THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM has launched the District into a leadership role for training “first responders” in Wayne County and throughout the state. The symposium heralded the opening of the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) at the Downriver Campus. The six million dollar complex will provide homeland security, fire, law enforcement, Emergency Medical Service, and industrial emergency response education and training. Congressman John Dingell, (D-MI) State Representative Edward Clemente, Donald Allen, Governor Granholm’s Deputy for Homeland Security, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, former Mayor of Taylor Gregory Pitoniak, and Nolan Finley of The Detroit News participated.

Keynote speaker, Richard Clarke, former National Security Council official and intelligence advisor to seven presidents, stressed the weaknesses in infrastructure security and, in his opinion, insufficient focus on the financing of homeland security.

RIBBON CUTTING

The ribbon cutting ceremony at the new MIPSE facility at the Downriver Campus in Taylor was an auspicious occasion for Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD). Dignitaries including Trustee Charles Paddock, State Senator Ray Basham and Martha Scott, Gregory Pitoniak, former Mayor of the City of Taylor, and numerous police, fire, and other public safety officials gathered for the event. The state-of-the-art, 10-acre site houses a four-story fire tower, a 12,000 square-foot training center, a 50,000 square-foot driver training area, and a man-made lake for water rescue simulations. As a result, the institute will provide state and nationally certified training in homeland security, fire, law enforcement, EMS and emergency response education.

WCCCD Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, stated, “Homeland Security is among the most crucial challenges that our nation faces. This facility provides opportunities for experts from various specialties to exchange dialogue and inform the community about the level of public emergency preparedness. The MIPSE will play an integral role in making WCCCD a national leader in emergency training and response to allow public safety officers to train their personnel in a safe and controlled environment.”
Welcome to this Edition of Dimensions

As we all know, these are times of optimism and change. Here at the Wayne County Community College District, it can be said that those who call WCCCD home look forward to this year as a one that will reflect growth, initiative, and commitment.

Recently, the Distance-Learning division trained 21 faculty members who teach online classes on the Blackboard/Banner integration and advanced features of Blackboard Enterprise. The latest Blackboard procedures such as archiving courses, maintaining course rosters, integrating foreign languages, and management of online courses enable the District to serve our students more efficiently.

We have been fortunate that over the past year our enrollment has continued to grow which tells us that WCCCD is doing something right. However, we are not content to rest on our laurels; we want to ensure service that is reflective and responsive to the needs of those in metropolitan Detroit and beyond.

This year promises to be a busy one with the building of our new Northwest Campus, expanding the training at our MIPSE, and moving forward with transfer, career, and continuing education program offerings.

Sincerely,

Curtis L. Ivery,
Banner training for faculty took place and each session was held at a different WCCCD campus. Faculty earned Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and received certification by participating in SCT Banner online training. The training helped participants navigate through the web gate system and become accustomed to the various subfolders. Faculty members were eager to have the ability to communicate electronically with students, and also to experience the ease and accessibility of posting grades online. The Banner Training Institute has developed online instructions for faculty members who were unable to attend training sessions, or who may need additional online assistance.

Faculty and staff are working to incorporate the Banner software in their daily work routine. The training team is now working aggressively to develop materials for future Banner upgrades. Current training materials are posted in the Outlook Public Folders for staff.

Online Registration is Here!

On November 14, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. WCCCD officially began online registration for students.

Although it is impossible to eliminate the anxiety and stress that is inherent as students matriculate through an educational environment, WCCCD’s new online services have assisted our institution in alleviating the inconvenience and frustration experienced as students prepare to enroll each semester. Online registration is available to currently enrolled students 24 hours a day. The technology allows students to register online, view their accounts, view an instructor’s syllabus, and obtain financial aid information. The most important benefit of expanding our online services is that our students are able to utilize these services from the comfort of their home rather than having to travel to a campus and wait in line. In addition, if the student does not have access to a computer, computers are available throughout the campuses for the students. A student identification number is the only item needed to proceed with online registration.

Student Services and Information Technology have been the driving forces ensuring online registration was available for the Spring 2006 registration. There have been numerous articles stating the value of online services for enhancing students’ independence and technology literacy.

