

## Partnership Opportunities with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

We met with Susan Corbin, Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), and Susan Szurpicki, Director of the Office of Sixty by 30, to learn about LEO updates and discuss partnership opportunities.



### Congratulations Dr. Gunder Myran!

Dr. Gunder Myran was inducted into the American Association of Community Colleges Hall of Fame at its 2023 National Convention in Denver, Co. Dr. Myran was recognized for his national leadership in the areas on continuing education, workforce development, and community-based education.

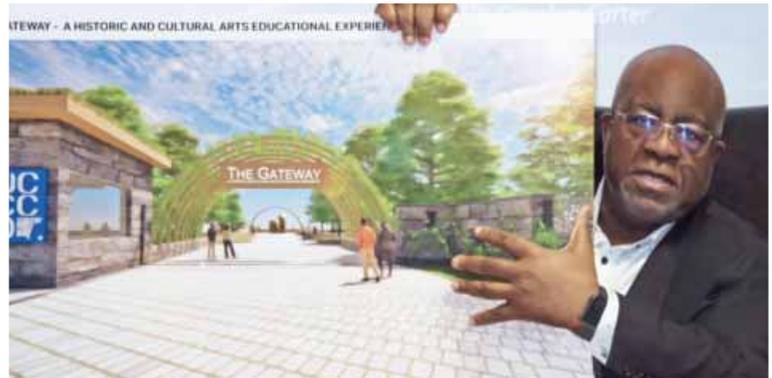
Meeting with  
Dr. Dan Phelan,  
President of  
Jackson College



# Conversation about the Above-Ground Underground Railroad



Dr. Carolyn Carter provided information to expand upon WCCCD's local Underground Railroad (UGRR) historic designation to include the Michigan Central Railroad. It also included the many men and women in Detroit who were leaders in this movement and shaped Detroit's American UGRR narrative.





# The School of Continuing Education



## Silver Circle

Local seniors learned about technology, computers, creative writing and more.



## Wayne Metro CAA Innovation Department Workshop

Downriver Campus

Participants learned strategies to develop a more inclusive society and breaking the cycle of disempowerment of people with disabilities.



## Wayne RESA

Downriver Campus

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Cognitive Coaching Foundation Seminar.

Curtis L. Ivery  
Downtown Campus  
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Mary Ellen Stempfle  
University Center  
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Ted Scott Campus  
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Downriver Campus  
410

Eastern Campus  
675

Northwest Campus  
627

## Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

April 10-22, 2023

# The School of Continuing Education Ted Scott Campus Student Art Show





# Division of Workforce and Economic Development

## Commercial Driver's License Training Program

### New Partnerships!

Members of the Division of Workforce and Economic Development have begun discussions with Cheri Harris, President and CEO of Swint Logistics Group, Inc. Plans are underway to offer additional CDL-A certifications and a host of infrastructure trainings to the Outdoor Training Center.



## Mechatronics Program

*Gear up for an innovative learning experience!*

The team met to begin selecting instructors for electrical engineering and other relevant disciplines of the Mechatronics Program.





# Division of Workforce and Economic Development

## Construction Trades Training Program



### Exploring Opportunities for Collaboration

Members of the Division of Workforce and Economic Development met with representatives from the Detroit Housing Commission to discuss collaborative initiatives for future students.



### New Students Prepare for Hands-on Training

Having completed OSHA and CPR First Aid training, students in the Construction Trades Training Program are now prepared to begin hands-on training.



# Division of Student Services

## Outreach and Recruitment



Members of the outreach team joined Trustee Marla Edwards-Wheeler at the Dozier Center in Inkster to share program degree and certificate information with potential students.



## Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program

The FWS students assisted in making calls to new PTK inductees to prepare them for the Spring 2023 PTK Induction Ceremony.



Staff provided information on WCCCD's degree programs and support services available to students.



# Division of Student Services



## Phi Theta Kappa

Dr. Ashanti Israel, Akindele Akinyemi, and Treneece Dortch attended the Annual 2023 PTK Catalyst Conference in Columbus, Ohio with several PTK officers and members from Alpha Upsilon Zeta.

