

# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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## Michigan Council of Women in Technology "Get IT" Girls Day

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Michigan Council of Women in Technology "Get IT" Girls Day. More than 400 middle school girls were educated on a variety of different technologies and concepts in a practical, hands-on environment.







## Strengthening Community Partnerships

I met with Trustee Marla J. Edwards-Wheeler, Byron Nolen, Mayor of Inkster, and members of his leadership team to explore strategies for strengthening community partnerships, enhancing workforce development initiatives and collaborate on public safety efforts.



## Budget, Facilities and Human Resources Council Meeting

Members continue to meet to discuss budget concepts, principles, and controls, ensuring ongoing financial sustainability, resource allocation, and strategic planning to support the college's mission.

## Leadership Planning Meeting

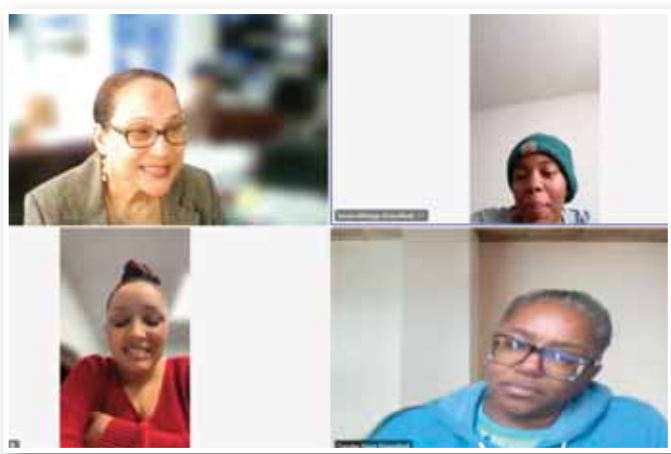
Members of the Leadership Team met with Bankole Thompson to discuss planning of upcoming programs and events for the Summer 2025 semester.





## ACE Accelerating Career Education

ACE Career Preparation Workshops aim to assist students in identifying resources to help them uncover their talents and develop strategic action plans to reach their career goals. The team is organizing workshops for the 2025-26 academic year.



## Student Executive Council

The Student Executive Council met to review learning styles, multiple intelligences and discussed how to apply these understandings to prepare for college's academic requirements and the work place.



## International Students

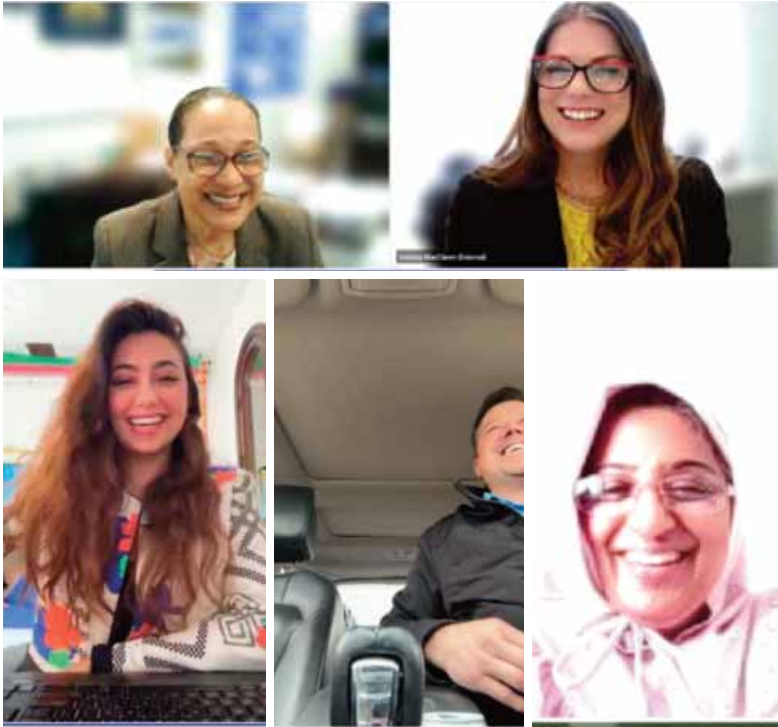
Staff continue to assist international students with the registration process, ensuring students have access to the courses they need to succeed in their academic journey.



