

The Rule of Law Symposium Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus was pleased to host a thought-provoking symposium on the "The Rule of Law." Moderated by Professor William C. McConico, the event brought together a distinguished panel of legal experts including Professor Robert Ficano, Judge Andrea Bradley-Baskin, Magistrate Joseph Boyer, Attorney Adam Clements, and Attorney Mark Fancher.





American Association of Community Colleges



WCCCD had a prominent role at the 2025 American Association of Community Colleges Conference. The theme for this year was “The Rhythm of Student Success.” Dr. CharMaine Hines, Dr. Brian Singleton and Denis Karic presented a session titled “Top 100: The Intersection of Leadership, College Degree Attainment and Educational Tsunamis.”



I met with Dr. Gunder Myran, Senior Consultant to the Chancellor and Leader of the District’s Design Center, and members of my Leadership Team to discuss planning for upcoming programs during the Summer and Fall semesters.

In the News

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

C & G Newspapers highlighted the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center (MESUC) in a recent article titled "School district puts 'unity' in community." MESUC was recognized for its continued commitment to building strong community partnerships and supporting local educational initiatives. Highlights included the college's Diverse Learners Program and the expansion of its University Center to add the Center for Virtual Learning and Digital Careers. The complete article is available at

<https://www.candgnews.com/news/school-district-luncheon-puts-the-unity-in-community-8076>



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From left, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Andrea Tuttle, Wayne County Community College District Provost Denis Karic and GPPSS Deputy Superintendent Roy Bishop chat before the 14th annual Community Luncheon April 3 at Maire Elementary School in Grosse Pointe City.
Photo by Patricia O'Brien

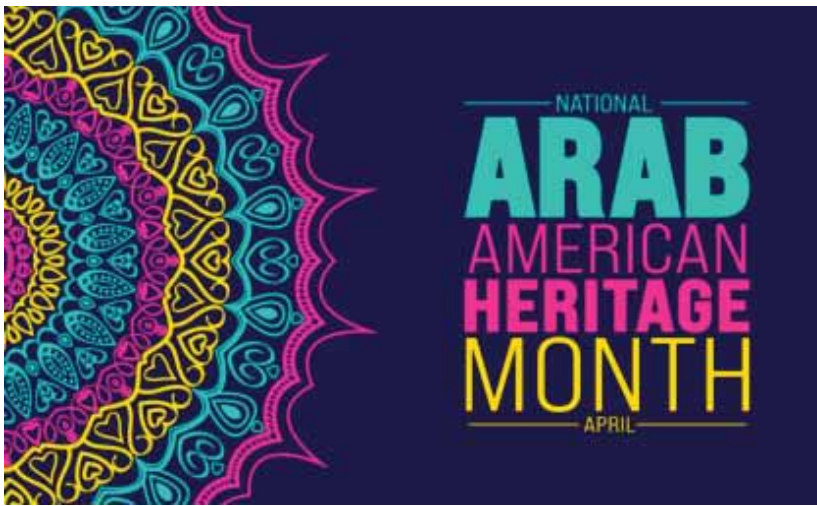
School district luncheon puts the 'unity' in community

By: K. Michelle Moran | Grosse Pointe Times | Published April 15, 2025

GROSSE POINTE CITY — Dozens of school and city officials from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods were joined by leaders from local nonprofits and churches during the Grosse Pointe Public School System's 14th annual Community Luncheon, held April 3 at Maire Elementary School in Grosse Pointe City.

"This event gets us out of our office and we're able to connect with other groups and administrations," Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "It's a great community, and it doesn't stop at the school door."





Arab American Heritage Month

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus celebrated Arab American Heritage Month. Mohammed Al-Sanai, Principal of Frontier International Academy, led a presentation sharing insights on the artistic and historical significance of Arabic calligraphy. Students and faculty engaged with displays and gained knowledge about the ancient Arab civilizations.





Division of Student Services

Global Speaker Series

Attorney Mike Morse was the featured speaker during the Global Speakers Series' "Fuel the Fire" workshop held at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. He provided participants with tips for successful career advancement and the importance of giving back to the community.



Financial Literacy Workshop

The TRiO Program hosted a financial literacy workshop at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus, presented by Flagstar Bank.

Outreach and Recruitment

Staff represented the District at the NAACP Career Day and Youth Summit.



Division of Student Services



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)



WCCCD's PTK Michigan Regional Officer Tuesday Dixon was honored with the Regional Officer Service Excellence Award and a Certificate of Achievement from the Past National and International Officers.



