

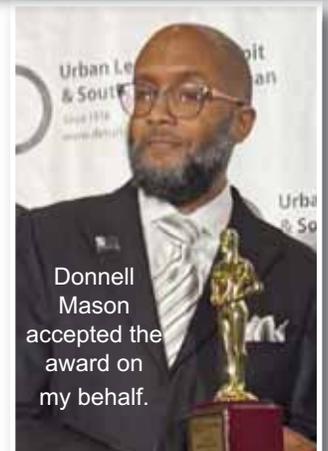
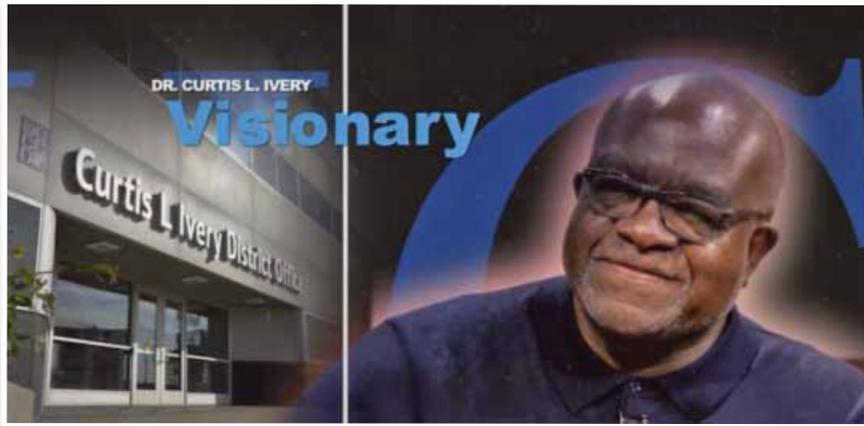
46th Annual Salute to Distinguished Warriors



Dr. Curtis L. Ivery
Author, Leading Educator

Chancellor, Wayne County Community College District

I am truly honored and humbled to be the recipient of the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan's 2025 Distinguished Warriors Award and be recognized alongside esteemed leaders such as Senator Debbie Stabenow, Vivian Rogers Pickard, Denise Lewis and Specs Howard.



Donnell Mason accepted the award on my behalf.

2025 Honorees



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Vivian Rogers Pickard
Philanthropist, Business and
Civic Leader, Retired GM
Executive



Denise Lewis
Retired Senior Partner
Honigman LLP,
Chair UAW Retiree Medical
Benefits Trust Board



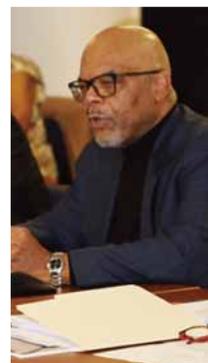
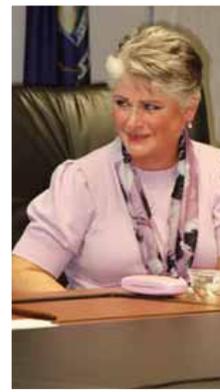
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Retired United States
Senator - MI



**Posthumously
Specs Howard**
Broadcast Legend Julian "Jerry"
Liebman Founder, Specs
Howard School of Broadcast

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 19, 2025



One Vision, One District, One College



Trustee James Wagner

Workforce Development

This week, I met with Trustee James Wagner and Anthony Arminiak to discuss workforce development initiatives.

On the Move



Trustee James Wagner



Dr. Yvette Anderson and Donnell Mason attended the 2025 Speaker Forum. Business leaders shared their vision for what is next for Detroit and Southeastern Michigan.

James Wagner and Anthony Arminiak attended the SEMCOG Education and General Membership Meeting. Also pictured is Naheed Huq, Manager Economic and Community Vitality.



In celebration of Women's History Month, staff from across the District attended the Impactful Women in Corporate and Economic Leadership Series Breakfast Forum presented by The PuLSE Institute. Joi Harris COO, DTE Energy and Tricia Keith, CEO, BCBSM were the keynote speakers.

Program Highlight

Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs

Students in the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs are gaining hands-on experience with expert faculty in the Health Science Center at the Northwest Campus. In addition to developing skills in patient care, dental procedures and oral health education, students are learning the techniques to excel in their roles as vital members of the dental care team.



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on...

Dr. Ella Davis

Dr. Ella Davis' 38 years with WCCCD encompasses an impressive list of teaching and learning accomplishments. While her classroom instruction focuses on Speech, English, and African American Studies; she also serves as Department Chair for Music, Art, Humanities, African American Studies, Speech, and English.

