

Autism Awareness Conference



The School of Continuing Education was pleased to host this year's annual Autism Awareness Conference at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. This engaging workshop was designed to raise awareness and deepen understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Phil Menard, Clinical Director of Arbor Autism Center, shared valuable insights into the characteristics of autism, addressed common misconceptions, and provided effective communication strategies.



Budget Development Process

The District continues its Budget Development Process to ensure engagement with District leadership focused on alignment with strategic planning and institutional priorities. The Budget, Facilities, and Human Resources Council facilitated budget hearings to better understand institutional needs for campus and administrative operations. Kim DiCaro, Furquan Ahmed and Dr. Johnesa Hodge led discussions to help identify critical infrastructure and resource priorities. The Council members included myself, Ms. DiCaro, Mr. Ahmed, Dr. Hodge, Jeff Anderson, and Linda Azzam who met individually with vice chancellors, campus presidents and provosts to discuss critical infrastructure and initiatives required to achieve the institutional priorities. Each member deliberated important details from their strategic initiatives and proposed budget needs to fulfill the college mission and vision for the fiscal year. Ms. DiCaro, Mr. Ahmed and Dr. Hodge guided each hearing according to key future-shaping objectives to include:

1. Professional Staffing Infrastructure and Strengths
2. New Program Development
3. Institutional and Program Accreditation
4. Technological Advancement
5. Program Marketing and Recruitment
6. Enrollment and Retention Improvement
7. Facility and Campus Restoration

I will lead the Council in final reviews of the budget hearing outcomes to determine next steps with Ms. DiCaro to prepare the 2025/26 budget proposal for approval by the Board of Trustees.



Executive Leadership Session



Members of my Executive Leadership Team participated in a virtual session. Agenda items included:

- Budget Development
- Leadership/Campus Alignment and Communication
- Preparation for the Summer and Fall Semesters
- Staffing
- Marketing of New Programs
- Continuing Education Summer Apprenticeship/Internship Programs
- Ceremonies and Rituals
- And more

Schedule Development Meeting



Some of the agenda items included:

- Marketing of New Fall Programs
- Preparation for Faculty Selection
- Development of Learning Community Course Pairings



Congratulations!

This week, staff participated in the swearing-in of Dr. Carolyn Carter as a member of the Michigan Freedom Trails Commission, an appointed position by Governor Gretchen Whitmer.



Planning Meeting

Staff met to plan and strategize for 2025 Summer programs and initiatives.





Law Enforcement Recruitment and Career Fair

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus

WCCCD's Criminal Justice Program hosted a recruitment and career fair. Participants received information on career program pathways, enrollment, internships, and field placement opportunities.



Downriver Campus

Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Career Expo

The Downriver Campus hosted the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Career Expo, which welcomed participating middle school students. Teachers and students engaged in hands-on activities designed to expose students to various career and technical programs.



Art of the Arc Closing Reception

The Downriver Campus hosted the Art of the Arc closing reception. The Arc Downriver is a membership organization that works directly with children and adults with all levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as their families.



Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital

Relationship- Based Care
Training Workshop



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



Northwest Campus Celebrated Arab American Heritage Day

The Northwest Campus hosted Arab American Heritage Day honoring the rich culture and contributions of Arab Americans. Program highlights included Arabic cuisine, cultural performances by the Dabka Dance group, music by the St. Mary's Band and Choir and a fashion show by Shaza Fashion Showcase which featured traditional attire from more than 10 Arab countries.

Participants gained insight into the:

- Value of cultural exchange and understanding
- Diversity within Arab traditions
- Significance of food, music, and dress in the Arab culture
- Power of community and celebration





Building Community Relationships



Trustee Roy Edmonds and staff represented the District at the Grosse Pointe Chamber Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.



Staff represented the District at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Legislative Business Forum to explore apprenticeship opportunities and international internship talent.



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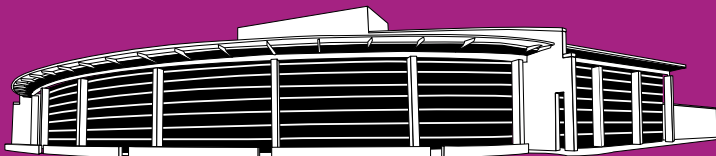
This week, staff from the Division of Workforce and Economic Development represented the District at the Race to Talent event, where they shared insights on the benefits of registered apprenticeship programs, their rising popularity, and strategies for developing talent.



Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha attended the Michigan Community College Connection meeting.



Denis Karic represented the District at the Detroit Regional Chamber Collaborative meeting.



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

KAR Dance Competition

As part of its 2025 national tour, Kids Artistic Revue (KAR) visited the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center for three days of competition.





Division of Educational Affairs

Virtual Reality Hands-on Experience

Students at the Downriver Campus dove into the world of Virtual Reality (VR). The hands-on experience sparked creativity and excitement in participants. These immersive VR classes, CIS 115 and CIS 116, are offered every semester and can be taken as electives.



Faculty 365 Migration Plan Meeting

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs, Distance Learning, and Information Technology met to discuss the Faculty 365 Migration Plan and next steps.



Detroit Metro Airport Public Safety Trip

Students in the Criminal Justice Program participated in a field trip to Detroit Metro Airport Public Safety.

Helpdesk - Enhancing Support Services



The IT Helpdesk team met to discuss ways to strengthen the effectiveness and responsiveness of services. As we continue to support a growing number of users and systems, it's important that we continue to regularly evaluate our processes and identify opportunities for improvement.

Topics included:

- Reviewing current helpdesk operations
- Identifying common challenges and recurring issues
- Exploring strategies to improve response times and user satisfaction
- Discussing opportunities for automation or self-service options



CMC Grant Update Meeting

The CMC Grant team met with our Federal Program Officer (FPO) to provide a comprehensive status update on the progress of grant-funded activities. We reviewed key milestones achieved to date, discussed current initiatives underway, and highlighted measurable outcomes aligned with the grant's objectives. Our FPO provided valuable feedback and guidance to support the successful continuation of the program.



Faculty Selection Training Session and Setup





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus



Detroit Police Department Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Detroit Police Department's Special Response Team for Training. They practiced team tactics and rappelling scenarios.



Taylor Fire Department Testing New Aerial Fire Truck

The Taylor Fire Department visited to MIPSE to test the new Aerial ladder truck.



DPSSA High School Visit

A group of potential future students from Detroit Public Safety Academy (DPSSA) High School visited MIPSE.



Marathon Petroleum Aerial Testing

Aerial testing was conducted at MIPSE for Marathon Petroleum.



DCTC FPT125 – Firefighter I Practical Training

MIPSE hosted the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Dual Enrollment Firefighter I course. The fire practical training focused on forcible entry techniques used to protect lives in fire emergencies.



River Rouge Police Department

MIPSE hosted the River Rouge Police Department for Tactical Traffic Operations training.



Continuous Quality Improvement

Facilities Meeting

The District is actively leading the way in reviewing and implementing best practices through our Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiatives. We are engaged in ongoing discussions aimed at enhancing and aligning our process development and implementation. Agenda items include:

- District and Campus Priorities
- Facilities Processes and Procedures
- Request for Requisitions
- Facility Budgeting
- Limited Purchase Orders
- Work Order Processing
- Invoice Submission



District Campus Support Services Call Center



The District Campus Support Services Call Center is nearing completion, computers and phones have been installed.

Campus Operations Meeting



Staff from the District and Ted Scott Campus met with community members from Washtenaw County to discuss upcoming opportunities for facility usage.



Division of Human Resources

HR Compliance: Fiscal Year-End Assignment Audit

In preparation of the 2025 fiscal year-end activities, the Division of Human Resources continues to work closely with the Divisions of Information Technology and Administration and Finance to ensure that all employee assignments are “rolled over” to the new budgeted fiscal year accurately.

The team is also reviewing the following:

- 2024-2025 Staff Performance Evaluations
- Pathways Contract Renewals
- Strategies to Enhance Personnel File Organization
- District Staffing Alignment
- Professional Development Requirements
- Ongoing Compliance with Department of Labor and Other Related Agencies



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Virtual Session on Ukraine

Dr. Randall Miller moderated a virtual session across three time zones with three Ukrainian students, Yaryna Pynda, Olha Volyanska, and Kassandra; along with Professor Bob Wood from Ukrainian Catholic University. They discussed the impact of the war on their lives and what their plans are for the future.



"I am currently finishing up a semester at Southern Indiana University through the U.S. Department U-Grad Program. I am also working on a manuscript in an online writing program and studying Journalism at National University in Lviv. In general, I like to travel, football, and discover new things, and I am convinced that nothing can be outside of politics, because "if you are not interested in politics, then it will be interested in you."