# Division of Student Services

## Global Conversations Speaker Series

We continue discussions focused on global speaker programming for the upcoming Summer and Fall semesters.



## Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Congratulations to Phi Theta Kappa member, Ifty Hasan Rana, on being named a 2025 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar. This prestigious honor, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa, comes with a \$1,500 scholarship. His exceptional achievement in the All-USA Academic Team competition makes him the top-scoring student in Michigan.



*Congratulations*



*Go, Wildcats!*

## Athletics Student Success Spotlight

Joshua Warren, a stand-out WCCCD graduate, athlete, and PTK Member, is now graduating from U of M Dearborn with a Bachelor's in Business Marketing and Administration. Athletically, he made his mark there by surpassing 1,000 career points!

# DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



## Shining the Light on Leadership of Student Services and the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Providing leadership as WCCCD's Vice Chancellor for Student Services and as Campus President for the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus would each be daunting tasks, but Dr. Brian Singleton is leading both areas simultaneously and with significant success. He has recently been recognized with some high profile awards for his leadership abilities and his research.

The National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) just chose his dissertation, *The Relationship Between Location (Urban, Suburban, and Rural Community Colleges) and Student Engagement*, as the recipient of the 2025 Northeast Region's Dissertation of the Year Award. NCBAA stated his research "aligns with its mission of advancing equity and access in higher education and provides a valuable contribution in the field of community college leadership."

Dr. Singleton's research coined a term and defined WCCCD's 'Eco-System of Support Services' as a complete network of internal and external services surrounding every aspect of the student experience. He underscores his passion about this concept stating he believes "the factors outside of the classroom have more of an effect on student success than those inside the classroom or a student's cognitive ability."

What shines through in reviewing Dr. Singleton's work history is his commitment to the value of all students and being sure all of our support services meet their needs. The breadth of the Division of Student Services is all-encompassing because it includes Records, Registration, Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, Admissions, Student Life, Recruitment, Academic Support, College Athletics, Judicial Affairs, and Student Advocacy.

Leadership of the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus includes some unique programs and facilities like the Cybersecurity Lab, Language Institute, Physical Therapist Assistant Lab, and the new Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center. Additionally, there is the responsibility of providing Continuing Education opportunities for non-traditional learning.

Accepting these responsibilities with grace and a commitment to ensure each student's success, both traditional and non-traditional, is valuable and is able to thrive in an environment conducive to learning has been Dr. Brian Singleton's commitment.





# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



## Celebrating Culture and Women's Empowerment



Attending the International Women's Day event organized by the Cultural Enrichment Department at WCCCD was a truly enriching experience. This event deepened my understanding of how immigrants balance adaptation to American culture while preserving their heritage. Most importantly, the event emphasized the versatility and power of women as leaders, artists, writers, and organizers, making it an inspiring celebration of International Women's Day.







# Division of Student Services

Staff represented the District at various high school Career Nights.



## Dual Enrollment Program



The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus welcomed DCAN guests for a presentation on WCCCD's new programs.



## Transfer Pathways



A panel from Wayne State University presented updates on the Transfer Pathways agreement with WCCCD during the Division of Student Services Information Session. This agreement guarantees student transfer admission, allowing significant cost savings while maximizing transfer credits. Current pathways include Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Public Health, Social Work, Urban Studies, Welding and Metallurgical Engineering Technology, with more on the way.

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## Preparing Students for Commencement

Staff are preparing graduation packets to be mailed to students. This information will help prepare students for the ceremony.







# Division of Workforce and Economic Development

## Construction Trades Training Program



Students visited the IBEW Training Center, where they gained an in-depth look into the electrician career pathway. During the tour, students had the chance to explore various aspects of the construction industry, including cable splicing, residential electrical work, and outdoor electrical components.

