service/Single-Sign-On, Microsoft Exchange migration and infrastructure security updates.

Connecting Minority Communities Grant IT Certificate Training Program

The Divisions of Information Technology and Workforce and Economic Development teams convened to debrief on our achievements and chart the course forward following our successful kick-off event at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. We're excited to announce that more than 400 individuals expressed interest and more than 120 enthusiastic participants pre-registered for courses.



What's Next? Our second informational session is scheduled for next week at the Northwest Campus! We've reached out via email to all attendees, including participants who signed up for a course, with further instructions on next steps and a special invite to our upcoming event.

Attendee Feedback Matters: Considering attendee feedback, we've enhanced our future presentations to be tailored to the needs and interests of our targeted audience.

Exciting Developments: The team discussed the development of a dedicated web page for this program. This landing page, linked to the District's website, features a comprehensive program overview, details on how to apply for our loaner laptop program, and a direct link to register for our initial course offerings, complete with start dates.

Looking Ahead: We're rolling out virtual orientations and a student portal designed to make student's educational journey seamless. This portal will be the go-to destination for future registrations, a platform for communication and collaboration, and a tool for tracking student progress and achievements.



Book Recommendation:

Sparks: China's Underground Historians and Their Battle for the Future

by Ian Johnson

DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM



Looking Beyond our Genes

Since genes are real determinants of behavior, a common joke is "pick your parents well," knowing full well we have no say in that decision. While our genetic makeup is what it is, fortunately there are many determinants that contribute to our character and integrity. Genes/temperament are two of those determinants, but so are past experiences and things we can learn along life's path to impact our behavior.

There are many reasons why we are the way we are, but Dr. Henry Cloud in *Integrity* asks the question, "regarding your adult life, what are you going to do about it?" If you have areas of your life that are going well, that is great. What about those areas that need attention or changing? You are the one who can alter your experience to make new choices that build the kind of character that will enable you to meet life's demands. As you grow and learn, you can "negotiate more and more of the realities that you face and, as you do, realize more of who you were created to be."



INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Institutional Effectiveness

What's Trending: Co-requisite Education

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) met to discuss drivers for enrollment and student success. The Division of Educational Affairs and general education faculty pioneered the District's efforts to help students matriculate through remediation and general studies course requirements. The co-requisite model was fully implemented in Fall 2023 to adapt and expedite student remediation needs. MAT 1130 and ENG 1190 were designed to facilitate general education pre-requisite completion to advance students towards seamless completion.

The effects of remediation courses include some of the following points:

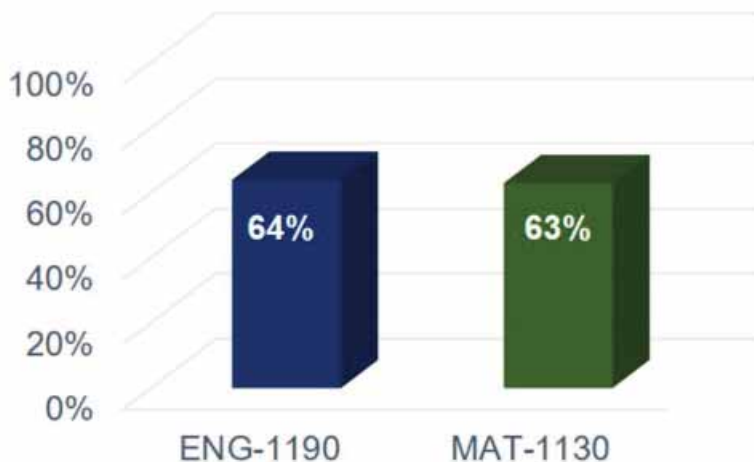
- Increased cost of attendance
- Not credit bearing
- Extensive time in gateway course completion pipeline
- Increased time to completion
- Increased likelihood of withdrawal & stop out



IE discussed the co-requisite model course pathways as driver for successful degree completion and plan to analyze findings to better measure co-requisite education outcomes.

