



Celebrating our Global Student Community

This week, Dr. Brian Singleton engaged with students across the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus celebrating their unique perspectives and shared ambitions that enrich our learning environment. At WCCCD, we have students representing more than 100 countries. We take pride in supporting our students from different communities as they pursue their educational and career goals. We remain dedicated to providing the resources and opportunities that help all students succeed.



Dr. Brian Singleton
Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
President



Summer Semester Strategic Planning Meeting

I met with members of my Leadership Team to discuss Summer 2025 semester preparations, staffing, campus operations and strategies to enhance customer service initiatives.



Budget, Facilities and Human Resources Council Meeting

Members continue to meet to discuss budget concepts and principles. 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.

Northwest Campus



Dr. Abby
Freeman

100% Pass Rate

WCCCD Nursing Programs

Wayne County Community College District offers three Nursing Programs, each with a 100% NCLEX pass rate!

Nursing Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse (RN) Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Bridge Program

Practical Nursing Education (PNE) College Certificate

Under the leadership of Dr. Abby Freeman and the entire Health Sciences faculty and administration, we salute you for the great work in teaching and learning you are exemplifying for our students at WCCCD.

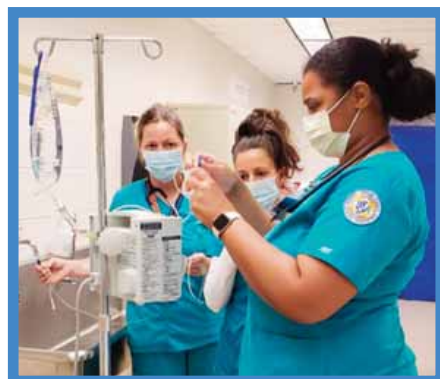
Health Science Center Deans



Benita Dade and Sheila Collins



Dr. Joyce Russell, Carmen Johnson, Lois Theo, Felicia Williams



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center

HWEC Receives Customer Service Excellence Award for Three Consecutive Years

The HWEC has been awarded the MXM Location of Excellence Award for consistently scoring the highest rankings possible in customer service. Since opening to the public in 2022, the HWEC has received this award for three years in a row.



Dance Fusion Class

Members enjoy a session of the very popular Dance Fusion class. Dance Fusion incorporates fun dance movements and light body weight training for an excellent full body cardio workout.



Mental Health Awareness Walk

The HWEC partnered with Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to host a Mental Health Awareness Walk on the indoor walking/running track.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

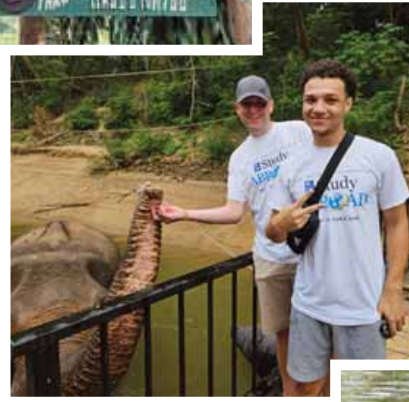
Study ABROAD

BRING THE WORLD HOME

Reflection on the Fall 2024 Educational Study Abroad Experience in Thailand

One of the highlights from the Thailand study abroad experience was a visit to an elephant camp, where students learned about the domestication and behavioral characteristics of elephants. Students engaged in hands-on activities, including riding and bathing elephants. WCCCD's Study Abroad Program provides students with:

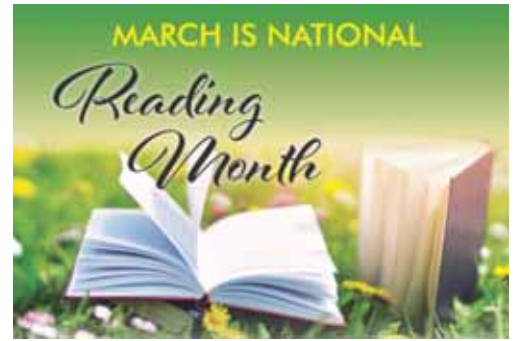
1. Quality academic experiences
2. Cultural immersion and exchange
3. Lifelong service learning
4. Character development



Study Abroad Summer 2025 - Panama City, Panama



District Police Authority



National Reading Month

In honor of National Reading Month, Lieutenant Cynthia Brown visited Wayne State University Preparatory School. The invitation was extended to the WCCCD's Police Authority in recognition of its longstanding partnership, prior participation, and unwavering commitment to community outreach and educational engagement.



