Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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Diverse Learners Program

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the School of Continuing Education Diverse Learners Program, in partnership with Michael B's, serves young adults helping bridge the gap between high school and adulthood. Currently, students are taking courses in the Art of Cake Decorating, Watercolor Painting, and Photography.





Meeting to discuss next steps for the Freedom Point Project



New Program Ideas

Dr. Jim Holley met with staff to discuss new program ideas.

Promoting Student Success Stories on YouTube

Furquan Ahmed met with Lonnie Peek, Jr. and Eunice Peek to discuss strategies for showcasing student success stories on YouTube.





Electric Vehicle (EV) Automotive Mobility Sector Collaboration

Administrators and colleagues held a planning session to discuss the upcoming EV Mobility Program. This program is in collaboration with the Rainbow Push Automotive Project.



Bookworm Walkers Club Continues to Lead the Way to Fitness!

New members joined WCCCD's Bookworm Walkers Club this week. The weekly initiative promotes fitness, connection, and healthy work-life routine while fostering community engagement.

Mrs. Ivery, the First Lady of WCCCD and founder of the Bookworm Club, dedicates herself to literacy and community bonding.





Think Pink Thursdays





Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative

Students, staff, and faculty members at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus have posted ribbons of encouragement in recognition of the Breast Cancer Awareness initiative. The campus also hosted a "pink" luncheon, which featured pink foods and desserts. Participants took part in conversations regarding their experiences with breast cancer, whether they were a survivor or knew someone that had it or is currently fighting the disease.

Downriver Campus





The Downriver Campus hosted the Downriver Community Transition Council Disability Community Resource Expo. This expo and their provided attendees families information regarding summer recreation programs, summer camps, and vocational programs after graduation, autism programs, community mental health counseling. services community living supports, and respite care.

Ted Scott Campus

Community Partners

STEP



The Ted Scott Campus hosted TSA-DTW for its Recognition and Appreciation Awards Seminar. Participants honored the employees who went above and beyond, while discussing future endeavors.

Wayne Metro held its Strategic Planning Kick Off Meeting at the Ted Scott Campus. Participants discussed strategic goals and planning for next year.



ity Partners



Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting





The Nursing Department held its Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting. The committee is comprised of nursing administration, nursing faculty, nursing students, healthcare leaders and educators, and nursing clinical partners. The committee helps to ensure the Nursing Program meets accreditation standards, provides curriculum updates, advises on healthcare trends, and fosters clinical partnerships.



Pharmacy Technology Lunch and Learn

Students in the Pharmacy Technology Program participated in a Lunch and Learn to celebrate National Pharmacy Week.



Student Success

Foxanne Davis is the first licensed RN who graduated from the LPN to RN Program at the Ted Scott Campus.

Ms. Davis earned her LPN license by graduating with a PN certificate and passing the LPN NCLEX on her first attempt. Ms. Davis worked for one year as a LPN, then enrolled in WCCCD's first cohort for LPN to RN. She now works as an RN at Corewell Farmington Hills.

12TH ANNUAL HABBOWEFN

The School of Continuing Education held the 12th annual Halloween Family Fun Day at the Downriver Campus. Participants enjoyed fun family activities and a juggling performance by Nick Thomas.





Division of Student Services

Grant Initiative

WCCCD joined the American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, White House Domestic Policy Advisor Neera Tanden, administrators from the Detroit Public Schools Community District, and other partners during a kick off meeting that launched the Michigan portion of a new \$1.7 million grant. This initiative adapts and scales a unique curricular framework that prepares high school students for careers in advanced manufacturing, particularly in the expanding semiconductor industry.





Student Executive Council

Staff continues to reach out to students to inform them about the benefits and opportunities for participation in Student Executive Council.



Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter held its monthly meeting to discuss the upcoming Induction Ceremony and the Honors in Action project. President Leanne Hunn also talked about potential volunteer service opportunities.



Exploring Federal Work-Study Opportunities

Students continue to sign up to complete their Federal Work-Study opportunity off-site and on our campuses. Staff are steadly reaching out to students to assist in connecting them with placement.



