Chancellor's Weekend Memo





Sewing Certificate Completion Ceremony

May 18-24, 2024

The Eastern Campus hosted the sewing certificate completion ceremony.



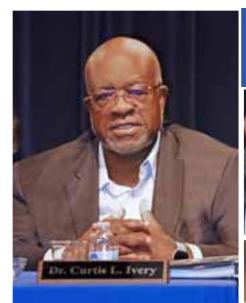


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While visiting family at Henry Ford Hospital, I had the pleasure of meeting Karina, one of our nursing graduates.



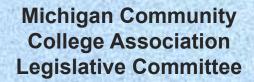
I participated in the virtual Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting and the virtual SMART Budget Committee Meeting.



I also participated in the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees Meeting.



This week, I participated in the Kansas State University John E. Rouche Community College Leadership (CCLP) Advisory Board Meeting. Agenda items included discussion on CCLP's vision and future.



Strengthening Partnerships with Our Neighboring Community Colleges





Enhancing Workforce and Economic Development Opportunities

We met to explore collaboration opportunities in renewable energy.



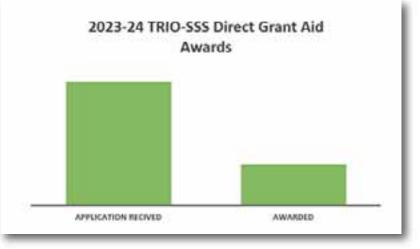
Veteran Affairs

Christopher White adds to our list of graduating military veterans. Mr. White completed an CIS-AAS degree in May 2024 and will be graduating next month.





Division of Student Services



TRiO Program

The chart demonstrates that in 2023-24, individuals who received the TRiO SSS Direct Grant Aid Award were recipients of the TRiO SSS. This grant is designed to assist with educational expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and supplies when all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted.



Command Center

Staff met to discuss strategies to enhance student retention initiatives.







Federal Work-Study Program

Interested Federal Work-Study students are completing their applications and orientation. Assistance is being provided to take advantage of the on-site and off-site opportunities.

Division of Student Services





Outreach and Recruitment

The Outreach and Recruitment team participated in the Detroit Police Department 2024 Youth Summit.



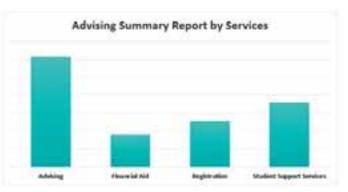
Dual Enrollment Program

Staff met with students at Al-Ikhlas Academy to discuss their academic progress and upcoming plans.



International Students

Staff continue to conduct orientations and assist our international students with registration for the Summer 2024 semester.



Advising and Orientation

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.



Admissions and Records

Staff continue to complete guest applications for the 2024 Summer and Fall semesters.

Division of Student Services

Phi Theta Kappa

The Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter brought home eight awards from the Michigan Regional Conference at Mid-Michigan College in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Congratulation to Tuesday Dixon, Alpha Upsilon Zeta outgoing President, on being elected as PTK 2024-2025 Michigan Regional Officer.





Congratulations!

WCCCD's Wildcat Men Basketball team is proud to announce that student-athlete, DaShaun Stigler, has been awarded an athletic scholarship from University of Florida, Fort Lauderdale. Go Wildcats!



Michigan College and University Partnership

WCCCD student, Jake West works diligently in the computer lab coding to send signals and relays to the RC cars. This is his second internship with MiCUP at Michigan Technological University.

Student Activities

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 of these include:



PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION/ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP/ INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP/INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The District is very proud of the innovative steps that our Facilities Team has employed, to integrate our workforce students into our construction and renovation projects. Our instructional staff partners our students with skilled trades experts to allow for an immersive learning experience, and interaction on specific job sites throughout the District.



The Facilities Team continues to operate in a dynamic response timeframe. Our team is trained to alert campus presidents on a myriad of facilities concerns such as, interior environment fluctuations in heating/cooling, life/safety concerns related to trip hazards, inclement weather patterns, building repairs and renovations.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT



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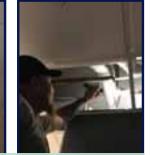
BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUILDING SERVICES CAMPUS SERVICES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICAL SERVICES ENERGY SERVICES

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE HVAC MANAGEMENT LIGHTING AND SAFETY MAINTENANCE

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT RECYCLING OPERATIONS







Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus facilities staff power-washed the exterior buildings, repaired various electrical, and plumbing issues.