Student Success Letter

'As I'm approaching graduation, I wanted to share some good press with you. I was selected by the folks at College Promise to give a short speech and introduce the governor a couple of days ago at OCC. That was pretty cool and I'm excited to see a new initiative aimed at getting more men and fathers in school.

I've been offered and accepted a Master's of Science in Information fellowship at the University of Michigan. My wife is also starting her Master's in Educational Leadership and Policy here this fall as well. After that, maybe I'll do a Ph.D. in business... We'll see. What an incredible four years this has been. And I made Phi Beta Kappa, so now I have two keys.

Thanks for your support; I'll always recognize WCCCD as the place where my journey started."

~Brandon A. Keyes



Division of Student Services



We continue to receive positive feedback from the panelists who participated in our recent Women's History Month workshops.



"When women share their stories, it creates an instant, undeniable connection. I'd enjoy sharing space with these women anytime or anywhere as we use our collective power to change the world."

Lisa Howze, CPA, MSF

Speaker, Author, CPA, Career Strategist
The Lisa Howze Experience



"Seeing the engaging group of attendees, from students to faculty members, gives me hope for the future."

Mariyah Saifuddin

CEO and Co-Founder, Innovative Solution Partners, LLC



"It's an honor to stand alongside remarkable women from diverse backgrounds, coming together to listen, learn, and exchange meaningful insights – enriching each other and our audience. When women lift each other, we don't just rise; we soar!!!"

Jessica Anderson

Regional Security Manager, Ford Motor Company
Creator & Founder of FitFabFlawless LLC



"The thoughtfulness of the panel, the range of experiences, and the connected audience made this one of the best events I've attended."

Christy McDonald

TV Journalist, Moderator, Speaker
Founder, Sammac Communications Inc.



"Wayne County Community College District did an amazing job creating a great experience for both attendees and participants."

Angela T. Moore

Mental Wellness & Integrative Health
Strategist Speaker & Consultant



"Thank you so much for having us at the WCCCD campus last week. It was an honor to perform for everyone."

Marion Hayden



Preparing our students for the 2025 Commencement Ceremony
on June 7, 2025 at The Masonic Temple

School of
Continuing Education

Earth
Day
2025

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Earth Day 2025. Participants learned about environmental topics presented by the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. They also engaged in hands-on activities related to plants and the planet Earth.

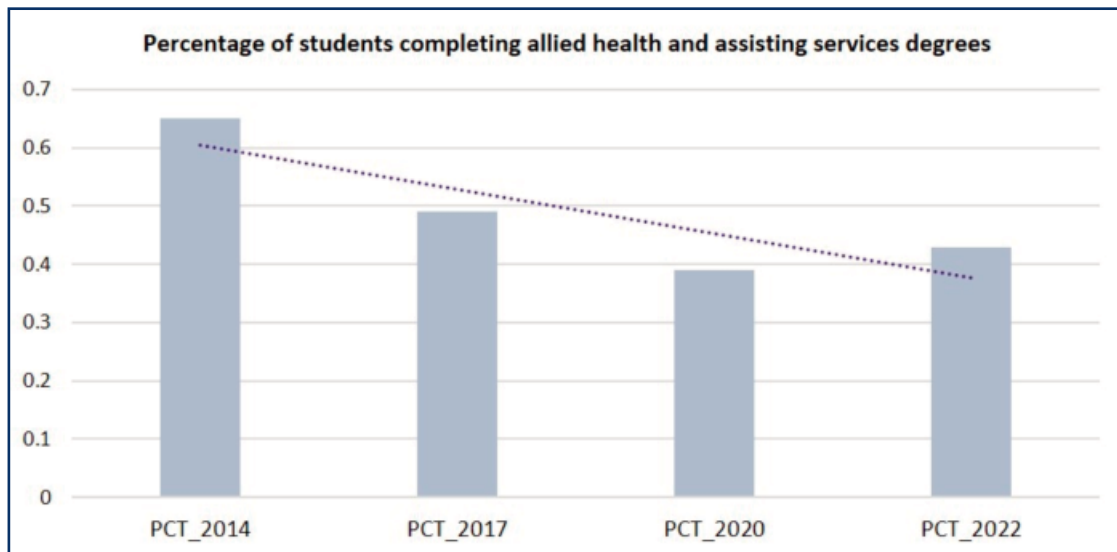
Ted Scott Campus





Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) continues environmental scans to identify workforce and labor market needs within the region. The labor market analysis is used to inform recruitment for career pathways and new program development. According to a Lightcast article entitled, “Healthcare Workforce: Beyond the Registered Nurse Shortage,” many health science employers mention challenges beyond nursing to include surgical techs, lab techs, MRI techs, respiratory therapists, and physician assistants. Lightcast reports degrees in these fields have been facing significant declines in completions.

