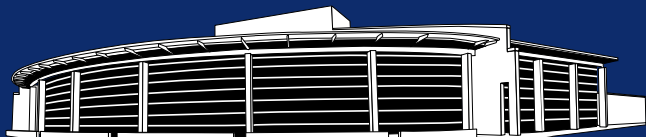


Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1492

April 19-25, 2025



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER
EDUCATIONAL AND

Performing Arts Center

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center recently welcomed dancers from across the region for the high-energy SOAR Dance Competition. This vibrant event brought together talent, creativity, and passion, showcasing incredible performances.



State Representative Jamie Thompson Tours Northwest Campus





Members of the Executive Leadership Team met to discuss preparations for the upcoming Summer and Fall semesters.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Bridges to Success College Tour



The Regional Training Center hosted several tours as part of the Bridges to Success College Tour. The experience provided an engaging opportunity for various high school students to explore our facilities and become familiar with programs and workforce training opportunities.

Downriver Campus



Introduction to Biology *Students in the Lab*



Y Arts Media Works

Students from the YMCA's Y Arts Media Works lab screened their short films at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.



Michigan Community College Association Capitol Day 2025



Staff from across the District represented WCCCD at the 2025 Michigan Community College Association's annual Capitol Day in Lansing. Capitol Day allows college leaders and students the opportunity to meet with legislative representatives and share important legislative priorities.



WCCCD's
Wildcat Mascot



District Police Authority

Collaboration Meeting

Chief Bahrija Livadic met with Jamiel Altaheri, Police Chief of Hamtramck, and Andrew Mileski, Deputy Chief, to exchange ideas and discuss potential future collaborations.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
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 EDUCATION
 Downriver Campus

Tactical Traffic Operations Training

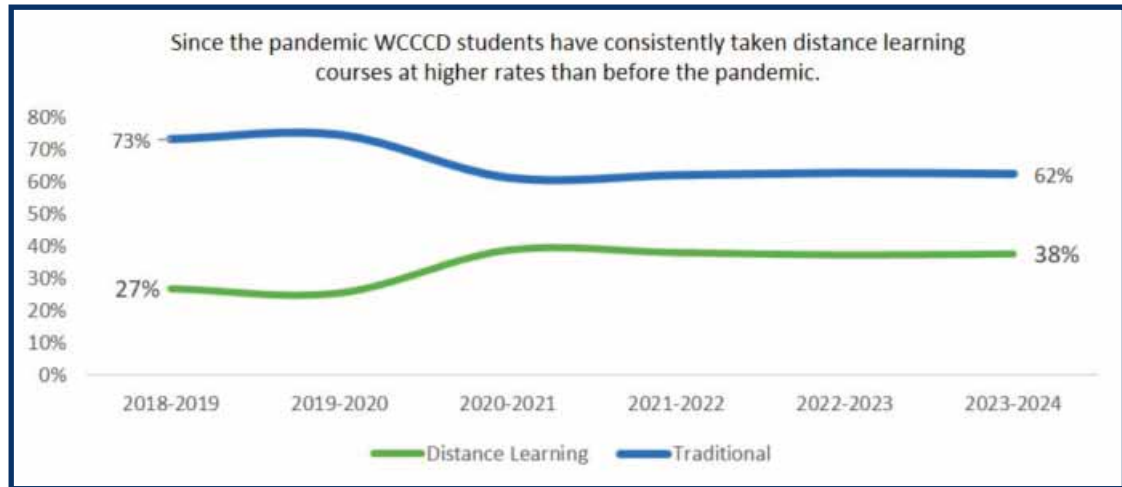


The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted River Rouge Police Department for Tactical Traffic Operations Training. The training is designed to equip officers with the skills and knowledge needed to safely and effectively handle high-risk traffic stops, searches, and foot pursuits.



Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) is currently implementing the Campus Experiences Survey to understand reasons for attending on campus or distance learning. Online classes remained popular years after the pandemic. Working adult students are more likely to attend community colleges compared to universities. The average age of a community college student is 27 and 59% of part-time students work full-time.



Source: <https://edsources.org/2025/at-community-colleges-online-classes-remain-popular-years-after-pandemic/728458>

Source: https://www.aacc.nche.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/AACC2025_Fact_Sheet.pdf



Division of Student Services

Go Wildcats!



