

## Spring 2025 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony Honors Academic Excellence

The Spring 2025 Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter Induction Ceremony celebrated the academic achievements of our students and welcomed them into the prestigious honor society. The program, held in the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center at the Downriver Campus, provided family and friends the opportunity to share in this meaningful milestone.



**Keynote Speaker**  
Bankole Thompson





# Spring 2025 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony





## WCCCD Receives Second Historic Designation



WCCCD's Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus, formerly the site of the historic Jackson and Wiley Foundry, has been added to the list of the Network to Freedom's National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Historic Designations. This marks WCCCD's second designation, making it the only community college in the network with two recognitions, one for programming and one for the site. The foundry, once a haven for freedom seekers in Detroit, highlights the city's pivotal role as a gateway to Canada.

## Community College Leadership Program

The Community College Leadership Program – Southeast Michigan doctoral cohort met with visiting scholars Dr. Jenifer Spielvogel and Dr. Margaretta Mathis, who also serves as the Program Director.



**District-wide Policy Alignment  
and Compliance Meeting**



# Educational Partnership Opportunities



Meeting with Karen Dumas to explore strategies to enhance educational partnerships that support community growth and student success.



## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Michael Dotson met with Dr. Abby Freeman and the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) team to discuss strategies to enhance PTA program offerings.



## Downriver Campus Student Art Exhibit

This week, the School of Continuing Education hosted the Student Art Exhibit featuring the artwork of students from the Downriver Campus.





# Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) continues to conduct labor market analysis and environmental scanning in conjunction with the budget development and planning process. Information is shared with leadership to guide exploration and decision-making for new program opportunities. According to Hanover Research below, you will find some of the rapidly rising areas of study for associate degrees:



Fastest Growing Degree Program:  
**Accounting & Finance**

Accounting and Finance associate degrees combine education in accounting and finance to prepare individuals for careers in wealth management, accounting, and more.

Fastest Growing Field:  
**Healthcare**



Allied health jobs remain a growing field with Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technology, Health Services, and Pre-Nursing Studies growing the fastest.

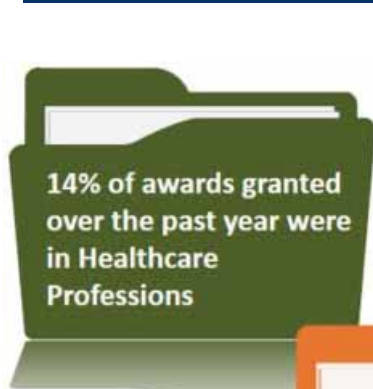


Emerging Field:  
**Aerospace**

Experts expect the U.S. aerospace industry to continue to expand due to the increased popularity of small satellites and drones.

Source: <https://insights.hanoverresearch.com/hubfs/Top-12-Associate-Degrees-on-the-Rise-in-2025.pdf>

Below are a few sample data points on past WCCCD graduates in some of the fastest growing occupational majors.



14% of awards granted over the past year were in Healthcare Professions



Over 53% of students who graduated from WCCCD in health programs alone indicated being employed.



12% of awards granted over the past year were in Transportation



According to Michigan Labor Market Information, Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations are projected to grow by 14.2%, adding more than 40,000 new jobs.





## Division of Workforce and Economic Development



### Partnership Opportunities



Council Member  
Angela Whitfield-Calloway

Meeting with Detroit City Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway and Art Blackwell to discuss workforce development partnership opportunities.

## Fall and Summer Training Initiatives



The Workforce and Economic Development team met this week to align current training initiatives, explore potential partnerships, evaluate new programs, and review student record management. The current focus is on planning and implementing training initiatives for the Summer and Fall 2025 semesters.

## Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

April 21 - May 3, 2025

Curtis L. Ivery  
Downtown Campus  
697

Downriver Campus  
1,032

Eastern Campus  
176

Northwest Campus  
315

Ted Scott Campus  
843

Mary Ellen Stempfle  
University Center  
88



## GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

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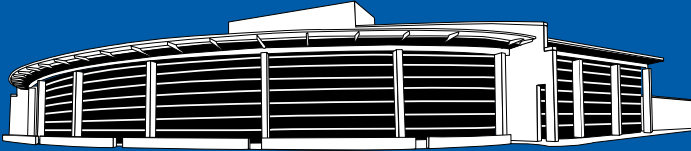
This week, as part of our Global Conversations Speaker Series, we hosted Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



## Jewelry Bead and Design Class

Students at the Eastern Campus are enjoying the continuing education Jewelry Bead and Design class.