Co-Requisite Model Outcomes

Successful Completion



There was a **44%** increase in students who enrolled in the Co-Requisite English and Math courses



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
**CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS
PODCAST**

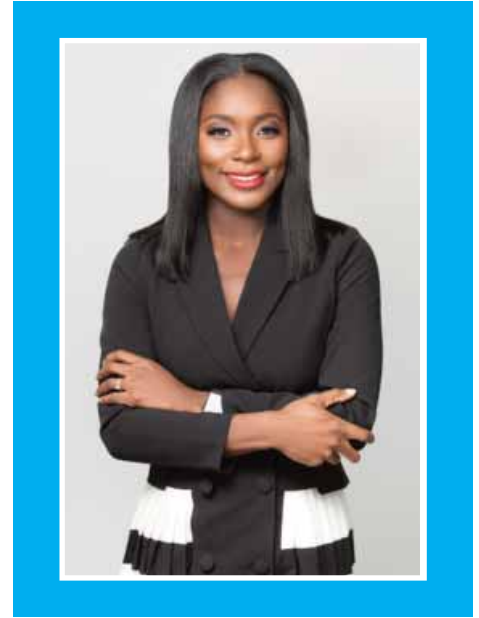
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Podcast #28 Now Available!

Our latest podcast features Wendy Ekua (W.E.) Da’Cruz. In addition to being the founder and CEO of the Mushroom Angel Company, she is widely recognized as The Digital Diplomat™ for her efforts in promoting digitalization to help drive economic development. W.E. shares her remarkable career journey and offers listeners tips on how to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.

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



Detroit Fine Arts Breakfast Club Meeting

Tonya Seegars participated in the Detroit Fine Arts Breakfast Club Meeting. Attendees included artists and art supporters and the discussion focused on current and upcoming cultural events. Ms. Seegars also shared information about the District’s continuing education programming and exhibitions at the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Galleries.



Week 3:

Heart Healthy Positive
Eating Plan, Fasting,
Exercise Tips

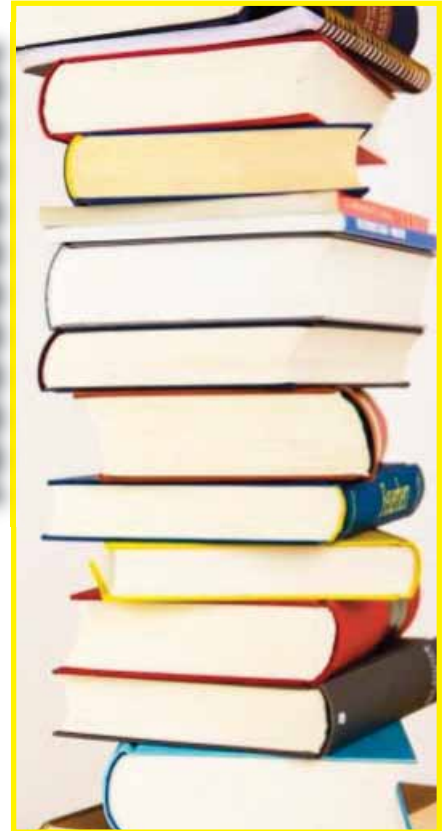


**National
Reading
Month**

**Make sure you're taking time
out of your day to read!**

WCCCD Celebrates National Reading Month

In recognition of National Reading Month, Aracely Hernandez visited the Empowered Community Learning Center. As part of WCCCD's Bookworm Club, a reading program for children founded by WCCCD First Lady Mrs. Ola Ivery, books were donated. Ms. Hernandez also engaged with the children at the center with storytelling activities and reading books



DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Deputy Chancellor/CFO Kim DiCaro continues to work with the Facilities Management Team to enhance the delivery of our services across the District. The Office of Facilities Planning and Management serves the District by developing and maintaining clean, safe, functional, and attractive campuses. This office has a diverse range of function. Some include:



PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



DEPARTMENTS INCLUDE:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

BUILDING SERVICES

CAMPUS SERVICES

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

ELECTRICAL SERVICES

ENERGY SERVICES

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

HVAC MANAGEMENT

LIGHTING AND SAFETY MAINTENANCE

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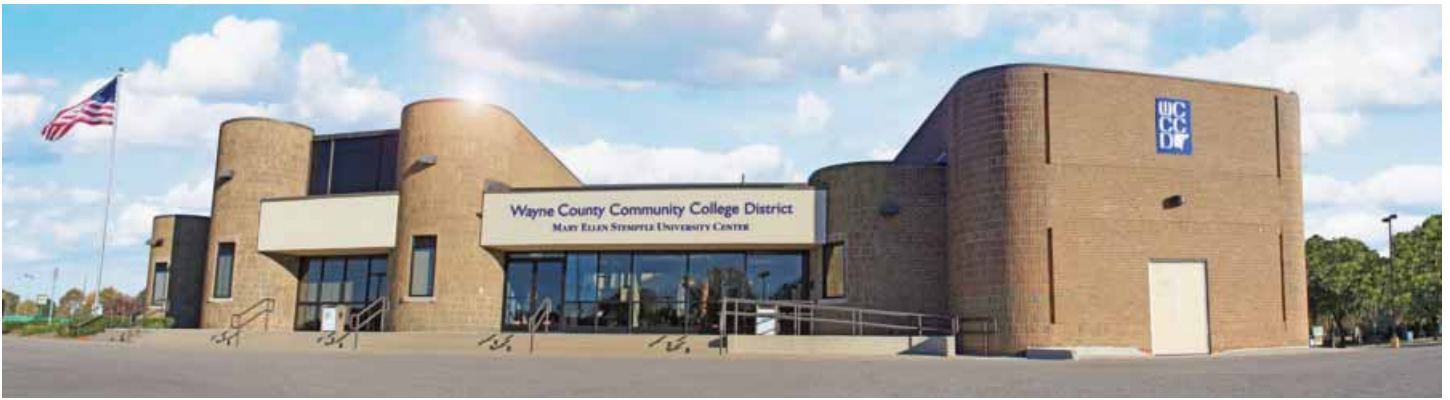
RECYCLING OPERATIONS

ONGOING PROJECTS...

WELDING LAB UPGRADES



The Eastern Campus Welding lab has upgraded the electrical requirements for all welders.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partnerships

Denis Karic met with University of Detroit Mercy representatives to explore partnership opportunities, with an emphasis on increasing transfer pathways for WCCCD students.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center partnerships with four-year colleges and universities to offer WCCCD students, employees and communities with accessible and affordable avenues to further pursue their education and achieve their personal career goals.



Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters Program.



Faculty Office Computer Upgrade

The Faculty Office recently underwent a significant computer upgrade.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Phi Theta Kappa



Students gathered for fellowship activities to decompress from studies and meet new friends.



Pathways to Excellence Male Mentoring Workshop

This workshop allowed local black males to discuss education, community improvement, and leadership.



Great Lakes Water Authority Workshop

GLWA hosted staff workshops where participants were given techniques that will help workgroups succeed.



Fellowship Housing Community Meeting



Students, staff, faculty, and community members explored Japanese traditions, history, celebrations, fashions, and food.

Language Institute



Learning Resource Center

Students utilizing the Learning Resource Center to prepare for mid-term exams and projects.



Vibrant Health Series

The HWEC hosted another workshop in the Vibrant Health Series that focused on strategies that improve health and wellness through plant based nutrition.



Kickboxing Circuit

Members enjoy a midday workout in the kickboxing circuit which utilizes both cardio and boxing equipment.



Training

Our personal trainers work one-on-one to help members establish and maintain fitness goals.



Out in the Community

Staff have been busy in the community promoting the HWEC.

Downriver Campus



The Downriver Campus hosted the Boy Scouts of America Machian Michigan Crossroads Council Great Lakes Division Commissioner Workshop. Executive board members discussed council commissioner, treasurer, and council operating committee chair reports.



Dual Enrollment Program

Staff met to discuss strategic planning for the Dual Enrollment Program.

Your Community Showplace!

CELEBRATING THE WORLD'S LEGENDARY LADIES AND THE SONGS THEY MADE SO FAMOUS!

ELLA • JUDY GARLAND • ARETHA BARBRA STREISAND • CAROLE KING

FIRST LADIES OF SONG

ETA JAMES • KAREN CARPENTER
JONI MITCHELL • DOLLY

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Saturday May 4, 2024
Performance: 7:30 p.m.
Ticket Price: \$25.00

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Tickets available through the Box Office or online at firstladies.net

Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center



The Taylor West Middle School Choir and Taylor High School Band performed at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.

Get Your Tickets!



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY
E D U C A T I O N



Wayne County Homeland Security Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting presented by Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This group sets policy for Hazardous Materials within Wayne County.



Fire Instructor Training

MIPSE hosted G and M Consulting LLC for a NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) fire instructor course. This five day, 40 hours course included instructor and student presentations to prepare attendees to become fire instructors.



Wayne County Sheriff Movement Training

MIPSE hosted the Wayne County Sheriff – FAST (Fugitive Apprehension Service Team) for their movement training. Training included use of training tower and mobile home for building entries. Participants learned the proper way to prepare, group movement, and the importance of effective communication.