The campuses are resounding with affirmations from students that show evidence of the positive impact we are having in the community and our educational environment. One of the campuses reported a student who was ecstatic because she normally had to wait until final registration to register when the hours of operation were a little bit later in the day, and it was difficult for her to make it to the campus before the doors closed. She stated, “Now with online registration, I can register from home and take my time picking classes on the first day of early registration when I have all of the classes as options instead of picking from the select few that are still open during final registration.” Affirmations like these reaffirm our goals of striving for student success and motivates us to stay on the path of service to our community. Another student, Hussein El-Sabbagh wrote, “Thank you very much! I appreciate your work so much and I would like to congratulate our college for the great effort it is doing for the students and for the new service (registration online).”

Online registration has gone extremely well. For Spring 2006, over 40 percent of our students utilized the new technology. WCCCD has truly entered a new technological era and will continue to apply new technological advancements to enhance our students’ learning environment and experience. In the near future, WCCCD will be able to offer online advising, degree audit, and digital imaging. These services will enhance the services currently being provided to our students and continue to move the District forward.
WCCCD was proud to host two public events at the Downtown Campus featuring Dr. William H. Cosby, Jr. (Bill Cosby). His second visit to the District within a 10-month period, Dr. Cosby was the facilitator for two “problem solving” sessions with invited members of the Detroit community. Former Public Editor of the Detroit News, Luther Keith and Columnist, Rochelle Riley of the The Detroit Free Press and Actress, Denise Nichols, (pictured top right), led the Activating Resources Inspiring Service and Empowerment (ARISE) Detroit coalition in arranging Dr. Cosby’s visit.

The first session with foster parents, grandparents, foster care service providers, counselors, and college staff focused on solutions, resources, and opportunities available through career programs at WCCCD. Employing personal stories and humor, Dr. Cosby encouraged those in the audience to take advantage of fast-track, short-term, and two-year programs as a means to improving lives and providing opportunity for upward mobility. With self-determination as a theme and responsibility for the community, as a mantra, Dr. Cosby challenged participants to assume an ownership mentality in building businesses and safeguarding institutions in Detroit.

The second session involved an audience of protective service providers (law enforcement and neighborhood watch), community, and civic leaders. Participants were enthralled by the testimonials of young people, concerning their experience, survival, recovery, and successful outcomes after being victims of violence, substance abuse, and other life challenges. This session focused on ways the community must embrace and support constructive approaches in creating a new paradigm of hope.
Opening remarks by Dr. Debraha Watson, associate vice chancellor Health Sciences, began the second Annual Surgical Technology Seminar with “Medical Ethics” as the subject of discussion. The Gift of Life Program Director Remonia Chapman followed Dr. Watson and laid the foundation for the rest of the seminar with an open discussion on the importance, myths, and ethics of organ donation especially in minority communities. Several students agreed with the myths and mistrust of health care institutions, and religious beliefs. Some of the participants thought that compensation should be part of the donation process.

Dr. Juan Arenas of Henry Ford Hospital provided an in-depth look at robotics in surgery, especially the delicate procedure of surgical transplanting. Dr. Arenas discussed the daVinci robotic surgical system, the most current robotic surgical development. This system allows surgeons to perform transplant surgery with the manipulation of robotic arms. The robotic machine makes organ transplantation quicker and more precise with less recovery time. Three WCCCD surgical technology students gave heartfelt testimony about their kidney and liver transplant journeys. All three agreed that they were lucky to receive organs.

Dr. James B. Tubbs, of the University of Detroit Medical Ethics Resources Network of Michigan, began the afternoon program with a history of organ transplant and the different ethical issues that have surfaced as modern medicine evolves. He discussed religious beliefs and the positive and negative effects of monetary issues on the donation process. Shawna Forbes, associate dean for career programs, gave closing remarks on the importance of both technical and ethical issues in the medical education field.
News Makers

Dr. Randall R. Miller has accepted the presidency of Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. His selection is a tremendous testimony to the contribution he has made to the District. He has devoted much of his career to higher education, and will continue to do so as he transitions into his new role as one of the 28 community college presidents in Michigan.

Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie R. Bulger for an outstanding and informative article on Distance Education published in the issue of the Community College Journal. The article, titled "The Win-Win of Exporting Distance Education," touched on some of the salient points of bridging the digital divide. The journal is a national publication and Dr. Bulger article has given the District much deserved national exposure.

Donnell Mason II, assistant to the president at the Eastern Campus, was inducted as a member of the Youth Services for the Metro Detroit YMCA. As part of their Education Coalition Initiative, Mr. Mason will help facilitate upcoming sessions of the Future Professions Academy of over 100 students. In addition, Mr. Mason was elected Chairman of the Training Committee for Motor City District of the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He will be responsible for providing all adult leadership training for the 147 Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing units in the city.

Diane Chandler, dental assistant and dental hygiene instructor, recently had an article accepted for publication in Contemporary Dental Assisting. The title of the article is "Language Helpful Hints." Ms. Chandler stated that her article provides suggestions for building rapport with international clients and provides the dental health care worker with the translations, for simple phrases used in the dental office.

Courtney Atlas, dietetic faculty, presented at the Annual Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo. The forum addressed the future of dietetics education. Ms. Atlas was named chair of the professional issues committee for the Southeast Michigan Dietetic Association.

Jo Ann Allen Nyquist was recently appointed to a one-year term as a consultant to the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The appointment will provide Ms. Nyquist the opportunity to serve on self-study accreditation team onsite visits at both two and four year dental programs. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has approved her one-year term as a consultant until October 2006. Ms. Nyquist was also appointed to the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners and will participate as part of a team for the examination of Dentists and Dental Hygienists seeking state licensure. Ms. Nyquist will participate in the winter and spring series of dental examinations. She also serves as the 2005-2006 President of Executive Women International, Detroit-Windsor Chapter.

Dr. Debraha Watson was recently invited to join the newly formed Detroit and Wayne County Infant Vitality Action Network (IVAN) which works in collaboration with health and human service systems and community-based organizations to reduce infant mortality. Several agencies involved in this collaborative effort provide field placement experiences for WCCCD in Child Care Technology and Human Services. Dr. Watson has also been asked to join Wayne State University’s advisory committee for the physician assistant program. They have been awarded a grant to recruit at-risk, under-prepared, minority students for this rigorous program. This appointment represents an opportunity for both nursing and allied health students to become physician's assistants.

John Bolden has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, which is one of the oldest theatres in North America and the sponsor of the Detroit International Jazz Festival. Mr. Bolden is also responsible for the enrichment of the art at the District and has been instrumental in bringing an array of artists to educate and encourage young people to participate in art education.

Bookworm Visits Beacon Elementary School

THE BOOKWORM WIGGLED ITS WAY TO BEACON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HARPER WOODS FOR A VISIT, PROVIDING A MESSAGE TO YOUNG LISTENERS — Reading Is Fun! School Principal Nancy Ozimek opened Beacon’s doors to the Bookworm and guest reader Stephanie Gilliard-Sheard delighted the kids with a reading of *Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel. More than 300 children from preschool to third grade enjoyed the day’s activities. The Bookworm engaged the children in games, songs, and question and answer sessions for a masterful lesson in sharing, cooperation, and why reading is so important.

“It was fun for the kids, and they had a good time while getting a very valuable lesson,” Principal Ozimek said.

The Bookworm Club was founded in 2004 by Ola Ivery, wife of WCCCD Chancellor Curtis L. Ivery. “It is heartwarming and gratifying to see children displaying their enthusiasm to learn. It is very exciting to be able to bring a program like this to them that fulfills their curiosity and desire to learn,” Mrs. Ivery said. “We can never do too much to educate future generations.”
Excellence Award

Each academic year, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) has emphasized the importance of teaching excellence in open-door settings. And throughout its history, NISOD has asked college presidents to submit the names of individuals that their colleges wish to recognize for teaching excellence.

