



Makin' Cake

As part of the All About the Arts Series, a special Black History Month show titled *Makin' Cake* was presented. Written and performed by Dasha Kelly Hamilton, author, poet laureate and creative change agent, *Makin' Cake* sliced into American history exploring culture. The audience experienced this one-night-only event with Dasha and her guest bakers, plus a delicious post-show conversation with cake.



**Miyasi Gee Concert
with Sri Lankan
Community**



Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting



This week, I participated in the Michigan Community College Association's Presidents Committee Meeting.



Strategic Planning Meeting for Upcoming Programs and Initiatives



Division of Student Services



Graduation Class Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the first Graduation Class Meeting for graduates. Students received information to prepare them for the 2025 Commencement Ceremony being held on June 7, 2025 at the Masonic Temple.



Student Success Center

Staff collaborated to discuss strategies to support student success.



Considine Center

Students at the Considine Little Rock Family Life Center are dedicated to their studies.

Division of Student Services



Staff represented the District at several local high school college fairs this week. They disseminated information about program offerings and admissions.



Dual Enrollment Program

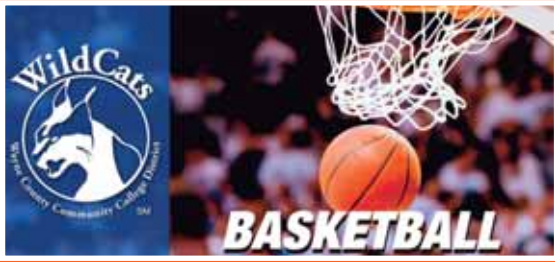
Staff met to discuss recruitment strategies for the remainder of the 2025 academic year.



TRiO Program

Congratulations to TRiO student Nyra Miller!

Nyra Miller will be graduating from WCCCD in June and has been accepted to Wayne State University. She will apply to McNair's Scholars Program, an initiative of TRiO, with the goal of increasing attainment of a Ph.D. degree.



Congratulations Scholarship Recipients

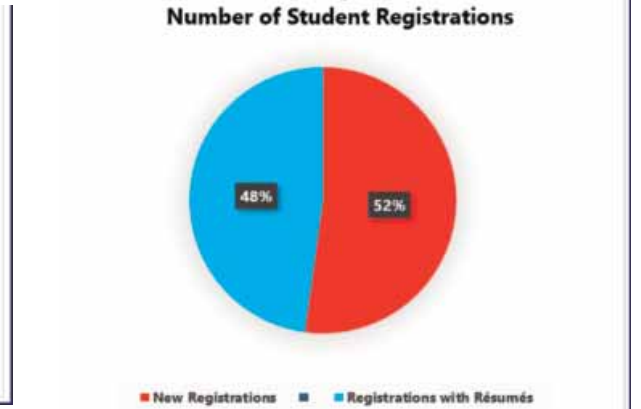
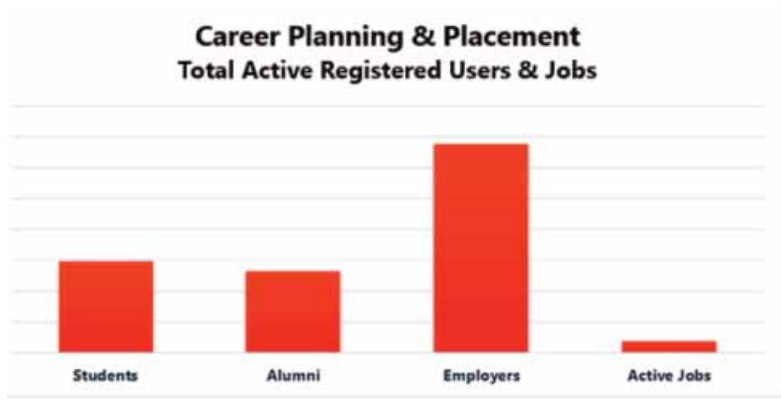
WCCCD's Men's Basketball Team competed in this year's NJCAA March Madness Tournament. Our Wildcats finished the season in 4th place and several players received scholarships.



Division of Student Services

Career Planning and Placement

The Career Planning and Placement Office allows students and graduates to explore employment opportunities with their educational and personal goals. Students and graduates receive assistance in preparing resumes and cover letters and improving their interviewing skills through employability development software programs.



Adult Education

Staff is currently training work-study students on administrative skills.



Tuesday Dixon

Congratulations!

WCCCD student Tuesday Dixon has been named a semi-finalist for International Officer for Phi Theta Kappa. She is currently a Regional Officer. The winner will be selected at the annual PTK Catalyst Conference in April 2025.

The Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter celebrated PTK Awareness Week. This is a dedicated time for members to promote the organization, engage in activities, and highlight the impact of PTK on student success.



Campus Life

WCCCD chess enthusiasts discuss game strategies.

University Partners



Dr. Randall Miller's Corner



Shining Light on the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

When speaking with Denis Karic, Provost of the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center (MESUC), you can sense the passion he feels advocating for our students as he helps them explore educational pathways with our partners. He inspires that same enthusiasm and commitment from his team.

Mr. Karic continues to meet with MESUC partners to explore programs to help our students get a four-year degree. He is constantly working to communicate the enormous savings our students can enjoy by taking 90 credits at WCCCD and then only having to pay for one year at their university partner's tuition rate. This is the benefit of the 3 + 1 plan for MESUC students.

Currently we have nine university partners, and of those, Ferris State University (FSU) has a staff member on site at the MESUC. Because of the personal attention their students receive, several hundred students have transferred to FSU to complete their degrees in criminal justice.

Another success story is the University of Michigan-Flint, which has students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science-Nursing program to improve their job and promotional opportunities in the very hot field of Nursing.

The MESUC and the MESUC - Center for Learning Technology offer classes through Distance Learning each semester. To support those students, we have developed a system for providing textbooks online for all those classes as a result of partnerships with McGraw-Hill and Cengage.

A final bright spot at the MESUC is the Diverse Learners program, which supports students with learning disabilities. Offering programs in Art, Cake Decorating, Music, and Yoga; this is a community service helping to bridge the gap between youth and adulthood for students with special needs, and it underscores the impact of our MESUC.



Division of Educational Affairs



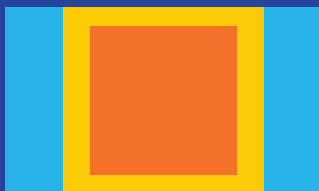
Advisory Breakfast Planning Meeting

Staff met to begin planning for the Spring 2025 Advisory Committee Breakfast Meeting.



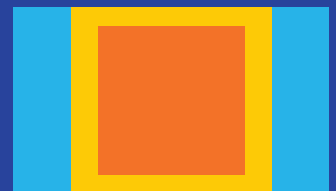
Professional Development

Dr. Tynisha McGee participated in the 2025 Master Class Series titled *Learn How to Make Better Academic Program Decisions*.



Save the Date!

Discipline Leads Meeting
Friday, March 14, 2025





Division of Human Resources

Importance of HR Risk Management

The Division of Human Resources (HR) is fully aware of the importance of HR risk management, especially when it relates to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) re-accreditation. Staff is working to move through the cataclysm of change in a way that they can offer a positive revitalization of their workforce throughout the District.



Reporting and Compliance Review

Human Resources is constantly reviewing, reconciling and auditing its processes, procedures and protocols for timely and correct reporting for state and federal compliance. HR, with the interaction of the Division of Information Technology, is continuously working for reliable data management so that their employees and division use of the information in easy accessible and in a secured environment.



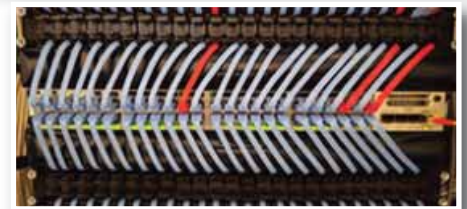
Division of Information Technology

Happening Now!

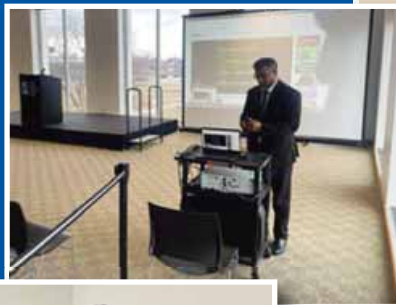
District-wide Network Switch Upgrades and Wireless Infrastructure Modernization

The Division of Information Technology is undertaking a comprehensive technology infrastructure upgrade to enhance network performance, reliability, and capacity across all facilities. This project includes the replacement and upgrading of existing network switches to ensure they meet current and future bandwidth demands, improve network efficiency, and support advanced network management capabilities.

In addition to the switch upgrades, the project will involve a complete redesign of the wireless network to improve coverage, capacity, and performance. This redesign will incorporate the deployment of new, high-performance wireless access points in all District buildings to support the increasing number of devices, online learning tools, and administrative systems that rely on wireless connectivity.



Campus Technical Support



Division of Workforce Development



Information Session

Representatives from Werner Trucking shared valuable insights into the job opportunities available within their company.