Eastern Campus



Coffee and Conversation

Instructor Ashley Collins discussed the practical use of ChatGPT and provided some training on signing up and simple commands. The objectives of this workshop:

- ❖ Embracing Change: gaining an understanding of signup and use of the feature.
- ❖ Applying: Incorporation of course segments to expand student's learning and use of applications.
- ❖ Understanding Limitations: What cannot this feature do at this time?

Anatomy and Physiology



Students are learning the functions and identifying the bones of the skeletal system.



Campus President's Staff Meeting

Northwest Campus



Hospice Seminar

Nursing students attended a seminar where they learned about the emotional toll and intricacies of providing hospice care.



Graduation Season!

It's graduation season, and this week marks the start of the Graduation Application initiative at the Northwest Campus.



Continuing Education Spotlight

Students of the Tiling and Drywall Workshop learned the skills necessary to complete their own at home drywalling projects.



Meeting with the Hamtramck School District



Labor Meeting



We received this note of appreciation from the Executive Director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce Bilal Hammoud, regarding their experience at the Northwest Campus:

"My team and I are so thankful for the hospitality the WCCCD campus provided. I am looking forward to our future collaborations and partnerships."

Northwest Campus



Dental Programs



Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene students joined Sonya Taylor and Candace Benson at the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN Clinic) hosted at the University of Detroit, Johnson Community Center. The clinic provided dental services, x-rays, exams, cleanings, fillings, and extractions.



Dental students participated in a seminar on Oral Lesion Detection and the Role of Interdisciplinary Care for Oral Cancer Patients.

Surgical Technology

Surgical Technology students practice rotating through the operating room at the Northwest Campus.



Crescent Academy Visits the HSC



Students from Crescent Academy High School visited the Health Science Center for a day of career immersion. Students enjoyed rotating through health careers in Dental Assisting, Surgical Technology, Anesthesia Technology, Nursing, and the Simulation Lab.



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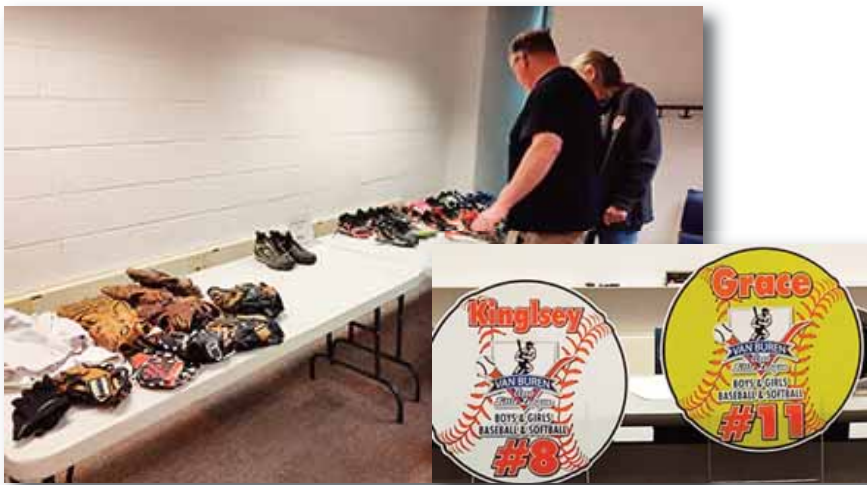
The Health Science Center (HSC) celebrated “313 Day” by having participants learn historical facts about the city of Detroit, promoting HSC programs, and providing participants with Detroit brand made refreshments. “313 Day” is the day Michiganders celebrate the heart, soul and Spirit of Detroit with its world-famous area code 313, which is also the date: 3/13.

Ted Scott Campus



Wayne RESA Training Workshop

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne RESA's UFLI Foundations Training Workshop. Participants unpacked the Foundation's teaching manual and corresponding materials, and learned how to apply them in the classroom.



Batter Up!

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Van Buren Area Little League Coaches Workshop. Participants learned how the youth and their parents can become involved in the little league.

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Troop 7797 Workshop. Participants worked on developing leadership skills, building self-confidence, learning life skills, exploring career options, and taking action to make the world a better place.



Ted Scott Campus



Master Gardeners Conference

In partnership with Michigan State University, the Ted Scott Campus hosted the Master Gardeners Conference. Participants enjoyed speakers, workshops, networking opportunities and a marketplace.



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

