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WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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## Message from the Chancellor



On behalf of Wayne County Community College District, I am pleased to provide you with this update on a number of developments at the District.

We are proud of the vital role WCCCD has played in the rejuvenation of our local, regional, and state economy. It's estimated that for every dollar of state and local tax money invested in WCCCD, nearly \$25 in benefits accumulate to all Michigan residents. Once our students are active in the workforce, they collectively contribute an additional \$50.4 million in taxable income each year.

As a service provider, we add an estimated \$122.4 million in taxable income to Michigan's economy each year.

As the largest urban community college district in the state, we are a regional leader in workforce development and training. We offer more than 115 degree and certificate programs across 32 cities and townships designed to meet current job market demands and future needs.

We've added a range of career-oriented programs in high-demand fields such as health care, advanced manufacturing, information technology and programming, and consistently review our existing programs to ensure they reflect the needs of the communities we serve.

We have expanded opportunities for higher education by offering increased dual enrollment and distance learning programs, allowing thousands of students to access learning on their schedule, saving them time and money. Together with our high-tech facilities, student-centered services, and public and private partnerships, we are continuing our mission to provide pathways to better lives through higher education.

Please give me a call at 313-496-2510 if you seek more information about Wayne County Community College District. We will continue to serve Wayne County and the rest of Southeastern Michigan with the high quality educational services the region deserves and needs to move ahead toward a bright and prosperous future.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Curtis L. Ivery**  
Chancellor

## Edgar L. Vann III named WCCCD Director of Government Relations

Edgar L. Vann III has been named Wayne County Community College District's Director of Government Relations.

Vann III joined the District in 2006. In his new role, he will coordinate state government affairs programs; and keep legislators and their staff, and regulators updated on District programs and initiatives.

Vann III received his Master's in Management from Walsh College of Business and holds a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration in Finance from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.



*Edgar L. Vann III with State Rep. Amanda Price (R-Park Twp.)*

Vann III is committed to being involved in his community. He is a mentor for the Morehouse Boys to Men program, sits on the Mt. Elliot Employment District Reinvestment Strategy Advisory Committee and Detroit Water and Sewage Department Retail Customer Steering Committee to name a few.

He was honored in Michigan's Front Page Top 30 under 40, Fifth Third Bank Young History Maker, and recognized in Who's Who in Black Detroit.

# WCCCD Workforce Development Programs Help Workers Reboot for New Economy

Wayne County Community College District has expanded its workforce development programs to keep pace with the needs of students and area employers.

The District in 2014 won a federal grant to train unemployed veterans for jobs in cyber security. Additional programs have focused training on high-demand fields such as computer and software programming, advanced manufacturing and health care.



The expanded programs have been vital to helping workers adjust to the rise of a knowledge-based economy in Michigan. “Employers are seeking highly skilled workers with specific banks of knowledge before they will even look at their resumes,” said WCCCD Vice Chancellor, School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Shawna Forbes. “That’s why we tailor our programs around the current and existing needs of employers. Oftentimes, we can help that student transition directly into the work environment and make sure that they’re prepared to hit the ground running.”

*“...we tailor our programs around the current and existing needs of employers...”*

The programs are vital to the region. Approximately 95 percent of WCCCD students remain in the state. Their higher earnings and associated increases in property income generate nearly \$12 million in added tax revenue each year, and save state and local governments nearly \$747,000 in avoided social costs.

## Shawna Forbes Appointed to Detroit Workforce Development Board



Shawna Forbes, Vice Chancellor, School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development for Wayne County Community College District, has been appointed to The Detroit Workforce Development Board by Mayor Mike Duggan.

The Board is responsible for delivering workforce programs across the City. It is comprised of a cross-section of Detroit-based professionals who work on the board on a volunteer basis.

“Given the growth and advancements in the Workforce Development area, we feel that the appointment of Ms. Forbes aligns with the District’s mission,” said Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery.

“Ms. Forbes’ years of experience in higher education and growth within the district make her the perfect candidate to represent the college. We are confident in her leadership in this position will enable us to provide even greater service to the Detroit Workforce Development Board.”

Ms. Forbes heads WCCCD’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development efforts, overseeing support of the District’s more than 115 workforce training programs and continuing education programs that help to connect organizations with highly trained workers for in-demand jobs across 32 townships and 500 square miles.

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# WCCCD to Extend College and University Partnerships with Opening of Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center at the Western Campus in Belleville

Wayne County Community College District is expanding its seamless access to advanced degrees with the addition of the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center to its Western Campus in Belleville.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center provides seamless access to bachelor's and master's degree programs from premier universities and colleges, including University of Detroit-Mercy, Ferris State University, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan-Flint, and Western Michigan University.

The Center also provides access to dual enrollment programs, which allow high school students to complete college courses while still in high school; select District academic courses and special community programs.

“The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center at the Western Campus will add a new outlook to the Western Campus,” said Michael Dotson, president of the Western Campus. “We open our arms to all the partners of the University Center and we look forward to adding new partners based on our geographic location.”