Athletes pictured from left to right:

Richard Green, Donald Farago,
Christian Zaddock, and Jacob Goodson



WCCCD's Golf Team played in its spring opener this past week in Jackson, Michigan, at their Invitational. The Wildcats' next match will be this weekend in Calhoun County, Michigan, at Bedford Valley Golf Course.

Ted Scott Campus

Traffic Safety Network Seminar

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne County's Traffic Safety Network Seminar to discuss traffic safety strategies.



Early Middle College

A new cohort of dual enrollment students participated in an orientation and completed their Accuplacer test.





Division of Human Resources

Human Resources Open House



The Division of Human Resources (HR) hosted an Open House where participants had the opportunity to meet members of the Leadership Team and learn about the District's various program offerings.

Faculty Payroll Audit

To ensure continued accuracy in employee information and compensation, HR, in collaboration with the Division of Administration and Finance, are scheduling a payroll audit for all full and part-time faculty.

The primary activities during a payroll audit include:

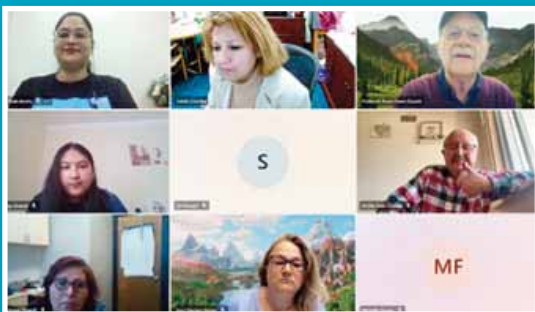
- Verification of Employment Status
- Beneficiary Verification
- Income Tax Deduction
- Employee Contribution and Deduction
- Personnel Information Verification





Chaldean Cultural Center Tour

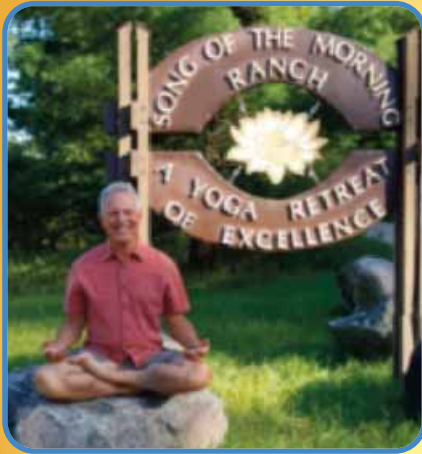
Staff from across the District participated in a tour of the Chaldean Cultural Center. Participants gained cultural enrichment from the exhibits, artifacts, multimedia displays and the journey from ancient Mesopotamia to modern-day communities.



Virtual Intercultural Conversations

At this week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations, participants engaged in discussions about prominent Arab Americans and Scottish Americans. They also talked about the significance of the Easter holiday.

Meet Our Golden Lotus Yoga Teacher



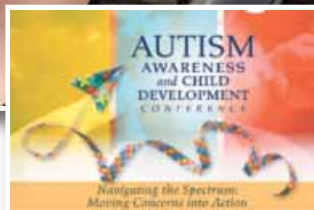
Roy Thibodeau has been practicing and teaching yoga and meditation for more than 52 years. Mr. Thibodeau graduated from Western Michigan University in December of 1971 with a B.S. degree in Math and Physics. He began his yoga journey after reading the autobiography of a yogi written by Paramahansa Yoganada shortly after graduating. He met his guru, Yogacharya J. Oliver Black, one of Paramahansa Yogananda's most advanced male disciples, in March of 1972. In December of 1972 he moved to

Song of the Morning Ranch, a yoga retreat near Gaylord, MI, founded by J. Oliver Black and began his yoga training under Yogacharya Oliver in earnest. During that time he married Mary Ann, started a family and a career. He was trained as a Golden Lotus Yoga Teacher (GLYTA) and continues to this day to teach yoga and meditation. He and Mary Ann currently live in Grosse Pointe Woods and have three children and three grandchildren.

Autism Awareness Conference Meeting



This week, staff held a planning meeting for the Autism Awareness Conference. Phil Menard, Clinical Director of Arbor Autism Centers, also joined the meeting and shared partnership ideas for the college.