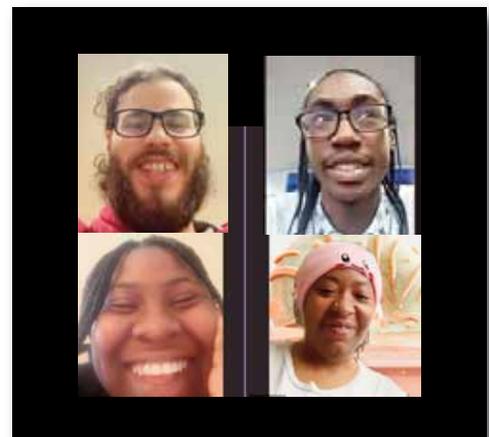
## Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP)

MiCUP interns met to receive their WCCCD "SWAG", supplies and to complete the final preparations for their seven-week paid internship at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI.



## Congratulations Jadon Tillman!

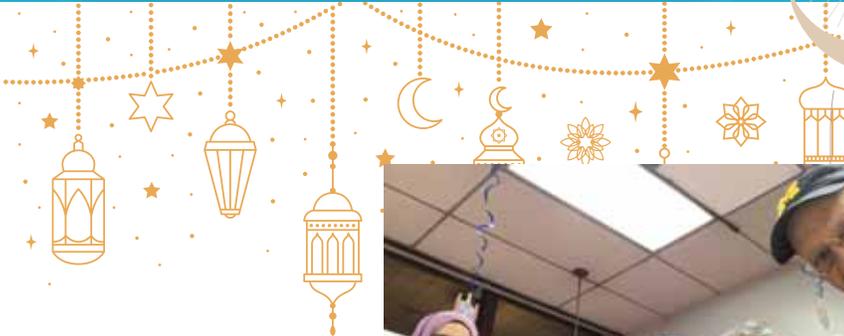
WCCCD starting point guard Jadon Tillman accepted an athletic scholarship to Miles College in Alabama. He will complete his studies at WCCCD in June with his Associate Degree in General Studies.



## Student Executive Council

Members of the Student Executive Council met to discuss upcoming plans to attend a summer conference.

# DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



We celebrated Ramadan Iftar in Canton, MI.

## Virtual Intercultural Conversations



During the virtual Intercultural Conversations, we celebrated Diversity Month. Jonathan Rost, a community guest from Ann Arbor, presented on his experiences with diversity in France, China, and Italy.



### Southwest Regional Chamber Legislative Forum

### ACCESS 51st Annual Dinner



## DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS



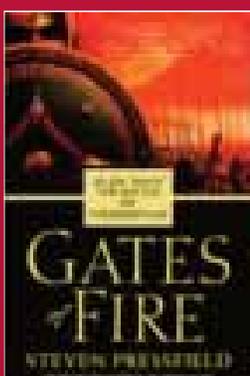
### *Trust, But Verify*

The history of Nike and Air Jordan sneakers is a classic success story of a leader's willingness to delegate to talented subordinates and keep an open mind, notes Bill Cohen in *"I Don't Know. Maybe it Will Grow On Me," Wall Street Journal, April 8, 2023*. Phil Knight, the co-founder and chairman emeritus of Nike, Inc, had this philosophy of openness to trying new things that rewarded him and his company magnificently.

Knight did not initially like the Nike swoosh logo, had reservations about calling the company 'Nike,' and he was not wild about the term 'Air Jordan' for the famously successful sneakers. But things came together for Nike when Michael Jordan was hooked on the swoosh logo, and Phil Knight saw the benefit of trusting and verifying.

Sometimes, however, there is a huge penalty for using that strategy. The vice president for marketing at a well-known beverage company recently wanted to try something different and exciting, and it bombed miserably. Product sales fell to almost zero because of the change in marketing, and billions of dollars in the value of the company were lost. Where was the oversight, and where was the verification process?

Clearly, it is critical to know when to trust and when to verify, and there is no substitute for the hands-on involvement of the CEO in that verification process, particularly on big decisions. Whether it is a private corporation or a public community college, organizational success often depends upon a leader's ability to get that formula right.