BEATRICE TALPOS has served in a full-time faculty position in the District’s political science department since 1971. She holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in political science from the University of Detroit. Ms. Talpos serves as a member of the assessment committee, facilitator for the political science department, negotiating team member of the faculty union, and is a mentor for distance learning faculty.

ALIDA QUICK started teaching at WCCCD in 1995. In 2002, she began teaching at the District full time. She received her Ph.D. in psychology from Michigan State University and spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is discipline facilitator for psychology and a long-time member of the curriculum committee. She is also active in distance learning and in the Appeals Board for AFT 2000. Her professional memberships include the American Psychological Association, the Society of Teaching Psychology, and serving as the past president of the Michigan Association of Black Psychologists.

Dr. Alida Quick was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Member at Professional Development Day in 2005. She feels honored to be among those chosen as 2006 NISOD recipients.

COURTNEY ANN ATLAS received the NISOD award for outstanding work in the area of food and nutrition. She has a Bachelor of Science in Institutional Management from Grambling State University, a Masters in Public Health and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan. Ms. Atlas has received numerous other awards, including National Merit Scholar, State of Michigan Medical Professions Scholar, and State of Michigan Service Award for work through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Lambda Pi Omega Chapter. Her publications: “College Classroom Learning Environments: Goals and Rewards in Introductory College Courses,” and “Health Care Food Service Systems Management,” have received favorable reviews.

Biology professor, DR. TRENT A. FORBES has been teaching at WCCCD for more than five years. Dr. Forbes is a WCCCD alumnus who was inspired at a young age by the science discipline. After pursuing undergraduate studies at University of Detroit-Mercy, Dr. Forbes completed graduate work at Palmer College of Chiropractic. Currently, Dr. Forbes serves as science discipline facilitator, assessment committee member, and is a licensed chiropractic physician. In addition to preparing our future nurses, dental hygienists, doctors, and surgical technologists he actively works in the community to promote the importance of good health. Dr. Trent A. Forbes has a true passion for WCCCD and the mission it serves.

THOSE WHO ARE RECOGNIZED ARE HONORED AS NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS. DR. TRENT FORBES, DR. ALIDA QUICK, COURTNEY ANN ATLAS, AND BEATRICE TALPOS WERE RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD AT THE ANNUAL NISOD CONFERENCE.
A Few Observations about the New WCCCD Location at Harper Woods High School

After four years at Lutheran High East, the Harper Woods Extension Site moved to Harper Woods High School on July 1, 2005. WCCCD remains committed to offering academic and continuing education courses at a site convenient to the residents of Harper Woods and its surrounding communities.

This year, the extension site will offer 20 academic courses that represent a wide array of courses required for many of the degree and certificate programs offered by WCCCD. In addition, nine continuing education courses will be offered, with the majority being part of either the IC3 (Internet and Computing Core Certification) program or the MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) program.

“I feel positive about the new location at Harper Woods High School. Since our first day here, Dan Danosky, the superintendent, his office staff, and the custodial staff have made us feel welcome and have consistently demonstrated that they are pleased to have WCCCD sharing their building as a partner in our common mission, education,” said Michael Blair, district director of extension center services.

This location offers great potential for WCCCD to make a difference in Harper Woods, and ultimately in the Pointes. The new WCCCD Extension Site is located in the public high school and middle school. These students, their parents, and their siblings are all residents of Harper Woods and are all potential students of WCCCD. Wayne State University is also offering evening classes at Harper Woods High School. Discussions are underway with the director of WSU’s Metropolitan Programs to find ways to meet the needs of local residents for higher education.


Bikes –For Your Safety

Established in 2001, WCCCD’s Campus Safety Department Bicycle Unit Helps to Keep the District Grounds Safe for Students, Faculty, and Staff.

The officers have successfully completed a 40-hour basic mountain bike officer course at the Detroit Metropolitan Academy and have obtained national certification from the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association.

According to WCCCD’s Security Chief Darrick D. Muhammad, in addition to serving as a valuable crime prevention tool for the District, the Bicycle Unit benefits public relations. “When an officer is patrolling on a bike, there are more opportunities to interact with students, faculty, and staff,” he said.

