Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) held a groundbreaking ceremony on May 19 at its Northwest Campus to begin construction on a $42 million project which includes: a new Academic Bldg., an addition to the General Arts Building and ten acres of site improvements. The new improvements will expand the Northwest campus’s capacity to serve an additional 9,000 students per semester. The Northwest Campus is the largest of all five WCCCD campuses with more than 17,600 students and an operating budget of $43.6 million. The campus is home to the Health Sciences and the District’s primary site for nursing and allied health programs.

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“It’s Smart Business to Invest in Yourself at WCCCD!”
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“We are excited about this opportunity to develop, expand and improve our facilities to help serve the needs of our rapidly growing student population,” said Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor, WCCCD. “Clearly, the Northwest Campus with 32 acres provides the land and conveniently accessible location on a major expressway to best handle this development.”

The new 90,000 sq. ft. Academic Building will house all Student Services, 28 classrooms, a 130 seat Lecture Hall, a Multipurpose Area, and Faculty Offices. There will be student study areas, a student lounge and common space. It will also include a new central plant and recycling room.

The new building is slated to be the first LEED Platinum building in Michigan, if certified. It will use geothermal heating/cooling, a ‘Gray’ water system, solar panels for hot water and electricity, and have a “Green” roof.

WCCCD Board Trustee Denise Wellons-Glover stated in her remarks that, “LEED really stands for less cost to operate. The new central plant will significantly increase the energy efficiency of each structure on the campus. And the many sustainable design technologies in the new Academic Building will allow the College to use the facility as a teaching tool as well.”

In addition, the project includes a 10,000 sq. ft. addition to the General Arts Building and ten acres of site improvements with the creation of a new campus quadrangle, 380 car parking lot and new storm water detention system.

Funding for the project was attained through the State of Michigan with matching funds. The estimated completion date for the project is fall, 2012.

Wayne County Community College District is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation with more than 71,000 students (credit and non-credit) registered for the spring 2011 semester.

Detroit based architectural and land planning firm Hamilton Anderson Associates designed the project. Sorensen Gross Construction Services will serve as the General Contractor and Wayne County Construction Services as the Construction Managers.

Special Events

June 10
10 am.—2p.m.
GED Graduations
L17, 18, 20
Student Lounge
Laboratory Science Building

June 15
5:30-8:00 p.m.
Nursing Applications Meeting
Laboratory Science Building

September 24
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Kinship Adoption Festival
Welcome Center