Bushes and trees that block the walking path are trimmed at the Ted Scott Campus









Elevator repair and a rooftop unit added to the Cooper Room at the Eastern Campus

Division of Educational Affairs





Professional Development Learning Opportunities for Faculty on GenAl

Drs. Hudson and Dillard continue to discuss the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI) based on the proposed to future professional development opportunities for use in the curriculum while aligning them with codes of student conduct standards and trends.

- 1. **Skill Development:** As GenAl becomes more prevalent in various industries, equipping students with GenAl knowledge and skills will prepare them for future job markets.
- 2. *Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving:* Learning about GenAl encourages students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. It teaches them to approach problems methodically and understand complex systems.
- 3. *Ethics and Social Impact:* Discussing AI's ethical implications and societal impact helps students become responsible digital citizens. It raises awareness about privacy, bias, and the broader consequences of AI technologies.



Early Childhood Education Partnership

Diane Gonzalez met with representatives from the Wayne Metro Agency, Leap-to-Teach Program for Early Childhood Education (ECE). They discussed the completion of Spring 2024 semester by cohort 8 and their upcoming participation in the commencement to receive their certificates in Early Childhood Education. Additionally, they began planning for the Fall 2024 semester, including building the schedule for cohort 9.



District Police Authority

2024 Police Week

Chief Bahrija Livadic and Deputy Chief Pride Johnson attended the 2024 Police Week event in Washington D.C.





The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial honors fallen police officers by permanently recording and commemorating their service and sacrifice. Chief Livadic taking an imprint of fallen Wayne State Police Sargent Collin Rose.







Division of Information Technology

Bi-Weekly Strategic Initiatives Update Meeting



Staff from the Division of Information Technology 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.



The team also met with representatives from cybersecurity partner Crowdstrike to discuss upcoming contract renewal and strategic planning with new features within the platform. Crowdstrike delivers next generation cloud-based endpoint protection and incident response providing 24/7 monitoring for breaches including detection and remediation of threats.



Division of Human Resources

HR Compliance: Comprehensive Staffing Plan

In preparation for staffing alignment for the fiscal year 2025, the Division of Human Resources (HR) is currently reviewing the following on its comprehensive staffing plan:

- Evaluating District Staffing Needs
- Performance Evaluations
- Segregation of Duties
- · Credential and Background Checks
- Simplifying Processes, Implementation and Technology
- Measuring Outcomes
- Job Description
- Staff Training and Professional Development
- Verification of Payroll and Accounting





Staff Data Security

HR is continuously reviewing, reconciling, and auditing its processes, procedures, and protocols to assure State and Federal compliance. Under the employee benefits umbrella, which includes medical and retirement, HR is currently verifying that all documents are current, as well as auditing all eligible employees' insurance benefits.

The employee benefits reconciliation addresses the following:

- Verification of Employment Status
- Verification of Dependent Status
- Beneficiary Verification
- Reconciliation of Employee Contribution
- · Verification of State Guidelines
- · Verification for Federal and Labor Regulations





Buíldíng Community Relationships



69th Annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner



Teams from the Ted Scott and Downriver campuses participated in the Westland Community Foundation charity golf classic.



Staff from the Downriver Campus attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Legislative Forum Luncheon.

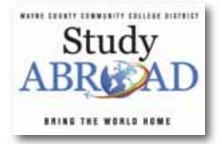


Dr. Harvey Dorrah attended the Michigan Community College Association, Michigan New Jobs Training Program meeting.



Michael Poole attended the SEMCOG Economic Development Council monthly meeting.





July 5-12, 2024

This week was our first, in a series of four orientations with the students that will be participating in special summer study abroad trip to Morocco.

Learning objectives include but not limited to:

- · Adapt effectively to cross-cultural settings
- Increase awareness of realities of daily life outside of U.S.
- · Communicate effectively with diverse individuals and groups





Virtual Intercultural Conversations



We had a culinary session with Chef Lorenzo Spratling and women from Refuge for Nations.





Visit to the Hindu Temple in Canton



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

University Partnerships

Denis Karic met with Ferris State University's Faculty/Advisor Juslius Moses, to discuss our current partnership and ways to promote the Criminal Justice Program.





Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors membership meeting.