Covering more ground with better visibility, adding increased accessibility to areas where vehicles may serve as a barrier, promoting healthier officers, and being cost-effective with less maintenance and repair expenditures are just some of the benefits of bicycle patrol.

WCCCD’s Bicycle Unit works throughout the campuses and at special events. For more information, please call (313) 496-2650.
WCCCD’s “Your Child Conference” Focuses on Education

Parents Gain Power to Guide Children’s Future

WCCCD’s Continuing Education Division presented the “Your Child Conference,” which was designed to give parents and caregivers the tools and information needed to guide their children through college. Your Child Coalition, The Detroit News, and WDIV Local 4 co-sponsored the conference, which was held at the Downtown Campus in Detroit. Journalist and WDIV Local 4 news anchor, Guy Gordon keynoted the event, which was open to the public. More than 100 parents, caregivers, and community members attended the event.

“The Your Child Conference” was presented in response to the alarming rates of illiteracy and crisis in education,” WCCCD Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery said, “It is our responsibility as a community and as educators to reach out to parents and caregivers about the power of their influence on children and provide them with information to help guide their children through college.”

The “Your Child” forums are being held across Michigan under the direction of Margaret Trimer-Hartley, who added, “We are pleased to present these informational public forums throughout the state to do all that we can to ensure that our children and young adults receive the tools and encouragement they need to pursue college as a natural progression in their education.”

A panel of experts, moderated by Nolan Finley, editorial director of The Detroit News, discussed multiple aspects of parenting and providing educational guidance. The panelists included: Randy McNeill, executive director of the Youth Sports and Recreation Commission, Carole J. Quartersman, executive director, Child Care Coordinating Council of Detroit/Wayne County, Inc, Cheryl Coleman, executive director, Northeast Guidance Centers, Inc., and Maggie DeSantis, president and CEO of Warren Conner Development Coalition, Inc.

Did You Know?

- WCCCD has recently expanded its course offerings to provide a certificate in the field of gerontology. A degree or certificate in gerontology is beneficial for most careers that provide interaction with and assistance to older adults, making the career possibilities in gerontology numerous. Gerontologists are social workers, nursing aides, social scientists, health care managers, and educators. Additionally, formal coursework in gerontology is ideal for students seeking entry-level positions working with older adults.

- Community colleges including WCCCD are rapidly adjusting their practices in order to serve and accommodate a new student population. This new population includes (1) dual-credit and dual enrollment students; (2) reverse transfer students; and (3) students desiring to obtain job retraining. WCCCD’s Open Door Institute is designed to make a smooth transition for students who desire to accelerate their personal educational goals by training in basic job skills, along with career planning, and job placement.

- The Center for Instruction and Learning, in collaboration with the Assessment Task Force and American Federation of Teachers Local 2000, sponsored a teaching roundtable at the Downriver Campus led by art instructor and discipline facilitator Christopher Melikan. The topic was “Art Matters,” and included a discussion on the importance of the fine arts as a component of general education.

- The Distance Learning Department has moved into its new facility and faculty-training lab located at the Western Campus. The new facilities have wireless web capabilities, video-conferencing, and a multi-media lab. Students can receive face-to-face instruction and virtual services via the telephone, email, or Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP). VOIP allows WCCCD staff to provide real-time services to students and faculty at low cost through the Internet.
Twenty-five students from across Wayne County, many of whom had never traveled outside of the United States, recently had the opportunity to experience the dynamics of another country’s political system, language and culture, on a recent educational trip through WCCCD’s study abroad program. The program offers students the opportunity to increase their awareness and understanding of other cultures through travel and exposure.

During the last week of November 2005, the WCCCD students traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, for a two-week study abroad program sponsored by WCCCD. 20-year-old student Chelsea Herman said she had never expected to spend Thanksgiving in Buenos Aires.

“I was impacted most by the people I met,” Chelsea said. “Participating in WCCCD’s study abroad program has allowed me to learn about the life, daily routines and beliefs of another country. Visiting Argentina has taught me to see things from a different perspective.”