District Police Authority



American Heart Association Instructor Class

Officers from WCCCD's District Police Authority participated in an American Heart Association instructor renewal training at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education.





Division of Administration and Finance

Budget, Facilities and Human Resources Council Meeting

Members continue to meet to discuss budget concepts, principles and controls. Budget Center allocations are expected to align with WCCCD's mission statement and link to the District's Strategic Goals and Objectives to the resources needed to accomplish these institutional goals.



Annual Financial Aid Single Audit



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



Virtual Intercultural Conversations



This week's Virtual Intercultural discussion was led by Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha.

On the Move



Faculty and staff from across the District attended the 24th Annual Interfaith Day of Unity at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church.

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Studies Provides Pathways to Careers in Law, Corrections, and Security

Students in the Criminal Justice studies program are gaining a comprehensive understanding of the justice system. The District offers stackable pathways earning a Certificate of Achievement or College Certificate towards completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree and employment in the following career pathways including:

- Criminal Justice Studies
- Corrections
- Law Enforcement Administration
- Paralegal Studies
- Public/Private Security



Dual Enrollment Program

Dual enrollment students from Cass Technical High School visited the 36th District Court. Students were welcomed by Chief Judge William McConico, who also serves as a WCCCD professor. During their visit, they observed the Bond Redetermination and Felony dockets, gaining valuable insights into the judicial process.

Silver Circle Partnership Restoration Towers

Silver Circle students engage in “*Drawing and More for Seniors.*” The course was designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of drawing techniques and artistic expressions.



Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

February 10-22, 2025

Curtis L. Ivery
 Downtown Campus
 726

Eastern Campus
 486

Ted Scott Campus
 413

Downriver Campus
 529

Northwest Campus
 1005

Mary Ellen Stempfle
 University Center
 95

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Lunch & Learn Workshops



Arab American Culture

The campus community gathered for the Arab American Culture Lunch and Learn, where they enjoyed traditional dishes while engaging in insightful discussions.



Detroit Hives Workshop

Students, staff and community members gained knowledge of urban beekeeping and the process of honey production.

Motor City Contractors

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



Team Development Workshop

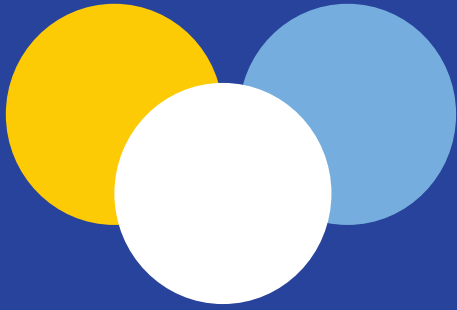
The Black Family Development held an interactive workshop designed to help teams strengthen their collaboration and communication, while aligning efforts toward achieving departmental goals.



Michigan Department of Transportation

MDOT and the 375 Project team hosted a networking event aimed at fostering further growth and development for business enterprises.





CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Senior Strength Training

Members enjoyed the pace and flexibility of the Senior Strength Training class that encourages mobility and muscle growth.



Strategic Initiatives Meeting

Staff met to discuss the Strategic Initiatives Process and priorities for the upcoming 2025-26 budget year.



Community Partnerships

Mike Dotson met with Brenda Price, Associate State Director of AARP-Michigan to discuss future partnership opportunities.

Downriver Campus



Wayne RESA Professional Learning Day

Teachers spent the day attending various professional learning sessions engaging in hands-on learning.



Spoken Word Black History Month Edition

The Downriver Campus hosted Spoken Word: Black History Month Edition. Guest speaker was Joel Fluent Greene who is a poet, author, event curator, educator, and Spirit of Detroit Award recipient.



Wayne Metro CAA Head Start Staff In-Service

Wayne Metro CAA Head Start held its staff in-service workshop. They discussed training for precautions, fire safety, first aid, choking, medication administration and management.



