



controlled environment.

“MIPSE benefits the entire region by providing a secure, cost effective, easily accessible, hands-on learning

of agencies of all sizes, most of which could not afford to build or equip such a facility on their own. “

Prior to this facility, there was no training center in Wayne, Monroe or Washtenaw County to provide specialized, realistic and safe emergency training opportunities open to the community.

The state-of-the-art, 10-acre, \$6 million facility houses a 5-story fire tower, a 12,000 square-foot training center, a 50,000 square-foot driving training area, and a man-made lake for water rescue simulations. MIPSE also includes aircraft, vehicle, and ship and residential room fire simulators.

environment capable of delivering a wide-range of public safety training,” said Deputy Chief Larry Hall. “The unique nature of the facility enables it to meet the needs

Information about all District events can be found at 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.
 Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 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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Letter from the President

Welcome to the Wayne County Community College District Downriver Campus. We're proud to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education, as well as the continued community enjoyment of the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center on our campus.

While different in their purpose, both institutions were created to serve our community in key ways. MIPSE was born to provide a state-of-the-art training complex for a wide range of first responders that serve our local communities, as well as those across the nation and even around the globe. EPAC was established to provide a place for the community to enjoy the arts, and as a meeting place for community groups and organizations to flourish.

Community is at the center of WCCCD – and at the heart of everything that we do at the Downriver Campus.

We look forward to seeing you on our campus soon.

Sincerely,

Anthony Arminiak
 President
 Downriver Campus

Michigan Board of Nursing Scholarship Fund Grants Wayne County Community College District Nursing Program Students Scholarship



said Northwestern Campus President Letitia Uduma. “We’re particularly excited that these are dollars that will help our students complete their education and put their valuable skills to practice in the real world.”

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.

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,”



WCCCD Workforce Development Programs Help Workers Reboot for New Economy



“Employers are seeking highly skilled workers with specific banks of knowledge before they will even look at their resumes,” said WCCCD Vice Chancellor, School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Shawna Forbes. “That’s why we tailor our programs around the current and existing needs of employers. Oftentimes, we can help that student transition directly into the work environment and make sure that they’re prepared to hit the ground running.”

The programs are vital to the region. Approximately 95 percent of WCCCD students remain in the state. Their higher earnings and associated increases in property income generate nearly \$12 million in added tax revenue each year, and save state and local governments nearly \$747,000 in avoided social costs.

Wayne County Community College District has expanded its workforce development programs to keep pace with the needs of students and area employers.

The District in 2014 won a federal grant to train unemployed veterans for jobs in cyber security. Additional programs have focused training on high-demand fields such as computer and software programming, advanced manufacturing and health care.

The expanded programs have been vital to helping workers adjust to the rise of a knowledge-based economy in Michigan.

Shawna Forbes Appointed to Detroit Workforce Development Board



Shawna Forbes, Vice Chancellor, School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development for Wayne County Community College District, has been appointed to The Detroit Workforce Development Board by Mayor Mike Duggan.

Development area, we feel that the appointment of Ms. Forbes aligns with the District’s mission,” said Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery. “Ms. Forbes’ years of experience in higher education and growth within the district make her the perfect candidate to represent the college. We are confident in her leadership in this position will enable us to provide even greater service to the Detroit Workforce Development Board. “

Ms. Forbes heads WCCCD’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development efforts, overseeing support of the District’s more than 125 workforce training programs and continuing education programs that help to connect organizations with highly trained workers for in-demand jobs across 32 townships and 500 square miles.

The Board is responsible for delivering workforce programs across the City. It is comprised of a cross-section of Detroit-based professionals who work on the board on a volunteer basis.

“Given the growth and advancements in the Workforce

Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center Continues to draw the community together



“Our goal is taking everything we do to a new level”

In the past year, WCCCD created a new three-pronged business plan for the center. Besides its district purpose, which includes professional development, faculty organizational days and faculty selection of courses, the facility is rented by outside organizations and encourages community use.

Since 2012, Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) has been offering cultural events, professional development opportunities and a state-of-art venue for rent at the Downriver Campus.

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center on WCCCD’s beautiful, wooded Downriver Campus is a 78,000-square-foot facility that features an 812-seat theater with high-end technical amenities, studio/rehearsal space, and a gallery for the visual arts and up to 14 classroom/seminar rooms.

“The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center is the ideal venue for a variety of activities,” said Anthony T. Arminiak, president and provost MIPSE of the 97-acre Downriver Campus.

Arminiak said the center plans to start a certificate program for theater operations next year to go along with the continuing ed., ticketed events, free concerts and youth activities it already provides. “Our goal is to expose everybody in the community to our facilities and show them what we have to offer,” he said.

The Downriver Campus at 21000 Northline, Taylor, is conveniently located off major highways and near I-75. The Prechter Center has its own box office and free parking, and Arminiak said it is always ready to accommodate the needs of the community.

For more information:
<http://www.wcccd.edu/about/performingArtsCenter.htm>

Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education Turns 10

Recognized As Premier Emergency Preparedness Training Center

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) training complex is celebrating its 10-year-anniversary, and its evolution to one of the premier first responder training institutions in the nation.

The Institute was launched in 2005. It provides Homeland Security, Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS and industrial personnel throughout the surrounding communities, state and at the national level with emergency response education and training services in a safe and



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