Numerous factors lend themselves to successful achievement of the goals of the Completion Agenda. Having excellent faculty is definitely a factor in our student’s success. WCCCD is pleased to announce that Marty Depowski, Automotive Faculty has been recognized as the first “Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year,” by the Michigan Occupational Deans Advisory Council.

**Staff Promoting Programs**

During this first week of classes, staff from the Division of Educational Affairs visited the campuses to promote and support programs. The support was evident in the Student Services areas on each campus and in other high traffic zones at peak times. It has been an “all hands on deck” week as we continue to update students with information to help them make decisions about their education at WCCCD.

**New Class Act- A Young Gentleman’s Guide to Etiquette**
Dental Hygiene Faculty Development Program

Anna Pattison, former Editor-in-Chief of Dimensions of Dental Hygiene and past Chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene at the University of Southern California provided a 3-hour clinical instrumentation calibration for dental hygiene faculty. This faculty development program will assist faculty in clinical teaching/student learning as well as prepare to address the programs accreditation standards regarding faculty development and appropriate clinical advanced coursework.

Book Giveaway at the Northwest Campus!

Learning Resource Center
Monday, August 26, 2013
8:30 am

Dental Hygiene Faculty Development Program

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Andrea Juarez successfully completed her doctoral dissertation titled "Language Variance and its Impact on Women of Color in Community College: Perceptions of Standard and non-Standard English" at University of Michigan-Dearborn. We are proud of the exceptional work Dr. Juarez has done in completing this milestone in her professional growth and in the services she continues to provide to the District.

Western Campus

SMART Recovery

Self Management and Recovery Training

The Western Campus was host to SMART Recovery’s Four-Point Program Workshop which helps people recover from all types of addictions. This is the first of several workshops that will be held through October.

Patrize Microscope was onsite at the Western Campus to help ensure proper preparation for the biology and chemistry students scheduled for the Fall 2013 semester. The services included cleaning and repair and covered replacing parts that were defective.

On the Move...

Mike Dotson met with Superintendent Richard Naughton of the Huron School District. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss opportunities for future partnerships as well as the further development and expansion of dual enrollment courses.

Mr. Dotson also attended a meeting of the Belleville Shared Community Support group in Belleville. The group is a collection of various education, non-profit, community and government representatives that meet to discuss ways to work together on projects and initiatives.

Family Safety Fair and Open House
Saturday, September 28, 2013
9:00am– 1:00pm
Downriver Campus

24th Annual Kinship Adoption Festival
Saturday, September 21, 2013
11:00am-3:00pm
Northwest Campus
The Downtown Campus held the National Senior Citizen’s Day Seminar for participants 50 years of age and older. The seminar was designed to assist senior’s back into the workforce and allow them to explore educational opportunities that are available to them.

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The Division of Human Resources offers Direct Deposit Allocation for all staff and faculty of the District.

4 Simple Steps

- Complete the Direct Deposit Allocation Form
- Checking Account - Attach a voided check.
- Savings Account – Communication on financial institution’s letterhead with all of your account information
- Submit to the Division of Human Resources

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CE) held the Fall 2013 CE Instructor Orientation. Instructors were provided an overview of processes, procedures and professional development programs related to adult learning techniques for facilitators. Orientation also focused on how to engage students and create an effective learning environment.

During the week of August 12 - 17, 2013 the District served 1,376 Continuing Education participants by partnering with 17 community organizations.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

The Continuous Quality Improvement Center reflects the commitment to excellence by WCCCD administrators to always seek ways to continuously improve management of the District’s resources.
Representatives from WCCCD participated in the 22nd Annual Mack Alive Parade and Rally. Mack Alive is a 501c3 non-profit community-based organization whose mission is to enhance the growth and development of the eastside of Detroit through a comprehensive approach that empowers, educates and elevates the entire community.

**PROJECT EXCELLENCE**

With the Fall 2013 semester underway, we strategize on the best approach that will ensure students had a great first day experience. The Project Excellences and Student Solutions initiatives have proven to be effective tools when assisting students during registration, as well as guiding new students through the first day of class activities. To ensure each and every student gets that “personal touch” that is part of WCCCD’s excellent customer service, the Division of Student Services will continue to provide support on each campus over the next several weeks.

Enas Hussein, WCCCD student and Financial Aid Marathon participant writes:

“As an associate teacher at an elementary school and a student at WCCCD, I would like to say THANK YOU a million times over for all the work you do for students. I have never seen a school that offers all the help that WCCCD and the financial aid representatives do. I absolutely appreciate such wonderful help. Since I became a student, I knew I’d reach my dreams. Every new semester begins with lots of excitement and attaining an education makes me feel proud. Thank you WCCCD and thank you financial aid representatives. I really appreciate all you do for me and all the other students.”

Shirley Garnett, one of the vice presidents of WCCCD’s Phi Theta Kappa organization attended the 2013-2014 Honors Institute at Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania.
The Eastern Campus held a New Student Orientation. Students took advantage of this unique opportunity to learn and familiarize themselves with the resources available. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a variety of breakout sessions geared towards time management, career assessment and plans of work.
Randy Haubner of CDX Automotive, held a training session for faculty and staff on the new automotive textbook and e-learning system implemented for use in all automotive classes beginning Fall 2013.

**Patient Care Training Graduation**

The Downriver Campus hosted the Information Center’s Grant for Building Better Training Quality for Patient Care Training graduation. The ceremony recognized and awarded the participants that successfully completed the program.