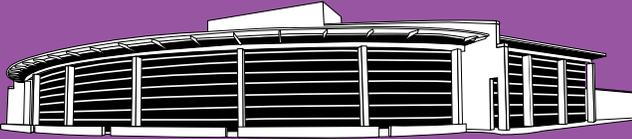
Additionally, Dr. Davis works closely with WCCCD's Vice Chancellor of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Johnesa Hodge, on assessment, which she admits is where her heart is. Her love of assessment grew out of the Achieving the Dream Initiative, which focuses on student retention, student success, and the development of good writing skills.

One positive outcome of her efforts has been the creation of Assessment Awareness Day, where participants review writing assessments of projects, speeches, papers, and tests as ways to improve writing skills.

Consistent with her desire to improve teaching, Dr. Davis is a team member of the Teaching and Learning Center. She helps to organize the First Friday Faculty Forums throughout the academic year to gather information that may be helpful to faculty. The Center has an organized list of all books used for all courses to provide assistance for faculty assignments. The Center also gathers relevant articles of interest to faculty on topics such as Artificial Intelligence and plagiarism to name a few.

She also serves as a member of the College Curriculum Committee, reviewing new programs and courses or changes to courses. Because of her commitment, Dr. Davis has served on several accreditation visits, which has broadened and enhanced her expertise.

Dr. Davis serves as Secretary for local AFT chapter and is a member of the National Council for the Teachers of English. Her other professional associations include the Two-Year College English Association; the National Communications Association; and the Association for the Study of African American Life, History, and Culture. She has studied in Ireland and serves on the Board of the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University. Her body of work clearly demonstrates she is committed to excellence in education and to the success of her students.



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

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted several local school band performances.

Downriver Campus



Taylor High School



West Middle School



Taylor West Middle School

Act 1 Talent



A dance competition featuring dancers from regional clubs was held at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.

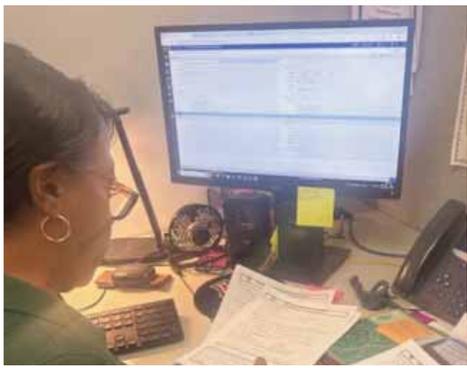


Division of Student Services



Student Life Association of Michigan Community Colleges (SLAMCC)

Dr. Tammy Anderson attended the SLAMCC meeting, where the Food Assistance Education and Training Toolkit was the key topic of discussion. The toolkit seeks to provide information on resources to community colleges, enabling them to expand vital services, reduce barriers, and support students.



Records

Staff is processing guest applications for students who are planning to attend Summer 2025 classes.



Student Success Center

Staff continue to reach out to students in preparation for the Summer 2025 semester.

Strategy Meeting

Dual Enrollment community outreach strategy meeting.



Dual Enrollment

Staff continue to meet with high school students regarding dual enrollment opportunities.



OUTREACH TEAM

Division of Student Services

Ms. April Frey



Student Success Highlight

April Frey is one of our students studying cybersecurity. She is a TRiO recipient and an active participant in our Student Success Virtual Workshops. Ms. Frey informed us that she has been contacted for an interview with the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education Advancement and Potential (MiLEAP) newspaper. She will be starting a new job with the State of Michigan as a cybersecurity analyst.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Alpha Upsilon Zeta chapter held its monthly meeting to discuss upcoming programs, including PTK Catalyst in Kansas City, the Michigan Regional Conference, and PTK elections. These programs provide incredible opportunities for networking, leadership development, and scholarships.



The Downriver Campus hosted a PTK program, where both staff and students came together for a meaningful community activity. Participants worked collaboratively to assemble grief kits, providing essential support to those in need during difficult times.

Ted Scott Campus



Buzzing with Knowledge:

**Beekeeping Conference
Draws Over 400
Participants**

We were pleased to host the Southeastern Michigan Beekeeper Association's Annual Beekeeping Conference at the Ted Scott Campus. More than 400 participants engaged in workshops and activities to learn about the latest information and improved methods of beekeeping.