## WCCCD Center for Distance Learning Introduces Virtual Classrooms

WCCCD has one of the highest online enrollments in the state. To better serve the growing number of students who prefer to log on and learn as their schedule allows, the District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center has reengineered their Center for Distance Learning (CDL).

Located in Harper Woods, the CDL is a 20,000 square-foot-facility that features five classrooms, a computer lab, a Mac lab for digital media production, a media lab for video production. A fully functioning video production studio is currently being developed. The CDL is designed to provide instructional technology and virtual learning across an array of courses and a wide range of disciplines.

While the CDL is a key resource for WCCCD students earning college credits, the Center has been designed to also aid teachers, nurses and other professionals who need continuing education credits, as well as businesses that want to offer training for employees.

“We have different leadership webinars and professional development options,” said Dr. Patrick J. McNally, Assistant Chancellor for Instructional and Student Success. “The idea is to add onto the ones we have and to create our own continuing education and workforce development programs in the Center for Distance Learning. We can take the programs out to local chambers of commerce and local businesses for their professional development options.”



# WCCCD Job Fair Connects, Help Creates Opportunity

Every April and October Wayne County Community College District holds job fairs that provide an opportunity for students and community members to directly connect with potential employers.

More than 800 participants and 50 employers participated in the April 15, 2015 job fair at the WCCCD Eastern Campus, located at 5901 Conner in Detroit.

Understanding that each student who passes through WCCCD doors is seeking an opportunity for a better life, the District structures its job fairs with a network of support so that they can make the most of the opportunity.

“As a District, we have been an advocate for our students for nearly 50 years,” said WCCCD Vice Chancellor for Student Services Brian Singleton. “We want to make sure that we are

giving our students all of the tools that they need to succeed.

Our students graduate highly skilled in their field of choice, but may need resources to refine their soft skills – formatting their resume, for example, or understanding business protocol or dressing for success.

“Our network of services for our students really responds to their needs as whole people who live and work in the real world,” Singleton said. “We want to provide for them all the knowledge they’ll need to create better lives.”

*“I was impressed by the quality of the job applicants!”*

Participating Employer



At WCCCD, job fair attendees can access computers and printers to upload applications and print resumes. Students have their resumes critiqued and get advice on professional appearance and presentation; and students with disabilities have access to sign language interpreters and other support.

“I didn’t realize so many employers wanted you to upload your resume and complete online applications,” said one student job fair participant. “WCCCD had everything on site and I could complete it at one time.”

*“I have never been so accommodated ... Having a sign-language interpreter available has made all the difference in the world to me.”*

Participating Student



Employers are taking notice. “More than 95 percent of the applications I received were (highly qualified) strong contenders for employment,” said one participant.



**Wayne County Community College District's**  
 Division of Student Services -  
 Career Planning and Placement  
 Present

**JOB FAIR 2015**  
 Wednesday,  
 April 15, 2015  
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Eastern Campus  
 5901 Conner, Detroit, MI 48213

Meet with representatives and explore available employment opportunities!

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS!**  
 Come with paper and digital resumes. There will be computers available to upload your resume and complete online applications.

Business attire preferred.

**Open to the Public at No Cost!**

**BRING MULTIPLE COPIES OF RESUMES**

Representatives from the following will be on-site:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AlnorCorps</li> <li>Bank Basic Packages</li> <li>Build Income</li> <li>City of Detroit</li> <li>Coca-Cola</li> <li>CVS/Health</li> <li>Detroit Employment Solutions</li> <li>Discontinued Services</li> <li>E.W. Goodall Sons</li> <li>Federal Bureau of Investigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Council</li> <li>Gardner Whillie Furniture</li> <li>Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>Holt and Associates</li> <li>International Outdoor Signs</li> <li>Karwanian Career Institute</li> <li>Kroger Company of MI</li> <li>Maritz Kitchen and Bath</li> <li>Merry Home Care</li> <li>MGM Grand Detroit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michigan Civil Service Commission</li> <li>Michigan Department of Natural Resources</li> <li>Michigan State Police</li> <li>MPS</li> <li>Hobart Automotive</li> <li>Novoson Plastics</li> <li>Placid of Omaha</li> <li>One Touch Transitions</li> <li>Realty Income</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skyhill</li> <li>Spekling</li> <li>Supplemental Staffing</li> <li>Talco Trucking</li> <li>US Army</li> <li>U.S. Postal Service Office</li> <li>Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency</li> <li>WCCCD Police Authority</li> </ul>
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For more information, please call 313-496-2824 or visit us at [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu)



*April 15, 2015  
 WCCCD Eastern Campus  
 More than 50 Employers  
 More than 800 Participants*

# MISSION STATEMENT

Wayne County Community College District’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve their goals through excellent and accessible services, culturally diverse experiences and globally competitive higher education and career advancement programs.

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