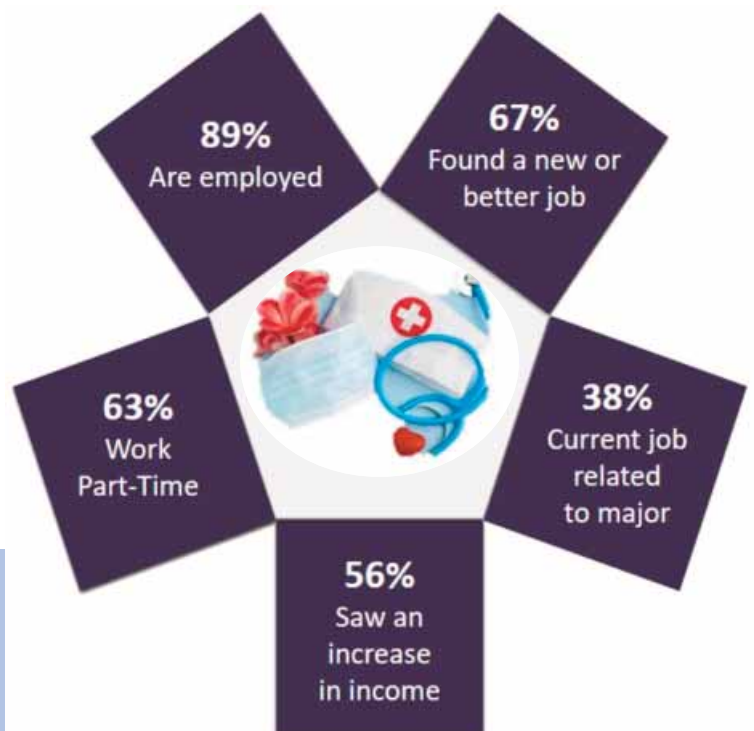


Source: <https://lightcast.io/resources/blog/beyond-the-rn-shortage>

WCCCD students who responded to the 2023-24 Graduate Exit Survey indicate that their program of study prepared them in one of the following areas:

- ☐ Anesthesia Technology
- ☐ Bio-Medical Equipment Repair Technology
- ☐ Patient Care Technology
- ☐ Phlebotomy
- ☐ Physical Therapist Assistant
- ☐ Pre-Physician Assistant
- ☐ Surgical Technology

Although employers say it has been challenging finding workers for these fields, WCCCD's largest degree-producing major is health sciences.



Career Exploration Tour of the Eastern Campus with Students from Old Redford Academy



Automotive Technology



**Computer
Numerical
Control**



Mechatronics



**Heating,
Ventilation and
Air Conditioning**



**Product Development
Prototyping**



Fashion Design



Construction Trades



Welding



Commercial Driver's License



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Apprenticeship Advocate Award Ceremony



This week, Carlos Hewitt was honored with the Apprenticeship Advocate Award from Closing the Skills Gap. His role has been vital to the success of the Construction Trades Training Program. We proudly congratulate Mr. Hewitt on this well-deserved recognition.



Diesel Mechanic Program

Staff from the Division of Workforce and Economic Development met with community partners to establish a Diesel Mechanic cohort aimed at addressing the skilled labor gap in the industry.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



**MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY**
E D U C A T I O N



Downriver Campus

Detroit Police Department – Mobile Field Force Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Detroit Police Department for a Mobile Field Force Academy class. The training included an introduction to formations, gas mask familiarization and certification.



Downriver Hazmat Team Training

MIPSE hosted the Downriver Hazardous Material Response Team for their monthly proficiency training and material update. Team physicals were also conducted on site.



Basic Pump Operations Class

MIPSE hosted a Basic Pump Operations class, sponsored by the Wyandotte Fire Department. The class addressed tactics and strategies for multi-floor “hi-rise” operations, including fire department connections (FDCs), standpipes, and floor hose drops.

HAPPENING NOW!



Microsoft 365 Orientation Session

The Microsoft 365 orientation training session was conducted with the second pilot group from the Division of Educational Affairs.