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## Commercial Driver's License Training Program

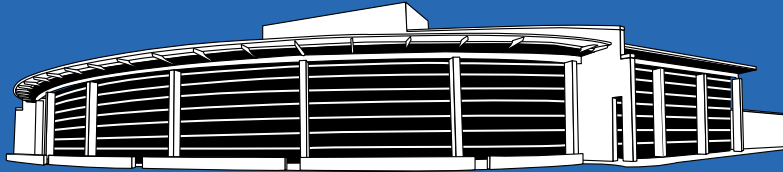
Professional Services and C&J Transportation visited the Regional Training Center to speak to our current CDL students about employment opportunities. Notably, Chris Scott from C&J Transportation was one of our former students, which is a great testament to the success of our training programs.



## MIG/Flux Core/Plasma Welding

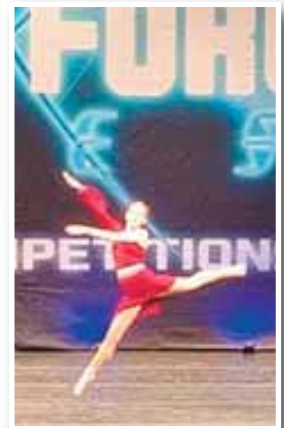
Students at the Eastern Campus are learning to create a vertical weld, which is also part of the certification to become a TIG welder.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*



### Dance Force Xpress

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted a three-day dance competition featuring dancers from regional dance companies.

### Wayne County Sheriff Jailor Training Graduation

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Jailor Training Graduation.





**HAPPENING NOW!**

**Northwest Campus Sim Lab Upgrade**



**Image One Meeting**

The MPS team met with representatives from Image One for a customer business review. The teams discussed:

- Fleet health and management
- Industry updates
- Security and compliance
- Cost and efficiency



**Cyber Range Meeting**

IT staff met with Cloud Range for a product demonstration and to discuss WCCCD cybersecurity upgrades.



**Northwest Campus**



**Curtis L. Ivery  
Downtown Campus**



**Eastern Campus**



## Intentional Collaborations with School Partners and Entities Shape #11 as Top 100 Efforts

Factors that shape the District's recent acknowledgment as the #11th ranking of Top 100 Degrees Conferred at community colleges for diverse students are having intentional collaborations and a strong partnerships with our community public school districts. Dr. CharMaine Hines met with members of the university and educational community partners working on pilots for intentional efforts at reaching high school students and bridging access and completion metrics at two and four-year institutions of higher education.

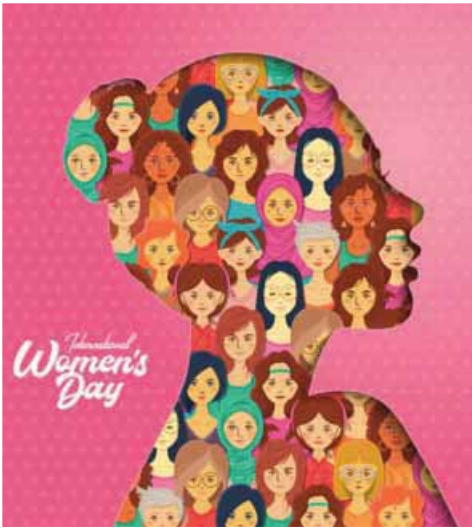
## Ceremonies and Rituals Committee



Members of the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee did a walk-through tour of the Masonic Temple, the venue for the 2025 Commencement Ceremony.









# *International Women's Day*





# The School of Continuing Education



## Senior Circle Program

Farooq Arif from the Eastern Campus presented a workshop at the Healthier Black Elders Center to talk about the Continuing Education programs available to our senior citizen population. The workshop focused on how to navigate with age friendly technology tools created for seniors.

## *Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery ~Downriver Campus* *"Re-Imagine" Allen Park Student Art Show*





# Division of Educational Affairs



## Tech Talk Seminar

The WCCCD Tech Talk, titled “Building the Digital Leaders of Tomorrow: Insights into Tech Careers Across Disciplines,” was held at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Students and guests gathered to hear Dr. Earl Robinson’s insightful presentation on “Agentic AI.” The discussion was led by the contributions of the three panelists: Dr. Sharon Lewis (CIS), Christopher Duhart (Cybersecurity), and Malik Jordan (VGD), and was moderated by our guest, Gabrielle Blackmon.