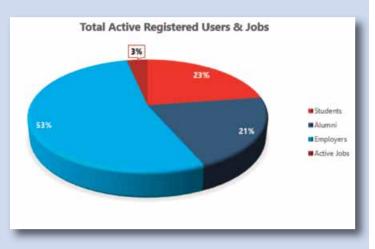
Supporting Student Success and Engagement

Staff continue to work with students to educate them about the diverse range of available academic support services, including tutoring and advising, to aid students in achieving academic success. Initiatives like early alert systems, mentoring programs, and academic workshops strengthen student retention.

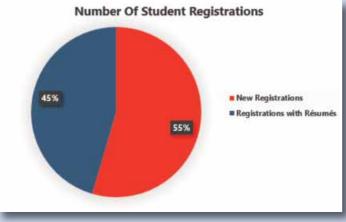


Career Planning and Placement

The Career Planning and Placement Office is providing students and graduates with strategies to explore employment opportunities that align with their educational and personal goals. Services include receiving assistance in preparing resumes, cover letters and improving interviewing skills through employability development software programs.



This chart illustrates the ratio of new student registrations to jobs posted at the Career Planning and Placement job site.





Division of Educational Affairs



DALNET Project Managers Quarterly Meeting

Staff attended DALNET's Project Managers Quarterly Meeting. Updates coming to the library catalog include NEW Title search, view new books added to catalog, quick access to databases, and MeL, Michigan Electronic Library, searching.



Career Focus: Manufacturing

Dr. CharMaine Hines recently attended a Career and Education Advisory Committee meeting that focused on manufacturing careers for high school students. During the presentation, a student success testimonial was shared of a student intern. The student attended WCCCD, earning a 4.0, then transferring out of state to continue his educational journey.



Learning Resource Center (LRC) Orientation

The LRC at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus held an orientation for students in ENG-120. They received resources to assist them with their final research papers.



Humanities Field Trip

Humanities students visited the Art in Motion Sculpture Studio. They created personal sculptures, while learning the process from start to finish.

Program Highlight





The Division of Administration and Finance continuously monitors campuses, divisions, and cost centers actual spending against the District's approved annual budget using weekly generated reports.

District Police Authority





Blessing of the Badge

WCCCD Police Authority Honor Guard represented the District at the Blessing of the Badge.

"Thanks again for these members of the WCCCD Police Department. They again were the most prompt, best dressed and performed in a very professional manner and they were well received. Please share with the leadership of this team".

~ Elvin V. Barren, Southfield Chief of Police and Roosevelt Lawrence, Marygrove College, Campus Safety

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 functions. Some of these include:



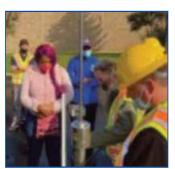
PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION/ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



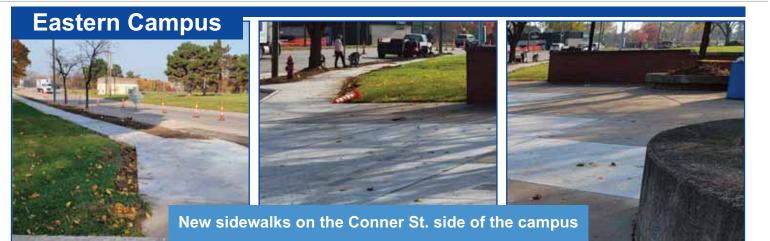
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP/ INTERNSHIP PROGRAM





New driveway, sidewalk and grass on the St. Jean St. side of the campus



Building Community Relationships



Staff from across the District participated in the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Forum. The event featured a project update on the Gordie Howe International Bridge



Staff represented the District at the 2024 Image and Diversity Gala.



Kemal Kurtovic represented the District at the Harper Woods – Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club annual dinner.



Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha attended the Holy Spirit 2024 Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Kerri Barnett-Novack participated in the Samaritan Center Grand re-opening of New Beginnings a celebration of new ownership.



Denis Karic represented the District at the Detroit Chamber Regional Talent Health Care Collaborative meeting.