Community Celebration Planning Meeting

Denis Karic and Kimmet Hackworth met with Valerie Kindle, Harper Woods Mayor; Sierra Donaven, Grosse Pointe Farms Council Member; Ivery Toussant, Harper Woods Council Member; and community member Irma Hayes, to discuss the plans for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration.





Campus Student Services Activity Center

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Summer Water Research Project

The 2024 Summer Water Analysis Research Project has begun. Students will record findings of microbial and heavy metal levels found in the Detroit River. At the end of the eight-week project, presentations will be completed by students listing data findings and recommendations.



Regional Transportation Association

The Regional Transportation Authority held a community meeting in an effort to help expand public transportation throughout the region.





Core and More

Members enjoy a Pilates-based session in the Core and More group fitness class, where the use of rollers, bands, and body weight as tools help to enhance range of motion, flexibility, balance, and muscular strength.



Kettlebell

Kettlebell is a high-intensity workout that helps to increase strength, cardiovascular endurance, and overall fitness.



Meeting with Giant Janitorial Mike Dotson met with custodial staff and supervisors to review the required cleaning and sanitation protocols for the steam rooms and locker rooms.

The Curtis lvery L. Downtown Campus hosted a Spring Job and Career Fair. provided The program students with opportunities to receive assistance with strategies resumes, to enhance interview skills and network with employers ready to hire.







Spring 2024 Job and Career Fair Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus













Downriver Campus



Police Appreciation Week

Trustee Susan Steeby presented the District Police Authority officers at the Downriver Campus with appreciation gift bags for Police Appreciation Week.



Wayne RESA Cognitive Coaching Foundation Seminar

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Cognitive Coaching Foundation Seminar.



Wayne Metro CAA Supportive Housing and Homeless Service

Wayne Metro Community Action Agency Supportive Housing and Homeless Service held a program that aimed to empower individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness with the solution to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.

Apprenticeship Readiness Open House

Andy Steeby met with Congressman Shri Thanedar at the Apprenticeship Readiness Open House that was held at the Downriver Campus. This program provided participants with the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to choose, obtain, and succeed in registering for an apprenticeship.





University of Michigan Credit Union Frontline Excellence in Action

The Downriver Campus hosted the University of Michigan Credit Union Frontline Excellence in Action workshop.







William D. Ford Career and Technical Center Firefighter Students



Eastern Campus



Campus Classroom Activities English 119 ~ Biology 155 ~ Art 101



Preparing our Students for Graduation

Monthly Internal Processes Meeting



Northwest Campus



Alpha Kappa Alpha

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Lambda Pi Omega Chapter was on campus for their chapter retreat.

Welcome New Nursing Students!

Dr. Abby Freeman and staff from the Health Science Center welcomed incoming nursing students. Students gather outdoors to speak to the deans and enjoy a meal.







HESI Exam Prep

Staff from the Health Science Center were on the grill this week, providing lunch for students attending a HESI preparation workshop.





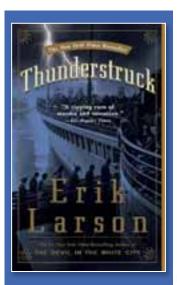
Ted Scott Campus



Fall 2024 Preparations Begin!

DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM





Book Recommendation

by Eric Larson

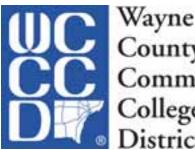
CREDENTIALS STILL MATTER?

The President of Dickinson College recently notified alumni of the passing of an esteemed music professor. Not being blessed with musical talent myself, I did enroll in his music appreciation class as an undergraduate. My wife and I attend numerous musical concerts, and I often think of that professor because he is responsible for my appreciation of classical music.

Our local library hosts free chamber music events over the winter, and recently a female, Japanese violinist and a male, Chilean cellist performed a concert for the local community. Both musicians have held prestigious musical roles and performed all over the world, and they both are professors at Grand Valley State University. They both earned Doctor of Musical Arts degrees at the Eastman School of Music, one of the top-ten university music programs in the country for classical music.

Thinking about their chosen career path in music, they are judged both in the classroom and through their performances by their talent and expertise with their instruments and knowledge of music. The 10,000-hour rule certainly applies here, and there can be no imposters. They have made it past all the hurdles required to qualify as experts in their fields, and it underscores why credentials still matter. It is also a wonderful example of how that undergraduate music appreciation class is still benefitting me.

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County Community College istrict



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