De-Escalation Training

"Police Authority at its best," preparing through realistic training that strengthens the importance of the force continuum and de-escalation. It's not just about readiness, it's about responsibility, professionalism, and protecting our campus community with the right mindset and skills.





Celebrating Our History Through Music

Students, staff, faculty and the community attended the Celebrating Our History Through Music program. A trio of accomplished musicians, composers and Kresge awardees highlighted the significant contributions and accomplishments of women throughout history. Performers included Marion Hayden, Bassist, Pamela Wise, Pianist, and Gayelynn McKinney, Drummer.



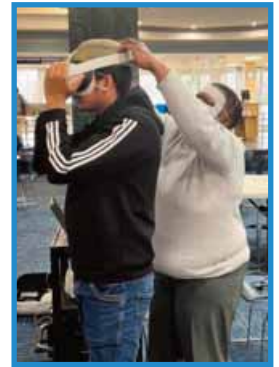
Finding Ancestors in Genealogy

Dr. Carolyn Carter presented a workshop for participants to explore unique records and resources specifically focused on women in history, gaining insights into how to access and interpret these resources. Through practical examples and guidance, participants learned how to overcome common challenges in genealogy research and discovered hidden legacies of the women who shaped their family's past.

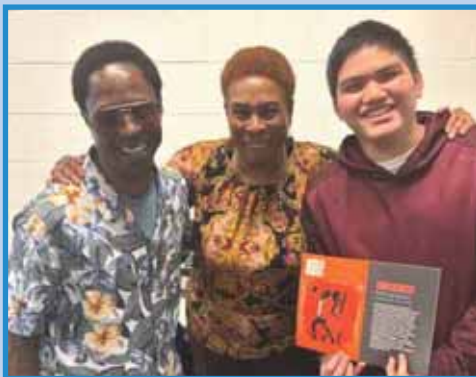


Division of Educational Affairs

Virtual Reality (VR) Experience



Dr. Wanda Hudson engaged with students during the Virtual Reality (VR) Workshop at the Northwest Campus. The workshop offered insights into VR technology, hands-on experiences, and information about CIS courses.



Educational Student Experience

Humanities students had the rare opportunity to see the LIVE stage play “Confederates” by the award-winning Detroit playwright, Dominique Morriseau. Students were able to share their thoughts and experiences during class time, by relating set design, video streaming, acting, thematic elements of a good story to film theory and criticism.

Early Childhood Education

Staff met with representatives from Marygrove Early Learning Center to discuss potential future cohorts seeking to obtain their Early Childhood Education-CDA certification.



Division of Educational Affairs

March D3C3 Leads Meeting



Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3) held its monthly Project Leads Meeting, where D3C3 institutions had an opportunity to share project updates. WCCCD highlighted Computer Information Systems (CIS), including the recent Tech Talk exposing students to different pathways (CIS, Cybersecurity, Video Game Design) and new curriculum being explored, Big Data and AI Prompt Engineering.

Learning Resource Center Orientation

Staff continue to conduct orientations to provide students with resources to complete assignments.



Faculty Coffee Hour

This week's session focused on learning about resources to help students thrive. Topics included Brainfuse, the Clothing Closet, Food Pantry and support services at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Division of Student Services

Records

Staff continue processing Dual Enrollment applications from various high schools for Spring 2025.



Student Success Center

The District Student Services Command Center is reaching out to students to assist them in registering for the Summer semester.



Dual Enrollment Program



Team members met to discuss Summer 2025 schedule development agendas.

International Students

We continue to assist international students with registering for the Summer 2025 semester and advising them of available resources.



