

## WCCCD Announces Registered Apprenticeship Program

The Workforce Development Division is pleased to announce its membership to the Registered Apprenticeship Consortium. The Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium is an effort announced last year by Vice-President Joe Biden. The consortium will allow graduates of Registered Apprenticeship programs to turn years of on-the-job and classroom training into college credits toward an associate or bachelor degree.

"This is a substantial advancement for our workforce development students," said Vice Chancellor of the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Shawna Forbes. We want our students to be motivated and to continue putting forth effort in their professional fields while receiving a world class education here at WCCCD," Forbes continued.

A registered apprenticeship is an "earn while you learn" model that provides a combination of on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly-skilled occupation. Graduates of the program are connected to thousands of potential employers upon completion.

"We want to encourage more WCCCD students to consider entering the Workforce Development department and we think this partnership with a national program will be a great incentive, said Forbes."

For more information on the Workforce Development Division and the RACC, please visit [wcccd.edu](http://wcccd.edu).

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

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## New University Partners Extend WCCCD Advanced Degree Opportunities



### Letter from the President

Welcome to the Western Campus. We're proud to continuously make progress on providing new resources for the Western Wayne county community to engage with and learn on our campus.

Our list of new academic programs continues to grow as quickly as our partnerships with neighboring organizations and groups. During this exciting time for WCCCD, we look forward to creating more opportunities for our students and staff. We know that without you our campus and college would not flourish the way it has. We are proud to be a growing campus in such a beautiful community.

We hope you'll take a closer look at our campus, and take full advantage of our world-class resources and facilities. There are great things happening at WCCCD, we hope you'll find opportunities to engage in the life of this campus, and the college.

Sincerely,

**Michael P. Dotson**  
President  
Western Campus

Earning an advanced degree has now become less complicated thanks to strategic partnerships from local universities and Wayne County Community College District. With more than 15 bachelor and master degree programs, students are now offered more unique opportunities to complete advanced degrees though the community college at a fraction of the cost and time usually required at traditional universities.

Northwood University's Master of Business Administration and Madonna University's Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Administration and Aging Studies are now offered at the District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center- Western Campus. WCCCD students may apply an Associate of Arts with Certificate in Gerontology to a Bachelor of Science in Aging Studies from Madonna, or an Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Arts in Business Administration to a Bachelor of Science in

Business Administration – Human Resource Management. Both programs will be offered at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center – West, in Belleville.

"Our growing articulation agreements with local universities helps to solidify our mission to helping employ our students in gainful fields and industries throughout our region," said Dr. Sandra Robinson, Provost of WCCCD's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

"We're extremely proud of the strides our students make in as they pursue advanced degrees at their own pace in our facilities."

WCCCD also offers advanced degrees in various subjects including a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from University of Michigan-Flint. Other University Center partners include University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan State University, Ferris State University, and Western Michigan University.

# 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).

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



“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 Breaks Barriers on Breast Cancer Awareness



WCCCD participated in various activities to help raise awareness and funds for breast cancer awareness during the fall semester.

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce

Development, in partnership with St. John Providence Health System presented “Breaking the Barriers on Cancer Awareness” at the Eastern Campus. The half-day seminar was designed to provide information on screening,



prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Participants also had the opportunity to have interactive discussion with renowned breast surgeon Dr. Cheryl Wesen of St. John Providence Health System.

During the seminar, participants gained insight on care options for loved ones and preventative measures. The District offered a mobile mammography machine at each of the campuses throughout the month of October.

As featured in the St. John Providence newsletter, The WCCCD Think Pink Volleyball Tournament fundraiser raised \$2,774. Additional funds raised by WCCCD were delivered to St. John Providence Hospital’s “Because We Care” Program to help women receive exams through the mobile mammography unit at St. John Providence Hospital. The college District credits the teamwork of administrators, staff and students for the tremendous support to the hospital and the fight against Breast Cancer.

# WCCCD Announces New Certificate Programs



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 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).

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.