Staff attended the U of M Dearborn SOAR Advisory Board meeting to discuss transfer scholarships, mentorships, and other student support available to our WCCCD transfer students.





Division of Information Technology

IT Security Update Meeting

With the increasing landscape of security threats, the IT team continuously seeks ways to strengthen our security systems. This involves regularly reviewing and updating our security policies to align with the latest best practices and standards.



Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant Cybersecurity Infrastructure Upgrade



The IT team convened to discuss plans for updating and enhancing the Cybersecurity infrastructure at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The goal of this initiative is to create a cutting-edge environment that effectively supports cybersecurity education and training.

The refresh aims to equip students with practical skills and hands-on experience in cybersecurity, preparing them for the demands of the industry.

IT Tech Talk

The Division of Information Technology is excited to highlight its monthly Tech Talk presentation on the Internet of Things (IoT) presented by Feleke Haile. This series is a valuable opportunity for the technology team to share knowledge and skills.







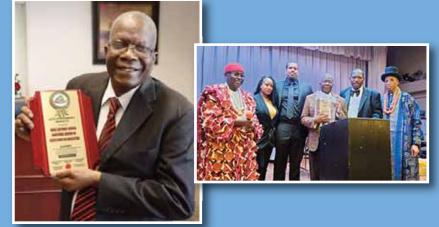
National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Fall Virtual Conference

The Division of Educational Affairs would like to sincerely thank all faculty and staff who attended the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Fall Virtual Conference. Our organization collectively viewed more than 250 hours of content, highlighting our commitment to professional growth. If you missed the conference, it is still available on the NISOD website at https://www.nisod.org/virtual-events/conference/.



Dr. Tanisha McGee attended the NISOD Annual Fall Virtual Conference workshop on enhanced English Classroom Strategies: Rubrics, AI for Feedback, and Pre-Reading Comprehension and Credible Research Findings.

Gongratulations!



The United African Community Organization (UACO) presented to David C. Butty, Executive Dean for International Programs/Study Abroad, The Wole Soyinka Africa Diaspora Award of Excellence in Education. He received this award for his remarkable contributions to advancing education within the African Diaspora, and his dedication to empowering future generations, promoting knowledge and bridging educational gaps.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT





TRENDS Conference

Dr. Wanda Hudson and Dr. Allan Cosma attended the TRENDS in Occupational Studies Conference. They participated in several roundtable discussions covering topics such as Cybersecurity, Computer Information Systems (CIS), Computer-Aided Design, and Robotics.



Physical Therapist Assistant Fall Conference

Dr. Sherry Saggers and Dr. Celestine Walker attended the American Physical Therapy (PT) Association Michigan Chapter Fall Conference Research Day. Participants had the opportunity to connect with physical therapists and assistants who work as instructors and coordinators.



One Vision, One District, One College

MI-ACE Women's Leadership Institute

Dr. CharMaine Hines participated in a Women's Leadership Institute for the MI-American Council on Education (ACE).



CE Program of the Week!

We're excited to announce the kickoff of the Kid's Coat Drive! This District-wide initiative creates an opportunity to keep kids warm this winter by donating new or gently used coats at any campus location drop-off.





Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center-Center for Learning Technology hosted the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors professional development workshop.

Me, Myself, and I Workshop

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted Me, Myself, and I, an organization that focuses on self-development for teen girls.



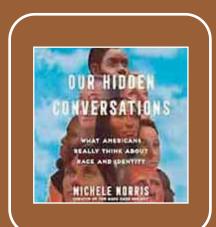
Program Highlight

Computer Information Systems

Students in our Computer Information Systems (CIS) programs are gaining practical, hands-on experience with the critical skills needed for success in today's technology-driven job market. In addition to rigorous academic training, we provide tuition-free IT certification courses covering a wide range of tech industries, including Google, Microsoft, AWS, and CompTIA.







