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Discussion to establish linkage through distance learning with institutions in Senegal all began when Wayne County Community College District’s Executive Vice Chancellor, Mr. John Bolden headed a group of WCCCD administrators on a cultural and educational trip to Dakar, Senegal in 2006. During the trip, Mr. Bolden, accompanied by the Dean for International Programs, Mr. David C. Butts, and the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Mr. Mohammed Badkoum, met with Senegalese Minister of Education, Professor. Moustapha Sourang, to discuss educational partnership between Senegal and WCCCD.

This idea was given new meaning when Ismaila Mbaye, Council to the Minister of Education Senegal, Africa visited WCCCD. This event was open to the public at no cost.

Chancellor’s Message

It is a historic time at Wayne County Community College District as we continue to experience unprecedented growth and performance. Ranked as the fastest growing community college in the nation, the demand for the educational services provided by WCCCD is higher than ever before as total student enrollment surges to nearly 100,000 students per semester.

During these unsurpassed economic times, it is imperative that our current and future generations of workforce have access to the education they need to be competitive in a competitive flat world. WCCCD opens its doors to students not only residing locally in Wayne County, but throughout the world. The District is using the power of technology to deliver its promise of providing the highest quality of educational services.

Our Distance Learning Division offers numerous courses and programs online and students, anywhere in the world, can take classes at WCCCD. Our Study Abroad Program has provided our students with the opportunity to learn about foreign lands, increased exposure to other cultures and given them a first-hand look at the social, political and economic systems in other parts of the world.

International education and Study Abroad provide unique opportunities for multicultural, inter-cultural and global learning. As a comprehensive multi-campus, urban-suburban educational institution WCCCD is committed to providing the highest quality of educational services to people all over the world and helps them build better lives.

Celebrating diversity is a core value at the District and we believe that it enriches the educational experience of the entire WCCCD family – the students, faculty and staff.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery
Chancellor
WCCCD's 2nd Annual International Taste Fest: Food, Dancing and Fun for All!

Wayne County Community College District hosted the 2nd Annual International Taste Fest, Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 11:00am – 4:00pm in the courtyard of the Downtown Campus. The event highlighted international music and dancing, while showcasing food samples from some of the finest cuisine around the world. There were children’s activities and a hands-on chef demonstration. What a wonderful way to “Explore and Experience World Cultures through Food” featuring cuisine from Africa, Middle East, Asia, and the Americas.

WCCCD Power Luncheon Invites the International Community

The Chancellor hosted a Power Luncheon for the International Community Leaders on Monday, September 29 to inform them of the plans and progress being made at WCCCD over the years. The attendees were excited about the update and embraced the chancellor’s vision for the college with enthusiasm.

There is a special section on our website dedicated to providing critical information to our current and prospective international students as well as the community. You may enter the site by visiting www.wcccd.edu under the “Student” tab, click “International Students.” You will find all necessary information for international students such as enrollment, admissions requirements, estimated expenses, F-1 status, frequently asked questions contact information and much more. Please visit the website and “Come to WCCCD – Where Learning Leads to a Better Life.”

Polynesian dance troupes entertained the participants with lots of performances that thrilled everyone in attendance. Polynesia covers a triangular-shaped geographical area of the Pacific Ocean that encompasses approximately 16 million square miles of the ocean and includes lots of islands, with Hawaii at the northern apex. Aotearoa or New Zealand is in the southwest, and Rapa Nui or Easter Island in the southeast. There are over 30 different groups of Polynesian people living within or near the Polynesian Triangle.