



Brandy Johnson
MCCA President

Michigan Community College Association's Spring Meeting

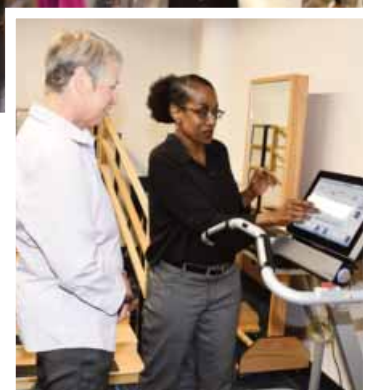
We were pleased to host the Michigan Community College Association's Spring Meeting at our Curtis L. Ivery Downtown and Northwest campuses.



Ola Ivery
WCCCD First Lady



Dinner, Reception, and Tour at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Michigan Community College Association's Spring Meeting Northwest Campus

Agenda items included:

- Federal Updates
- State Budget Update
- Dual Enrollment Modernization
- MILEAP Updates
- Student Success
- President's Report
- MCCA Business Meeting



MCCA Spring Meeting at the Northwest Campus





Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Spring Class of 2025

Northwest Campus



Nursing Pinning Ceremony



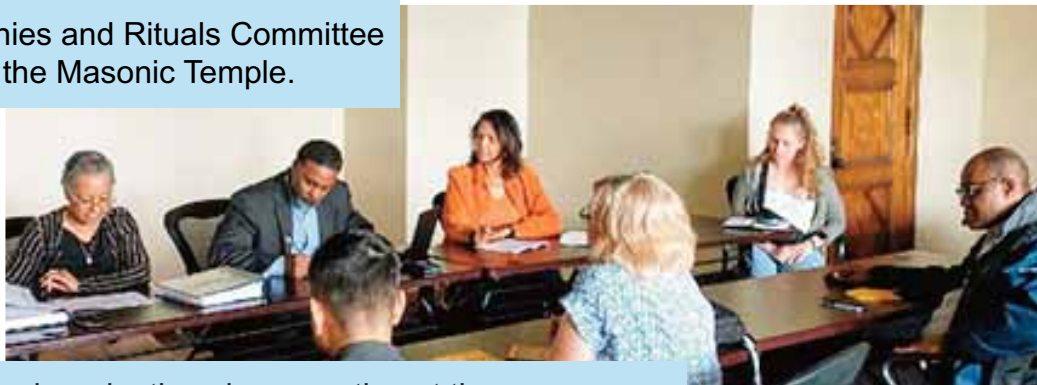
**2025
Commencement
Ceremony**
June 7, 2025
The Masonic Temple



**Honors
Convocation**
June 4, 2025
Downriver Campus

55th Annual Commencement Ceremony Preparations

The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee met at the Masonic Temple.



Final graduation class meeting at the Eastern Campus to prepare students for the ceremony.



Students getting their graduation photos.





Division of Student Services

Office of Outreach and Recruitment

The Office of Outreach and Recruitment represented the District at several local career fairs this week.



Student Success

Sixteen WCCCD students were selected to participate in the University of Michigan's 2025 Momentum Fellowship. The program is designed for community college students considering transferring to a four-year college or university.



Federal Work-Study Program

Drs. Tammy Anderson and Ashanti Israel held the Federal Work Study 2025 Virtual Job Fair. Students were able to tap into new opportunities by speaking with off-site organizations.

Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP)

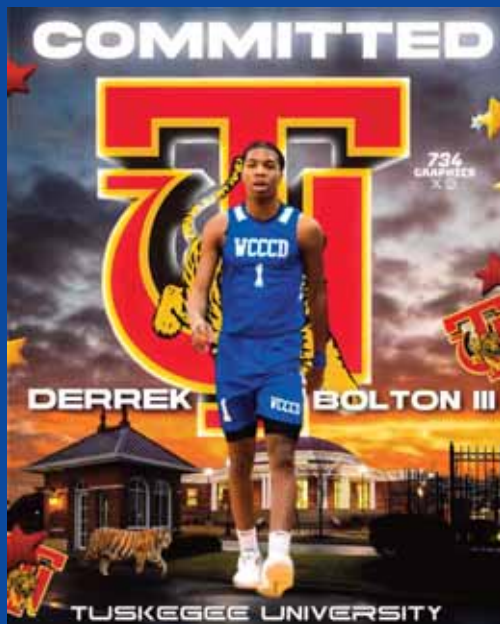
WCCCD MiCUP recipients participated in a team building exercise on Michigan Technological University's campus.



