

# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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March 12-18, 2022



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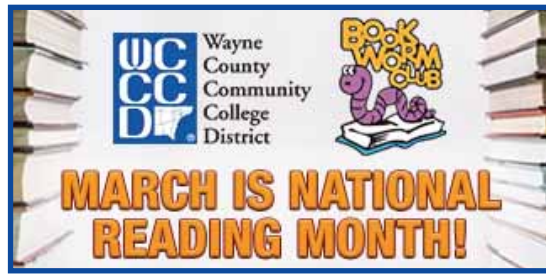
**Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee Meeting**



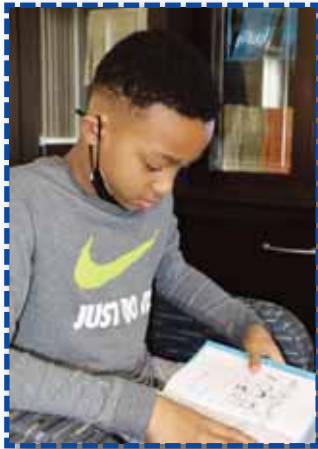
**Publication Meeting**



**Community Partnership  
Opportunities**



Bookworm Club Founder and WCCCD First Lady Mrs. Ola Ivery is celebrating National Reading Month by encouraging you to make time to read!



*There is still time to get in on the fun. Send a picture of you reading your favorite book to [prodger1@wcccd.edu](mailto:prodger1@wcccd.edu) and you just might make it into one of our publications!*

# WCCCD's Partnership with the Detroit Fire Department Basic EMT Training





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for  
**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
EDUCATION



Fire Fighter Students Lab Session on Knots



Marathon Fire Extinguisher Training

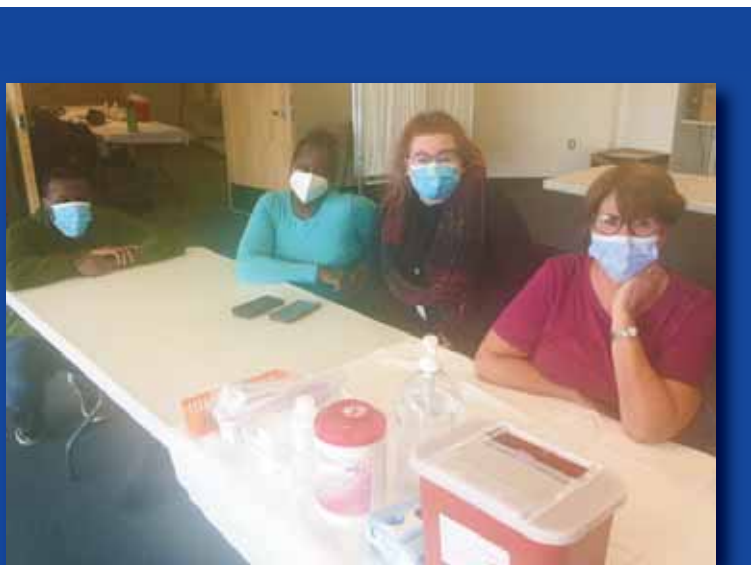


# COVID-19 Special Unit

Michigan Institute for  
Public Safety Education

## WCCCD Partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Continues

Dr. Yvette McElroy Anderson met with members of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at the Northwest Campus for a site visit of the COVID-19 test and vaccination spaces. MDHHS is interested in exploring ways the partnership can be expanded and target a broader audience.



Wayne County Health  
Department Vaccine  
Point of Distribution



**District-wide  
Disinfecting  
Continues!**



## Division of Workforce and Economic Development

### Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program

#### CDL Program Updates

Submissions for the new mandated federal and state CDL safety training program have been approved. All trainees permitted pursuant to February 7, 2022 will have to undergo this training and pass 35 exams to be eligible for licensure.

The submitted curriculum meets entry-level driver training requirements for training in Class A - behind-the-wheel commercial motor vehicles and is approved.