#### Book Recommendation

*Gates of Fire (the Battle of Thermopylae),*  
by Steven Pressfield

# Division of Educational Affairs



## Students from Chandler Park Academy Toured the Health Science Center





# EXTRACTION DAY

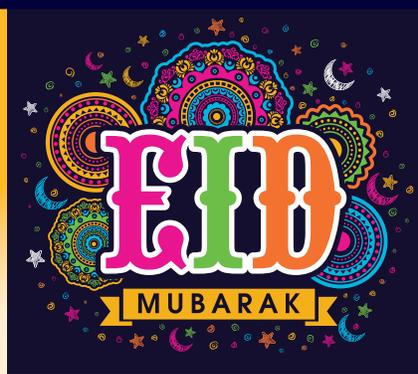
The Dental Clinic at the Northwest Campus hosted another Extraction Day.



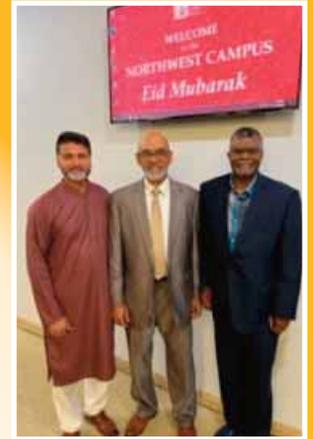
3 Deans  
 3 Faculty  
 2 Staff  
 21 Doctors  
 57 Patients  
**399 EXTRACTIONS**

399 extractions x \$270/tooth = \$107,730  
 5 radiographs (x-rays)/patient x \$35 = \$9,975  
 Bone grafting 180 sites x \$150 = \$27,000  
 Plus pharmaceuticals (Motrin and Antibiotics)  
**2023 Total Estimated Services: \$144,705.00**





# Celebration at the Northwest Campus





# Division of Educational Affairs

## Program Review Meeting

The team held a Program Review meeting to follow up on the completed Fall 2022 semester reviews. The team also discussed recommendations for updated equipment and software for the Electrical Electronics Technology, Digital Media, and Computer Aided Design programs.



## Center Advance Technology (CAT)



Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met with faculty, staff, and IT representatives from the Ted Scott Campus to assess software and equipment needs to prepare for the Mechatronic and Robotics programs.



## National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development

The Northwest Campus hosted the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development for faculty.

## Wayne Metro Leap to Teach Meeting



April McCray met with staff from Wayne Metro's Leap to Teach cohort program.



# Division of Educational Affairs



## Instructional Council Meeting

The Instructional Council met to discuss performance metrics, Educational Affairs annual priorities, and schedule management for the Summer and Fall 2023 semesters.



## Civil Technology Build Out

Allan Cosma met with representatives from the Wayne County Department of Public Services to develop the laboratory experience for the Civil Technician Program offering.



## Discipline Lead Meeting

The Educational Affairs team met with the faculty discipline leads to discuss Faculty Convocation, professional development opportunities, priorities, and the 2023/24 curriculum readiness and deliver.



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

## Dr. Diana Gellci ~ Anthropology



**How I fell in love with the discipline:** I was one of those unlucky people who never heard of Anthropology until searching for a master's program. I remember I received information booklets from different departments at Wayne State University. It was an instant click: Not only did I feel so ready for a new discovery, but I also felt I would never be alone. My professors soon became my colleagues.

**Education:** Ph.D. in Business and Organizational Anthropology (Wayne State University (WSU)), MA in Cultural Anthropology (WSU), Graduate Certificate on Online Teaching (College of Education, WSU), and a BS in Economics (UT, Tirana).

**What are you most excited about in the upcoming semester regarding your course(s)?** I am working on creating a lab for our Physical Anthropology course so students can observe the physical similarities and differences among primates.

**Three things people may not know about me:**

1. I love writing poetry
2. I used to work in a bank
3. I have been married for 35 years to a person I first met when we were both 14 years old

**When did you know you wanted to teach?** I have always been eager to learn and teaching just came naturally to me. As a little girl I used to play classrooms with my friends and share the stories my mother read for me before I went to bed. We didn't have many books during that time, so sharing those little stories with them always made me feel special.