Division of Educational Affairs

Networking Essentials (CIS 240)



Faculty and staff supported students in the Networking Essentials course (CIS 240) to terminate wires for their Networking class. Terminating a cable is when you need to make a connection to the wires or fiber optics coming from the cable.



Wayne Metro Leap to Teach

Staff met with representatives from Wayne Metro Leap to Teach to discuss students' required completion of the Early Childhood Education Short-Term Certificate during their final semester of Spring 2025.

Division of Educational Affairs



Humanities Classes Visit Cranbrook Art Museum

Humanities students recently visited the Cranbrook Art Museum and Center for Collections and Research. Students were able to take a tour of *How We Make the Planet Move: The Detroit Collection Part I*, the inaugural exhibition in Cranbrook's Detroit Collection series. Students engaged directly with the artworks, fostering a deeper understanding of the practical elements of their studies.



D3 Leadership Council and Compact Partners Meeting

Members of the Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3) Steering Committee attended the Spring convening of the Detroit Drives Degrees (D3) Leadership Council and Compact Partners meeting. Presentations and discussions centered on current events in higher education, diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Faculty Coffee Hour

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus held a Faculty Coffee Hour session. This week's discussion focused on policy and procedures of the Instruction Office.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Creating Pathways to Employment for the Construction Trades



This week, Octavious Crosby from Barton Malow visited the Regional Training Center to give a presentation on the dedication and commitment required to become a superintendent. Students will also have an opportunity to receive hands-on training.



Workforce Partnerships

Dr. Harvey Dorrah and Jason Robinson met with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to discuss the expansion of CDL-A training. WCCCD looks forward to meeting the department’s training needs, with programs set to begin within the next 30 days.



CDL Program *Success!*

Twelve Commercial Driver’s License Program (CDL) graduates have successfully earned their CDL-A licenses within four days of completing training. Eight more are scheduled to test within the next seven days. This achievement reflects the program’s effectiveness and the dedication of both students and instructors.

Division of Human Resources



Guide to the Title IX Rule Reinstatement

Staff from the Division of Human Resources (HR) participated in a professional development webinar on the topic of “Guide to the Title IX Rule Reinstatement.”

Some of the topics discussed included:

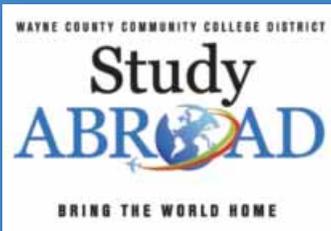
- Differences Between the New Regulations
- Complying with the Reinstated Regulations
- Best Practices on Title IX Cases
- Title IX Guidelines



Job Description Audit

HR is currently conducting a comprehensive job description analysis of all staff. This entails reconciling titles, duties, reporting hierarchy, qualifications, experience, skills, and responsibilities. This review allows us to test for not only completeness, but District-wide alignment.





Study Abroad Student Reflections

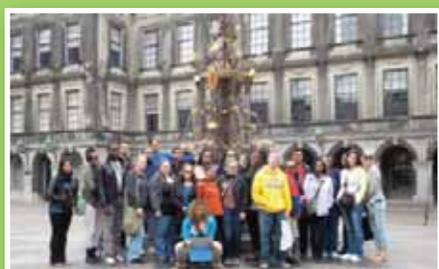
Where Are They Now?

Chima Nwamba



In 2024, Chima Nwamba, now Doctor of Pharmacy, entrepreneur, and mental wellness advocate, participated in the Wayne County Community College District's Study Abroad Program to Amsterdam.

“Since graduating from WCCCD in 2015 with an Associate of Science degree, I have advanced my career by earning a Doctor of Pharmacy from Wayne State University’s Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2020. I have worked in community and hospital pharmacy settings, including Walmart, Fairway, Sav-Mor Drugs, Select Specialty Hospital, and the Detroit VA Hospital.



In 2024, I celebrated two major milestones—turning 30 and launching my first book, *Deep Cuts*, available on Amazon. To mark the occasion, I hosted a Book Launch Gala, where I spoke to more than 100 guests about the importance of being seen, because some wounds are deeper than the skin. This event reinforced my mission to bring conversations around mental health to the forefront, encouraging people to acknowledge and heal from their emotional and psychological wounds.



My goal is to expand my impact, bridging the gap between mental wellness, pharmacy, and community empowerment, ensuring no one feels unseen in their healing journey.