Microsoft 365 Migration Project Update

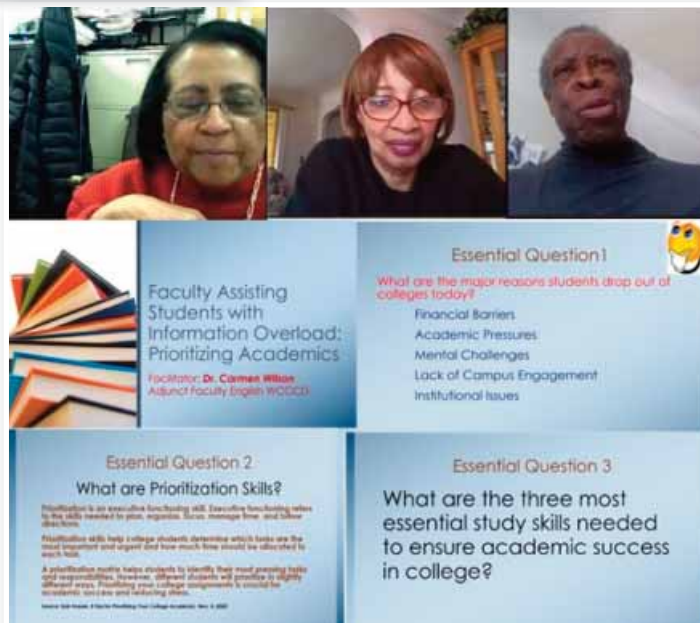
The Microsoft 365 migration team met to review the progress of the migration project and to discuss key feedback received from the initial pilot group. The team assessed both the successes and challenges experienced during the pilot phase. As part of the meeting outcomes, the team developed a comprehensive checklist designed to guide the remaining phases of the migration.





Division of Educational Affairs

Friday Faculty Forum



Faculty Assisting Students with Information Overload: Prioritizing Academics
Facilitator: Dr. Carmen Wilson
Adjunct Faculty English WCCCD

Essential Question 1
What are the major reasons students drop out of colleges today?
Financial Barriers
Academic Pressures
Mental Challenges
Lack of Campus Engagement
Institutional Issues

Essential Question 2
What are Prioritization Skills?
Prioritization is an executive functioning skill. Executive functioning refers to the skills needed to plan, organize, focus, manage time, and solve problems.
Prioritization skills help college students determine which tasks are the most important and urgent and how much time should be allocated to each task.
A prioritization matrix helps students to identify their most pressing tasks and responsibilities. However, different students will prioritize in slightly different ways. Prioritizing your college assignments is crucial to academic success and reducing stress.

Essential Question 3
What are the three most essential study skills needed to ensure academic success in college?

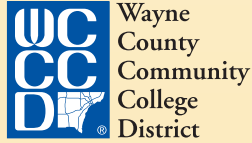
The Teaching and Learning Center Committee hosted its Friday Faculty Forum featuring Dr. Carmen Wilson, who presented on the topic “Faculty Assisting Students with Information Overload: Prioritizing Academics.” Multiple faculty members attended the event and found the information valuable for enhancing their instructional strategies to better meet the needs of their students.

Southeastern High School Short-Term Certificate Cohort

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met with cohort students from Southeastern High School to ensure they are on track to fulfill all requirements for the Short-Term Certificate of Achievement in Computer Numerical Control.



Division of Educational Affairs



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC)

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



National Library Week celebrated the libraries, librarians, and library workers by highlighting their vital role in transforming lives and strengthening communities. ***Thank you to our Learning Resource Center (LRC) Campus Administrators!***



Stephanie Jones

District Educational Affairs



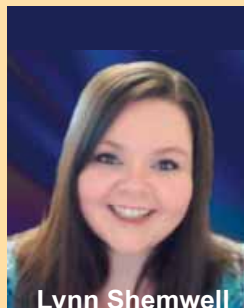
Tamara Parks

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus



Tracie Byrd

Eastern Campus



Lynn Shemwell

Downriver Campus



Onboarding Process

Staff met to prepare a new onboarding process for those joining the division.

REMINDERS:

- **Spring Break (No Classes):**
Friday – Thursday, April 18-24, 2025
- **Classes Resume:** Friday, April 25, 2025

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Virtual Fall 2025 Faculty Selection:**
Thursday – Friday, May 1-2, 2025

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

March 31 - April 12, 2025

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
680

Downriver Campus
1,297

Eastern Campus
247

Northwest Campus
1,493

Ted Scott Campus
547

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
90

Lunch and Learn Workshop Series:

How to Grow Your Veggies

The School of Continuing Education held the final Lunch and Learn workshop in the series "How To Grow Your Veggies." Participants learned the basics of growing healthy, fresh produce right at home. The series has covered a wide range of interesting topics from practical skills to inspiring ideas.



