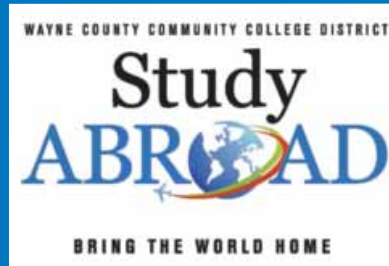


Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1475

December 7-13, 2024



Students Return from Enriching Educational Experience in Thailand!

Students recently completed a week-long educational study abroad experience in Bangkok, Thailand. The program, organized in collaboration with the Bangkok Language Institute, provided students with an in-depth introduction to Thai history, culture and language. As part of the experience, students gained insight into Thailand's rice production, a vital aspect of the country's economy, and visited the Bamboo Village School, where they shared meaningful interactions with displaced children.

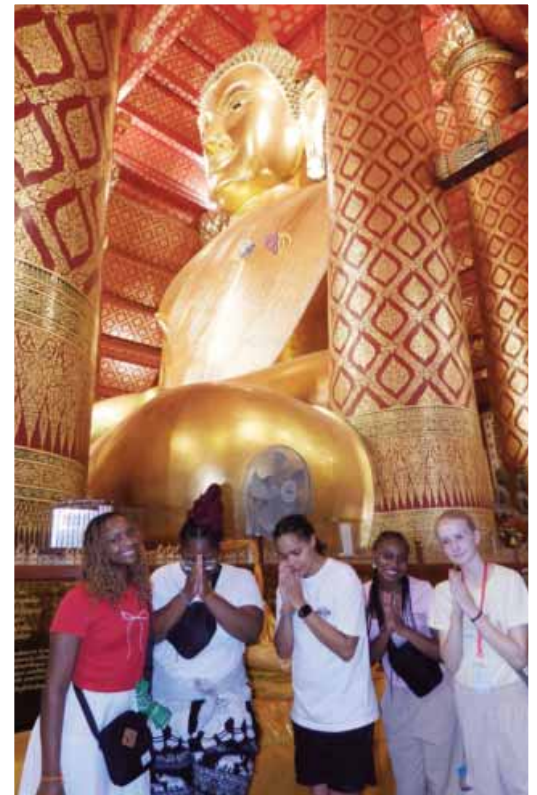




WCCCD's Study Abroad Program provides students with educational experiences across multiple countries, enriching their understanding of diverse cultures. Each experience fosters multicultural insights, helping students to appreciate both our shared humanity and the rich diversity of cultures - historically, globally, and within modern America.

Study abroad goals and objectives:

- Equipping students with theoretical and analytical frameworks, along with practical insights for navigating and contributing to a global society.
- Providing students with opportunities to experience diverse cultures and languages, fostering a broadened worldview and deeper cultural humility.
- Developing and strengthening intercultural communication and language proficiency.
- Enhancing students' interpersonal skills and cognitive agility in diverse contexts.
- Cultivating resilience and self-confidence through immersive, real-world experiences.



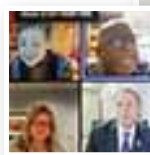


Collaborative Programming

I met with Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD), and Reverend Wendell Anthony to discuss collaborative programming aimed at enhancing student success and creating seamless educational pathways.

Global Community College Leadership Network Meeting

I met with Dr. Cindy Miles, Trisha Rothoff and Dr. Steve Robinson, President of Lansing Community College, to discuss upcoming Global Community College Leadership Network initiatives.



Student Success

I had the opportunity to meet with a recent WCCCD graduate who is now employed with Monica Lewis, DDS and Kim Bradford, DDS. Ms. Bernice is proudly using her skills as a dental hygienist and giving back to the community.



Mayor's Workforce Development Board Meeting

I participated in the City of Detroit Mayor's Workforce Development Board Meeting. Some of the agenda items included the Co-Chair and Executive Directors Reports and presentations on the Talent Pipeline initiative.



