

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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November 9-15, 2024

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 13, 2024

We were pleased to have Brandy Johnson, President of the Michigan Community College Association, join us for our Board of Trustees Meeting. Meeting agenda items included:

- WCCCD's Recruitment, Orientation and Retention Strategy
- Presentation on the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education
- Accountability and Transparency Updates
- Social Media Strategy





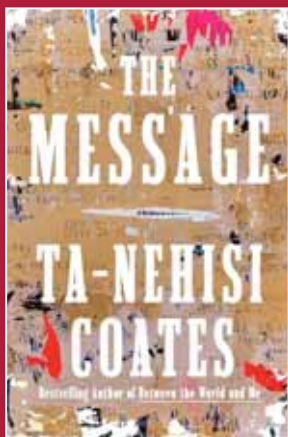
Board of Trustees Meeting





Deputy Chancellor/CFO discusses facilities management planning activities.

DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM



Book Recommendation

The Message
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Passing the Test on Civility and Good Character

Admiral William McRaven may be best known for his 2014 commencement address to graduates of the University of Texas at Austin, where he delineated in great detail the ten lessons he learned from his basic SEAL training in the U.S. Navy.

To make a point about the uncivil nature of current politics in America, Admiral McRaven shares a history lesson about George Washington at age 12 copying by hand “Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation.” Rule No. 65 states: “Speak not injurious words, neither in jest nor earnest; scoff at none though they give occasion.”

He cites a military pamphlet stating “most great leaders are kind and courteous...the leader who treats his men (women) badly will find that they will behave badly...a courteous attitude toward all races, nationalities, and religious faiths helps a man get along with people.”



Website Analytics Meeting

Meeting with Xuefei Qi to discuss website analytics and explore future trends impacting student engagement and online learning experiences.



I participated in the Michigan Community College Association's Presidents Committee Meeting. Agenda items included:

- Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation: The Future of Mobility Cluster
- Presidents Mobility Discussion: Opportunities for Regional Collaboration
- Student Success
- Legislative Updates
- MiLEAP Updates



Electric Vehicle Automotive Mobility Program

Meeting to discuss new program offerings for the EV Automotive Mobility Program.

Program Highlight

Surgical Technology

Students in the Surgical Technology Program are gaining hands-on experience in the Health Science Center's state-of-the-art lab. This practical training is preparing them to work effectively as part of a surgical team in a professional environment.



Continuing Education – Gift Wrapping and Bow Making

Students at the Downriver Campus participated in a continuing education class, where they learned different styles of making bows, and tips and tricks for wrapping gifts.



Senior Circle



Painting and Computer Classes for Seniors



Senior citizens at the Friends of Parkside Community Center took part in painting and computer classes.

Michigan Department of Transportation Open House

Community members met at the **Eastern Campus** for an update on the I-94 Modernization Project.



AKA - Empowering Seniors to Embrace the Golden Years

The Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Lambda Pi Omega Chapter presented a workshop at the **Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus** focusing on ensuring senior citizens can actively participate in activities to have a full quality of life.



AKA Detroit Renaissance Pearls

The **Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center** hosted the AKA – Detroit Renaissance Pearls for a professional development workshop.



Mental Health and Wellness Workshop

The Links and Park West Foundation held its third workshop at the **Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus** for youth in foster care and WCCCD Smart Program participants on mental health and wellness.



Motor City Contractor Fund

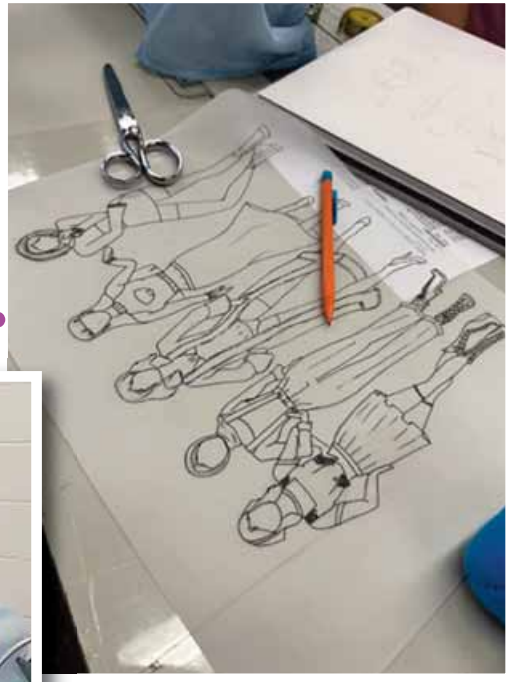
The Motor City Contractor Fund Collaborative hosted a networking program at the **Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus**. Participants received information on specific jobs and contracts offered in the City of Detroit.



