



Wayne  
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# FACULTY ORGANIZATION DAY

FALL 2025



*Bridging Access, Innovation, and Opportunity in an AI-Driven Future*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

**8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

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engaging workshops. Please plan to attend!*

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## PROGRAM:

8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

### **Check-in and Continental Breakfast**

*EPAC Lobby and East Hallway*

9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

### **Welcome**

#### **Andy Steeby, Host**

*President, Downriver Campus*

### **Opening Remarks**

#### **Dr. Harvey Dorrah, Jr.**

*District Vice-Chancellor, Educational Affairs*

### **District Updates**

#### **Dr. Allan Cosma, Sr.**

*Associate Vice-Chancellor, Educational Affairs*

### **Health Sciences Updates**

#### **Dr. Abby Freeman**

*District Provost, Health Sciences*

### **Student Services Updates**

#### **Dr. Brian Singleton**

*President, Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and  
Vice Chancellor for Student Services*

### **Faculty Acknowledgement**

#### **Dr. Christian Nwamba**

*AFT President*

### **Changing Landscape in Higher Education**

#### **Judge William McConico**

*Paralegal Faculty*

### **Message from the Chancellor**

#### **Dr. Curtis L. Ivery**

*Chancellor*

9:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### **Introduction of Featured Speaker**

#### **Dr. Wanda Hudson**

*District Associate Provost, Educational Affairs*

### **Featured Speaker**

#### **Dr. Denise Taliaferro Baszile**

*Dean, College of Education at Wayne State University*

### **Thank You and Announcements**

#### **Dr. Wanda Hudson**

*District Associate Provost, Educational Affairs*

### **Raffle Drawing**

#### **Dr. Tynisha McGee**

*District Dean, Educational Affairs*

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10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK / Visit Information and Vendor Tables</b> <i>Transit Time to Workshop Sessions</i>
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Breakout Workshops - Morning Sessions</b> <i>EPAC and Campus Classrooms</i>
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon	<b>BREAK / Visit Information and Vendor Tables</b> <i>Transit Time to Workshop Sessions</i>
12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m.	<b>Breakout Workshops - Afternoon Sessions</b> <i>EPAC and Campus Classrooms</i>
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>East Hallway</i>
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Discipline Meetings</b> <i>EPAC and Campus Classrooms</i>
2:30 p.m.	<b>Sign Out</b> <i>EPAC Lobby</i> <i>If Discipline Meeting concludes early, earlier sign-out time is available</i>

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## BREAKOUT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

(\*Available during AM and PM sessions, unless otherwise noted)

### **Microsoft 365 Faculty Orientation: Getting Started with Your New Tools – E-126**

*Eric Crutchfield and Ashrafur Rahman*

This session will introduce faculty to the Microsoft 365 platform, focusing on the key applications and features that will support teaching, communication, and collaboration. We will walk through accessing your account, navigating the web-based interface, and using Outlook for email and scheduling. Faculty will also receive tips for integrating Microsoft 365 into daily workflows and accessing resources securely from anywhere. Whether you are new to Microsoft 365 or looking to sharpen your skills, this orientation will help you get up to speed quickly.

### **Understanding the WCCCD Curriculum Process\* (AM session only) – EPAC 5**

*Dr. Allan Cosma, Sr., Ed.D., District Associate Vice Chancellor, Career and Technical Programs Educational Affairs, Chair of the Curriculum Committee; Dr. Cora Payne, Dean of Instruction (Ted Scott Campus) and Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee*

A review of the curriculum Committee process from beginning to end, as well as identifying key curriculum committee members and their functions. A Q & A session will follow the outline of the process.

### **Empowering Student Success: Integrating Library Services (LRC) into Your Classroom – W-27**

*Stephanie Jones, District Dean, Learning Resource Center*

This faculty-focused workshop provides an overview of WCCCD's library services (LRC) and how they can be seamlessly integrated into your teaching to enhance student learning. Learn how to guide students in accessing academic databases, research support, citation tools, and digital resources. Discover strategies for embedding library instruction into your curriculum, collaborating with librarians for tailored sessions, and promoting information literacy across disciplines. Equip your students with the tools they need to succeed—starting with the Learning Resource Centers.