Division of Student Services



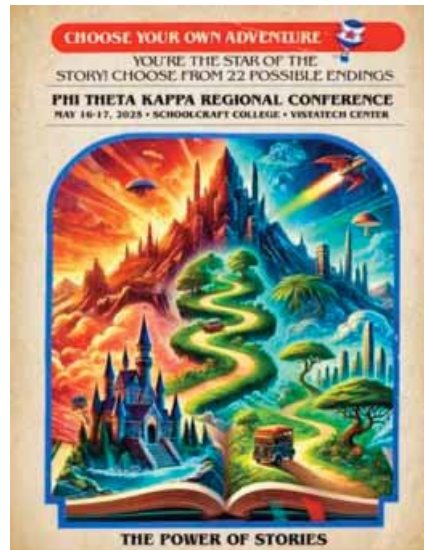
Go Wildcats!



Student Success!

All-Region first team player **Derrek Bolton, III** signed a full basketball scholarship with Tuskegee University.

CONGRATULATIONS

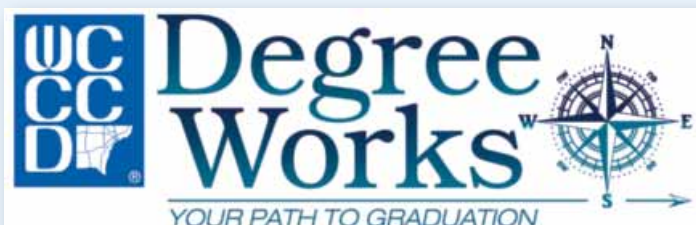


Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter

The Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter is scheduled to participate in the 2025 Michigan Regional Conference. This premier academic event will feature leadership development sessions, networking forums, and the prestigious awards gala honoring members of the All-Michigan Academic Team.



Community Partners Meeting



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff participated in a workshop that provided updates and insights into the upgraded Degree Works during the Friday Information Session.

Ted Scott Campus



Congratulations!

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the WCCCD/Romulus High School Early Middle College success celebration. Students were recognized for their participation and completion of the program.





District Police Authority

2025 Police National Week

WCCCD's District Police Authority Honor Guard represented the District at the 2025 Police National Week in Washington DC.





In partnership with Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD), the School of Continuing Education hosted the Annual K-12 Artarama Student Exhibition at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The exhibit featured original student artwork from several DPSCD schools. Students were given an opportunity to share and express their love and interest in visual arts.





Division of Educational Affairs

Agentic AI Program

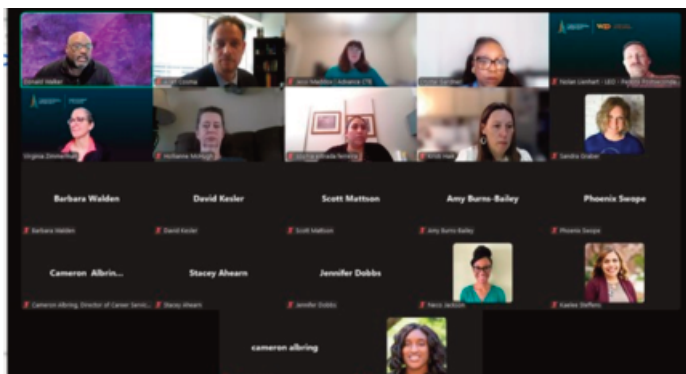
Dr. Wanda Hudson met with Dr. Earl Robinson and Professor Bhupinder Mavi to discuss an exciting new addition to the Artificial Intelligence Program, titled "Agentic AI." The addition of "Agentic AI" is designed to enhance program offerings and ensure that students are well prepared to work with the cutting-edge developments in artificial intelligence.



Staff Meeting

Work-Based Learning in Career Pathways Webinar

Members of the Division of Educational Affairs participated in the Work-Based Learning in Career Pathways webinar, sponsored by CAST and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. The session explored innovative strategies to integrate work-based learning into career pathway programs, emphasizing accessibility, employer partnerships, and student skill development.





Division of Human Resources

Individual Employee Performance Appraisals

The 2025 Individual Employee Performance Appraisals (IEPA) process is underway. The Division of Human Resources team met to discuss the IEPA annual initiative, which assesses individual job performance and productivity in relation to certain pre-established criteria in conjunction with District goals and objectives.



2025 Retirement Celebration



Preparations are in progress for the upcoming Retirement Celebration in August, 2025.

More information will be available soon!

Northwest Campus



Outreach



Staff visited with high school students to inform them about our allied health programs.



