

statistics help to make our students more attractive as they enter very competitive job markets”, said Shawna Forbes, Vice Chancellor of the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. “These new course offerings also help to align us with the goals of the District in educating our students who are going to be the next leaders in this region,” Forbes continued.

The School of Continuing Education’s mission is to provide students who are looking to enhance their current

careers or advance personal skill sets with low cost courses, short term programs. Sessions are held at each of the District’s six campus locations. Courses for school age children and senior citizens are also offered through the school allowing families to engage in lifelong learning opportunities.

To view the current School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development s schedule, please visit the District’s website at [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu).

Information about all District events can be found at [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu).

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### Downriver Campus Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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### Letter from the President

Welcome to the Downriver Campus. As always, our students and staff are helping to change not only their lives, but the lives of everyone in our downriver community. The campus has grown into a center for meetings, performances, educational programs and so much more.

We are extremely proud to be a part of Wayne County Community College District and hope that you will feel the same. Come and visit our campus so that you can see the many great things we have to offer for yourself. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

**Anthony Arminiak**  
President  
Downriver Campus

## Michigan Board of Nursing Scholarship Fund Grants WCCCD Nursing Students Scholarship



Eight WCCCD Nursing Students have been awarded an annual scholarship throughout the state. The Michigan Board of Nursing Scholarship Fund awarded Wayne County Community College District’s Nursing Program a \$6,145.00 academic scholarship to help eligible nurses complete their education.

Each year, the Scholarship funding is provided to colleges and universities that offer qualified Nursing programs. This year eight students were selected to receive \$768.12, equal shares of the scholarship awarded to WCCCD Nursing Program.

“We’re delighted to accept this award from the Michigan Board of Nursing,” said Northwest Campus President Dr. Letitia Uduma. “We’re particularly

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The WCCCD Nursing Program focuses on providing real-world instruction with the latest training technologies and equipment. WCCCD nursing students have surpassed the average state and national passage rates for the Nursing National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for the past several years. Most WCCCD nursing program graduates stay in the state and work at area hospitals upon completion of their studies.

## Pardon Our Dust! Student Services Division Launches New Full Service Suite



Construction of the new Student Services Suite has been completed. The space is approximately 2,500-square-feet. The suite features a lounge area, study carrels and laptop charging stations.

“We hope to duplicate this facility across the District,” said Assistant to the Chancellor for Student Success Brian Singleton. “We want to offer not only a more visually appealing space but one that is fully functional for our students who are learning and working in such an advance, digital generation,” Singleton continued.

Students who have viewed the new space throughout construction are thrilled to have access to advisors and technology in a comfortable space. “This new space is so cool, I love it already said a student as she browsed through the class window. It gives the building a fresh look and will be great for recruitment.”

The Student Services Division hopes to incorporate the principles of first class customer service standards set across the District with the implementation of this new suite. The latest edition to the Student Services Division is now open. For more information on the Student Services Suite, please visit [wcccd.edu](http://wcccd.edu).

## 13th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival Highlights Hispanic Culture and History



WCCCD’s Continuing Education Division hosted another successful cultural event with the 13th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival at the Downriver Campus.

Each year the Hispanic Heritage Festival celebrates the talents, creativity and achievements found within the

Hispanic community. A full day of fun, educational activities including; clowns, face painting, traditional piñatas and more entertained visitors of all ages.

Guest had the opportunity to learn about the culture and contributions of Hispanic culture through a variety of workshops and group discussions. The festival will also include an art exhibit and workshop by Nora Chapa Mendoza. Traditional dance and music was narrated by Jimmy Barrios and feature Fantasia Ballet Folkloric, Latin Extravaganza, and the Grupo Salvaje Band.

The traditional “Mercado”, or market, where vendors will sell an assortment of handmade jewelry, crystal, apparel, beads, sculptures, piñatas and more was also present for guest to make purchases. A wide variety of Mexican food was prepared by Pico de Gallo Mexican Restaurant.

## WCCCD Provides New Tech Center for Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan’s NFL-Yet Detroit Club



The Boys & Girls of Southeastern Michigan received a significant technology upgrade to its NFL-YET Detroit Club at the Dauch Campus thanks to funding by Wayne County Community College District provided through CBS EcoMedia’s EducationAd program. More than 1,700 club members will now have access to a newly outfitted technology lab, with upgrades, including 12 new computer stations, printers, computer accessories, digital microscope kits and one year of Internet access.

“We are thrilled to partner with EcoMedia and Boys & Girls Clubs on this vital initiative to help provide new and better tools to young people in our community,” stated WCCCD Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery. “Our mission at WCCCD has always been to provide pathways to better lives through higher education, and we understand that involves having access to technology that works at the speed of young people’s minds.”

The existing technology at the Dauch Campus was eight years old. Thanks to WCCCD’s funding, the newly acquired state-of-the-art educational tools will support education in information technology and enhance college readiness. The upgraded equipment allows members to complete homework assignments after school while helping to develop computer and time management skills.

“Access to technology is an integral part of preparing our youth for college and career success,” said Paul Polizzotto, President and Founder of CBS EcoMedia. “With the support of WCCCD, Club members at Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan will continue to build the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.”

## WCCCD Announces New Certificate Programs



The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development has added several fast growing career paths to its academic programs list. Students can now take courses toward a certificate in Computer Science Technology, Photoshop, Graphic InDesign, Social Media, and the increasingly popular field of Personal Training.

These specialized programs result in short term certificates. Programs are offered on evenings and weekends for the convenience of non-traditional and working students.

“Adding courses that are in line with national career

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