**How long have you been at WCCCD?** 20 + years

**What is your favorite thing about working at WCCCD?** The college is diverse and has positive vibes.

**Do you have any advice for current or prospective students?** Travel the world to find yourself.

**Who inspires you?** My father. He was only seven years old when he had to walk 14 kilometers (8.7 miles) to go to school and return back home every single day for six days per week and he never missed a day. He finished high school with a golden medal, became a medical doctor and then returned to the same area, serving people with high devotion and commitment for the rest of his life.

**What is the last book you read?** I am reading the latest publications of an D. Kokonozi, Albanian author. I would like to write a review about his work.

**Growing up, what did you want to be?** I grew up in what felt like the tiniest town in the world surrounded by sky only. I dreamed of becoming a pilot then.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Pathways to Success with Greg Dunmore Be Mindful What You Speak: Tips on How to Improve your Language Usage in the Workplace



Northwest  
Campus



## District-MI-ACE April Lunch and Learn: Motivation

Members of the District's MI-ACE Collaborative participated in an April Lunch and Learn on Motivation. Using an assessment tool from George Mason University, members discussed interaction vs. impact as well as centering one's self, identity, standards, and relationships in all we do.



### Listen to Learn Professional Development Programming

Drs. CharMaine Hines, Wanda Hudson, David Beaumont and Fidelis D'Cunha met to discuss how credit bearing ESL courses serve as a launch into multiple pathways and provide opportunities for cultural and linguistic development.



### Weekly Student Services Information Session

Tamara Pruitt presented at the District Student Services Weekly Information Session.

The topics covered included updates to summer aid for students, student appeals, loans and changes/updates for the upcoming Fall 2023 and 2024 academic years. Also discussed was the new scholarship program for the State of Michigan called the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.



## April "Challenge" Winners!

Two members met their personal weight loss "Challenges" for the month of April.



Members participated in a new kettle ball workout class.



## Campus Fitness Friday's

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



## District Police Authority

### MCOLES Swearing-In Ceremony

The District Police Authority conducted a MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards) swearing-in ceremony for Police Officers John Jenkins, Michael Gordon, Billy Nixon, Jesan Mumenur, and Karen Smith.



## Data Closet Re-engineering Project

*Curtis L. Ivery District Office*



The Division of Information Technology and the District Police Authority met with Infinite Technology to discuss support and maintenance for technology District-wide.



Campus Data Closet  
Re-engineering  
Project Update Meeting

### MICROSOFT 365 – PROJECT UPDATE



Staff met with representatives from the Division of Student Services to discuss the status of the Microsoft 365 student migration from Google Workspaces.

Topics of discussion included:

- Updated project timeline and student population
- New student email address format
- Student onboarding/offboarding process



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION



### U.S. Customs and Border Patrol – Mobile Field Force Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted United States Customs and Border Patrol for Mobile Field Force training.



### Marathon Fire Extinguisher Training

The training was for Marathon Petroleum employees and consisted of general fire safety knowledge.



### Taylor Fire Department – Fire Fighter Survival Program

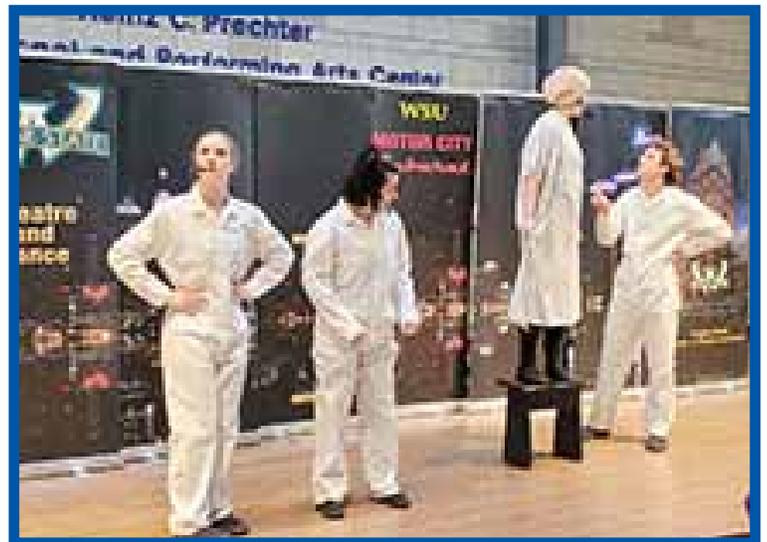
This Fire Ground Survival training program taught members of the department vital skills in managing personal emergency events that may occur during structural fires. The program instructed fire personnel to quickly exit a structure when interior conditions have deteriorated.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
HEINZ C. PRECHTER  
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