## Virtual Reality Experience

Staff, faculty, and students participated in an Experience Virtual Reality workshop. They learned about what the Metaverse really means in the world of education. Participants were able to use the Oculus Quest 2 VR Headset.



# Division of Educational Affairs

## New Website Enhancement: Faculty & Staff Global Navigation



We are excited to introduce a new website feature designed to enhance the user experience for our faculty and staff. This improvement, developed in response to your valuable feedback, offers streamlined access to the most frequently visited pages and support links. It can now be found directly under the “Faculty & Staff” tab in the global navigation.

## African American Studies Field Trip

Professor Ella Davis's African American Studies class visited the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and Culture. This educational experience provided students with valuable insights into the rich history, cultural heritage, and significant contributions of African American communities.



### LRC for Allied Health Meeting

Staff met to discuss collaborative efforts to improve and update LRC services for the allied health programs:

- ✓ Increasing visibility of the Health Science Resource Center at the Northwest Campus
- ✓ Implementation of a Resource Center at the Ted Scott Campus for nursing students
- ✓ Upcoming accreditation visits: Physical Therapist Assistant (June) and Nursing (September)

### Grade Appeal Process



Staff met to discuss the District's Final Grade Appeals Process.

# DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

## OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

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 Include:



PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

## CURTIS L. IVERY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Campus facilities staff installing new TV monitors around campus.



## DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

The mobilization and preparation for repairs to the Downriver Campus roofs.



## EASTERN CAMPUS



Computer Numerical Control Equipment (New CNC 5 Axis Mill delivery for the Computer Numerical Control Program)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Verna Brown and Dr. CharMaine Hines participated in the Innovations Conference dedicated to improving and enhancing teaching and learning, leadership management and the community college experience.



Staff from across the District participated in the District MI-ACE Collaborative Lunch and Learn session titled, *Positive Affirmations and Well-being Check-in*. This was an opportunity for ladies to focus on health and well-being while encouraging one another.



# Continuous Quality Improvement

## Facilities Process Meeting

The District continues to be proactive in reviewing and implementing best practices through our Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiatives. A Facilities Operations and Building Maintenance process discussion was held at the Northwest Campus.



### Best Practice Review

### District Operations Signage Updates



Ross Reardon is conducting a comprehensive best practice review of facility checklists utilized by community colleges and universities. This initiative aligns with the Chancellor's objective of operational advancements within the institution.







## *Building Community Relationships*



Staff attended the Canton Preparatory informational meeting for parents and students, which featured testimonials from returning students.



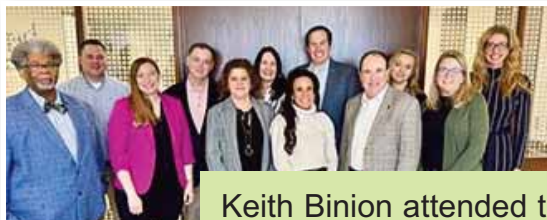
Asia Browner attended Michigan State University's (MSU) third annual Spartan Transfer Advisor Summit with community college advisors from across the State. The theme was "Breaking Down Barriers to MSU."



Staff represented the District at the Wayne Westland Community School District MACRAO College Fair held at Wayne Memorial High School.



Staff volunteered at Clean Love Project, gathering to create hygiene kits for Metro Detroit. These kits are offered to female students and staff in the Ted Scott Campus Community Corner Pantry.



Keith Binion attended the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Stakeholder's Advisory Council Meeting in Arlington, VA.

# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

*Lunch & Learn*



## Healthy Financial Habits

Representatives from Michigan School and Government led a session on improving credit scores and fostering healthy financial habits. Students learned how credit works, strategies to boost their scores, and other valuable information for maintaining strong financial management.



## Wayne County Commissioners Meeting

The Wayne County Commissioners hosted their staff retreat at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.

## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Sigma Pi Zeta held a workshop for teens that focused on life skills.



## U of M Information Table

Representatives from the University of Michigan provided information to students regarding transfer opportunities once they graduate from WCCCD.



# CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center



## Vibrant Health Workshop

The HWECC hosted Vibrant Health, a healthy living workshop. "Synergy Part 2" led by Chris Clay, JD, Wellness Lifestyle Expert. This seminar focuses on detoxing to naturally eliminate toxins from the body and the benefits of a plant-based lifestyle diet to improve health, reduce the risk of diabetes, aid in weight loss, and improve digestion.