Program Highlight

Fashion Design Program

Students in the Fashion Sketching class are exploring various techniques in illustration and design, focusing on translating their creative ideas onto paper. Students are learning to capture the essence of fashion trends while developing their unique artistic styles.



DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



National Association of Diversity Officers of Higher Education Restorative Communities of Practice Workshop

Items discussed focused on:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advocacy and Support
- Chief Diversity Officers, Academic Diversity Officers, and other Campus Diversity Leaders as Change Agents
- Student Voices, Activism, and Reactive Leadership



Intercultural Conversations

At this week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations, Weam Niboh, Executive Director of the Chaldean Center, discussed her book, *The Oneida Man: Conversations with my Native American Friend*. The story focuses on her encounter with an indigenous person.



Division of Student Services

Dual Enrollment Program



Dual enrolled students toured the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.

WCCCD visits high school students for the “Wayne County Wednesday” bi-weekly session.



International Students



Staff provides orientations for our international students, which includes reviewing key details of the upcoming semester, including academic deadlines, and course registration.

Student Success Center



Staff in the Student Success Center are reaching out to students regarding registering for the Spring 2025 semester.

Division of Student Services

Student Activities



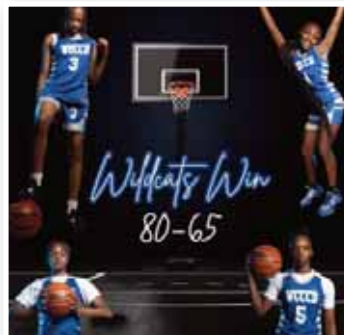
TriBeta Induction Ceremony

The WCCCD Xi Alpha Chapter of Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) National Biological Honor Society hosted its Fall 2024 new membership induction ceremony.

Athletics

WCCCD Lady Wildcats defeated the Madonna University Junior Varsity Team 80-65 for our first win of the season.

Go Wildcats!



TRiO Program

Wayne State University hosted a Virtual Information Session for WCCCD's TRiO staff and students on transitioning to a four-year institution.



Phi Theta Kappa

April Frey donated to the Susie Q Kids Foundation at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus on behalf of Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter. Susie Q Kids Foundation strives to make a difference by supporting children and young adults who may be struggling emotionally, physically, or mentally.

Division of Student Services



WCCCD celebrated our Veteran students on November 11, 2024, as this day commemorates their sacrifice in service to our country.



Federal Work-Study Program

Students continue to participate in Federal Work-Study orientations. These orientations are held in person and virtually.



Michigan College and University Partnership

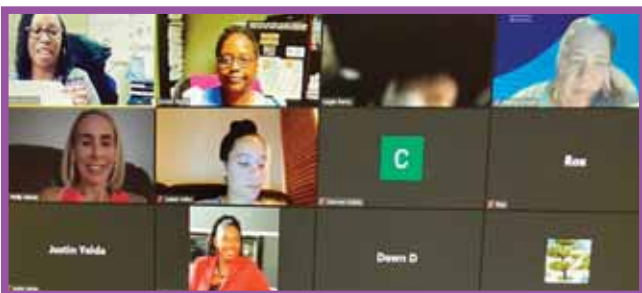
Michigan Technological University was present for a "Meet and Greet" to review details of the paid STEM internship program. The application deadline is December 31, 2024.

Northwest Campus



Dental Assistant Students Visit Orthodontic Office

Students in the Dental Program visited Orthodontic Specialists. During their visit, students observed dental practices and learned about modern orthodontic care.



Dental Advisory Committee Meeting

The committee of dental staff, faculty, students and clinical partners met to review curriculum updates, discuss healthcare trends in dentistry and explore future clinical partnerships.



Surgery Mock Job Interviews

Surgical technology students participated in mock job interviews. This professional development session prepares students for real on-the-job interviews when they graduate from the program.



Division of Educational Affairs



Expanding Awareness of Mechatronics and Robotics Automation

Eric Bradbury from FANUC Robotics led a session on the CRX 5iA Standalone Collaborative Robot with R30iB, where Dr. Allan Cosma had the opportunity to run a program that enabled one robot to interact with another, replicating a process where robots solve problems and increase productivity in manufacturing industries. WCCCD plans to use this robot in presentations at high schools and community career fairs to raise awareness of the high-demand, high-wage careers in this field.



Curriculum Committee

The Division of Educational Affairs held the first Curriculum Committee Meeting for Fall 2024, which included the introduction of new members and a review of curriculum updates from 2023-2024. The Curriculum Committee focused on program modifications for video game design, covering courses in 3D graphics, character development, and texturing fundamentals.



Division of Educational Affairs



Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Meeting

Staff met to discuss additional CIS courses at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus for the upcoming Spring 2025 semester.