**Blackboard Orientation**

The Downriver Campus hosted an onsite orientation/training program for students taking online classes for the first time. Completion of either the on-line or face-to-face orientation/training program is mandatory for all distance learning students.

**The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education Hosted Several Organizations This Week**

- Representatives from Canton Township’s Emergency Management attended an American Heart Association CPR Train-the-Trainer class.

- An orientation was held for students enrolled in the Fire Protection Technology Program. The future fire-fighters received an overview of the program and safety objectives, code of dress and behavior; as well as the academic expectations for the upcoming semester.

- Through a partnership with Eastern Michigan University, MIPSE held a trenching and excavation class. The class targeted workers, supervisors and equipment operators whose health and safety is threatened by the possibility of serious injury.

- A Train-the-Trainer Course for Fire Fighter 16 Life Safety Initiatives was held at MIPSE.

**Book Discussions**

September 17, 2013  2:00pm

- **Western Campus**
  Social Animal by David Brooks

- **Northwest Campus**
  The Perfect Marriage by Kimberla Lawson-Roby

- **Downtown Campus**
  Perfect Peace by Daniel

- **Downriver Campus**
  My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

- **Eastern Campus**
  Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup

**All About the Arts Coffee Series**

“And it Goes Like This…”

A conversation in words and music with a gathering of Metro Detroit singer-songwriters.

Thursday, September 19, 2013
7:00-8:30pm
Downriver Campus—Performing Arts Center

**FREE CONCERT!**

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Friday, September 27, 2013
8:00pm
Downriver Campus
Performing Arts Center
DIVISION NEWS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR CAMPUS SAFETY

The University of Tennessee Police Department has launched a new initiative to enhance safety by keeping the campus and surrounding community more informed. The efforts include an anonymous tip service. The program is an internet-based tool that allows the public to text message an anonymous tip to police and the police to respond, creating a two-way anonymous conversation. Tip 411’s technology removes all identifying information before police personnel read the message so there is no way to identify the sender.

WEBSITE HITS

For the week of August 12 – 18, we received 61,857 visits to our website. Visits came from 60 countries.

Top 5 Content Views
- Financial Aid: 20,366
- Student Services: 12,700
- Academic Programs: 9,613
- Northwest Campus: 5,720
- Faculty and Staff resources: 5,227

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The Entering Student Experience Survey was designed to gather information concerning students’ initial encounters and experiences when entering WCCCD for the first time. The survey gathers information such as a students’ previous academic background, which location they plan to attend, as well as academic goals and expectations they have upon entering WCCCD.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

In preparation for the first financial aid disbursement of the Fall 2013 semester, it is extremely important for students to verify their mailing address in order to prevent delays in receiving their refund check. Students whose refund checks are returned to the District as undeliverable will be required to process an address update with Student Records prior to receiving their check.

DEFFERED MAINTENANCE

NORTHWEST CAMPUS - NEW PEDESTRIAN GATE

With the opening of the Larry K. Lewis Education Center, additional improvements have been made around the campus grounds. The new pedestrian gate at the east gatehouse is complete.

Where did you “Wear Your WCCCD” apparel. Remember to submit a photo and brief story to Julie Figlioli at jfiglio1@wcccd.edu.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Study Abroad trip to Belize and Guatemala
November 30–December 8, 2013

Study Abroad
BRING THE WORLD HOME
**DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY**

**BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS FOR GRADE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS**

It’s that time of year again – and here are a few safety tips for you and your family as you prepare for the new school year.

**BACKPACK SAFETY**
- Choose a backpack with wide padded shoulder straps and padded back.
- Pack light and organize to place heavier items close to the center of the backpack.
- Instruct children to always use both shoulder straps; slinging a backpack over one shoulder can cause muscle strain.

**TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL**
- Make sure that all passengers wear seat belts and that you have age appropriate car and booster seats.
- Educate your child about the dangers of moving around on buses and to keep their heads and arms inside bus windows at all times.
- Never let your young child walk alone to school; find a partner.
- Children who ride bicycles to school should always wear a helmet and bright colored clothing.
- Make sure they know and respect traffic rules.

**PLAYGROUNDS**
- Check your child’s school playground for hazards such as rusted or broken equipment and dangerous surfaces. Report any deficiencies to the school immediately.
- Check for drawstrings on jacket hoods of younger children and remove them; these can cause strangulation injuries.

**STRANGER DANGER**
- Talk to your children again about the dangers of talking to strangers and to be alert to and report suspicious people that may be around school grounds.

**BULLYING AND VIOLENT BEHAVIOR**
- Help your child to respond to bullying by teaching them not to be afraid, report this behavior and to avoid being drawn in by simply walking away. They should report all verbal threats to a teacher and parent. Encourage your child to talk to you openly about this type of behavior.

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**Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center**

- Dr. Sandra Robinson and Nichole Pardo attended the Connecting the Pointes quarterly meeting and provided an update on the District.

- Dr. Robinson and Dr. Randall Miller met with Western Michigan University representatives, Craig Boyd and Michael Mathis, to solidify preparation for the kickoff of the Bachelor of General Studies Degree this fall semester at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

- The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted an orientation session for all students interested in the Bachelor of Social Work degree offered by the University of Detroit Mercy.”

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**Downriver Campus**

**COLLEGE NIGHT**

October 8, 2013  6:30-8:00-pm

**Western Campus**

**COLLEGE NIGHT**

September 26, 2013  6:30-8:00-pm