Holly Siemans, former WCCCD student turned instructor is a shining example of how “Learning Leads to a Better Life!” Holly, maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her college career at WCCCD and at Siena Heights University where she earned her Bachelor’s Degree. Once a student of dental hygiene at the Downriver campus in Taylor, Holly is now an instructor for first-year hygiene students at Northwest Campus.

Teaching only for a few short weeks, Holly is adjusting well to the transition from WCCCD student to faculty. “I am building great relationships with my students. I look forward to building on those relationships and making an impact on their dental hygiene education.”

“From meeting Senator Obama in 2008 to Paris Study Abroad travels, Holly has great memories of her academic career at WCCCD. “I was privileged to participate in many memorable events while attending WCCCD as a dental hygiene student. I was honored to present now President Barack Obama with dental hygiene aids when he made a trip to WCCCD’s Downriver campus in Taylor in June of 2008. I spoke and shook hands with the first African American president of the United States. I keep a photo of this moment in my operatory at work (Lee Family Dental & Dr. Michael Izzo) to show off to my patients. I love to recount this great memory with every envious patient.”

Study abroad opportunities to Paris, France also made a life-long impact on Holly’s life. “The Study Abroad Program afforded me with a wonderful opportunity to see one of the world’s most renowned cities. I now have memories such as climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower, walking through Notre Dame Cathedral, and driving down the Champs-Élysées, that I will remember forever.”

Finally, when asked “What inspired you to join the WCCCD faculty?” this is what Holly had to say: “In addition to educating patients in a clinical office setting about oral health and prevention, it has always been my dream to educate in a different light. I am excited to now be teaching dental hygiene students at my Alma Mater in hopes of inspiring students just like my educators inspired me.”
The Northwest Campus Replacement Project

The Northwest Campus Replacement Project is comprised of an 87,000-square-foot academic building and a 9,400-square-foot addition to the General Arts Building. This project will provide a new central plant for the campus, student services area, multipurpose area, 130 seat lecture hall and 28 classrooms and faculty workstations which will enable WCCCD to accommodate approximately 7,500 more students per term. The project includes geothermal heating/cooling, solar panels for hot water and electricity, LEED Platinum design and specifications, storm water detention system, a new 280 car parking lot and approximately 10 acres of site improvements.

Faculty Profile: Mike Farah

“I’ve been with Wayne County Community College District for over 9 years, in which time I have seen numerous improvements to the district.”

“Working in facilities can be time demanding, but each day poses a new situation.” As many know, there is no such thing as a typical day, everyday has its challenges. “Basically we’re on call 24/7; we are on-site during holidays, semester breaks, during an emergency shutdown and yes, even regular hours. Our department is always on call for anything that may arise.”

“The thing that I like most about working at Wayne County Community College District is assisting our students. The facility team and I accomplish this by creating a safe, comfortable and healthy learning environment for our students, faculty, staff and community. This has become very challenging with all the aspects of the construction project, as always we try to succeed.”

Special Events

Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association (SADHA) Day
Friday, October 28, 2011
7:30 AM – 4 PM
Co-hosted by Northwest and Western Campuses

Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, November 2, 2011
1PM – 7PM
This blood drive will be held in HSC rooms H113 & H114.

Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP)
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
9:00 AM – 12 PM and 5 PM – 8PM
Program intent is to inform the dental, nursing and allied health professional students and faculty about the HPRP with a presentation by subject matter experts. Program meets at the WC Atrium and Student lounge.