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## **AI in the Classroom: Teach Smarter, Engage Deeper – EPAC 9**

*Dr. Diana Gellci, Professor*

AI isn't coming to the classroom, it's already here. In this lively, hands-on session, you'll see how tools like ChatGPT can spark curiosity, streamline lesson prep, and empower students to think critically. Walk away with ready-to-use ideas, prompts, and safeguards that will make AI your teaching ally, not your competition.

## **Hands-Only CPR – N-113**

*Jefferey Moore, Professor*

Hands-Only CPR has been shown to be as effective in the first few minutes as conventional CPR for cardiac arrest at home, at work or in public. Participants will gain the skills and confidence to take immediate action during a cardiac emergency until professional help arrives. No prior medical training is required — just a willingness to learn and help others.

## **Faculty Services: New Faculty Focus\* (AM session only) – EPAC 2**

*Diane Gonzalez, District Dean, Educational Affairs*

This session will provide valuable information to new faculty, including a review of processes and procedures applicable to faculty teaching at any campus location throughout the district.

## **From Zero to Copilot in 45 Minutes – Your First AI Teaching Assistant – LRC**

*Dr. Earl Robinson, Professor*

This session will provide a high-energy, 45-minute “Build Your Own Copilot” AI workshop plan for WCCCD faculty that will keep everyone engaged across disciplines — from economics to law to project management — while leaving with a tangible, working Copilot they made themselves.

## **Artificial Intelligence (AI): What's all the Talk – W-52**

*Rodney Nelson, Professor*

AI isn't just the future, it's shaping our world right now, from the way we work to the way we learn. In this 30–40-minute session, we'll demystify artificial intelligence, explore eye-opening real-world examples, and see powerful AI tools in action. Together, we'll uncover how AI is transforming careers, creating new opportunities, and what we at the community college can do to lead our students confidently into the AI-driven era.

## **Differences in a Changing World: Cultural Enrichment or Social Fragmentation – EPAC 8**

*Dr. Fidelis Teresa D'Cunha, District Provost, Cultural Enrichment*

This session will provide inputs on how Culturally Responsive educators can address equitably responsive teaching to ensure that all students are provided with educational experiences that are free from cultural and socio-economic barriers.

## **Transitioning to Blackboard Ultra: What Faculty Need to Know – W-53**

*Denis Karic, Associate Provost, Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center*

This session will prepare faculty for our Spring 2026 transition to Blackboard Ultra Course View. We'll explore key differences between the platforms, showcase Ultra's enhanced features and improved user experience, and provide live demonstrations of the course copying process from Original to Ultra.

## **Yoga – Rehearsal Hall**

*Certified Yoga Instructor, Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center*

Yoga focuses on several different things including breath work, and gentle warming movements to build strength, flexibility, and relaxation. Focus on standing poses and basic seated work that is suitable for all levels. Taught by a certified Yoga instructor from the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center.

## **Student Success Toolkit – EPAC 4**

*Dr. Tammy Anderson, District Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Services and Dr. Yusuf Sabree, District Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Services*

This session will review the popular “Student Success Toolkit”—a one stop shop document with links and QR codes that provides students with a vast array of academic, financial and personal resources to equip them to successfully complete their certificate and degree program.



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## My Wildcat Portal: New Student Self-Service – EPAC 3

*Dr. Mazharul Islam, District Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Services, Donnell Mason II, District Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Services, and Hasina Philyaw, District Dean, Student Services*  
Learn how to navigate the My Wildcat Portal, the student central hub for class registration, financial aid, billing, and college resources. Perfect for students wanting to make the most of their college experience!

## Educational Affairs, Campus Leadership and Faculty Working Together to Improve Instructional Support Service – EPAC 6

*Dr. Tynisha McGee, District Dean, Educational Affairs*

By strengthening the partnership between Educational Affairs, campus leadership, and faculty, the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) can create a supportive and dynamic environment that enhances instructional support services. This collaboration would lead to improvements in the response time and efficiency when reviewing essential forms, including:

1. Change of Grade Forms
2. Independent Study Applications
3. Final Grade Appeal Instructor's Statement
4. Re-Certification Request Forms

## Specialty Rooms

HR - Waiting Room	AM and PM Sessions	Human Resources	Holding Room	EPAC 11
HR - Service Room	AM and PM Sessions	Human Resources	Meeting Room - Laptop/Screen/Printer	EPAC 10
IT - MS 365 Help/Questions	AM and PM Sessions	Dr. Monica Wiggins		EPAC 1

