Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Completion Agenda Newsletter!

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor of Wayne County Community College District has entrusted this workgroup and given his complete support in their efforts to achieve student success. This newsletter will be one of the many ways that we keep you informed of our goals and accomplishments towards this end.

As we embark on this initiative, we are mindful that our institution has made a commitment to the community to be transparent in our actions and provide information that measures success. As we develop plans to accomplish these goals, we will lay a foundation of qualified baseline data and use that foundation to set measurable goals.

We hope you enjoy this update and we look forward to providing you with more information in the months to come!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronald Harkness,
District Provost, Career Preparation and Campus Operations

WORKGROUP CHARGE

The charge of the Completion Agenda Workgroup is to promote college completion of our students, thereby supporting the National Completion Agenda. As part of our commitment to inclusion and transparency, the work group will help ensure that our efforts are embraced Districtwide and that our many success stories are told at the local, state, and national levels.
THE COMPLETION AGENDA: A CALL TO ACTION

On July 14, 2009, President Obama announced the American Graduation Initiative (AGI), which called for 5 million additional community college degrees and certificates by 2020. The Initiative was designed to develop a highly skilled workforce to meet the challenges of the 21st century economy and close the skills gap in the United States. As the American Graduate Initiative has gained national recognition, it has morphed into what many are now calling the “Completion Agenda.”

The “Completion Agenda” is not a federal mandate with defined implementation parameters, but rather a call for postsecondary educators to focus on college completion as a way to begin to close the skills gap and positively impact the United States’ economy.

In response to President Obama’s Challenge, the American Association of Community Colleges and a number of other national higher education organizations have made the commitment to increase by fifty percent the number of college graduates by the end of this decade.

OUR COMMITMENT

Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) has made a parallel commitment, setting its sights on increasing the number of our students earning certificates and associate degrees by the Year 2020.

To accomplish this goal, WCCCD projects to increase the number and percentage of students earning college credentials by redesigning our present student flow model, thereby strengthening college services at each stage from entry to exit. This approach calls for WCCCD to focus on college readiness processes in cooperation with community partners.

In order to achieve our 2020 student completion target, WCCCD will engage every division, campus, unit, and program in redesign efforts aimed at increasing student success, satisfaction, and completion at every stage of the process as students complete their education at WCCCD.