Division of Information Technology



Ted Scott Campus
MPS Program Support

Campus Support



Northwest Campus
LEC Projector Upgrade



Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
Event Support



Network Infrastructure Upgrade Project Update

Downriver Campus

The Division of Information Technology recently completed the network infrastructure upgrade at the Downriver Campus. This upgrade comprised of the installation of 21 network switches across nine network closets, as well as the deployment of 73 wireless access points for increased network coverage and performance.



Data Closet Re-Engineering Upgrade Project

Curtis L. Ivery District Office

The WCCCD IT Infrastructure Team continues to make steady progress on the Data Closet Re-engineering Project. The team has completed a comprehensive evaluation, finalized cable routing plans, and designed the data closet layouts.



Division of Educational Affairs



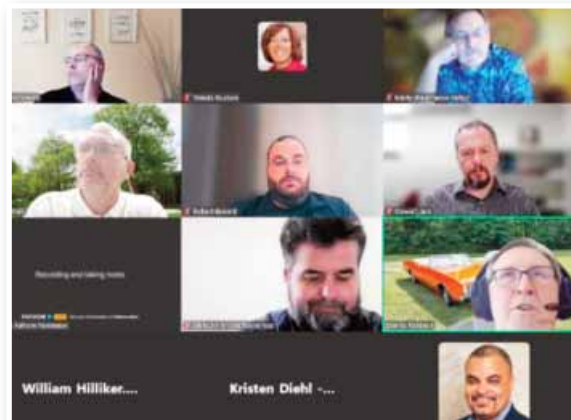
Schedule Development Meeting

Members of the District and campus leadership teams met to discuss the Fall 2025 Schedule Development Process, semester promotions and four new programs that will be offered in the Fall.



Program Review

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met to discuss current and ongoing instructional programs.



Trends Discussion

Dr. Wanda Hudson participated in the Trends - IT Online Meetup Roundtable. The discussion focused on current enrollment trends in CIS and Cybersecurity programs.

Michigan Occupational Deans Administrative Council



Dr. Allan Cosma participated in the Michigan Occupational Deans Administrative Council (MODAC) meeting. The agenda included the Perkins Postsecondary Updates, which highlighted several key initiatives: the Special Populations Recruitment Campaign, the 2025 Perkins compliance reviews, and ongoing monthly workshops focused on special populations.



Division of Student Services

Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP

Staff prepared student care packages for WCCCD interns as they prepare to leave for Michigan Technological University for their seven-week paid internship this week.



Outreach and Recruitment

The Department of Outreach and Recruitment participated in the NAACP Career Fair for high school students.

**Student
Success**



Ceremonies and Rituals Committee



**2025
Commencement
Ceremony**
June 7, 2025
The Masonic Temple

The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee is busy preparing for Commencement, Student Honors Convocation, Phi Theta Kappa and the Nursing Pinning Ceremony. We truly appreciate the committee's ongoing dedication and efforts in ensuring that each program reflects the academic success of our students.



Phi Theta Kappa Induction
May 2, 2025
Downriver Campus

Nursing Pinning Ceremony
May 9, 2025
Northwest Campus

Honors Convocation
June 4, 2025
Downriver Campus





Building Community Relationships



Staff represented the District at the ACCESS 54th Anniversary Dinner, celebrating a legacy of community empowerment and cultural heritage. The event highlighted ACCESS's commitment to serving communities across Michigan and the nation through more than 120 impactful programs.



Trenae Lee and Sandirria Harris visited Crockett Midtown High School of Science and Medicine to inform students about allied health program opportunities at WCCCD.



Dr. Wanda Hudson participated in the inFORUM Women in Technology panel discussion, which was centered around the theme "Tech Frontiers: Innovation of Today, Shaping Tomorrow." She contributed valuable insights on the evolving role of women in tech and the importance of fostering diversity and innovation in the industry.



Steve Wildern represented the District at an arts and culture event held at the Arab American National Museum (AANM). He is photographed with Diana Abouali, Director of the AANM.

Congratulations!

Lonnie Peek received the "Game Changers Award" from Payne Pulliam School of Business.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Bridges to Success The College Tour Experience

Frontier Academy Tour

Students from Frontier Academy toured the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to learn about the diverse programming and degrees, available resources, and strategies to help students have a successful college career.