High school students toured the Health Science Center where they learned about the various allied health programs.



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Health & Wellness
Education Center

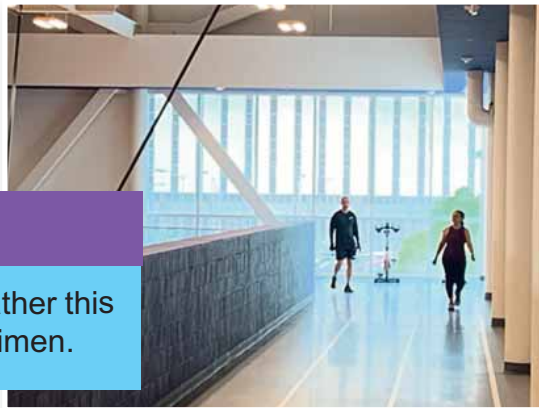


Wellness Workshop

The HWEAC hosted a wellness workshop for the Great Lakes Water Authority's leadership and staff, focusing on managing workplace stress and encouraging healthy living routines.

Indoor Walking

HWEAC members avoided the rainy weather this week but kept up with their walking regimen.



Body Strength Class

Personal trainer staff visited the Northwest Campus to host a Body Strength class for high school students.

HAPPENING NOW!



MICROSOFT 365 MIGRATION ORIENTATION

As the Division of Information Technology continues to roll out Microsoft 365 across the District, last week's orientation sessions represent a significant step forward. This week, our technicians are nearing completion of the crucial task of migrating staff at the Curtis L. Ivery District Office, further driving our collective efforts to enhance security, collaboration, and the overall efficiency of our IT operations.



Connecting Minority Communities Grant *Student Laptop Distribution Event*

This week, the team distributed more than 75 laptops with data connectivity to students enrolled in free IT certification courses to ensure they have all the resources necessary for a successful experience.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Taylor Fire Department Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Taylor Fire Department for team training. Training included but was not limited to, basic fire ground operations and a refresher in firefighter survival, such as search and rescue, ladders, hose line advancement, and the confidence maze.



BASF Hazwoper Refresher Training

MIPSE hosted BASF for Hazwoper Refresher training. The course covered basic defensive and offensive mitigation techniques available to responders.



**Fire Practical
SCBA**

Cornerstone Schools Tour Northwest Campus



"I was blown away by my visit to WC3D's culinary department. The chefs were professional, the kitchen was top of the line, and the meal they prepared was phenomenal!"

~Chef Mike, Cornerstone Schools Culinary Arts Dept.



"WC3D has transformed its campus into a true real world experience that is changing the game in the 'D'. Thank you! "

~Renate Matthews, Cornerstone Schools, Marketing Instructor



"Together, Cornerstone and WCCCD are building a bridge from promise to purpose — empowering students with values, vision, and opportunity to thrive in both school and life."

~Anthony Thompson, Cornerstone Schools, Entertainment University

"Every single aspect of WCCCD was entirely impressive from facility management, to staffing, to course offerings, to real-world and relevant student training. "

~Nick Graham, Cornerstone Schools, STEP-ONE Lead Instructor



"During our visit today, I envisioned the powerful impact this relationship will have on our students. I am also excited for our families to experience what WCCCD has to offer the community."

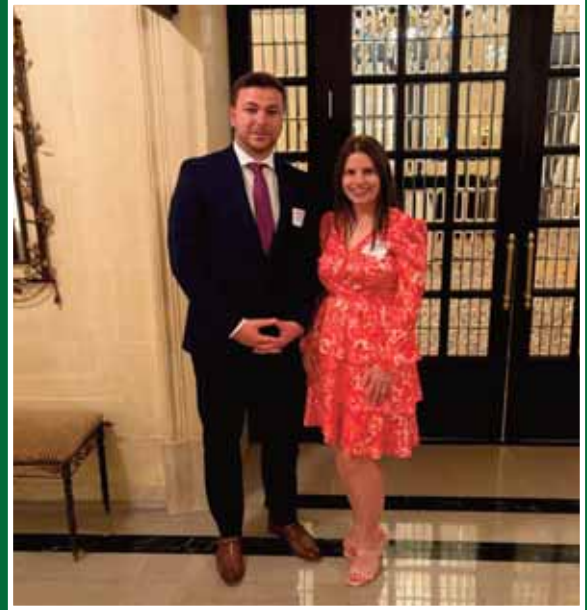
~Andy Anuzis, President, Cornerstone Education Group



Building Community Relationships



Dr. Andrew McQueen participated in the Delta Air Lines Frontline Involvement Team resource fair held at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.