*Coming Soon!*  
Faygo Professional Driver  
Apprenticeship Program

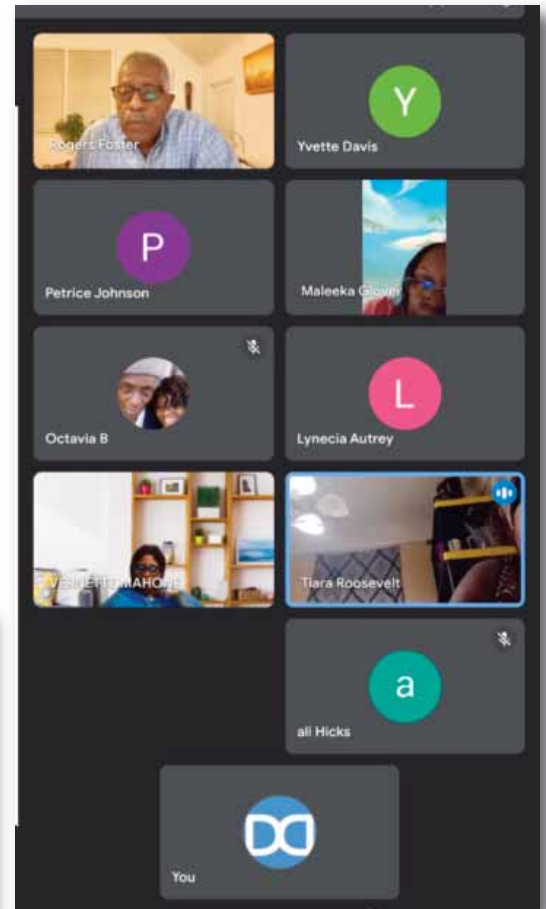


# Division of Workforce and Economic Development



## Entrepreneurship Training Academy

The team met with representatives from Detroit at Work to discuss the Entrepreneurship Training Academy's newest cohort.



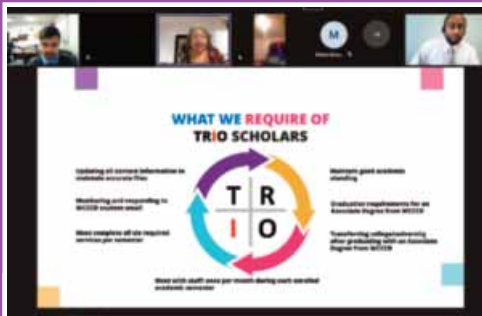
*Curriculum and marketing materials are currently being developed to promote our upcoming Infoblox Training Program and the Civil Technology and Testing Bootcamp!*



## Technology Training Updates

The team met with representatives from Rainbow Push to discuss new partnerships with Infoblox and EOS Detroit to develop technology training programs for trainees.

# Division of Student Services



## TRiO Support Services

Student Support Services (TRiO-SSS) hosted a virtual orientation for Grand Canyon University (GCU). GCU presented a unique opportunity for an all-expenses paid visit to their Phoenix, Arizona campus to explore opportunities in obtaining a baccalaureate degree as students complete the goals and objectives of TRiO-SSS.



## Recruitment and Outreach

WCCCD Department Of Outreach and Recruitment (Open D.O.O.R.) had an initial meeting with the Detroit Institute for Music Education (D.I.M.E.) to explore potential partnership opportunities.

The Recruitment team answered questions and assisted students with completing their Fall 2022, WCCCD application, during East Pointe High School's "Shamrock College Day."





# Division of Student Services

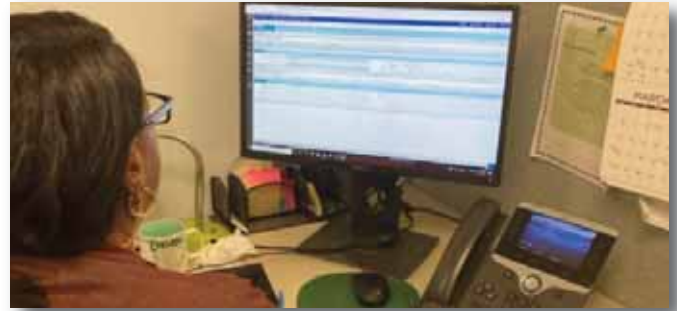
## Student Success Center

Staff worked with Michigan Reconnect students to reset their Webgate pins and help them with Summer 2022 registration.



## Admissions and Records

The Division of Student Services is processing Summer 2022 applications for guest students.



## International Students

Staff assisted international students with completing Homeland Security Forms to enroll in the OPT (Optional Practical Training) program.