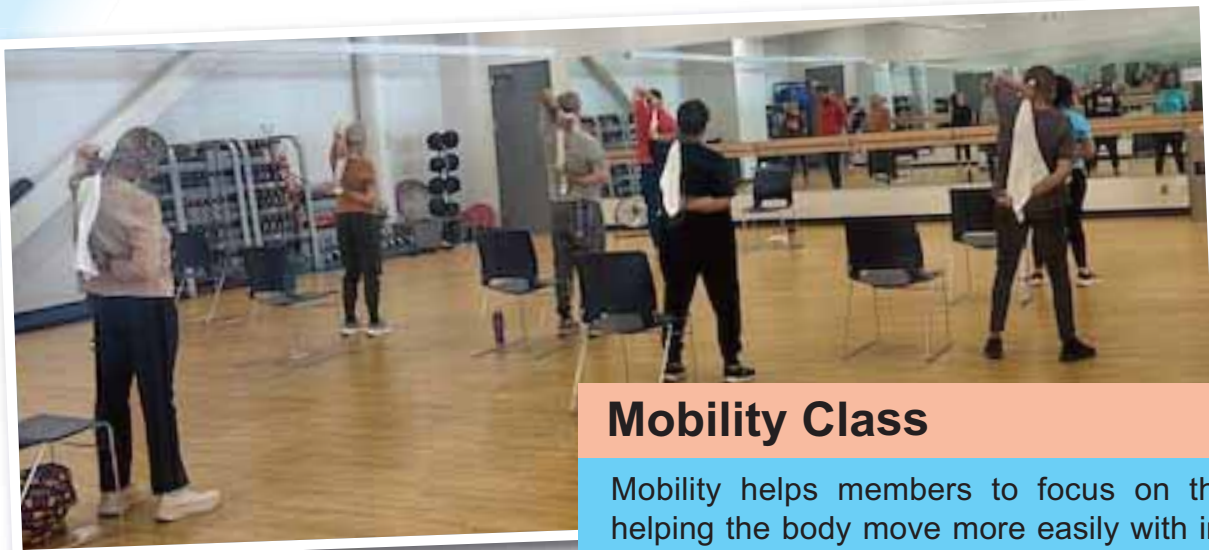
Arab Business Women Workshop

This session inspired Arab business women to achieve success by empowering, developing, and helping build strong and lasting connections.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Mobility Class

Mobility helps members to focus on the joints, helping the body move more easily with increased flexibility.



Frontier Academy Tours HWEC

The HWEC hosted students from Frontier Academy for a tour of the facility, offering information on amenities and membership.



HWEC Team Meeting

Michael Dotson met with the HWEC team to discuss the 2024/2025 IEPA process and initiatives for the upcoming year.

Eastern Campus

Bridges to Success The College Tour Experience

High school students toured the Eastern Campus and learned about program offerings including Fashion Design, Construction Trades, and Product Development Prototyping.



Well Wayne Station



Eastern Campus Leadership Meeting

The Eastern Campus has received a "Well Wayne Station." This initiative offers free, low-barrier access to naloxone and drug-checking supplies like fentanyl and xylazine test strips through public health vending machines. The goal is to reduce overdose deaths and ensure all Wayne County residents have access to these essential tools.

University Partners



FERRIS STATE
UNIVERSITY



KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY

John E. Roueche Center for
Community College Leadership



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

University Partnerships

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center has nine partnerships with universities and colleges, enhancing access for students interested in advancing their education. These collaborations aim to facilitate a seamless transition for WCCCD students and community members transferring to other institutions to pursue bachelor's, master's and even doctoral degrees.



Northwest Campus

Bridges to Success: The College Tour Experience

Staff met to discuss the upcoming high school tours. Bridges to Success: The College Tour Experience is an inspiring initiative that introduces high school students to academic programs and career pathways at WCCCD.



Financial Literacy Workshop

Participants in the Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (F.A.R.M) Program attended a financial literacy workshop designed to equip them with practical tools for managing finances.



Operations Meeting

Staff from the Northwest Campus met to discuss campus operations as the semester comes to a close and we prepare for the Summer.



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

