This week, the "HLC Spring Tour" visited the Northwest Campus for the “Space Odyssey: What Does WCCCD’s Mission Mean to You?” event. More than 50 staff and faculty members attended and had the opportunity to hear facts about the Re-Accreditation process and discuss what the mission means to them. Here are some comments received about the event:

“The event was great. It is connecting the actual knowledge to real life, giving people real understanding. I loved it!”

“The event was well-attended, interactive, and showed the dedication of the staff in moving through the HLC Self-Study process The Northwest”

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HLC CARNIVAL
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Downtown Campus
At our last event of the HLC Spring Tour, come enjoy the day with carnival games, HLC information, carnival snacks, and the fellowship of friends and co-workers.

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New Graduate Exit Survey

The new Graduate Exit Survey is designed to capture new graduates’ immediate perceptions of their overall academic and student life experiences upon degree completion from Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD).

Overview of 2008 New Graduate Exit Survey
In 2008 IE distributed more than 500 copies of the new Graduate Exit Survey instrument to the 2007-08 graduates for completion during the commencement rehearsal. A total of 488 survey were completed and collected by IE.

Major Findings
□ 87% reported that their education at WCCCD has helped them pursue plans to further their education.
□ The average reported GPA upon the completion of the graduates’ degree was 3.22, based on a traditional 4-point grading scale.
□ Approximately 88% of new graduates reported working intermittently to full-time during their program of study.

2009 New Graduate Exit Survey Process
□ This year approximately 1,000 surveys have already been mailed to the 2008-2009 graduating students by the Division of Student Services.
□ The new Graduate Exit Survey instruments were mailed along with student's graduation applications. In addition, each campus will have instruments to give to students who apply for graduation on site.

If you know of any graduating student or if you are a graduating student and have not had an opportunity to complete the new Graduate Exit Survey, we encourage you to complete the survey as your input is of great importance in advancing the mission of the District.
Eyelng Banner 8's New Features and Upgrades

Every two years SunGard Higher Education, the Banner software maker, releases a major version upgrade to deliver functional and technical improvements to the Banner system. The District must implement these versions to retain support from the vendor and to remain in compliance with the Federal regulations such as Financial Aid. SungardHE will not support Banner 7 starting August 2010.

The District is planning to implement Banner8 December 2009. To keep the college community informed, District IT Services will be featuring some of the new enhancements of Banner8.

One of the many features and upgrades to Banner 8 is the SDE (Supplemental Data Engine). This new addition to Banner works on every form and every module within the Banner system.

Every form has a small icon which “lights” up telling you additional user supplied information is available for this form. If lit, just use the “option” menu and select “Display Supplemental Data” menu and an overlapping form will display the additional data for that form without leaving the existing form.

For a real world example, let's say the Financial Aid office wanted to review a student's status for financial aid review.

In this process they will need GPA, number of credits for the current term, hold information, whether or not the student is a transfer student, and parental income. All of this information is available in Banner but you must traverse five or six screens to get this information. This is time consuming and clumsy if the information you need exists but is in many different locations within the Banner system. With SDE you set up the form where you want to display the “supplemental” information and add the pieces of data from all the other forms creating a unique one shop answer to the original question without having to visit multiple forms; moreover, as a result of this condensed simplified approach to specific institutional questions; training will be simplified.

Options for Sending Your Word 2007 Documents

As in previous versions of Word, Word 2007 lets you send documents electronically without opening Outlook. However, Word 2007 provides new options for sending your documents. To send a document electronically, follow these steps:
1. Click the Office Button
2. Select Send
3. Choose the appropriate option for sending your document
   Most people will choose the first option, sending the document in Word format as an email attachment. Some people will be interested in the other options. You can opt to send your document as a PDF attachment or an XPS attachment. In order to send your document in PDF or XPS format, you’ll need to save as PDF add-in for Word.

Search Function

Did you know that WCCCD website has a new feature — “Search” function? Since we have lots of information on the website, maybe sometimes it's hard for you to find an article you want, use the search function! It's located in multiple places on the website:
• Home page
• Top of five campuses home page

The red square portion is the place where you could find the search button on the website, here is an example of how the search function works:
• Step One: Type the interesting article you want to search.
• Step Two: Hit “search” button and get the result.
• Step Three: Normally the first link gives you the corresponding article you are looking for.
• Step Four: Done!

Hopefully the introduction of search function could bring you more convenience to browse our WCCCD website!