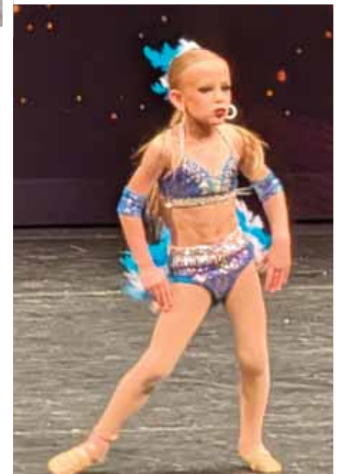


WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
HEINZ C. PRECHTER  
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

## Downriver Campus

## Driven Talent Dance Competition

As part of its 2025 national tour, dancers from Kids Artistic Revue participated in two days of competition at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.



One Vision, One District, One College



# Downriver Campus

## Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Career Expo



The Downriver Campus hosted Downriver Career and Technical Consortium's Career Expo for middle school students.

## Wayne RESA Mentoring

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Mentoring to Accelerate Progress and Success Program. This mentorship program helps connect students to mentors at their respective schools.



## Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital



The Downriver Campus hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for its Education in Palliative and End of Life Care and Emergency Medicine Trainer Conference. They also hosted the hospital's Relationship-Based Care Training seminar.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

## Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Classes



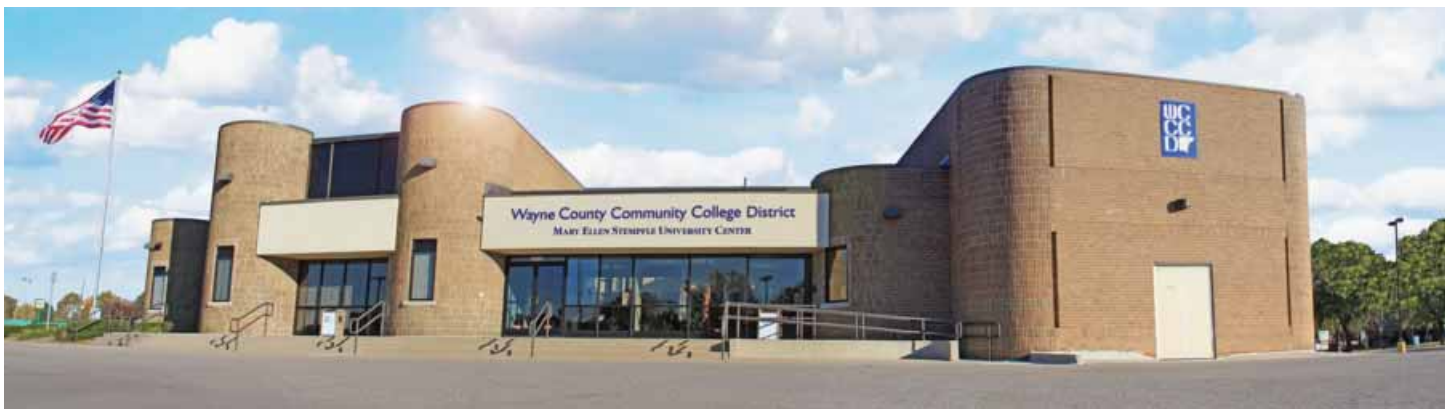
## Marathon Fire Extinguisher Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Marathon Petroleum for a Fire Extinguisher Training course. The training covered general fire safety knowledge, fire extinguisher features, and proper use of extinguishers using MIPSE's car fire simulator.



## BASF Hazwoper Refresher Training

MIPSE also hosted BASF for Hazwoper Refresher training. The course covers basic defensive and offensive mitigation techniques available to responders. This course is primarily hands-on in nature. After appropriate classroom coverage, and hands-on exercises, the trainees will apply their skills in mock emergency responses.



## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



**Community Planning Meeting**

Denis Karic and Kimmet Hackworth met with the City of Harper Woods Mayor, Valerie Kindle, Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development, Irma Hayes, and City of Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor, Arthur Bryant, to continue planning for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

## University Partnerships



Staff from across the District met with representatives from Central Michigan University to discuss partnership opportunities.

## Corewell Health

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Corewell Health Raising Resilient Children Program.







# Website Redesign Taskforce

## Website Redesign Update

The Website Redesign Taskforce continues to collaborate with various departments across the District to refine and enhance the college's online presence. This week, the taskforce met with staff from the Division of Student Services to discuss the Athletics and new Degree Works pages. The team also meets regularly to analyze data and track engagement trends, content relevance, and user experience.