Book Recommendation

Our Hidden Conversations-What Americans Really Think About Race and Identity

Written by Michele Norris

DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH THE EXECUTIVE TEAM



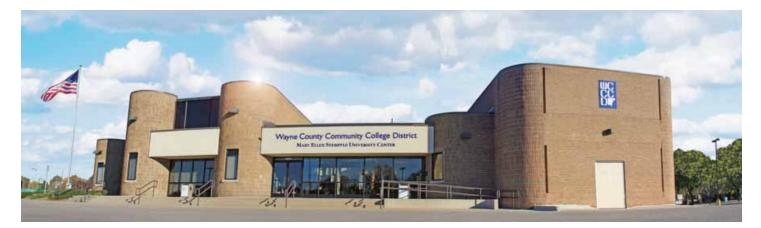
No Substitute for Preparation

Warren Bennis states in his book *Leaders*, that "leadership opportunities are plentiful and within reach of most people." Regardless of whether it is our personal or professional lives, the question we all have to ask is "will we be ready when they come?"

John Wooden, one of the most successful college basketball coaches in history (ten national championships), was all about preparation and teamwork to be sure his players were ready.

Some lessons we can apply to all aspects of our lives are embodied in Wooden's maxims:

- Failing to prepare is preparing to fail (from Benjamin Franklin)
- Flexibility is the key to stability
- Seek opportunities to show you care. The smallest gestures often make the biggest difference



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center





Denis Karic and Jabraeel Ahmed presented "Support Services for Distance Learning Students" at the Division of Student Services Weekly Information Session. Distance learning courses are offered in three formats:

- Online Courses, which are 100% online with course work occurring in Blackboard
- Hybrid courses, which combine in-person and online delivery
- Classroom, also known as live-online courses, which meet online at scheduled times.

Student Support is offered by telephone, in person and email. Technological support and resources utilize Blackboard's orientation, helpful links and Brainfuse Live tutoring.



A representative from the University of Michigan-Dearborn provided students at the Northwest Campus with information on the various transfer opportunities available once they graduate from WCCCD.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Pathways to Excellence

The Male Mentoring Program, Pathways to Excellence, was held at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The program focuses on enhancing leadership skills and fostering a strong sense of identity.



Forgotten Harvest Meeting

Staff met with representatives from Forgotten Harvest to discuss the possibility of hosting workshops for students on healthy recipes, as well as the potential for partnership to provide non-perishable items for the food pantry.



The Local Detroit Firefighters Commission continue training at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus on essential high-level skills.

The Firearm Access Intervention and Reduction Detroit Site Program hosted a System Mapping workshop for community members and stakeholders.





The Greater Detroit of the Society, Inc. hosted a workshop allowing members and the community to discuss the production of sustainable and substantive art programming.



Member Feedback

"I really rely on the training that personal trainer Erin gives me! Without her, I wouldn't be where I am now in my journey." ~Jan

"Walking on the track is amazing especially when the weather is bad. It keeps me active in the winter." ~Shellie

"The HWEC is awesome! We get a fitness club experience and great equipment in a warm welcoming atmosphere." ~ Blake



Barre Class

HWEC members enjoy the benefits of a stimulating barre workout.



HWEC Staff Meeting

As the demand for services at the HWEC increases with more than 1,000 members, staff met to review staffing schedules and procedures to insure a positive member experience.



DOWNRIVER CAMPUS





Firefighter Students



William D. Ford Caroor

WCCCD Firefighter Students

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted practical training for the Firefighter I students. Students were taught how to tie knots on tools and how to hoist the tools.

William D. Ford Career Technical Center Fire Students

MIPSE hosted firefighter students from William D. Ford Career Technical Center for a practical training exercise.



Downriver Fire Investigation Team Meeting

MIPSE hosted the Downriver Fire Investigation Team for a monthly meeting. Members discussed current issues in fire investigation and guidelines.

Northwest Campus



Resume Building Workshop

Members of FARM (Family Assistance for Renaissance Men) participated in a resume building workshop.



The Northwest Campus hosted the Detroit Future City Equity Summit. Participants were provided tools and resources on how to build equitable neighborhoods in the city of Detroit.

Students took some time between classes to battle it out at table tennis.



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Wayne County Community College District



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

