Special Events

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Downtown Campus - Passport to Africa - April 2010
Passport to Africa provides educational and cultural enrichment activities for WCCCD students, area elementary, middle school, high school and community residents about the history, countries, cultures and diversity on the African continent.

Downtown Campus - Tuskegee Airman Aviation March 2010
The Eastern Campus is continuing the tradition of hosting the Tuskegee Airman a group of approximately one thousand black military aviators who trained separately from other pilots due to racial segregation during World War II. The event will feature the Tuskegee Airman Inc., based in Detroit. The group was founded in 1972 and continues to honor the memories and achievements of the fearless pilots that have become a staple of Black history.

Northwest Campus - 3rd Annual International Book Fair - April 2010
The International Book Fair will give book lovers an opportunity to attend readings, participate in discussions and book signings. The International Book Fair will feature a wide range of genres including fiction, non-fiction, Christian writing, poetry, and children’s books.

Western Campus - Optimist International Celebration - February 2010
Participants attending this seminar will learn how important volunteerism is and how the could better serve the youth in every community. This program will also honor volunteer members for their years of dedication to youth advancement.

Information about all District events can be found at www.wcccd.edu.

Letter from the President

We are pleased to share with you this edition of the Wayne County Community College District’s Downtown Campus My College Newsletter. Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) serves a diverse region of 32 cities and townships in the County of Wayne. The Downtown Campus provides unique programs and comprehensive services designed to meet the needs of those living and working in our service area, as well as access to the more than 90-degree and certificate offerings across the District.

During the past months, we have strengthened course offerings and added new opportunities for “green” and emerging technologies needed to move our region forward. You will find that continuing education programs have been expanded and an increased schedule of distance learning classes that offer access and flexibility in meeting the demands of a fast-paced world.

While this newsletter can only provide a brief look at the people, programs and services that can be found within our learning community, I extend an invitation to you to visit our campus and see first-hand the exciting things that are taking place in the Wayne County Community College District.

Sincerely,
Patricia A. Hawkins
President
Downtown Campus

W.E.T – WCCCD Offers Training in the Nation’s Fastest Growing Field

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Vividly recognized by the public as a vital issue that will affect the well-being of every aspect of modern life, alternative energy is a means for the beginning of a powerful new industry that will not only create jobs, but also aid in saving the environment!

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By definition, alternative energy is energy derived from sources that do not consume natural resources or harm the environment.

The implementation of new methods such as Geothermal Energy, have become a global phenomena, as many search for ways to save our environment, reduce our carbon footprint and stop the unfortunate affects of global warming. In an effort to train Wayne County residents in one of the nation’s fastest growing fields, WCCCD’s Downtown Campus has implemented a Water Environment Technology Program (W.E.T.).

The W.E.T. Program offers intellectual exposure as well as practical training, required to operate and manage a wide range of water treatment technologies. The program recognizes that the efficient application of water-treatment technologies is essential for the survival of the planets populations and ecosystems.

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Students in the W.E.T program are introduced to the important facets of the treatment process that include water chemistry, microbiology as well as toxicity testing, and pollution prevention. Coursework and hands-on experience in utility equipment maintenance are required to complete the technical program. Upon Completion of the program, graduates will be provided the opportunity to take the entry level Water and Wastewater examination administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

WCCCD expects to be a primary facacy in the development of a workforce that efficiently maintains our water resources. Through the W.E.T. program, students will be exposed to the essential training and developmental phases that will lead to the production of clean water!
Alternative Energy: Building Michigan’s Next Job Engine

renewable sources by 2015; Granholm said she’d prefer that percentage grow to one-quarter, adding that renewable energy could create as many as 60,000 jobs by investing in solar, wind, biofuels and energy efficiency.

For Kulick, that means teaching students how to channel math, engineering and design skills in a new direction. It’s one thing to promote wind-generated electricity, he said, and quite another to get it built.

“There’s a lot to consider: harmonics and height for airplane safety, for example. Or basic equations; solar DC is calculated in watts. You need to be able to calculate that to function in the industry. That’s where the real-world education comes in,” Kulick said.

Robert Kulick is clear about his mission: to teach Southeast Michigan residents the nuts-and-bolts skills they’ll need to participate in a quickly growing industry: alternative energy.

Kulick, President of Kulick Enterprises and President and Owner of Crest Energy Systems, both in Wyandotte, is leading instruction of WCCCD’s new alternative energy program at the Western Campus.

Alternative energy sources used to be dismissed as a cause for the “tree hugging” fringe. These days however, the alternative industry has grown into a buttoned-up industry, poised not only to improve our environment, but create jobs, new revenue and position Michigan as a national leader. “There’s a tremendous amount of potential out there,” Kulick said.

So-called “green” jobs have become a national imperative. Here at home, Gov. Jennifer Granholm last October signed into law a bipartisan energy package that includes a mandate that 10 percent of the state’s energy comes from

“go green” in Brazil

Study Abroad: WCCCD Students “go green” in Brazil

She began to research colleges, and found them to contribute to her inhibitions rather than calm her fears. The large classes and lack of instructor/student interaction were not appealing to her. Erica then began looking into community colleges, and discovered Wayne County Community College District.

Erica has taken full advantage of WCCCD. Her most recent accomplishment is being the recipient of several scholarships including: The Coca-Cola Scholarship, All State Academic Regional Scholar, and The New Century Scholarship. In addition, Erica was accepted into WCCCD’s very competitive nursing program. “These scholarships have been a blessing and will help me fund my nursing educational career,” said Fields.

Erica has begun her venture into the nursing field and hopes to receive her degree in 2011. Upon completion, she will move to the next stepping stone to taking the State Board Exam. In her short time at WCCCD, Erica has already begun to leave her footprints of success District-wide and continues to do so with her positive motto, “When you realize that you can make a difference simply by the things you say and do, then you want to do those things that matter.”

Study Abroad continues its worldwide adventure to Brazil this fall. This once in a lifetime opportunity offers the educational opportunity to explore the culture, language and expand student’s knowledge of the country’s global affairs. This trip coincides with the District’s efforts to bring awareness of alternative energy to its students, as participants will investigate Brazil’s “green approach” to energy.

Since 1970, Brazil has used sugarcane to produce an ethanol fuel program which has allowed the country to become the world’s largest exporter of this alternative fuel. Brazil is considered to have the world’s first sustainable bio-fuel economy and is also a bio-fuel industry leader. This exposure to a leading global force within alternative energy will give WCCCD students the advantage of returning home with knowledge on the global trend of alternative energy. “We look forward to taking our students on this educational and cultural experience. We are focused on developing well rounded and knowledgeable individuals to bestow onto our society,” said David Butty, Executive Director for International Studies.

“Green energy education is going to change the way education is delivered for future generations, and that means that WCCCD needs to change the way we teach so that our students will be successful,” said Dr. Stephanie Bulger, Vice Chancellor of Educational Affairs, who is leading this effort. “I am optimistic that when our students return from their study abroad trip to Brazil, they will be energized."