## April 2025 Website Analytics




**260,809**  
PAGE VIEWS

and

VISITORS FROM  
**102**  
DIFFERENT  
COUNTRIES

The **top five most viewed** pages were:

1. Apply to WCCCD
2. District Calendar
3. Academic and Career Programs
4. Register or Find a Class
5. Faculty and Staff Resources



The Academic and Career Programs pages had 10,283 views. The top 10 most viewed academic programs were:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Nursing                     | 6. LPN to RN Bridge Program |
| 2. Dental Hygiene              | 7. Business Administration  |
| 3. Anesthesia Technology       | 8. Associate of Arts        |
| 4. Practical Nursing Education | 9. Accounting               |
| 5. Surgical Technology         | 10. Associate of Science    |

# Ted Scott Campus

## *Mother's Day Market*



More than 500 faculty, staff, students and community members participated in the Wayne County Mother's Day Market at the Ted Scott Campus.



### **Advanced Youth Robotics**

This advanced camp teaches the intricacies of programming.



### **Student Success**

Instructor Cynthia Herald stays after class to help out a Belleville Early Middle College student.







## Division of Student Services

### Office of Outreach and Recruitment

The District Office of Outreach and Recruitment continues planning for Summer semester activities and programs for incoming students.



Staff met to discuss recruitment initiatives and summer course offerings.



### Heroes Alliance College and Career Fair

Participants learned about the District's educational program offerings.

### Student Success!



# Division of Student Services

## Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP

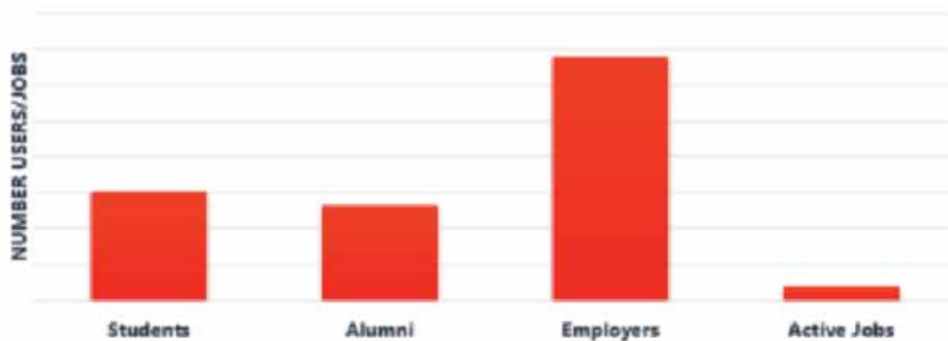
WCCCD students selected for the seven-week paid internship at Michigan Technological University prepare to board their flight bound for Houghton in Michigan's upper peninsula.



## Adult Education

Staff participated in a community resource fair held at the Gathering House in Redford.

## Career Planning & Placement Total Active Registered Users & Jobs



## Career Planning and Placement

The Career Planning and Placement Office allows students and graduates to explore employment opportunities with their educational and personal goals. Students and graduates receive assistance in preparing resumes, cover letters and improving their interviewing skills through employability development software programs. Referrals are made to testing and counseling services where students can receive assistance in identifying interests, aptitudes, and abilities relating to career choices.





## Division of Administration and Finance



### Student Accounts

The Student Accounting team met to discuss controls, process and procedures while working with our Third Party Administrator Bank Mobile. Student Finance, Financial Aid, Student Services and the Division of Information Technology work closely together adhering to federal regulation to issue expedient financial aid residual funds to eligible students.

# Northwest Campus



The Northwest Campus welcomed high school students as part of the Bridge to Success Program. This program is an inspiring initiative that introduces high school students to the exceptional academic programs, career pathways, and vibrant community at WCCCD.



## Bridge to Success





# Continuous Quality Improvement

## District Campus Support Services Call Center



The District is actively leading the way in reviewing and implementing best practices through our Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiatives. Staff met to discuss the launch of the District Campus Support Services Call Center. This initiative will enhance operational alignment across the District.

## District Facilities Meeting

The District Facilities Team met to discuss preparations for the upcoming Summer semester. Topics focused on:

- Building and Grounds
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
- Work Order Process
- Requisition Requests
- Invoice Closeout



**HAPPENING NOW!**



## **MICROSOFT 365 MIGRATION ORIENTATION**

This week, staff from the Division of Information Technology (IT) conducted Microsoft 365 orientation sessions. This transition is a key step forward in enhancing security, improving collaboration, and streamlining IT operations across the District.

### **Office of Financial Aid**



### **Division of Student Services**



### **Division of Human Resources**







## Division of Human Resources

### Human Resources: Calendar Year-End Activities

Staff from the Division of Human Resources met to review and discuss initiatives for 2025 and prepare new parameters and meaningful metrics for the upcoming fiscal year 2026.