While on the trip, students attended lectures and seminars hosted by a local university, where they learned how other social and political systems work. Local professors provided insight into the changing dynamics of foreign cultures and societies. While the social and political courses are taught in English, students also took an intensive language course in the language of the country.

“Wayne County Community College District’s mission is to improve lives, and the study abroad program offers students the rare opportunity to interact with and learn about another culture,” said David C. Butty, executive dean of international programs at WCCCD. “By sending our students out to see the world, we’re building valuable bridges.”

Students adhered to a full schedule during the trip. The program curriculum covered Argentinian government and politics, culture, history, and the economic system.

Classes were taught at BridgeLinguaTec Language Services in the Catalinas District of Buenos Aires. Other program activities included off-site heritage visits, group dinners, local and surrounding area excursions and community interaction events. David C. Butty and Mary Jones, dean of student services, accompanied students.
What is Art?

Local famed artists featured their work during the “What is Art?” exhibition. The exhibition was at the beautiful Brown and Juanita C. Ford Gallery located at the Downtown Campus. The group collaboration, “What is Art?” was an exploration of different mediums used in the art world. Oil paint, charcoals, sculpture, metals and graphics were some of the different types of mixed media to be displayed. The exhibition was intended to familiarize the community and students with different media used in the art world.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS included at the gallery were “Africa’s Glorious Achievements: An Aesthetic Exploration into the Soul of a Continent.” World-renowned guest lecturer, Dr. Nii Quarcoopome, curator of African art and head of the department of Africa, Oceania and Indigenous Americas, at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), lectured on, “Africa’s Glorious Achievements.” Dr. Quarcoopome brought to Detroit a rich history of African tradition and experiences that spans the globe and transcends generations. The lecture bridged the gap between cultural melting pots while providing art as an aesthetic backdrop. The lecture surveyed some of the truly great artistic traditions that emerged and flourished in sub-Saharan Africa from about 500 B.C. through the 1800’s when Europe began its colonization of the continent. The highlights included the terracotta statues from the ancient site of Nok to the famous bronze and ivory works of the kingdoms of Ife and Benin.

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Gallery featured art of acclaimed Michigan-based artists M. Saffell Gardner and Sabrina Nelson. At the opening reception, the two artists conducted gallery lectures and workshops.

Mr. Gardner earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in painting from Wayne State University. Gardner was a recipient of a Regional Artists Project Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and participated in several art mentoring programs in local public schools. In 2000, Mr. Gardner was selected as the Chivas Regal Artist in Residence at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. He has exhibited throughout the United States, Jamaica, Brazil and in Africa.

Sabrina Nelson is a native of Detroit who earned her bachelor’s degree in painting from the Center for Creative Studies College of Art. Ms. Nelson’s influences are Faith Ringgold, Frida Kahlo, and Harriet Powers. She uses a variety of media that reflect her ideas and images about African deities and family life focusing on the strength of African American females.

Wayne County Community College District continuously strives to display, feature, and expose the rich talent of the art community.
All faculty and staff gathered to hear keynote speaker Dr. Reginald Wilson, Senior Scholar Emeritus for American Council on Education. The theme of this year’s District Conference Day was, Benchmarking for Success: Creating the Best Community College. Dr. Wilson inspired all with success stories and encouragement for building strong college curricula. Focus groups addressed topics related to student services, instruction, and leadership. District Conference Day is a joint partnership between faculty, staff, and the administration designed to enhance communication, strengthen relationships, and provide an opportunity for information sharing. Special interest sessions were held throughout the day included “Meeting Generation NeXt: Today’s Postmodern College Student,” “A Banner Update,” “Skills for Success: A First-term Model for Under Prepared Students,” “Leadership in the Multicultural Community College,” “Ethical Leadership,” “Sell Your Way to Success,” “Delivering Customer Services through Effective Communication,” “Presenting Your Company to the Customer,” and informational sessions by the UAW and P&AA. Experts from throughout the country facilitated sessions.