~Kassandra



"The first thing you should know about me is that I'm in love with my hometown Ternopil. That is the place with my best memories. I am a third year student at Ukrainian Catholic University in Sociology. I am a zoo volunteer and work in the private sector. When I am not studying or working for the benefit of my country, I dance ballet, play the violin and bake sweets."

~Yaryna



"I am a psychology graduate and am currently working on my Masters in Media Communications at UCU. One of my passions is public advocacy. My Ukraine, and my entire nation of people defending global values, need that advocacy. As I worked with Ukraine's war veterans with prosthetics, I've heard multiple times that it's important to feel a sense of responsibility – the fact that others depend on you. The ultimate duty to commit to others."

~Olha

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Martha Grier was a featured presenter for a recent MI-ACE leadership lunch webinar. The session was well attended by participants from across the state and the District.



Nanette Armstrong attended the Region 5 Conference of NACADA in Chicago, Illinois. NACADA stands for the National Academic Advising Association and has approximately 14,000 members. The conference theme was "Building Skyscrapers: The Architecture of Advising."



Tamara Ward attended the Virtual Reference Service Collaborative Annual Meeting held at Oakland University. Topics included innovative ways to better engage students, improving service delivery to students, and promoting better-informed decisions for resource management.



Greg Kowalski attended the Hazardous Material Conference in Boyne Falls, Michigan.



Division of Student Services



Preparing Students for the Summer 2025 Semester

Staff met to discuss transfer credits for incoming summer students.

Outreach and Recruitment



Students from several local high schools visited the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to learn about program offerings.



Dual Enrollment Meeting

Staff met to discuss Summer 2025 semester courses for dual enrollment students.

Division of Student Services

Student Spotlight



TRiO Program

Meet Giselle Ramos, TRiO student. Ms. Ramos is the first member of her family to pursue a college education. She is currently working towards an Associate's Degree in General Studies at WCCCD, with the intention of transferring to Wayne State University to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science. An interesting fact about Ms. Ramos is that she has engaged with TRiO programs during her middle school, high school, and current collegiate experiences. Ms. Ramos emphasizes that, as a student with ADHD, the TRiO Program provides her with essential tools to maintain focus and achieve her educational objectives.

Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP)

Staff held a planning meeting to prepare the MiCUP awardees for their seven-week internship at Michigan Technological University. The students will be engaged in research in their field of study. At the end of the program, each participant will present the results of their research and may have the opportunity to be published.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

The PTK Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter is finalizing preparations for the Spring 2025 Induction Ceremony for May 2, 2025 at the Downriver Campus. We look forward to honoring our newest members and celebrating academic excellence.





District Police Authority

Collaborative Project Meeting

As part of a collaborative class project, students from the Criminal Justice Program had the opportunity to visit the Northwest Campus Police Authority Office. During this visit, they engaged in interviews with law enforcement officers to explore various topics, including strategic planning, police maintenance, training practices, and de-escalation techniques.



Promotional Solutions Office



The Promotional Solutions Team met with the District Police Authority to prepare for summer semester initiatives.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Language Institute

Students participated in several workshops in recognition of Arab American Heritage Month. They learned about the culture, customs and the language.



Lunch and Learn

Detroit Hives Workshop



This week's Lunch and Learn session focused on how bees make honey. Participants learned about the world of urban beekeeping and the fascinating process of honey production.

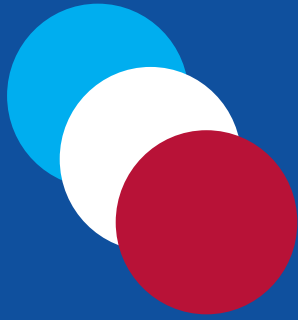


Community Partners

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the American GI Forum Detroit Chapter for their monthly meeting.

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency held a training session that focused on active supervision for Head Start managers and coordinators.





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Health & Wellness
Education Center

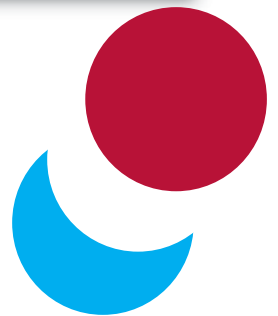


Yoga is a great way
to boost flexibility
while also relaxing
the body and mind.