Agenda items included:

- Staffing Alignment
- Employee Engagement Strategies
- Reviewing Recruiting and Hiring Processes
- HR Turnover Rate
- District Staffing Plan and Job Descriptions



### Employee Leave Balance Compliance Review

To ensure the accuracy of data documentation and compliance in reporting, the Division of Human Resources, the Office of Accountability and Transparency, and the Division of Administration and Finance are currently reconciling and auditing all employees' leave balances for 2024-25. This verification of leave data is crucial for aligning the employee Web-Gate, general ledger, and banner system.





## Division of Educational Affairs

### Meeting Industry Demands

We continue to look for ways to support our faculty by bringing in individuals who are committed to building pipelines from the classroom to employment, helping us achieve these important goals.



### New Classes!

WCCCD will be offering the following new classes in Fall 2025 at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus:

CIS 140- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI)  
CIS 145- Prompt Engineering  
BUS 241-Machine Learning

### Educational Affairs Team Meeting

The Educational Affairs Team met to review the Fall 2025 plans for new programs and course offerings.







# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



## African Cultural Meeting

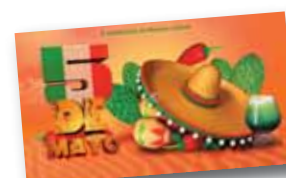
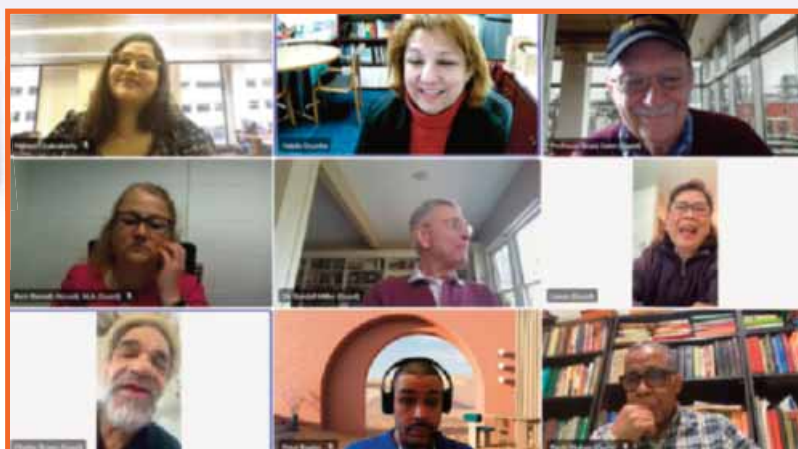
Ethiopia was the topic of discussion at the African Cultural Meeting.



## VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's virtual Intercultural Conversations Series focused on a variety of topics including:

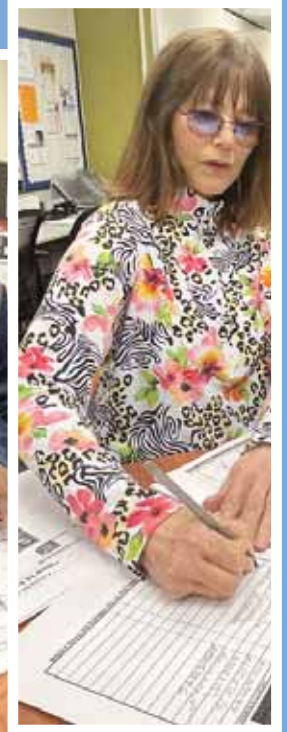
- Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month, Cinco de Mayo and May Day



# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



The Office of Instruction at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a Faculty Coffee Hour that focused on final grade submission.



## Detroit Fire Department

The local Detroit Firefighters Commission continued training on essential high-level skills. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the Multi-Agency Coordination System, understand local and regional incident management teams, and utilize the Incident Command System.



## Vibrant Health

The HWECC hosted the latest Vibrant Health seminar in partnership with Healthythysell, Inc. Discussion focused on the benefits of healthy eating, plant-based lifestyles, and mental health with Clinical Psychologist Heather Farrow, PsyD.



## AARP

AARP members visited the HWECC for a lunch and learn regarding membership benefits and explored the fitness floor to learn more about offerings.



## Zumba

HWECC members had a blast moving to high-energy dance beats during a fun and invigorating Zumba class that delivered a full-body workout while strengthening the core.

# Eastern Campus

## Bridge to Success



High school students toured signature programs at the Eastern Campus, including Welding, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, and Mechatronics.



### IMAGINE Girl Code Mentoring Workshop

IMAGINE held a Girl Code Mentoring workshop. IMAGINE's mission is to equip young girls (ages 10-13) with the tools to pursue success from an early age through discussion topics on confidence, self-empowerment, self-respect and respect for others, personal branding and financial education.



### Fashion Design Program Information Session

Students in the Fashion Design Program engaged with representatives from Central Michigan University to explore furthering their academic pathways in fashion once they graduate from WCCCD.



# 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