## Veteran Affairs

Veteran student Wayne Gilmore visited the Division of Student Services to enroll in paralegal technology courses for Summer 2022.



## Student Support Services

Staff met to discuss support services available to our students.

# Division of Student Services



## Federal Work Study Program

Airris Harper, Federal Work Study Student, met with a WCCCD staff member regarding the status of his work experience at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



## Financial Aid



The District Financial Aid Office hosted the Annual Summer Financial Aid Workshop. Students were able to receive updates for the upcoming Fall 2022 semester and additional aid to assist with Summer 2022 enrollment.

## Career Planning and Placement

The Career Planning and Placement team met to discuss the final details concerning the Fall 2022 Student Activity Schedule.



## Adult Education

Members from the Division of Student Services met with Rebecca Brewer from the Hamtramck Public School District. The focus of the meeting was to explore the possibility of establishing a partnership and providing quality programming for the students and the community.



## Advising and Orientation

Student athlete Myles Dalton met with staff to discuss his career options as he prepares to decide on athletic and academic scholarship opportunities.



# Division of Student Services



## Student Executive Council ~ Food Pantry

The Student Executive Council continues to keep the food pantry stocked for students. The food pantry has dry goods, canned goods, bottled water and hygiene items.



## Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP

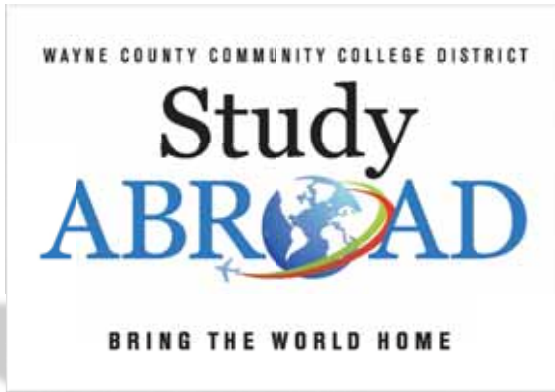
MiCUP Intern students met with Michigan Tech representatives to complete their May 2022, seven-week summer internship paperwork.

## Global Conversations Speaker Series



Lauren Sanders, April Morton, Dr. Riana Anderson, and Stephanie Johnson shared their leadership, challenges, accomplishments, motherhood, and thoughts for navigating life as women.





## **BRING THE WORLD HOME**

WCCCD’s Study Abroad Program provides students with an exemplary international experience and global citizenship which is required today by employers for cultural diversity. The lives of WCCCD students have been touched firsthand through exposure to foreign languages, cultures, values, socio-economic issues, and the standards of living of people from around the world. All countries we have visited are listed to the right with their number of miles round-trip.

**Total Miles...  
214,156!!**



- Sydney, Australia 18,956
- Vienna, Austria 9,018
- São Paulo, Brazil 10,188
- San Jose, Costa Rica 4,464
- Paris, France 7,884
- Accra, Ghana 11,196
- Athens, Greece 10,492
- London, England 7,522
- Guatemala City 3,922
- Buenos Aires, Argentina 11,040
- Rome, Italy 9,232
- Mumbai, India 15,886
- Barcelona, Spain 8,392
- Geneva, Switzerland 8,376
- San Juan, Puerto Rico 3,844
- Amsterdam, Netherlands 7,852
- Guanajuato, Mexico 2,574
- Belize City, Belize 3,520
- Dublin, Ireland 3,498
- London, England 7,522  
(train ride from London to Wales)
- Munich, Germany 7,880
- Copenhagen, Denmark 8,542
- Beijing, China 13,262
- Singapore, Singapore 19,094



## Division of Educational Affairs

### Practical Nursing Education Program~Ted Scott Campus



Students in Professor Douglas's class practice garbing.



### Pharmacy Technology Program

Dr. Abby Freeman and Dr. Pai Her met with the team to prepare for the pharmacy technology site visit. The Pharmacy Technology Program has been accredited since 1988 and is the first accredited Pharmacy Technology Program in the state of Michigan and is one of the oldest accredited programs in the country.