Yoga!

In the Mail...

I recently joined the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center and I am beyond impressed with the atmosphere. The staff is incredibly friendly and helpful, the space is never overcrowded, and the equipment is state-of-the-art. Most importantly, I appreciate the cleanliness of the facility. -Jordan



Strength Training

Strength training is an important part of a comprehensive fitness program. Strength training equipment and free weights are utilized by HWEC members from morning to night.

One Vision, One District, One College

Eastern Campus



Earth Day Environmental Town Hall

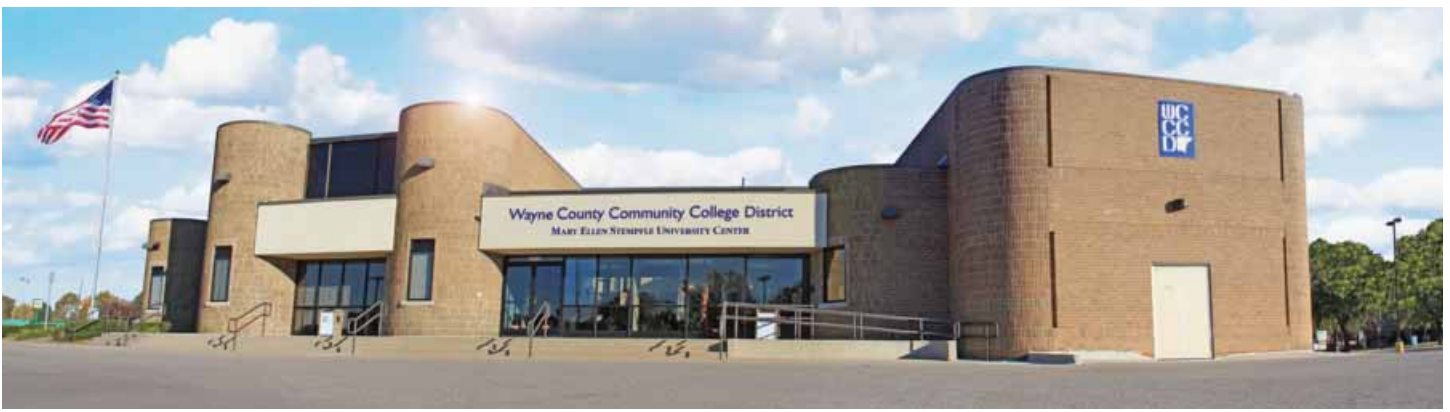


Lawn Maintenance at the Eastern Campus



Microbiology

Students are using the microscopes to identify cell structures.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Distance Learning

We're pleased to announce that the Distance Learning team has completed the integration of textbook links into all Summer 2025 courses that are part of the Access Program.



Student Success

Celebrating our dedicated Distance Learning Language Arts Scholars who proudly received their Certificates of Achievement.



TimelyCare

Denis Karic and Dr. Brian Singleton met with a representative from TimelyCare to learn more about TimelyCare's platform that offers students 24/7 virtual access to medical and mental health services via mobile devices or computers.



Community Partnerships

Kimett Hackworth met with representatives from the Helm at the Boll Life Center to discuss continuing education course offerings for the summer.

Northwest Campus



Community Partners

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), in partnership with the Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (FARM) Program held a roundtable discussion with MDHHS staff to talk about experiences with the MDHHS Office of Child Support and the Children's Services Administration.



Campus Administration Meeting

The Northwest Campus continued its campus process enhancement initiative, this week discussing various processes utilized for student success initiatives.



Northwest Campus



Health Science Center Student Tour

High school students learned about allied health programs through an immersion of hands-on activities.



Cornerstone Academy's Minority Health Event

The Health Sciences team attended Cornerstone Academy's Minority Health event. The purpose of the event was to educate and engage 6th–8th grade students around health-related careers. Staff informed students about our allied health programs and conducted exciting hands-on activities with the students. More than 400 students attended the event.



Ted Scott Campus



Master Rain Gardner Workshop Series

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Huron-Clinton Metropark's Master Rain Gardner workshop series. This five-week class will teach participants how to design their own rain garden.



Sorrelles Club Workshop

Participants attended a workshop that focused on character building skills and personal responsibility. The Sorrelles Club is a youth group sponsored by Eta Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Capturing Campus Life



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