Sharing the Joy of Reading

All book donations are freely available to students, staff, and community members to enjoy. Gently used books will be accepted at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus until November 22, 2024.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wayne County Community College District

Fall 2024

ADVISORY COMMITTEE BREAKFAST Meetings

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“Digital Transformation in Education”

Friday, December 6, 2024
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

NORTHWEST CAMPUS
DENISE WELLONS-GLOVER WELCOME CENTER
Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center
8200 West Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48219



Institutional Effectiveness

Campus Experiences Survey

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) team is currently preparing to implement the Campus Experiences Survey. The survey is a key driver and data source to understand students' engagement with faculty, staff, community spaces, and campus services. IE is reviewing the survey question items and implementation strategies to increase student response rates and gather invaluable feedback for leadership to inform student success initiative planning. Inside Higher Ed Student Voice survey research suggests that engagement in campus life beyond just the classroom are linked to positive student success such as retention, sense of belonging, and potential employment.

Below are the important topics addressed in the Campus Experiences Survey:

There was a total of 1,273 responses last Spring.

Students sound off on:

- Campus Services
- Admissions
- Advising Effectiveness
- Student Centeredness



46.2% visited campuses 2-3 times/week

Students enjoy friendly environment, welcoming staff/instructors, and location most

90.6% would refer WCCCD to others

IE Survey Research Goals



HAPPENING NOW! **Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant Recruitment Initiative Update**



Staff is driving innovation and opportunity through the CMC grant recruitment initiative. By staffing recruitment tables at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown, Eastern, and Northwest campuses, our dedicated technicians are helping students embark on a rewarding career in IT. Students are now eligible to receive a free laptop with internet connectivity to ensure they have all the resources necessary for a successful experience.



Website Navigation Training

Staff met with WCCCD Website Committee for new website navigation training.



System Maintenance Downriver Campus



Practical Nursing Education Technology Updates





District Police Authority

After almost 16 years of service, Regional Captain Brian Duneske is retiring.



Thank you Capt. Duneske for your service and good luck in your future endeavors!

on the move

Building Community Relationships



Interfaith Leadership Council of Detroit

Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha attended a meeting with the Education Committee of the Interfaith Leadership Council of Greater Detroit.



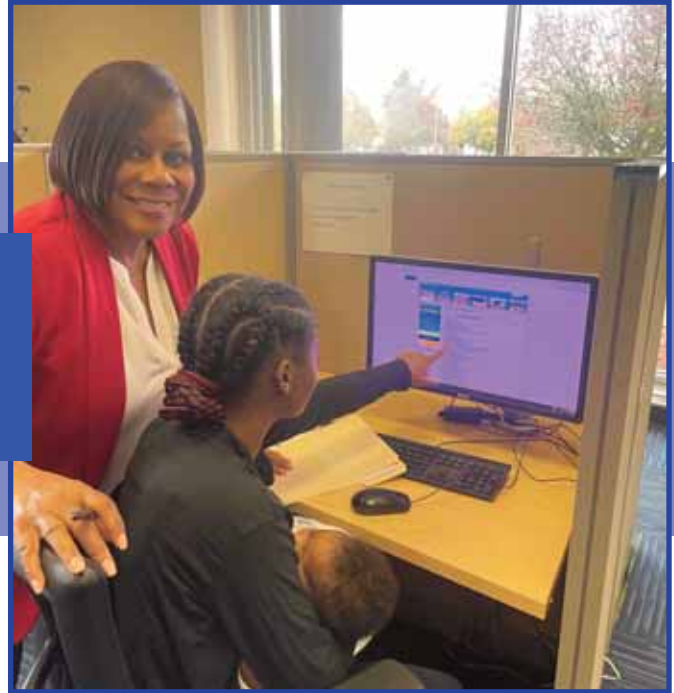
Metropolitan Bureau of School Studies

Denis Karic represented the District at the Metropolitan Bureau of School Studies Board of Directors’ meeting. He shared information on the credit and non-credit programs for the Spring 2025 semester.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Monique Smith assisted a SMART Program participant with the enrollment process at the Northwest Campus.



In the Spotlight



Construction Trades Training Program graduates Mario May, Amaris Pitts-Johnson, and Robert Williams contributed to the construction of a year-round sports dome at Chandler Park in Detroit. The dome is slated to open in mid-2025.