FALL 2024 INDUCTION CEREMONY

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HONOR SOCIETY

Downriver Campus December 6, 2024



Keynote Speaker
Sherry Gay-Dagnogo
Board Member
Detroit Public Schools Community District



One Vision, One District, One College



Division of Student Services



Student Success Initiatives Meeting



Federal Work-Study Program

Federal Work-Study students are enjoying their work-study opportunities, learning new skills, networking, and are always valuable contributors to the offices they work in.



Student Nursing Association

Dr. Tammy Anderson supported the Student Nursing Association and enjoyed her teeth cleaning session with student Dental Hygienist, Malisa Taylor.

Outreach and Recruitment

Staff met with representatives from the Detroit Promise and Detroit Regional Chamber to discuss the partnership opportunities.



Promoting Higher Education

Staff visited Davis Aerospace Technical High School.

Northwest Campus

Culinary Arts and Hospitality Hamtramck Cohort

Culinary Arts and Hospitality students from Hamtramck High School showcased their exceptional artistry through exquisite swan creations, embodying the pinnacle of culinary sophistication and shaping the next generation of seven-star professionals.



Students help prepare meals for our community partners.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Michigan New Jobs Training Program

Staff met with representatives from Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Wayne County, and Detroit Regional Partnership to discuss collaborative opportunities to leverage Michigan New Jobs Training Program resources. The funds will increase training and jobs for WCCCD's service areas.



Strengthening Community Partnerships

Furquan Ahmed met with John Graves and Michael Grace, Founder and CEO of Thrive2Liv, to discuss usage of CT Scanners for testing.



Community Meeting

Staff met Detroit City Councilman Scott Benson's staff to discuss programs offered at the Northwest Campus, as well as potential partnerships that can assist the community we serve to reach their goals.



Workforce Activity Reconciliation



Division of Educational Affairs



Michigan Alliance for Greater Mobility Advancement Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Allan Cosma attended the Michigan Alliance for Greater Mobility Advancement (MAGMA) Advisory Council Meeting led by Michelle Eano Uresti of the Workforce Intelligence Network. Discussions focused on regulatory impacts, the transition to electric vehicles, advancements in battery technology, challenges in scaling Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure, and Michigan's leadership in automotive innovation.

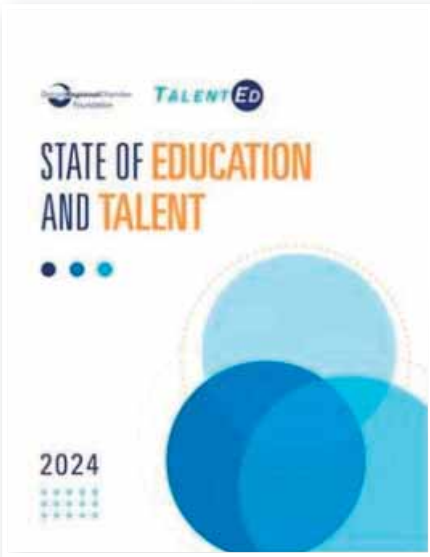


Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative Project Leads Meeting

Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3) Project Leads held their last meeting of the year to discuss the next phase of D3C3 work and opportunities to continue collaborating in 2025.



Division of Educational Affairs



D3C3 Leadership Council and Compact Partner Meeting

Drs. Brian Singleton and Allan Cosma participated in the D3C3 Leadership Council and Compact Partner Meeting at the Apple Developer Academy. Highlights of the event included remarks by Jamie Jacob and Dr. Sarah Gretter, as well as updates on grants approved by the 60x30 Office, where WCCCD shared insights on a recently approved grant.

