Welcome to the WCCCD Downtown Campus! We are off to a great start this semester with many of our students participating in the Wellness Clinic and others supporting the Detroit Zoological Society with a successful pet adoption event! Continue the great work and best wishes in all of your endeavors. Please feel free to say hello if you see me on campus and I welcome your comments and suggestions for stories.

Sincerely,
Annette Black, MBA
President
Downtown Campus

“My primary goal as campus President is to lead, guide, motivate and encourage people to exceed far above their academic and career goals.”
Annette Black,
Downtown Campus President

WCCCD Welcomes New Downtown Campus President

WCCCD is proud to welcome Annette Black to our downtown campus! As President of the downtown campus, Ms. Black brings her philosophy that “education should be committed to one’s life of continuous learning” and that “education will enhance one’s quality of life”.

Ms. Black is a living model of her commitment to education and scholarship with over 10 years of administrative leadership experience in higher education and three academic degrees from Davenport University.

As campus President, within the next two years, she would like to provide leadership for the planning and development of the District’s initiatives and establish goals that support the District’s priorities.

Ms. Black is committed to helping students reach their fullest potential through education.

Global Conversations Series Downtown Campus Success

The WCCCD Global Conversations Speaker Series featuring Lansing mayor Virg Bernero and Detroit journalist Bankole Thompson was held at the Downtown Campus on October 19, 2011.

The political and social discussion focused on the effects of the national economy on Michigan cities, educational reforms across the state, and the role of the community college. Mr. Bernero shared his perspectives on the working relationship between the White House and Michigan’s political leadership.

Virg Bernero is the current mayor of Lansing, Michigan, elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2009, and is a member of the Democratic Party. Bankole Thompson is a multimedia journalist and author. He is the Editor of the Michigan Chronicle newspaper, news analyst and radio and TV host.

This speaker series was sponsored by the Division of Student Services and the School of Continuing Education at WCCCD.
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: SUSAN DIBBLEY

Ms. Susan Dibbley is the new Program Director for the WCCCD Veterinary Technology Program. Ms. Dibbley took over the position in May 2011. Before taking over the director’s position, Susan was the Program Coordinator and then Senior Program Specialist for the Veterinary Technology Program.

Prior to coming to work for the program, in May 2008, Susan worked in the cardiology department for Dr. O’Leary as a research assistant, as well as in the Karmanos Cancer Institute as a laboratory manager. Ms. Dibbley is currently working towards her PhD in Physical Anthropology. She carries a Master’s degree in Anthropology and another in Criminal Justice. In addition to her two Masters’ degrees, Ms. Dibbley also has a post graduate Certificate in Forensic Toxicology.

Susan has a number of years experience working in laboratory animal medicine, small animal medicine and academia. Her vast amount of knowledge and broad experience will enhance her success as the Veterinary Technology Program Director.

FOR THE LOVE OF PETS

On September 17, 2011, a community service event was held by Patrice Reed from “For the Love of Pets,” a local Humane Society organization to encourage pet adoption at a local PetCo. Two first-year students from the WCCCD Veterinary Technology Program assisted in the pet adoption and socialization event which was a huge success. Thank you for your hard work!

DETOIT ZOOLOGICAL RUN WILD EVENT

September was a busy month for the WCCCD Veterinary Technology Program! The WCCCD Veterinary Technology Program participated in the Detroit Zoological Society’s annual Run Wild event. This event raises money for the zoo’s veterinary hospital.

As a tradition, our program challenges local veterinary technology programs to a 5k race and walk. The team with the fastest time gets the honor of taking home the Run Wild trophy. This year we were victorious! We are in possession of the illustrious Run Wild trophy. Hannah Banfield, a first year student, was our fastest runner with a time of 25:13.

Special Events

Second Annual ARISE! Detroit Neighborhoods Rising Summit Saturday, November 5, 2011 8 AM – 4:30 PM Atrium, Rooms 344, 348, 236, 124, 130, 133, 142, 144D

The Second Annual ARISE Detroit Neighborhood Rising Summit will host 30 exhibitors/vendors with info and resources to help residents improve their neighborhoods.

International Education Week November 14 - 18, 2011 9AM – 7 PM Atrium and various classrooms

A variety of educational activities focused on International studies will be held throughout the week. International Educational Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and worldwide exchange.

Credit Ability Seminar Tuesday, November 15, 2011 9 AM – 3 PM Room 112

Learn how to build a strong credit history, become aware of what’s on your credit report, what it takes to build good credit and how to establish credit if they do not have any. Also, learn tips for using credit wisely and about your rights and responsibilities.

“Let’s Talk More Action Tour” Financial Literacy Seminar Thursday, November 10, 2011 6 PM – 8:30 PM Room 236 and 112 Saturday, November 12, 2011 8:30 AM – 3 PM Room 236 and 112

Meet with representatives of the community on Friday evening to emphasize the importance of financial literacy and its impact other aspects of the community, education, healthcare, etc. At Saturday’s session, community organizations can learn how to conduct their own financial literacy programs to benefit their constituencies.