This week, Jamie Latendresse, Licensed Dietitian, continued the Wellness Wednesday Series with the "Hormones and Metabolism" Workshop. Participants learned the many ways hormones and metabolism impact your daily health. She emphasized how hormones play a key role in regulating metabolism, which is the process of converting food into energy.



Building Community Relationships



Trustee Susan Steeby and staff represented the District at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Black Tie Gala. Pictured with Ronald Hinrichs, President/CEO of the SWCRC.

Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha attended the 2025 Songkran Festival, which is Thailand's traditional New Year festival.



Jeff Moore attended Detroit Public Safety Academy's Career Day.



Andy Steeby and Grace Kowalski represented the District at the State of the County Address.

DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on...

Mike Dotson

Mike Dotson started at WCCCD in October, 1997 as a Senior Financial Analyst, and his career is a classic case of what good things can happen when people are given the support and opportunity to be successful.

Mr. Dotson served as the chief budget person and ran the Reimbursement Center for Financial Aid. Additionally he worked in campus operations for a time and was also involved with the Expansion Center, which became the spring board for what is now the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

He served as Campus President of the Western Campus (now the Ted Scott Campus) for four years. That experience provided multiple opportunities to become active with the local communities. The Western Campus presidency prepared him with excellent experience in campus operations.

Then an opportunity arose to lead the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center (HWEC) which opened to the public in 2022. Mr. Dotson's experience leading the HWEC unexpectedly developed into a microcosm of the College itself with the focus and mission of the College being applied to the people being served. He is always finding creative opportunities to meet students where they are, so the facility often serves as a safe space for many of its users.

Users of the HWEC include city council members, doctors, attorneys as well as students and staff. It now has over 1,200 members. That is a testament to the mission of the College and what is accomplished every day. There are now steam rooms and a recovery suite with massage chairs.

Mr. Dotson says the lesson learned from his experience is there are no limitations on what you can accomplish, and he credits Dr. Curtis Ivery for seeing potential in him that he did not recognize himself. The key ingredient is to do everything possible to be successful, and he is working to provide others with that opportunity.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Polish Your Path: Mastering Resumes/Soft Skills for Career Success

This interactive session focused on building strong resumes and developing the soft skills that employers value most. Participants gained knowledge on getting career-ready and how to have a competitive edge in the job market.

Note of thanks from Dr. Sharon Wallace, English Instructor

"Good afternoon, Tasha German's presentation was remarkable and thorough. It provided valuable content about the importance of professionalism, creating a successful resume, and so much more. The students were engaged with the information and solid questions. The workshop was excellent. Thank you for the invitation. My Women in Literature students learned a lot."

Learning Resource Center

Staff provided an orientation to students on how to access online and traditional print materials. This included an introduction to the library online catalog, magazine and journal databases, and the internet to assist with assignments and final papers.





Pilates Fusion Class

HWEC members participate in the latest Pilates Fusion class, featuring exercises and stretches that provide stability, strength, flexibility, and support for a center balanced posture.



Special Dance Fusion Class

The HWEC presented a Dance Fusion class for students from Skating in Detroit.

Nutrition Workshop

The HWEC hosted a Fundamentals of Nutrition information session and workshop, featuring Jamie Latendresse.



Downriver Campus



Continuing Education
Gift Wrapping and Bow Making Class



Downriver Transition Council

The Downriver Transition Council hosted a seminar on the topic of Special Needs Trusts. The session focused on how families can provide additional financial support to individuals with special needs.

SEMCA Front-Line Staff Training

The Downriver Campus hosted SEMCA WayneLINC's Front-Line Staff Training. This session was designed to equip staff with the tools necessary to support Wayne County residents in securing and maintaining meaningful employment.



Eastern Campus

Biology Students



Community Outreach Meeting with representatives from Double Tree Suites by Hilton



High school students participated in a presentation on the Computer Numerical Control Program.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Community Partnerships

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Detroit Black Deaf Advocates Committee Meeting.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center also hosted the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority informational program.



Northwest Campus



U.S. Naturalization Ceremony

The Northwest Campus hosted the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony, presided over by the Honorable Judge Stephanie Hawkins Davis and attended by community leaders, proud new citizens, and their families.



Community Partnership Opportunity Meeting

Arab American Heritage Day

Members of the Arab American Cultural Group toured the campus for the upcoming Arab American Heritage Day being held on Saturday April 26, 2025.



Northwest Campus



Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

The Health Science Center hosted a blood drive in partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan. The donations received will help impact lives across our community.



Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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