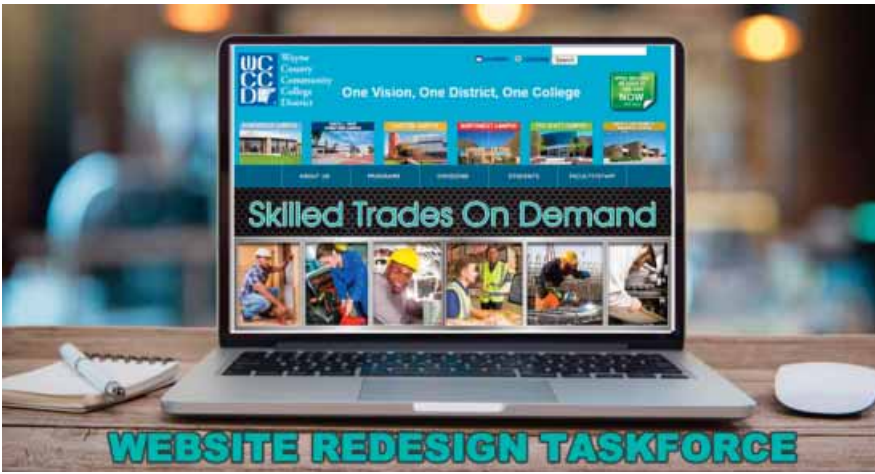
Cengage Meeting

Staff met with representatives from Cengage to review textbooks and the integration of textbook links into Blackboard for the upcoming Spring 2025 semester. Discussions focused on ensuring seamless access to course materials for students and faculty, addressing any technical challenges, and aligning resources with the upcoming semester's needs.



Faculty Informational Sessions

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted several faculty informational sessions. Topics included campus resources, initiatives, events/activities updates. Faculty were able to share feedback, suggestions and meet campus administration.



WEBSITE REDESIGN TASKFORCE

**Countdown to Launch:
WCCCD's Redesigned Website
Goes Live Next Week**

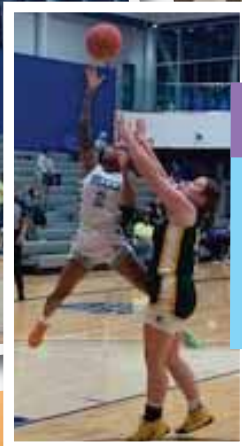
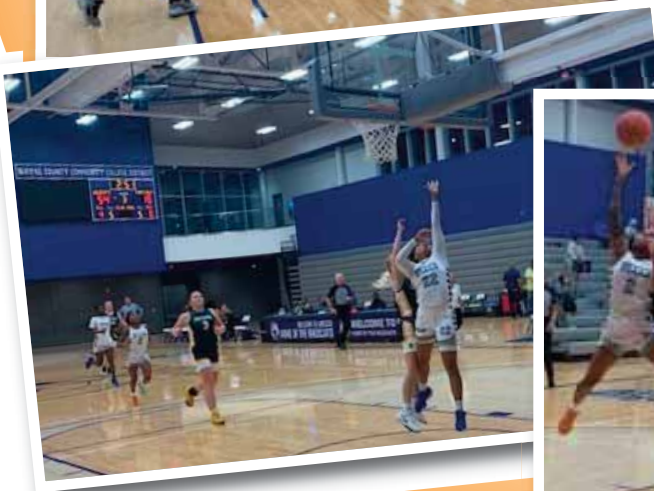
We're just a couple of days away from unveiling WCCCD's newly redesigned website on December 16th! The Website Redesign Taskforce is putting the final touches on page content and fine-tuning image placements.

To make the transition seamless, the taskforce continued hosting website navigation orientation sessions with the School of Continuing Education, the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the campuses. These sessions focused on enhancing usability and introducing key stakeholders to the exciting new layout and features.



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Health & Wellness
Education Center



WCCCD Wildcats Basketball

WCCCD Women's Wildcats hosted a game against Montcalm Community College. The WCCCD Men's Wildcats played against the Hocking Community College Hawks.



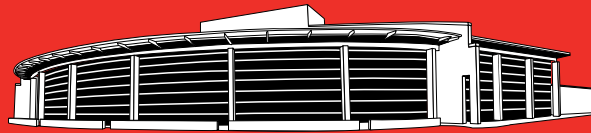
Fit Camp

Fit Camp is the perfect after-work group fitness session to help members reach their wellness goals.



Holiday Staff Meeting

Staff met to discuss the end of the semester and HWEC holiday closing schedules.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
 HEINZ C. PRECHTER
 EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

Taylor West Middle School Choir Concert



The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted students from the Taylor West Middle School Chorus Department for their festival concert.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY
 EDUCATION



U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Mobile Field Force Training



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted United States Customs and Border Protection for Mobile Field Force. This class consists of formations introduction and practice, gas mask familiarization/certification with CS exposure, Riot Baton/Riot Shield familiarization and certification, and scenario-based training.