The COBO CONFERENCE CENTER was the place to be last October for the entire WCCCD faculty and staff.
THE FOLLOWING WERE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

Michael Dotson  
Teresa Gamble  
Geraldine Green  
Ralph Hardin  
Jonathan Powell  
Matthew Puwal  
Leonardo Rocha  
Cecilia Sarmiento  
Nancy Smith  
Loretta White

OUTSTANDING STUDENT SERVICE

Carol Baxter  
Dionne Dickerson  
Jessie Russell  
Peter Sims  
Carol Wells

OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Karen Hrapkiewicz  
Carl Kamulski  
Sandra Kotulis-Matoyok  
Alida Quick  
Mark Shikhman

Dr. Mark Shikhman, Dr. Alida Quick, and Carl Kamulski

Presenter Dr. Randall R. Miller and Geraldine Green

Nancy Smith

Loretta White
The Career Crusade was a true team effort that brought “customer service” to greater heights at the District by bringing together a number of prospective students throughout Wayne County to begin to align their career aspirations with an array of training programs that are available at WCCCD. As students enrolled in career programs, many indicated that the greatest motivator for them to return to school was to improve their employment options and to begin a new career. Through programs of various duration, such as, Surgical Technology, Emergency Medical Technology, and others, the District provides the flexibility for students who desire a short-term program that would lead to immediate employment and that would also allow those who choose to continue on to attain higher certifications and various degrees. With a very successful Career Crusade behind us, WCCCD continues to express appreciation to the numerous staff members who worked so well together to provide exemplary services to the Crusade students. An obvious by product of the Career Crusade planning process was the camaraderie and teamwork that resulted among staff from all departments whose collective commitment and dedication to quality service proved that much could be accomplished by working together.

Matthew Green, EMT Clinical Coordinator and Andy Steedly, Associate Dean of Instruction

Will Sampson, Carol Wells, and Melani Bender

WCCCD student Mohammad Karim

Dr. Mary Smith, Vice Chancellor Workforce Economic Development and Continuing Education, with students
The third annual December Delights was held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial marking another celebration and educational event on a grand scale. Chef Michael Connery, from The Hill Seafood & Chop House, demonstrated his unmatched skills by showing attendees how to make chicken napoleon, hazelnut-encrusted tilapia drizzled with a dark rum reduction, and a sumptuous white forest torte raspberry coulee with fresh mint. Observers were enthralled by the demonstration as the chef skilfully maneuvered ingredients and extreme close up shots were shown on a big screen television. Models, dressed in stunning fashions provided by Boutique Bellissima, strolled throughout and hairdressers from the Coloseum International cleverly changed coiffures for each costume. All scenes, models, friends, and presenters were artfully documented through the keen eye of photographer Rogers Foster’s camera lens. Special vendors for this year’s event included the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, The Coffee Beanery, Chuny’s Children, Lucia Anna Designs, Kristin Henchel handbags and accessories, The League Shop, Henryk Dabrowski special imported children’s wear, Pangborn Collection, and Two Sisters Gourmet.
Senior Friendly Business Award

WCCCD RECEIVED THE “SENIOR FRIENDLY BUSINESS” AWARD FROM SERVICES FOR OLDER CITIZENS (SOC)

Located at the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club, WCCCD offers specialized computer training classes to seniors in the SOC computer lab. These classes have been designed specifically for seniors to teach basic computer and Internet skills by pairing senior citizens with high school and middle school student volunteers. The by product of this program is an intergenerational experience for both the seniors and the student volunteers. This award is an honor bestowed upon a very select group of businesses that cater to senior citizens in a helpful and supportive way. Over 300 businesses were nominated this year. Michael Dotson, senior associate vice chancellor for budget and financial reporting, accepted the award on behalf of WCCCD.

For the Spring 2006 semester, WCCCD Student Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) and SMART Bus Passes were available to students at the District allowing them to ride the bus. WCCCD teamed up with DDOT and SMART Bus to offer these transportation passes, which allowed travel on any DDOT and SMART bus route, to qualified WCCCD students who registered for six or more credit hours and had special needs.

The passes provided accessibility to all campuses enabling students to attend classes while eliminating transportation problems. By forming these types of partnerships, WCCCD continues to provide students with a high quality education in an environment that is conducive to learning and personal growth.