Division of Student Services

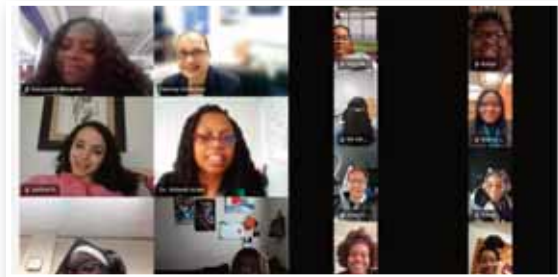
Student Success

Congratulations to recent WCCCD TRiO Alum Marco Britton on his admission to the Bachelor of Science in Information Program at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. Mr. Britton received an Associate's Degree in General Studies and CIS-Cybersecurity from WCCCD.



Federal Work-Study Program

The team met with the FWS students to discuss program policies and procedures.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter is all set for next week's 2025 PTK Catalyst in Kansas City, Missouri.

This year is especially significant for our chapter as our very own, Tuesday Dixon is running for PTK International Officer. She has advanced as one of the four semifinalists for the position — a remarkable achievement that reflects her leadership, dedication, and commitment to Phi Theta Kappa.

Accelerated Career Education

Team members are reaching out to our Accelerated Career Education (A.C.E.) students to encourage the use of the District's learning resources.



Adult Education

Staff continue to support students preparing for GED testing.



Preparing for Commencement

June 7, 2025
The Masonic Temple



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

Graduation Photo Days!





Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Construction Trades Training Program Completion Ceremony

The Construction Trade trainees successfully completed six weeks of training and have been offered employment opportunities with several companies.



Site Visit

The Local 98 Plumbers Union was the last group to visit the Regional Training Center, where they gave a detailed presentation on the plumbing trade. They emphasized the vital role plumbers have in the skilled trades industry.



Students in the WLT105 course are learning to secure multiple metal pieces incorporating the vertical weld method.



Meeting the Community's Learning Needs - Digital Divide

Addressing the digital divide among the senior population is crucial for ensuring their social inclusion, access to essential services, and overall well-being. As technology increasingly dominates communication, healthcare, banking, and even daily activities, seniors who lack digital literacy or internet access face significant disadvantages.

The Silver Circle Program provides seniors with user-friendly courses such as: *Computers –Getting Started, Internet and You, Social Media and Tablets and Smart Phones.*

Summer Planning Session

This week, staff met to discuss upcoming continuing education programs, course offerings, supplies and materials, and develop strategies to promote summer programming.



Wig Making Class



Students in the Wig Making class at the Downriver Campus are learning the art of styling and customization of high quality hairpieces.



HAPPENING NOW!



Division of Information Technology

Data Closet Re-engineering Project Update

Curtis L. Ivery District Office



The IT Infrastructure Team works diligently to ensure successful completion of the data closet upgrade for the final floor of the Curtis L. Ivery District Office.

Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Project Update

This week, the CMC Grant team held two workshops on “Requesting your IT Certification Exam Voucher and Preparing for Success.” The sessions covered:

- Overview of available IT course certification exams
- Step-by-step guide to requesting your paid exam voucher
- Proven study tips and strategies to help you prepare and pass your exam

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Burnout, Stress, and Boundaries: Creating Space for Growth and Well-Being for Academics Workshop

Sara Showalter Van Tongeren, Founder and Clinical Director of the Flourishing Collective, presented to faculty and staff on "Burnout, Stress, and Boundaries: Creating Space for Growth and Well-Being." This session played a vital role in recognizing the significance of mental health and offering practical guidance for maintaining well-being.