Student Success! Wig Making Class





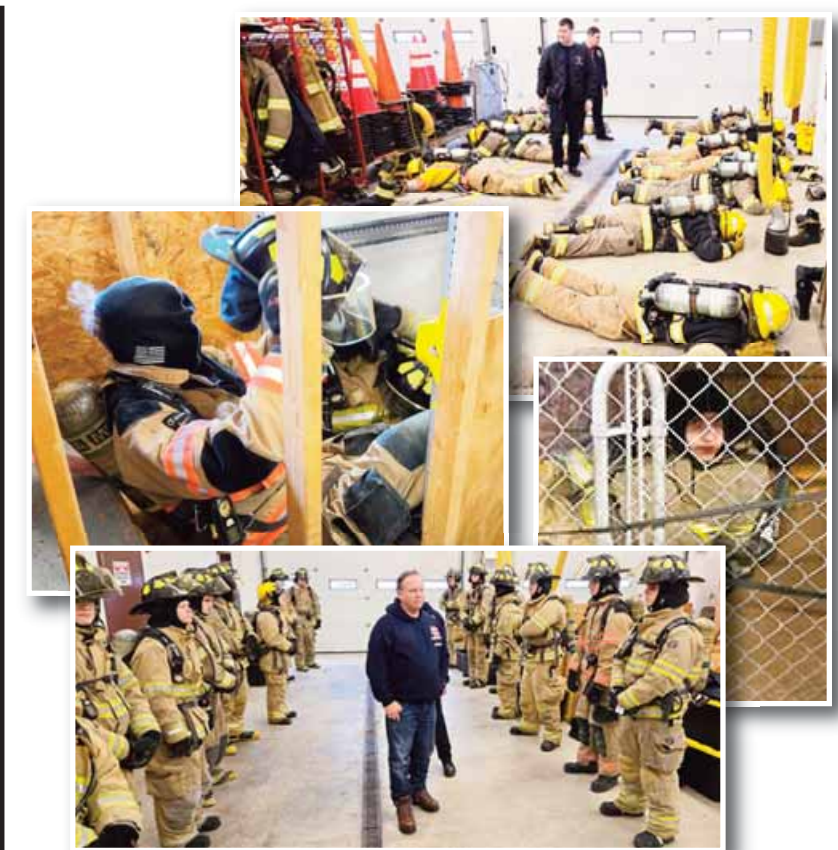
Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team for their monthly meeting.



Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit Training

Members of the Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit participated in a training exercise to find either narcotics or bomb related materials.



Fire Practical Class

MIPSE hosted the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Dual Enrollment fire fighter class for a training exercise.

Eastern Campus

IMAGINE Mentoring Program

The IMAGINE Mentoring Program hosted a “Patch Party” for younger girls to inspire their affirmation-based patches and t-shirt design classes. This workshop empowered the youth to tap into their unlimited potential, to help every girl wear her confidence proudly, and to create a community of young women who uplift themselves and each other.



**Mechatronics Training
Cell Maintenance**



A Debt Owed, Not a Handout Workshop

Khary Frazier is a Detroit-based artist, entrepreneur, and community organizer committed to preserving and promoting Black Detroit culture through media, storytelling, and advocacy. He held a workshop to discuss his video essay, *A Debt Owed, Not a Handout*.



UAW Local 51 Training Workshop

Eastern Campus



Hands-On Training Prepares Students for HVAC Careers

Current students in the Introduction to HVAC and Hermetic Systems class at the Eastern Campus are gaining hands-on experience with essential copper tubing techniques. They are developing skills to strengthening their understanding of HVAC systems.



Northwest Campus

Political Strategy Discussion

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib hosted a town hall at the Northwest Campus to discuss political strategies.



The Northwest Campus hosted Mumford High School for a campus tour and pinning ceremony.

Conversation with Attorney Gregory Reed

Prominent Attorney, cultural preservationist, and activist, Gregory Reed, alongside Greg Dunmore, spoke with students about his life and experiences working with many famous civil rights figures including Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Distance Learning



Denis Karic met with Anthology to discuss the timeline for transitioning our system to Blackboard Ultra, the latest iteration of the Blackboard Learning Management System. The focus of the meeting was to ensure a seamless experience for both students and faculty, enhancing the interface, and integrating new tools to improve engagement, accessibility, and ease of use.



Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with Suzy Berschback, Raising Resilient Children Program Manager, Corewell Health, to discuss partnership opportunities.



Mr. Karic and Ms. Hackworth also met with Leslie Frank, Harper Woods City Clerk, to explore partnership opportunities.



Dual Enrollment Program

Kemal Kurtovic met with staff from Chandler Park Academy to discuss the Spring 2025 semester dual enrollment student progress and the class schedule for the Summer semester.

Ted Scott Campus



Open to the Community

The Ted Scott and Downriver campuses, in partnership with Wayne State University and the Wayne County Health Department, received a Well Station (vending machines) with free Narcan, Fentanyl Test Strips Xylazine test strips available to anyone in the community.



Did You Know?

Narcan is the first line drug to reverse an opioid overdose.

Fentanyl is 100 x stronger than Morphine and comes in various forms such as powder and liquid.

Xylazine also known as "tranq" is veterinarian tranquilizer an emerging drug used in combination with Opioids.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Chapter Seminar. Participants had an opportunity to learn about the various community services that can be done within the chapter and the community.



Steel and Stilettos

Participants learned about gun safety and personal safety during a workshop presented by Steels and Stilettos.



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