## The Voice of Faculty Excellence

As the Vice Chancellor of the Division of Educational Affairs and my enduring commitment to the faculty and their learning environments, it is my pleasure to present to you “The Voice of Faculty Excellence.” ~ Dr. David Beaumont

Inspired by two amazing teachers, Professors Jerry Barker and Eddie Stinger, Therese Yglasias became a professor at WCCCD in 2006. She further shares, “Professor Jerry Barker and I taught math together in the Detroit Public Schools. He also worked part-time for WCCCD and suggested I give it a try. This was a career path I would never have considered without the encouragement of Jerry.”

Professor Yglasias earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master’s of Education with concentrations in mathematics from Wayne State University and is Google Educator Certified and MyMathLab Certified.

One of Professor Yglasias’ most memorable experiences was when a student who was ready to give up on becoming a nurse because of math, but worked incredibly hard throughout the semester completing practice tests, reviewing test-taking strategies in addition to her regular work, and earned an “A” in her course. “She felt confident to try the (nursing) entrance exam again. When she called a few weeks later, I knew before she spoke that she was on her way to nursing school!” She feels she lucked out to have all the best students in her classes over the years.

Outside of the classroom, Professor Yglasias volunteers with the Detroit Goodfellows, where she received The Goodfellow of the Year Award in 2008, served as president of the organization in 2014, and continues to volunteer and serve on the board of directors. She enjoys swimming laps, rowing, carpooling with Emmett, her husband of 33 years, and staying connected with their four adult children.



Therese Yglasias



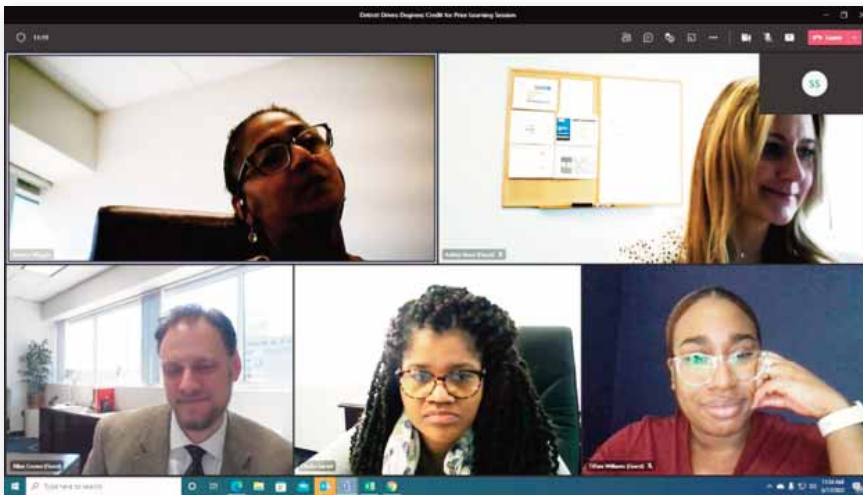


## Division of Educational Affairs

### Credit for Prior Learning Assessment



Credit for prior learning (CPL) has become more important in current best practices on postsecondary attainment than ever before. These programs eliminate redundancies for students and can also save students money by eliminating the need to pay for educational benefits that have already learned. The District hosted a focus group and met with D3C3 Detroit Region Chamber's consultants from Educational Strategy Group with faculty and staff to discuss best practices and strategies.



# Division of Educational Affairs



## Instructional Council



The Instructional Council met to discuss the Chancellor's 2022-23 Annual Priorities, Division of Educational Affairs areas of focus and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) benchmarks.



## Chancellor's Annual Innovation Cycle

In 2021-22, the Chancellor's Annual Innovation Cycle (CAIC) received more than 20 project proposals from faculty for consideration. For 2022-23 we would love to see an additional 10 more. The CAIC has helped to support the transformation of the curriculum. The first round was very tough on the screening committee. The projects that did not move to the second round were referred to the Teaching and Learning Center as potential projects or to the Curriculum Committee for consideration. The deadline to submit 2022-23 proposals is April 15, 2022.



## Faculty Evaluations

The team is more than half way completed with the Spring 2022 faculty evaluations. We use this opportunity to provide feedback to faculty for their professional development and continuous improvement.



# Division of Educational Affairs



## Learning Resources Center/Commons

The Learning Resource Center Taskforce continues to work on the LRC/commons area located at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. This area will provide traditional library services with an extensive physical collection, while supporting a strong virtual menu of services to five Learning Commons. The Learning Commons will provide a welcoming face-to-face presence to accessing virtual library services in a common space that encourages exploration, creation, and collaboration between students, teachers, and the community.