"In the webinar, Sara reminded us that setting and adhering to boundaries are healthy tools for managing stressful events and maintaining balance." ~ Marcina

"Given the times we live in, prioritizing your mental well-being is essential for performing at your best in the workplace." ~ DaShonta



Introduction

- FOUNDER & CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THE FLOURISHING COLLECTIVE
- OVER 15 YEARS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
- LICENSED (LMSW/LCSW) IN NEW YORK, MICHIGAN, & VIRGINIA
- FORMER MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER, FOSTER CARE SOCIAL WORKER, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE HOTLINE SOCIAL WORKER, OUTPATIENT BEHAVIOR HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER
- AUTHOR, THE COURAGE TO SUFFER (TEMPLETON PRESS) & UPCOMING 2026 BOOK (APA)
- 2020 CITY OF HOLLAND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD WINNER

PERSONAL GOAL OF TODAY

Let's remind ourselves of the limits of our...
...going that toward our



"If we pay attention and take action to reduce stress, we can prevent a major breakdown, but if we ignore the warnings, we are very likely to burn out over time. Mental health and care for it preserves a person's ability to live and enjoy life." ~ Azra

"I enjoyed the session with Sara Showalter Van Tongeren, understanding stress and it's coping mechanism, learning to engage in healthy life patterns." ~ Kristina

"Thank you for the invite. This was a very useful workshop." ~Mattie

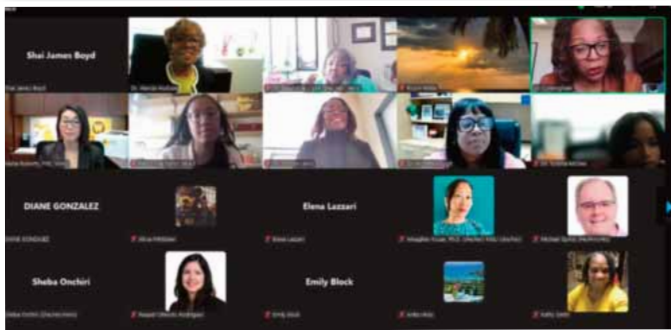
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“A simple smile can brighten anyone's day. It costs nothing to most people, but it means a lot to the person it's for. Small gestures showing that we care about our customers brighten the day of those around us and bring us a sense of fulfillment.” ~ Ms. Livadic



Elevate Your Customer Service Excellence Workshop

Greg Dunmore provided participants with a professional development workshop titled *“Elevate Your Customer Service Excellence.”* Topics included how to build a strong brand rooted in professionalism, excellence and outstanding service.



Dr. Wanda Hudson presented on the topic of emotional intelligence at the Women of Color Collaborative (WOCC), a subcommittee of MI-ACE.



Dr. CharMaine Hines participated in a training for peer reviewers on the new revised criteria for accreditation effective for 2025.



Science faculty attended the *Engage 2025, Non-Majors Biology Experience* Conference in Arizona.



Building Community Relationships



Kerri Novack, Yolanda Russell, and Esther Wyatt, members of the U of M Dearborn Advisory Board for SOAR, met to discuss opportunities.



Dr. Yvette Anderson and Monique Fields-Foster attended a special presentation by the Detroit City Council in celebration of Dawn Isom for her years of service as an Eastern District Attorney for the United States.



Dr. CharMaine Hines was invited to speak at Western Michigan University for Women's History Month, as part of the university's MI-ACE Women in Leadership Series.

High School Visits



David Carter represented the District at a high school career fair.



Lina Warra organized a meeting at a local high school.

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 functions. Some include:



PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



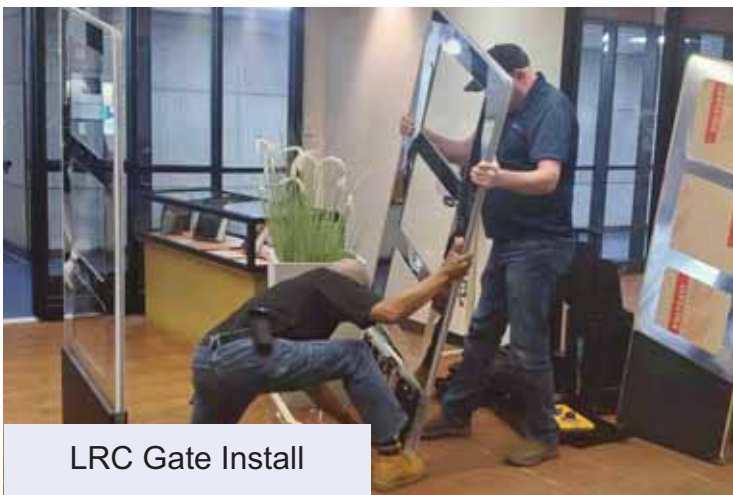
STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