As part of our All About the Arts series, the Downriver Campus featured the Wayne State University Motor City Cabaret. The audience was treated to a revue which was centered around a TikTok influencer with a challenge to create the next big TikTok musical.

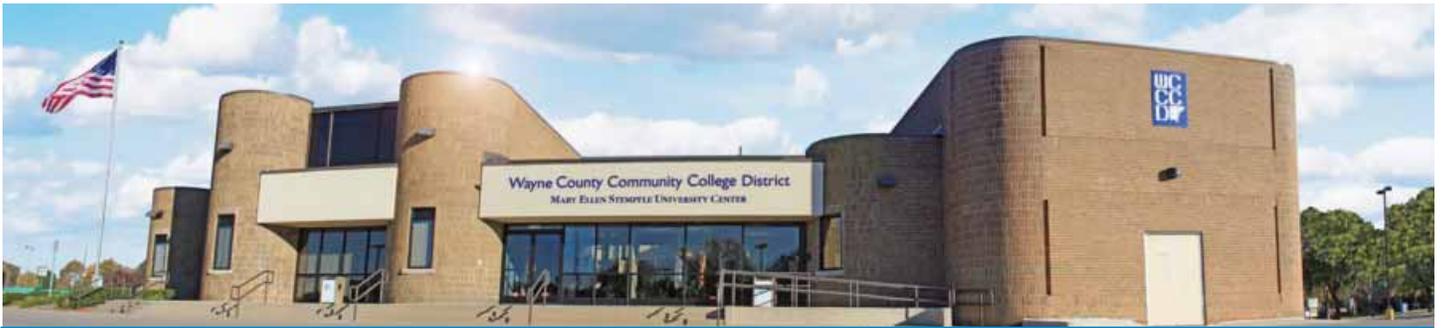
## All About the Arts





## “Mutts Gone Nuts”

The stage at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center was taken over last weekend by the most talented four-legged performers. Mutts Gone Nuts is an uproariously funny, comedy dog spectacular. Audience members both young and old were entertained in this family friendly show.



# Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



## University Partnerships

Davenport University Meeting

## Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters



## Dual Enrollment

Chandler Park Academy Dual Enrollment Meeting



## Chandler Park Academy Appreciation Luncheon

# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



## Detroit Fire Commission

Local fire fighters attended this essential training to enhance their abilities to assist in fire suppression from a management standpoint.



## Western High School Campus Tour



## Partnership Opportunities

Drs. Brian Singleton and Yvette McElroy Anderson participated in a zoom meeting with NPower. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a partnership opportunity geared to promote and inspire women to enter and be successful in the technology industry.



## Quilting Club

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Creative Circle Quilt Group to provide participants with the importance of artistic quilting and the impact on senior citizens.

# Spring Job Fair

Curtis L. Ivery  
Downtown Campus

Participants were encouraged to bring paper and electronic copies of their resumes to meet with employers. Several employers were ready to hire on the spot. Companies included MGM, Illitch Sports Entertainment, Social Security Administration, U.S. District Court and many others.



# Downriver Campus



## Partnership Opportunities

Staff met with representatives from General Motors and Taylor Chevrolet to discuss partnership opportunities.



## Wayne Metro CAA SHHS Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne Metro Community Action Agency's Supportive Housing and Homeless Service Workshop. This program aims to empower individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.