## Updated New Faculty Orientation

Staff began the final review of the updated virtual faculty orientation video. New faculty can access the video from the Teaching and Learning Center Blackboard site.

## Fall 2022 Preparation

The Division of Educational Affairs continues the development of Fall 2022 preparation strategies. Efforts are underway to develop marketing approaches for new or updated courses/programs.



# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



Documentary Film Viewing of "Hidden Figures"

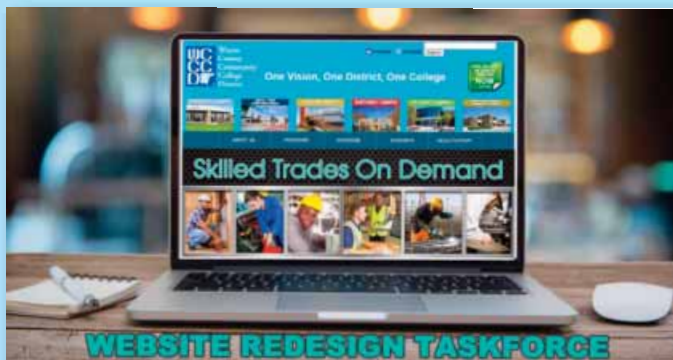
## Cultural Book Club

As part of National Reading Month, we shared children's books that highlight women role models in history.



## On the Move...

Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha attended the Interfaith Leadership Council of Greater Detroit's Education Committee Meeting.



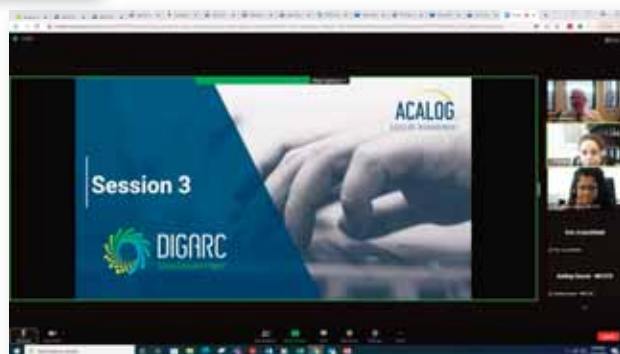
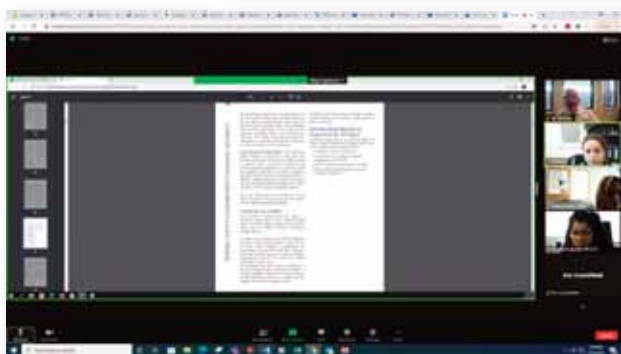
# Website Redesign Taskforce

## Website Redesign Updates



### Content Management System

This week, the taskforce met with the Content Management System vendor, Ingeniux, to review the final HTML markup for the new site. Next steps will include testing the new HTML on multiple browsers and devices.



### Content Editing

Preparing content for migration to the new website is a priority. Recent sessions have focused on reviewing content with the Division of Student Services.

### Catalog Management System

The hierarchal structure for the Acalog catalog management system which includes clusters, campuses and programs is now complete. The Website Redesign Taskforce and Division of Educational Affairs Team are now working on course templates and strategizing on how to best use filters and anchors to create various views.



## Division of Human Resources

### Policies and Procedures Meeting Collaboration

The Division of Human Resources and the Division of Administration and Finance met to foster and ensure alignment with the District's policies and procedures. This group effort assists to enhance efficiency and streamline processes while increasing effectiveness.



### Annual Employee Audit

To ensure accuracy in employee information and compensation, the Division of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Division of Administration and Finance, is scheduling a mandatory payroll audit for all full and part-time staff. The audit will be conducted on all campuses, including the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the Curtis L. Ivery District Office Building from April 4-6, 2022, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

All employees will be required to complete an Employee Verification Form and must present a valid Driver's License or State Identification Card. They must also complete and sign an Employee Verification Form before compensation is released on the April 15, 2022 pay date.