## DISCIPLINE MEETINGS

Discipline	Lead / Staff Support	Room #
Advanced Manufacturing: Auto, Electrical, Electronics, Bio-Medical Equipment, CAD, Computer Numerical Control, and Manufacturing	Professor, George Lakkis	EPAC 7
Allied Health and Pharmacy Technology	Marc McGaffic	W-219
Business, Accounting, Management, Marketing and Project Management	Professor, Roger Short	N-238
Computer Information Systems (CIS and OIS)	Professors Dr. Conrad Ajaero and Dr. Sharon Lewis	W-218
Communication Arts: English, Speech, Humanities, Art, Music, and African American Studies	Professor, Dr. Ella Davis	W55
Dental Assisting	Sonya Taylor	N-235
Dental Hygiene	Candace Benson	N-236
Education	Professor, Dr. Charmaine Johnson	N-237
Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) and Fire Protection Technology (FPT)	Andy Steeby	N-113
Foreign and American Sign Languages	Professor, Dr. Nancy Sterniak	N-231
Life and Natural Sciences: Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Geology	Professor, Dr. Curtis Greene	E-126
Economics, Math and Physics	Professor, Marija Karic	W-53
Nursing	Joyce Russell	W-51
Practical Nursing Education	Dr. Abby Freeman	W-50
Public Safety: Criminal Justice, Corrections, Security, and Homeland Security	Professor, James Jackson	W-221
Social Sciences: Anthropology, Psychology, Political Science, History, Mental Health, Sociology and Social Work	Professor, Dr. Diana Gellci	W-217
Skilled Trades: Construction, HVA, PDP, CNC/MAN, Auto, and Welding	Matthew Puwal	N-111
Surgical Technology	Nassem Aoude	N-233

## Featured Speaker

# Denise Taliaferro Baszile, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Education at  
Wayne State University



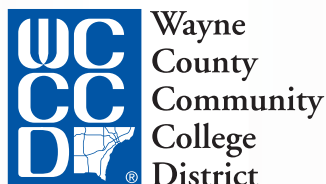
Denise Taliaferro Baszile, Ph.D. is the newly appointed dean in the College of Education at Wayne State University. She sees herself as a charismatic, people-centered leader deeply invested in collaboration, community, and collective wellbeing. As a native Detroit, Dean Taliaferro Baszile relishes this opportunity to return home and to work with the dynamic staff, faculty, and students in the college.

Dean Taliaferro Baszile is a highly recognized and respected scholar in the area of curriculum and cultural studies, where she is best known for using creative methodologies to tease out the intimate connections and disconnections between curriculum and marginalized identities. Dean Taliaferro Baszile's scholarly work underscores the power and importance of understanding and developing curriculum that is dynamic, radically inclusive, and relational. She has co-edited two groundbreaking anthologies — *Race, Gender, and Curriculum Theorizing* and *Curriculum Theorizing in Color and Curves* — as well as numerous journal articles and notable book chapters that speak to the ongoing struggles over power, knowledge, and difference in educational contexts. Her work has earned several scholarly awards, including the Mary Ann Raywid Award from the Society of Professors of Education, the ARC award from the Curriculum and Pedagogy Group and the Derrick Bell Legacy Award from the Critical Race Studies in Education Association.

Prior to assuming the deanship at Wayne State, Dean Taliaferro Baszile spent 21 years at Miami University of Ohio, where she achieved full professorship and served in several roles in the College of Education, Health, and Society, including director of graduate studies in educational leadership, director of diversity initiatives, associate dean for diversity and student success, and interim dean. She also received awards and commendations for her efforts in

teaching, mentoring, community engagement and diversity, equity, and inclusion. In 2022, she was awarded the Benjamin Harrison Medallion, the highest honor in the university, which recognizes outstanding contributions in the area of scholarship, teaching, and service.

Dean Taliaferro Baszile is an active member of several professional organizations that are invested in educational equity and wellbeing. She served as president of the American Educational Studies Association, vice president of the Division of Curriculum Studies for the American Educational Research Association and a member of the Journal of Curriculum Theorizing Leadership Team. She is currently co-chair of Education Deans for Equity and Justice, vice president of the Critical Race Studies in Education Association and a member of the advisory board of the Midwest Equity Center.



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- ▶ Group Fitness Classes for all fitness levels
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