Community Partnerships

The School of Continuing Education is pleased to partner with the James Wadsworth Community Center. Silver Circle offerings include *Texting for Seniors Android and iPhones, Internet and You.*



Wayne County Community College District | **School of Continuing Education**

VIRTUAL WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

In today's fast-paced world, taking time for yourself is crucial, and this workshop aims to guide you on a journey toward a healthier, balanced lifestyle.

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
 CLICK CLASS BELOW TO REGISTER

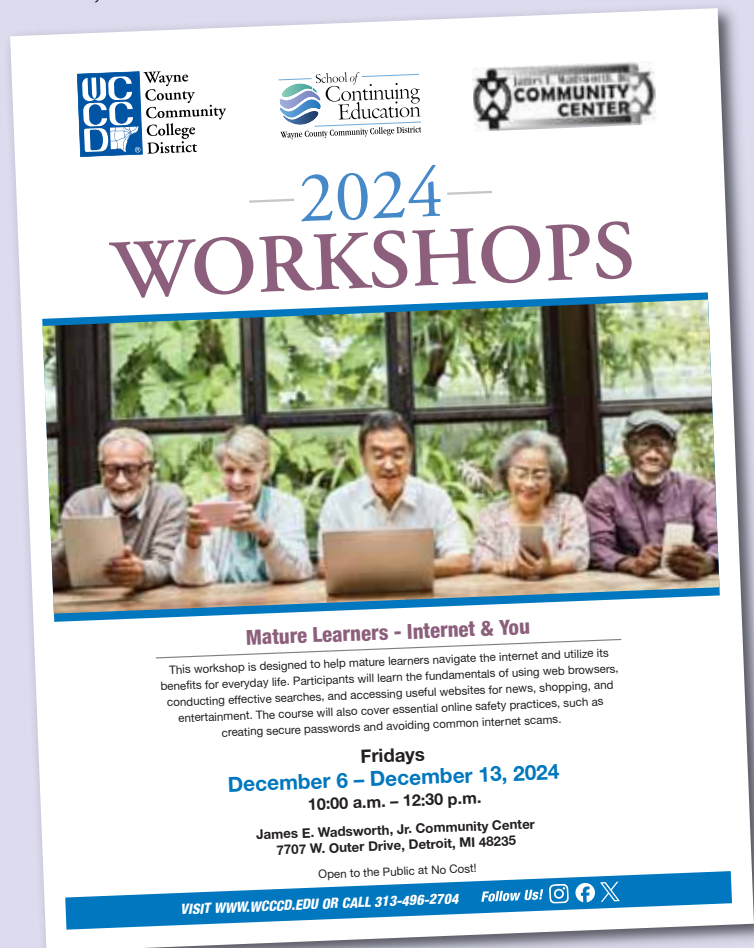
YOUR HEALTH FROM HEAD TO TOE!

- Week 1: WHAT'S IN YOUR HEAD: EATING FOR BRAIN HEALTH**
11/20/24 • 2:00 p.m.
- Week 2: GUT HEALTH: YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT**
12/11/24
- Week 3: REFLEXOLOGY: THE BENEFITS OF REFLEXOLOGY**
1/22/25
- Week 4: HEART HEALTH: EATING FOR A HEALTHY HEART**
2/12/25

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.WCCCD.EDU OR CALL 313-496-2704 Follow Us! 


Expanding Our Learning about Health and Wellness

Many have learned about various health and wellness topics at the Wellness Wednesdays sessions with Jamie Latendresse, Nutrition and Health Coach. The virtual sessions are held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays through February 12, 2025.



Wayne County Community College District | **School of Continuing Education** | **JAMES WADSWORTH, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER**

—2024— WORKSHOPS




Mature Learners - Internet & You

This workshop is designed to help mature learners navigate the internet and utilize its benefits for everyday life. Participants will learn the fundamentals of using web browsers, conducting effective searches, and accessing useful websites for news, shopping, and entertainment. The course will also cover essential online safety practices, such as creating secure passwords and avoiding common internet scams.