**Please note: Compensation will be held for employees not completing the payroll audit on these dates.**

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## MI-ACE Women's Collaborative' Lunch and Learn Series

Women across the District participated in WCCCD's MI-ACE Women's Collaborative' s April "Lunch and Learn" series. Sessions led by Dr. Cora Payne and Dr. Tammy Anderson helped participants understand how to identify their leadership skill behaviors and true color personality.

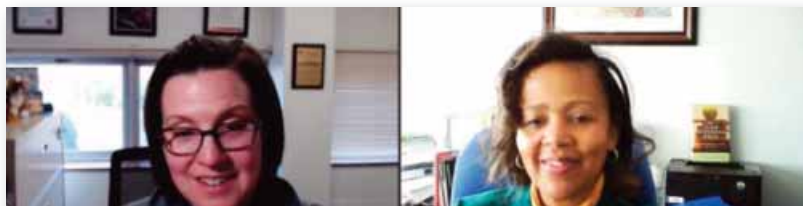


## Cultural Advocacy Network

Muna Khoury participated in the Cultural Advocacy Network, 2nd Annual Advocacy Day Webinar facilitated by State Senator Erica Geiss.

## Repurposing Professional Development

Dr. CharMaine Hines met with Jody Gardei, Manager of the Staff Center for Training and Development at Ferris State University. Discussion focused on approaches the center uses to foster life-long learning among employees, resources for campus development initiatives and structuring efforts that align with the institutions core values and principles.



# Virtual Fitness Fridays!

**MARCH  
18**



**MEDITATION**  
with Dr. Michele



**MARCH  
25**



**BODY  
ALIGNMENT**  
2:30 p.m.  
with Gwen Scales  
[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



## The School of Continuing Education

This week, we hosted the virtual “History of Social Media and How Companies Use it to Persuade Audiences” workshop with Dr. Lauren Berkshire Hearit, Assistant Professor of Communication at Hope College. Participants learned about the history of social media, how companies use social media to persuade audiences and how social media has changed society. More than 95 participants registered for this program.



### Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

March 7-12, 2022

Curtis L. Ivery  
Downtown  
Campus  
95

Downriver  
Campus  
63

Eastern  
Campus  
114

Northwest  
Campus  
315

Ted Scott  
Campus  
88





## Division of Information Technology

### District-wide Smart Technology Upgrade in Classrooms



The Division of Information Technology held a kick-off meeting with the selected vendor for the District-wide Smart Technology Upgrade in Classrooms Project. The team discussed proposed schedule, hardware acquisition, and pilot room selection.



### Campus Technical Support





## *Building Community Relationships*



Dr. Yvette McElroy Anderson and Donnell Mason attended the 2022 Pancakes and Politics Speakers Forum 1, featuring Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Our table guests included higher education colleagues, community members, Assistant Secretary of State, Heaster Wheeler, Council of Baptist Pastors, President –Steven Bland and Caroline Sanders, Associate Director of Community Relations and Engagement at Eastern Michigan University.



Staff attended the MEMCA Winter Conference.



Anthony Arminiak and Tim Durand met with Taylor Mayor Tim Woolley.



Mr. Arminiak and Mr. Durand met with Gibraltar Mayor Scott Denison and Rockwood Mayor Daniel Guzzi.



Kimett Hackworth met with Suzy Berschback, Healthy Communities Manager for Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods to discuss senior partnership opportunities.

# Facilities Maintenance



## Northwest Campus

General Arts Building Shower Installation and the Academic Administration Building  
Detroit Police Department Academy Renovation Project