## Group Tour from Physical Therapy

Students from the Physical Therapy Assistant Program visited the HWECC as part of their curriculum to gain real-world experience with instructor-led classes that allowed them to explore fitness and rehab equipment.



## Dance Fusion Class

Dance Fusion is a high-energy aerobics workout that incorporates weight for an intense but fun class.

# Downriver Campus



## AARP Monthly Chapter Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne County Heritage Chapter monthly meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

## Wayne RESA

Wayne RESA held a workshop at the Downriver Campus that provided information to the team with learning improvement services tailored to the unique needs of the school community.



## Southern Wayne Conference Quiz Bowl

The Southern Wayne Conference Quiz Bowl weekly competition was held. This high school sanctioned competition of academic teams from the Southern Wayne Conference competed in Jeopardy-style matches.



## Boy Scouts of America Workshop

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



## SEMCA All Staff Meeting

SEMCA held its All Staff Meeting. This meeting included the Workforce Development Board, which was composed of members from the public and private sectors who worked to ensure that the system worked for everyone.







WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



## Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting presented by the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This group set policy for hazardous materials within Wayne County.



## City of Flat Rock Fire Department Training

MIPSE hosted the City of Flat Rock Fire Department training. They used the mobile home to conduct search and rescue scenarios, rotating teams in and out for search and rescue, as well as firefighter-down scenarios.

## Detroit Public Safety Academy (DPSA) Fire Fighter Training

MIPSE hosted DPSA Fire Fighter Students for training. This training was designed to provide students with the skills necessary to perform hose lays, the different nozzles and streams and hose-to-hydrant hookups.



## National Fire Protection Association Fire Instructor Course

MIPSE hosted a NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 1041 Fire Instructor I course. This split five-day, 40-hour course was designed to meet the NFPA 1041 (2019) Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, Instructor 1 Level.



# Eastern Campus



## Detroit Community Health Network Workshop

Employees from the Detroit Community Health Network discussed upcoming activities and modifications to DCH. During this workshop participants were able to analyze and clarify their rights as recipients of Community Mental Health Services. Staff highlighted programs offered at the District.



### Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Students are learning to troubleshoot an HVAC unit.



### Introductory Biology Lab

Students studied photosynthesis in plant cells with light.



### Life Drawing Class

Students are working on sketching a human model.





## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



### ART CLASSES

Students are mastering the art of form through precise shadow placement and gestural techniques.



### Legislative Priorities Discussion

Congressman Shri Thanedar hosted a town hall at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center to discuss legislative priorities.



### AKA - Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter's monthly meeting to discuss initiatives.

# Northwest Campus



## Political Strategy Discussion

Rashida Tlaib held a town hall meeting for the 12th Congressional District of Michigan. Residents were offered the opportunity to speak with and hear from their elected congresswoman.



## AKA Ivylettes

The AKA sorority Ivylettes enjoyed a presentation on academics, leadership, and service.

## Campus Operations Meeting

Staff from the Northwest Campus met to discuss upcoming programs and initiatives.





# Northwest Campus



## 313 Day Celebration

Students and staff in the Health Science Center celebrated 313 Day with Detroit favorites Better Made Chips, Faygo pop and Motown music.



## Corewell Health Meeting

The Health Science team met with Kelli Sadler, Senior Vice President, Chief Nursing Executive of Corewell Health for Southeast Michigan. Mrs. Sadler provided updates to the team and discussed ways in which we can strengthen and expand our current partnership.

# Promotional Solutions Office



WCCCD'S Promotional Solutions Office expands its presence in the community through the use of partnerships, information campaigns and promotional material. This office will collect data and track District outreach activity to effectively manage and distribute promotional items District-wide.



## Ted Scott Campus



### Maximizing Social Security Workshop

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Safe Haven Wealth Management's Maximizing Social Security Workshop. Participants gained access to information that will address the complexities of navigating the system, the potential cost of planning mistakes, common benefit decision scenarios, the treatment of inflation and taxes.



# 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