Fridays
December 6 – December 13, 2024
 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Community Center
 7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48235

Open to the Public at No Cost!

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Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

October 7 - 12, 2024

Curtis L. Ivery
 Downtown Campus
 227

Eastern Campus
 46

Ted Scott Campus
 74

Downriver Campus
 795

Northwest Campus
 254

Mary Ellen Stempfle
 University Center
 TBD

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

Ted Scott Campus

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Student Art Show. Participants had the opportunity to view various styles of artwork created by students.





Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

Students from Carleton Elementary School participated in a fun and creative program designed to introduce students to the world of art and college life.



Division of Information Technology

HAPPENING NOW!

Microsoft 365 Migration

As collaborative efforts for the Microsoft 365 migration project continues, staff from the Divisions of Information Technology and Educational Affairs met to discuss the phases of implementation for faculty.



IT/Website Committee

IT and the Website Committee met to review project progress and milestones achieved in preparation for the website launch.



Keycard Reader Upgrade Project

This week, the Curtis L. Ivery District Office implemented an upgrade of its key card reader systems to prioritize technological advancement and security measures.



Previous Card Reader



New Card Reader



Building Community Relationships



Andy Steeby and Tim Durand attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's holiday gathering, honoring our partners and leaders in the Southeastern Michigan region, and celebrating our membership and accomplishments throughout the year.



Denis Karic represented the District at the Detroit Chamber Regional Healthcare Collaborative meeting.



Denis Karic represented the District at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Grosse Pointe Foundation board meetings.

Dr. CharMaine Hines represented the District as a team member of the Higher Learning Commission on a recent evaluation review.

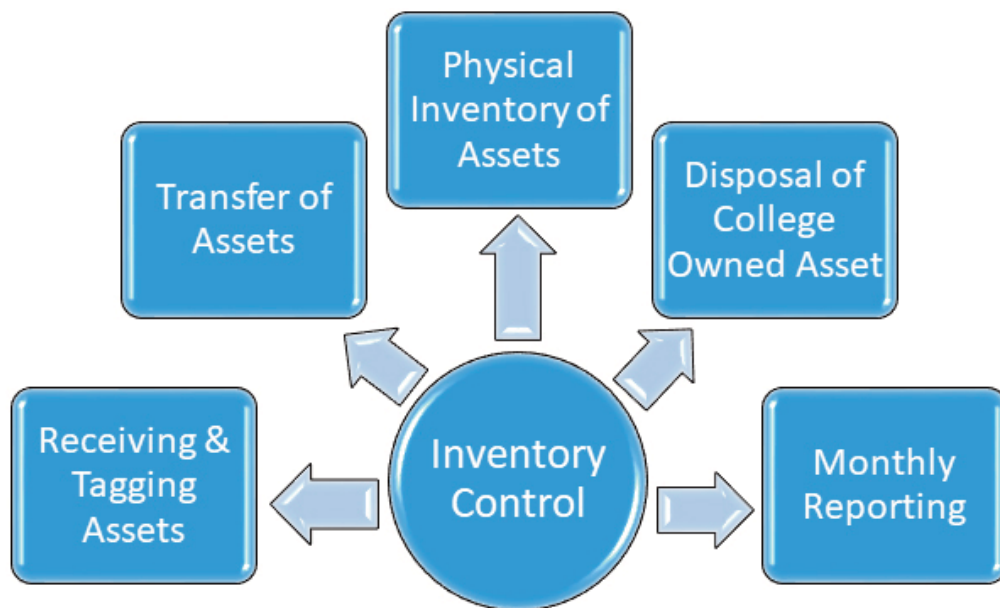




Continuous Quality Improvement

District Review Inventory Control

The District continues to review and implement best practices through our Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiatives. Currently, the District has been reviewing the process and procedures for each area of asset inventory.





Division of Human Resources

Training and Development Programs for 2025-26

The Division of Human Resources is currently planning the 2025-26 District-wide professional development workshops. These educational opportunities are provided to faculty and staff to enhance their skills, knowledge, and performance in their roles, often including workshops, conferences, training programs, and mentoring initiatives aimed at improving teaching methods, administrative practices, and overall effectiveness within the workplace.



