Special Events

DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

College Night
October 9, 2006
8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
The College Night will provide an opportunity for students to explore many different colleges in one location. Over 50 colleges have committed to send representatives to deliver information regarding their educational programs. Parents, family, and friends are encouraged to attend College Night to compare colleges, speak directly with admissions representatives and obtain necessary transfer information. The event is offered at no cost and is open to the public.

Fishing Clinic
The Downriver Campus hosted the Youth Fishing Expo at Heritage Park, Covert Lake. More than 70 children registered and attended the event with their parents. The event covered both freshwater and fly-fishing instructions. After an instructional session, the children were shown how to bait hooks and their begin fishing. The day ended with a raffle of donated rods and reel combination kits. Guests also went home with a bag of goodies compliments of WCCCD and Sandel Mountain.

Downriver Campus Arts & Scraps Art Camp
Wayne County Community College District’s Downriver Campus, along with Arts & Scraps hosted the 2006 Art Camp. This year’s event was held the week of June 26 – July 27, 2006 and was designed to educate community children between 7-12 years of age about the importance of art while promoting individuality and creativity. The mission of Arts & Scraps is to provide affordable learning and creative experiences using recycled materials. The materials make creative experiences affordable and accessible to every economic level. Arts & Scraps nurtures individual creativity to allow children in learning, increase their confidence and encourage independent thinking.

CampoN Information
21000 Northline Rd., Taylor, MI 48180 • 734-946-3500
www.wcccd.edu
Downriver Campus Hours of Operation:
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Midnight
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WCCCD’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve their goals through excellent and accessible services, culturally diverse experiences, and globally competitive higher education and career advancement programs.

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WCCCD New Team Aims to Make Students Big Winners:

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An Insider’s View of the Sheriff’s Training Office at MIPSE

Deputy Chief Larry Hall heads up a department in the Wayne County Sheriff’s office that teaches almost every resident in the region. It’s virtually invisible. The Sheriff’s Office training department, located within the WCCCD Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education, is responsible for equipping most of the 1,380 personnel in the law enforcement office with the knowledge they need to protect and serve the public. It’s a rafined world, he said, but crucial to the functioning of law enforcement.

"Talk to the average person and they might take it for granted, but law enforcement is still very personal," he said. "Our job is to be ready to provide day-to-day human assistance, not just law enforcement. That mandates daily training law enforcement training course at WCCCD a natural," he said.

The $6.2 million MIPSE facility houses a two-story fire tower, a 12,000-square feet training center, a 50,000-square feet driver training area and a man-made lake for water rescue simulations. It also includes vehicle, aircraft and shipboard fire simulators and an underground confined space maze for hazardous materials. The unique facility is heralded nationally to be one of the finest of its kind in the emergency training field.

The training division is in charge of training officers on everything from ground avoidance and escape to first aid, knife defense, stress management, prisoner behavior and interpersonal communication. "Being located on a facility that can handle the breadth of needs is important," Hall said. "The working relationship we have with WCCCD is stellar. It’s a model for what a working relationship should be." For more information about the Michigan Sheriff’s Training Unit, visit http://www.waynecountymi.gov/sheriff-training-center.htm. For more information about MIPSE, visit www.wcccd.edu.

Spotlight On: Dr. William Campbell

Professor of English

During the past several years, Dr. William Campbell has noticed a significant change in the students; coming in increasing volumes to his classes.

Students today, he said, are "looking to transform their lives. They’re looking to transition to other careers; looking for new ways to support their families," he said.

Dr. William Campbell (right) poses with a student Justin Amiranak.

In the Community: MIPSE Community Open House

A fun filled day of safety exhibits and demonstrations were featured at an Open House at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) on Saturday, August 9. The free event invited the community to explore the facility that is heralded nationally to be one of the finest of its kind in the emergency training field.

Fire safety, home emergency preparedness and identity theft workshops were presented, with a special "Kids Corner" that gave children an up-close view of firefighting and other safety equipment. For more information about MIPSE and the services it provides, call the Downriver Campus at 734-946-3500.

Spotlight On: Laura Stephens

Laura Stephens knew she wanted to be a lawyer in the fourth grade, after watching her best friend’s experience in the family court system.

"I knew then that I wanted to be an advocate; to stand up for people that needed a voice," she said. "Then life happened. Stephens said. She married a year after high school and had four children; one of whom required special medical care. But Stephens’ goal of becoming a judge in the juvenile justice system never wavered.

Nearly three years ago the now single mother of four began classes at WCCCD’s Downriver campus, studying liberal arts to prepare her to transfer to a four-year university.

Starting classes at WCCCD was "the best thing I’ve ever done," Stephens said. "Going in at my age with four children was scary. The staff, the teachers-everyone was so fabulous and interested in helping me achieve my goal."

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Community members explore MIPSE during the open house.

[Image: Hispanic Heritage Festival: Celebrating Latino Heritage]

The amazing diversity offered by Latino cultures was on full display at the WCCCD Sixth Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival, held Saturday, August 16th at the Downriver campus.

The event, available to the public through the WCCCD-Continuing Education Division, presented traditional song, dance and food as well as displays of art work by Nora Chapa Mendoza. Traditional cemic and music was narrated by Jimmy Barrios and featured Fantasia Ballet Folklorico, Latin Extravaganza, and Grupo Salve. The family-oriented event showcased a full day of fun and entertaining activities in the you was also included clothes, face painting, and traditional pilates.

[Image: The Iteam icon needs a name ... and WCCCD students have been tasked with inventing one. The winning name will be announced at the September 24th Chancellor’s Banquet. Name submission cards can be picked up and dropped off at the campus President's office, and must be submitted by September 15th. Up to three names can be submitted, but they must be original names that would suit a District "Icon." For more information about the Iteam, or the naming contest, visit www.wcccd.edu.]