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**

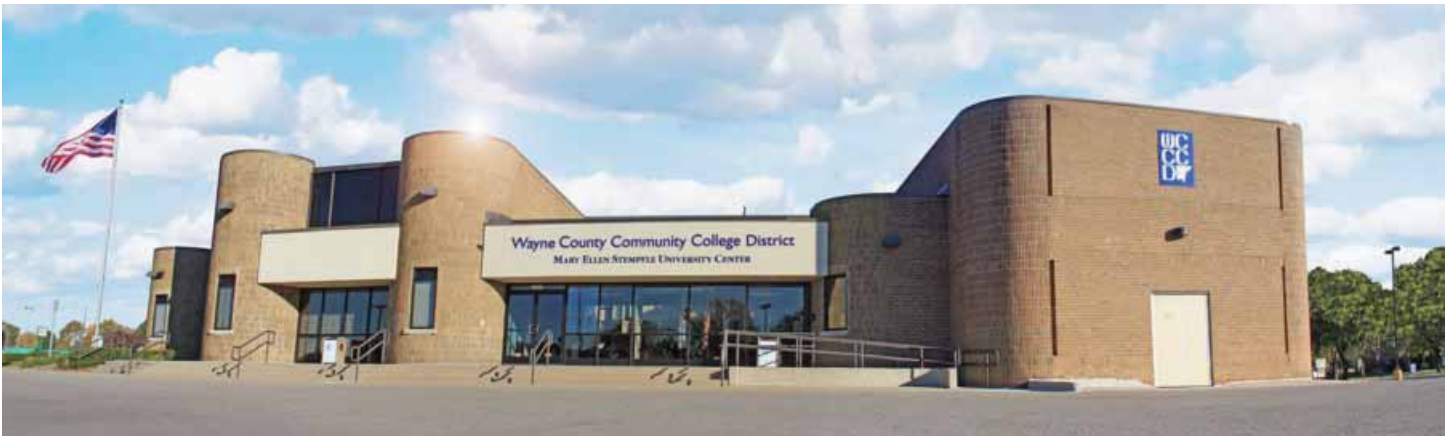


**STUDENT
APPRENTICESHIP/
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Eastern Campus



Painting duct work



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

American Sign Language

The American Sign Language class at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center offers immersive and interactive learning experiences for students. Students are actively practicing their signing skills in a collaborative environment.



Congratulations Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle!

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center-Center for Learning Technology hosted a celebratory program honoring City of Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle, who has been named the 2024 Black Mayor of the Year by the African Leadership Institution.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Faculty Coffee Hour

Staff from the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center presented a workshop to faculty on ways to stay healthy.



Supporting ESL Students

Students continue to practice their language skills.



Spring 2025 Walk-in Registration

CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Wildcats Season Opener

The HWEC hosted the Men's Wildcats season opener against the Kennedy Prep Clippers.



Faculty Participate in Stretching Workshop

The HWEC facilitated a stretching workshop for faculty at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Vibrant Health Workshop

The HWEC hosted the November Vibrant Health Workshop, focusing on healthy eating utilizing a plant-based nutrition plan.

Downriver Campus

Continuing Education



U.S. Border Patrol

Members of the U.S. Border Patrol participated in a Prevention and Relationship Education Program.

The Guidance Center

The Guidance Center held its Wraparound Community Team Meeting. This event provided a comprehensive holistic, youth and family-driven way of responding when children or youth experience serious mental health or behavioral challenges.



Boy Scouts of America

The Downriver Campus hosted the Boy Scouts of America Machian Michigan Crossroads Council Great Lakes Division Commissioner Workshop.



Wayne Metro

Wayne Metro CAA held its *The Power of Play* Training. This event addressed improving cognitive function, emotional expression, stress reduction and self-discovery.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Detroit Police Department Special Response Team Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Detroit Police Special Response Team for training.

STUDENT FIRE FIGHTER PRACTICALS

Downriver Career and Technical Consortium

MIPSE hosted dual enrollment fire fighter students from the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium. The classroom portion is conducted at Flat Rock High School.



William D. Ford Career Technical Center

MIPSE also hosted students from William D. Ford Career Technical Center for the Wayne/Westland School District Fire Fighter training course.

Northwest Campus

Community Partnerships

A Note of Thanks!

We received this note from People.Health regarding a recent and successful collaborative partnership between Councilman James Tate and the WCCCD Northwest Campus that provided free CT chest screenings to community members.

“On behalf of People.Health, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for hosting the chest CT screening event. Thank you for your generosity, collaboration, and for providing such a fantastic venue for our event. We completed 53 chest CT screenings! Thank you again for being an essential part of our no cost chest CT screening event’s success.”



Health and Wellness Summit

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Corewell Health and the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council held a Health and Wellness Summit. Participants learned about the benefits of healthy living and how to live a healthy lifestyle.



Ted Scott Campus



Wayne RESA

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Wayne County Literacy Coaching Network 2024-2025 workshop. Participants learned about research-based practices using collaborative inquiry, common texts, and discussions of the essential coaching practices for literacy.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Alpha Kappa Alpha Eta Iota Omega Chapter's Workshop. Participants learned how to educate and emphasize financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investment, managing debt, and improving credit.

Future Partnership Opportunities

Staff from the Ted Scott Campus facilitated a tour of the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Lab to members of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.



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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