Beyond pharmacy, I am committed to building a movement that prioritizes mental wellness, advocating for self-care and holistic well-being across various industries, including healthcare, real estate, fashion, and entertainment.”



HAPPENING NOW!

Microsoft 365 Migration *Project Update*



As part of the pilot program for the implementation of the Microsoft 365 environment, staff convened to provide feedback. The teams discussed application functionalities and new features, useability, and navigation.

Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant *Project Update*

To ensure student success, CMC Grant support facilitators are dedicated to providing comprehensive and proactive assistance. This includes:

- Providing personalized outreach to ensure students have the necessary tools and resources to succeed.
- Encouraging program continuation and offering supplemental educational materials as needed.
- Communicating vital event information, including Digital Literacy workshops and certification/exam preparation sessions.

District-wide Technical Support



Computer Setup



Finance Meeting Setup



**Emergency Phone
Installation**



District Police Authority

Self-Defense and Firearms Training

Police Authority conducted self-defense and firearms training.



WCCCD's Police Authority provided Security Detail for Congressman Shri Thanedar at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.



Northwest Campus



Physical Therapist Assistant Program Self-Study

Drs. Abby Freeman, Sherry Siggers, and Celestine Walker met to discuss preparations for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Self-Study.



Ceremonies and Rituals Committee

The Northwest Campus hosted a Graduation Class Meeting. The Ceremonies and Ritual Committee shared pertinent information with students to ensure a smooth and successful Commencement Day on June 7, 2025.



The School of Continuing Education



Yoga and Meditation Retreat

Students at the Ted Scott Campus enjoyed the Yoga and Meditation Retreat offered through the School of Continuing Education.



Silver Circle Partnerships

The School of Continuing Education is committed to addressing the needs of our community and providing pathways for all those eager to learn and be active. We are pleased to announce our new partnership with Woodbridge Manor and University Meadows. The Silver Circle partners will offer Zumba Gold and Yoga for Seniors.



Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

March 3-15, 2025

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Downtown Campus
714

Eastern Campus
468

Ted Scott Campus
1,235

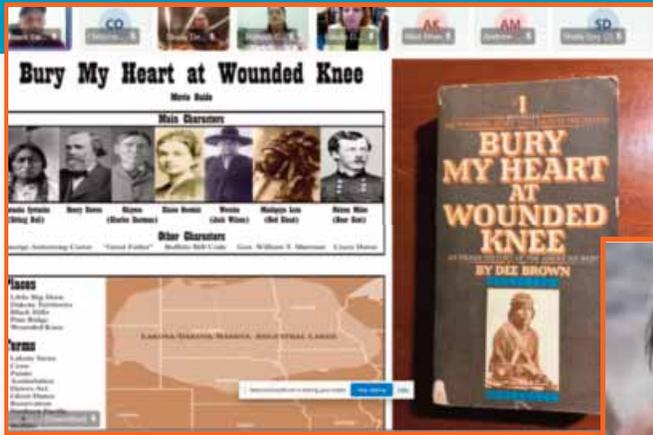
Downriver Campus
1,081

Northwest Campus
3,024

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
82



Documentary Film Viewing

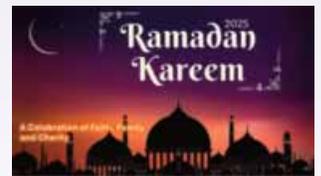


Participants engaged in a thought-provoking viewing of *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* (2007), which portrays the life of Charles Eastman, the Battle of Little Bighorn.

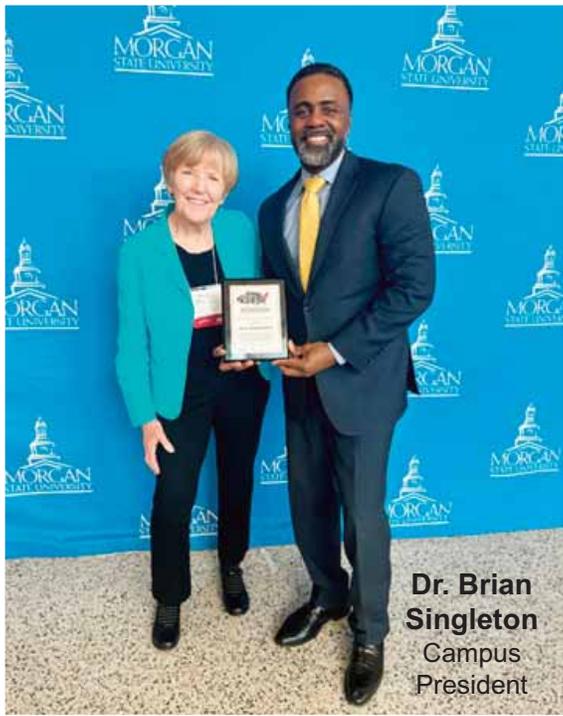
VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations Series focused on a variety of topics including:

- A discussion on **Katherine Graham**, the first woman to lead a Fortune 500 company, whose leadership at *The Washington Post* shaped modern journalism.
- Insights into the traditions of **Lent**, **Purim** and **Ramadan** and their significance across different faiths.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Dissertation of the Year Award

Please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Brian Singleton for receiving the Northeast Region National Council on Black American Affairs' Dissertation of the Year Award. This outstanding achievement reflects Dr. Singleton's dedication and commitment to scholarly excellence.



Keys to Home Ownership

Participants gained knowledge on how to assess their financial readiness, improve credit scores, explore financing options, and understand key aspects of purchasing a home.



Housing Workshop

Detroit City Council President Pro Tem James Tate Jr. and Councilwoman Latisha Johnson facilitated a housing workshop for community members.



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Representatives from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. provided an informational session to community members regarding the organization and the resources they provide.

CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Fitness Club Visit

Mike Dotson visited a new community fitness club in Delhi Township, Ohio. Delhi Township operates the fitness club and offers Continuing Education classes, as well as a community art gallery and outdoor events.



Zumba! Ultimate Workout!

Members enjoy this fast-paced, high energy group fitness course at the HWEC that targets the entire body.



Membership

Staff provided information about the HWEC to students and community members.

Downriver Campus



Walk-In
Registration for
Summer 2025



Safe Haven Wealth Management

Participants received expert guidance on investment strategies, tax return assistance, long-term care and Medicare supplement/advantage options, and legal support for estate planning.



AAPC Chapter National Kidney Foundation Presentation

Participants discussed vital information and support on kidney health and awareness.



Motor City Radio Club Monthly Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the Motor City Radio Club's monthly meeting focusing on business updates and communication training.



Boy Scouts of America

The Downriver Campus also hosted the Boy Scouts of America Great Lakes Council Mahican District Roundtable monthly meeting.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus



U.S. Customs and Border Protection K-9 Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted members of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection K-9 unit for training. The dogs were trained to find either narcotics or food.

Fire Practicals



MIPSE hosted the **Downriver Career and Technical Consortium** Dual Enrollment students for fire practical training which consisted of forcible entry techniques.

MIPSE also hosted **William D. Ford** students for fire practical training which consisted of knot tying and salvage tarp techniques used in fire emergencies.



Downriver Hazmat Training

MIPSE hosted Downriver Hazmat for a Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Incident Command System (ICS) 300 Intermediate course. ICS is a standardized, all-risk incident management concept that provides a common organizational structure for managing emergencies, allowing multiple agencies to work together efficiently and effectively.

Eastern Campus



Microbiology Students in the Lab



Introduction to Metal Sculpture

Students are learning how to create art by welding metals using MIG, TIG welding and plasma cutting.



Eastern Campus Administration Meeting



Early Summer 2025 Registration



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partnerships

Dr. Harvey Dorrah and Denis Karic met with representatives from Central Michigan University to explore a potential partnership. The discussion focused on identifying collaborative opportunities that would benefit both institutions.

University of Michigan-Dearborn

The Downriver Campus hosted the University of Michigan-Dearborn information table, providing valuable insights, resources, and transfer opportunities for prospective students once they graduate from WCCCD.



AKA - Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the AKA - Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter's monthly meeting.



Distance Learning

Faculty participated in virtual Ultra Transition workshops to prepare for the migration from Blackboard Original Course View to Ultra Course View. These workshops provided training and resources to help faculty understand the new interface, learn best practices for course design in Ultra, and ensure a smooth transition for both instructors and students.

Northwest Campus

College Fair

The Northwest Campus hosted a college fair for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. More than 30 colleges and universities from across the nation provided resources and information to students.



Northwest Campus



Figure Skate Detroit Workshop

Figure Skate Detroit held a seminar on leadership for participants.



Educating Young Adults

The 100 Black Men Organization held a seminar for young adults on the importance of academic excellence and personal growth.



F.A.R.M. Program

Staff conducted a course on professional development for students of the Family Assistance for Renaissance Men Program.

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