Survey Results: Top 10 Topics in Training and Development



Staff engaged in a professional development session with Joyce Weiss, Communication Coach and author of *Take the Ride of Your Life*, on strategies to enhance customer service and telephone etiquette.



DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



Arab Cultural Program Meeting



Participants enjoyed presentations on the history and culture of Lebanon at the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Arab Cultural Program meeting.



South Asian Cultural Program Meeting

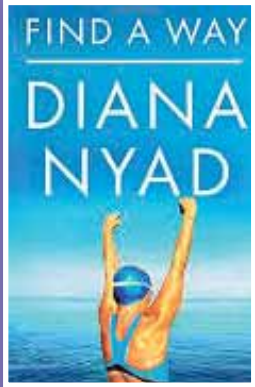
This week, we discussed the traditions and customs of the South Asian culture.



Eastern European Cultural Program Planning Meeting

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Cultural Book Discussion



At this week's Cultural Book Discussion, we talked about the book Find a Way: Diana Nyad. In a riveting memoir, Diana shares a spirited account of what it takes to face one's fears, engage one's passions, and never ever give up.

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**

Ted Scott Campus Nursing Lab Renovation



New electronic window enclosure for the Northwest Campus Main Guard



Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center Locker Rooms Renovation



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

The facilities staff continue to ensure the physical state and operations of the campus to provide a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment for students, faculty, and staff.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Language Institute

Chinese language students engaged in a thorough revision of the course material, ensuring they were well-prepared for the final exam. It was a rewarding culmination of their hard work and dedication throughout the term. We wish them all the best in their continued language learning journey.



Student Ambassadors

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus has begun recruiting student ambassadors for the Spring 2025 semester. The Student Ambassadors Program is comprised of student volunteers who are visible and actively engaged District-wide.



Detroit Urban League

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan meeting. The meeting provided urban seniors the opportunity to learn more about available employment focusing on seniors and job readiness.



Learning Resource Center

Students are preparing for finals.

Downriver Campus



Wayne Metro Community Action Agency

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne Metro Community Action Agency Supportive Housing and Homeless Service. This program aims to empower individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness with the solution to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.



SEMCA All Staff Meeting

The Downriver Campus also hosted Southeast Michigan Community Alliance's (SEMCA) All Staff Meeting.

Ted Scott Campus



Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne County's Hazard Mitigation Plan update workshop. Participants learned how to better prepare for emergency situations.

Eastern Campus



Spring 2025 Semester Calendar Planning



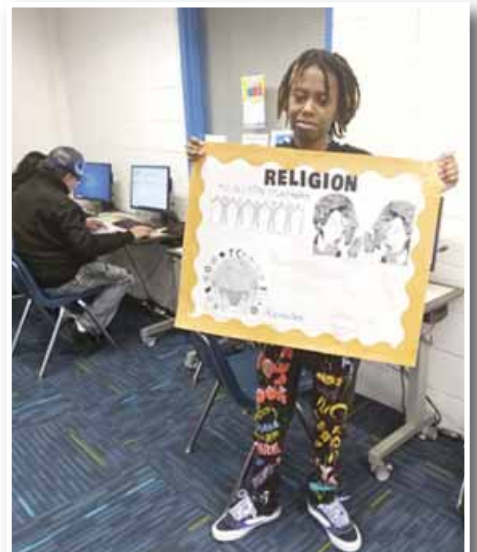
Introductory Biology

Biology students dissected fetal pigs to identify the internal organs and layers of skin.



Sociology Final Projects

Students Keandrea Dennis and Horace I. Hill presented their final projects for sociology.



Northwest Campus



Administration Meeting

Campus administrators met to discuss the closeout of the Fall 2024 semester and the strategies they will utilize to ensure a successful Spring 2025 semester.

Business Education Series

Ron Bartell of the West McNichols Business Association, held an information seminar for students and community members interested in starting their own business. Mr. Bartell discussed the intricacies of small business finances and tips to managing them.



Information Technology Meeting

Staff from the Northwest Campus met with members of the Division of Information Technology to discuss strategies to improve campus and student success.

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