CURTIS L. IVERY HEALTH AND WELLNESS EDUCATION CENTER

CURTIS L. IVERY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS



Locker Room Renovations



LRC Gate Install

TED SCOTT CAMPUS



Restroom Renovation



Bi-Weekly Facilities Meeting

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Pathways to Excellence

The Male Mentoring Pathways to Excellence Program focused on enhancing leadership skills and fostering a strong sense of identity.

Urban League of Detroit

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan meeting. The meeting provided seniors with the opportunity to learn more about available employment opportunities.



Mental Health and Wellness Workshop

The Park West Foundation held its workshop for youth in foster care.



American GI

The American GI Forum Detroit Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.

Downriver Campus



SEMCA Youth Team Retreat

Members of SEMCA's Youth Team participated in work ready workshops including career planning, interviewing, resume writing, financial literacy and more. This retreat featured speakers who presented on mental health issues with teens and young adults.

Mending the Safety Net



The Information Center

The Downriver Campus hosted the annual *Information Center Mending the Safety Net* program. Exhibit tables provided essential information about resources and referral opportunities from an array of local service agencies.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus



EMT students practiced taking blood pressure measurements at the Downriver Campus.



MIPSE and EPAC staff meeting



Gibraltar Fire Department Training

The Gibraltar Fire Department conducted training on car fires, incident command, ladders, search and rescue, and water supply at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education.

Eastern Campus



Forced Air and Hydronic Heating

Students are getting hands-on training on our HVAC trainers and simulators.



Campus Administration Meeting

We Make a Difference!

WCCCD student Melanie Williamson presented the Eastern Campus Student Services Office with a bouquet of balloons to say thank you to the women that have provided guidance along her educational journey.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



New Podcast Available!

Tune in to the latest episode of WCCCD's Critical Conversations Podcast featuring Ray Lozano, Executive Director of the Mexicantown Community Development Corporation, who shares valuable insights into the organization's efforts to drive economic growth, preserve cultural heritage, and support community development.



The podcast is available on the college's website at <https://www.wcccd.edu/podcasts> and other popular streaming platforms, such as Spotify, Amazon Music and more.

Transition from Blackboard Original to Ultra

WCCCD online learning environment will be transitioning from Blackboard Original to Blackboard Ultra beginning in Spring 2025. This upgrade will provide an improved, more intuitive learning experience with enhanced features, a modern interface, and better mobile accessibility. Over the coming months, faculty will receive comprehensive training and support to ensure a smooth transition.

Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors



The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center-Center for Learning Technology hosted the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors monthly meeting.

Northwest Campus

Culinary Arts Students Gain Practical Food Preparation Skills

Chefs Lorenzo Spratling, Brian DeMeyer, and Vennye Ephriam provided instruction on food preparation and kitchen care to the FARM (Family Assistance for the Renaissance Man) group.



**Chef
Lorenzo Spratling**



**Chef
Brian DeMeyer**



**Chef
Vennye Ephriam**



Enhancing Community Partnerships

Furquan Ahmed met with Chief Robert Dunlap, Wayne County Sheriff's Office and Michael Turner, Chief of Staff, to discuss expanding partnership opportunities.

Ted Scott Campus



Zeta Phi Beta Chapter Meeting

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Zeta Phi Beta Chapter Meeting Workshop. Participants went over community needs, using data to determine training needs.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Informational Meeting

Staff at the Ted Scott Campus held a meeting for students interested in joining PTK.



Cultural Book Discussion

Participants engaged in a discussion on the book *Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West* written by Dee Brown.



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

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

- Celebrating the life of **Cesar Chavez**
- **Rihannon Giddens**, the director of the Silk Road Ensemble and her production of the *American Railroad*
- A discussion of **Eid al Fitr** led by Nijhum Chakraborty

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

