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**JOURNALIST AND COLUMNIST BANKOLE THOMPSON, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHOR, EDUCATOR  
DR. CLAUD ANDERSON TO LEAD DETROIT REBELLION ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION AT WCCCD**

**September 21 Panel Discussion to Include Historians, Educators, Activists and Authors to Present an  
Analysis of the Rebellion's Effects on the Present and Future of Detroit**

DETROIT, Mich., – Sept. 11, 2017– The Detroit News columnist Bankole Thompson will lead historians, educators, activists and authors in a discussion about the causes and enduring effects of the 1967 rebellion in an 11 a.m. Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> panel discussion at the WCCCD Downtown Campus. The Downtown Campus is located at 1001 West Fort St. in Detroit.

Nationally recognized author and educator, Dr. Claud Anderson will keynote the event, which is open to the public at no cost.

Anderson, a Detroit native, is president of The Harvest Institute, a think tank dedicated to conducting research, policy development, education and advocacy to increase the self-sufficiency of Black America. Anderson served as President Jimmy Carter's Assistant Secretary in the U.S. Department of Commerce, and as the state of Florida's Coordinator of Education during the 1970s.

Dr. Anderson is also the President of PowerNomics, a planning organization built to create concepts and plans that teach African Americans how to pool resources and aspects of power so that they can produce, distribute and consume in a way that creates goods and wealth. The group has produced a series of publications offering expert advice on resource development for minority groups based on economic principles.

A panel discussion will follow Dr. Anderson's speech. Moderated by Bankole Thompson, the panel discussion will also include Rev. V. Lonnie Peek, Jr., Program Manager for the WCCCD Chancellor's Leadership Institute; Author and Historian Rev. Dan Aldridge; Criminal Justice Professor, the Honorable Adam Shakoor; Community Activist Loretta Holmes; and WCCCD Professor James Jackson.

For more information on this event, please call 313-496-2704 or visit [www. Wcccd.edu](http://www.Wcccd.edu)

**About WCCCD:** WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations, including the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), serving more than 70,000 credit and non-credit students annually across 32 cities and townships, and more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, workforce transformation, hosting community-based training sessions, and improving student facilities and services. For more information, visit [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu)

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