## Downriver Community Transition Council Disability Resource Expo

# Northwest Campus



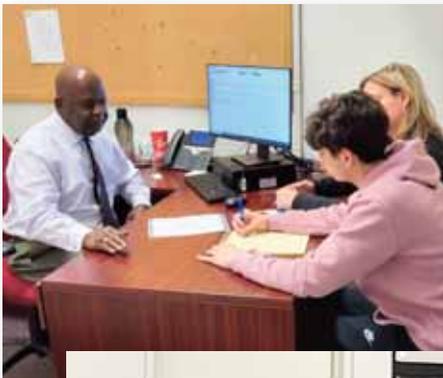
## Continuing Education

Wayne County held a free child support consultation workshop at the Northwest Campus.



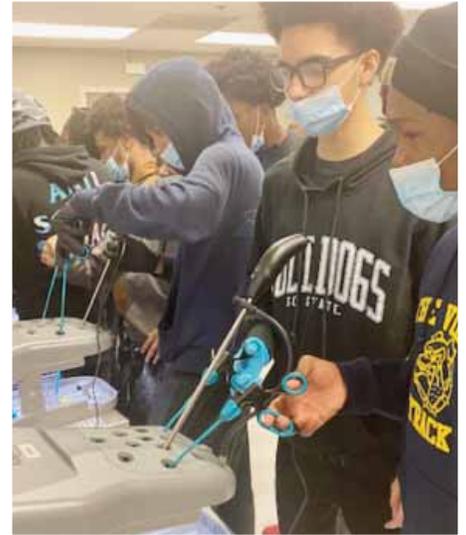
The Detroit Unit Parliamentarians also met at the campus.

## Student Success!



# Career Exploration

Ninth and tenth graders from East English Village Preparatory Academy toured the Northwest Campus.





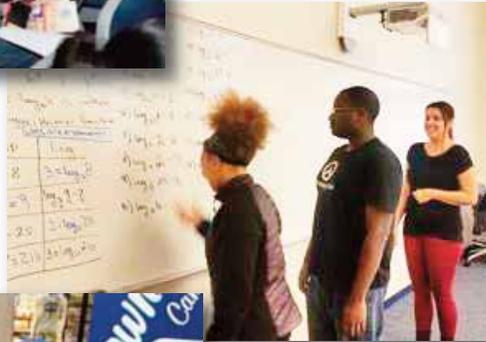
# Earth Day

Ted Scott Campus

The Ted Scott Campus celebrated Earth Day beautifying the campus by cleaning and planting new flowers and shrubs.



# Celebrating Community College Month at WCCCD!



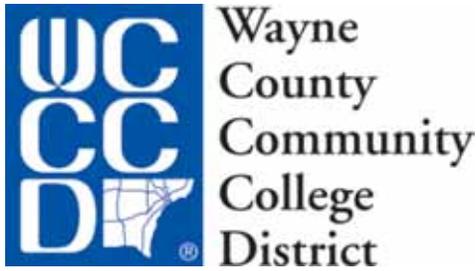
*“WCCCD has ultimately been the positive difference I needed to move forward with my life. I’d like to thank the WCCCD team for supporting me on my journey!”*  
**(Carmen Camel, Class of 2023)**

*“By helping me stay rooted in the community in the East, WCCCD is located minutes from where I grew up and is ultimately why I made the decision to attend here over other community colleges. The staff have been other but sensational in helping me find my way through the maze that is college!”*  
**(Alexander Morris, Class of 2023)**

*“After I moved to the USA, my first institution of education was WCCCD. I have learned how to communicate as ESL, making friends and good professors. Thank you, WCCCD for helping me adapt in a new environment.”*  
**(Miesha Rahman, Class of 2023)**

*“Sometimes life throw’s you curve balls that takes you down a different path. I transferred from another community college to WCCCD where I am thriving in my classes. The instructors were helpful, I was inducted in the PTK association and was on my way to finish what I started but Covid hit America. This community college has a purpose and a mission to educate every individual that walks through their doors. I am one of those individuals who is graduating this year and with honors!”*  
**(Brenda Mixon, Honors Student, Class of 2023)**

# 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