# Student Success!



# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

## Continuing Education Regional Transit Association Workshop

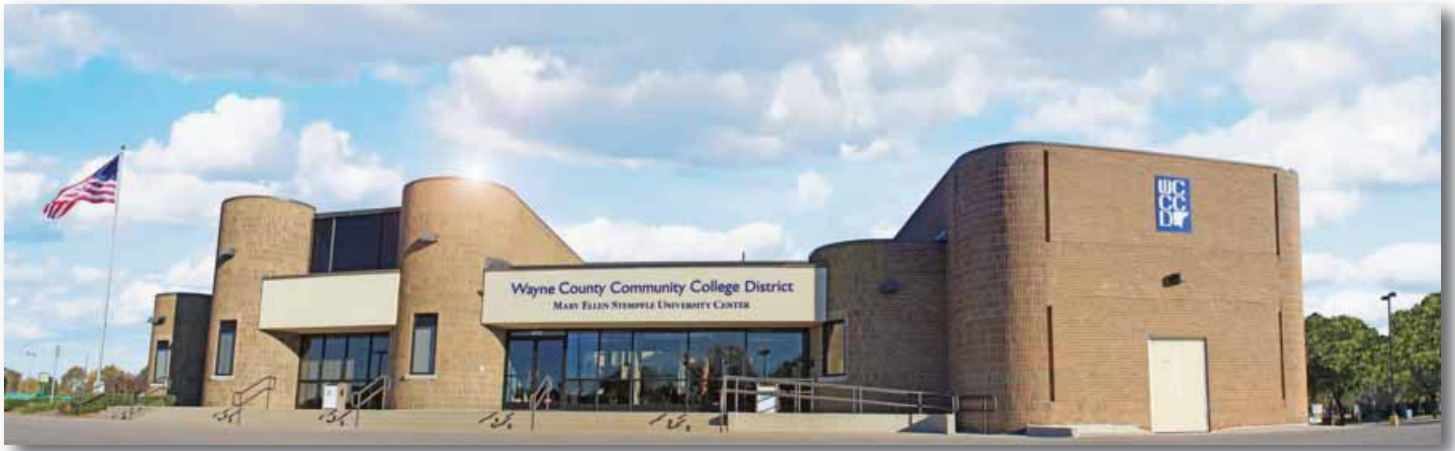


## Young Men for Education Advocacy Student Group



## Campus Tour





## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

### University Partnerships

Dr. Patrick McNally and Denis Karic met with Ferris State University representatives Julius Moses, Faculty/Advisor, Catherine Belkowski, Outreach Coordinator and Janelle Hemingway, Director of Flint/Midland and Metro Detroit Regions to discuss our current partnerships.



### Facility Staff Meeting

# Downriver Campus



**Continuing Education**  
Safe Haven Wealth Management Workshop



**Continuing Education**  
Wayne RESA NSX Cohort Training

**Congratulations to our very own Dr. Stephanie Bulger!**



Dr. Bulger has accepted the position of President of Lane Community College in Oregon.

**Congratulations to Mengisteb Tesfamikael's daughter Semhar!**



She is currently the #1 tennis player in Asmara, Eritrea (East Africa) for girls under 14 years old.

# Eastern Campus

## Continuing Education Gym and Juice Program

Certified Personal Trainer-Aaron Scott guided participants as they performed actual weight training exercises without equipment. Mr. Scott also educated participants on the benefits of juicing and proper eating habits.



## Continuing Education Women and Financial Literacy Workshop

Certified Financial planner and Investment Advisors-Isabelle and Steve Levine discussed the importance of savings, retirement planning, budgeting, debt and cash flow.

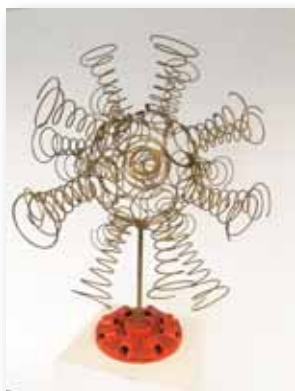


# Career and Technical Education Month

## Welding Programs at the Eastern Campus



*Artistic Welding~Welding Technology~General Welding~Advanced Welding~Specialized Welding*



# Northwest Campus



Campus Meetings



Continuing Education  
Dance Class



# Continuing Education

## Human Trafficking Awareness Workshop~Northwest Campus



# Ted Scott Campus



Computer Class



Campus Operations Meeting



Continuing Education  
Van Buren Baseball Coach Training

# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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## **Mission**

WCCCD's mission is to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to achieve their higher education and career advancement goals through excellent, accessible, culturally diverse, and globally competitive programs and services.

## **Vision Statement**

WCCCD will be known as a premier community college and innovator in the areas of high quality academic and career education, talent development in support of regional economic growth, diversity and inclusion, and technological advancement.

## **WCCCD's Values Statements:**

- Supporting excellence in teaching and learning
- Honoring diversity
- Serving the common good
- Being accountable
- Operating with integrity