Denis Karic and Armenalda Karic represented the District at Metro Bureau's 78th Annual Dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club.



Staff represented the District at Grosse Pointe Library's Books on the Lake event at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.



Lina Warra attended the parent and student meeting at Southgate High School.



Building Community Relationships



Furquan Ahmed participated in the American Human Rights Council's *Meet and Greet the Media* community forum.



Members of the Divisions of Educational Affairs and Workforce and Economic Development attended the Automate 2025, the largest robotics and automation event in the Americas. They acquired essential learning experiences about the latest automation trends in modular robotics and AI-driven solutions.

Dr. Yvette Anderson participated in the program, Community Conversations with State Representative Stephanie Young, focusing on Mental Health Awareness Month.





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

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

- Differences between May Day and Labor Day
- The story behind the 1886 Haymarket Square incident
- Jewish American Heritage, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage, and Mental Health Awareness Month
- Discussed Rose Schneiderman, a Jewish Labor Organizer and Advisor to Franklin Roosevelt and Chien-Shiung Wu, the first lady of Physics who worked on the Manhattan Project



Chien-Shiung Wu



Rose Schneiderman



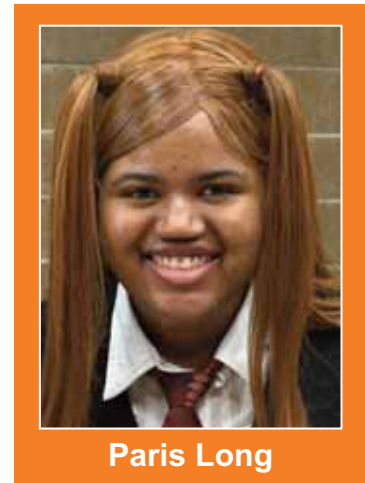
Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha attended the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE) Membership Committee meeting and the Interfaith Leadership Council meeting.





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Fashion Design Program

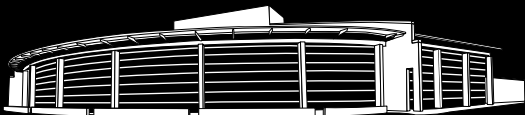


Paris Long

DaShonta Reeves and Reggie Armstrong met with Paris Long, a senior at Detroit School of the Arts, via conference call to discuss her plans to attend WCCCD. Mr. Armstrong, an active participant in a youth summer program that collaborates with local high schools, plays a vital role in guiding students toward higher education opportunities. Ms. Long is being matched with a student advisor to support her registration for the Fall 2025 semester in the Fashion Design Program.



Members of the Division of Educational Affairs and Workforce and Economic Development met to discuss the process training newly hired staff members.

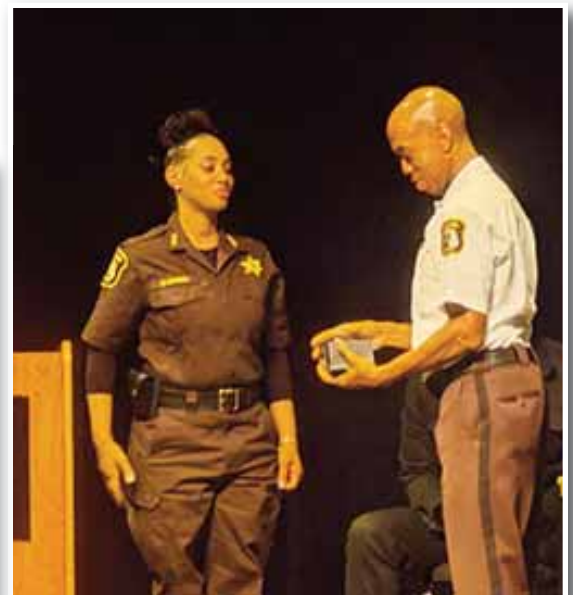


WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
HEINZ C. PRECHTER
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

Downriver Campus

Wayne County Sheriff Jailer Training Graduation

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Jailer Training Graduation. These graduates will now be able to become jailors at the county's two jails.





Brewing Togetherness

A Tea Party Experience

The Downriver Campus hosted Brewing Togetherness: A Tea Party Experience. Participants enjoyed an afternoon of tea, conversation, and community.



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on... Dr. Abby Freeman

Since joining Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) in 2014, Dr. Abby Freeman has seen growth in health sciences to the point where she now oversees 14 total programs. Having once served as an radiologic technologist, her current role is District Provost for Health Sciences.

Dr. Freeman's education is also a model of progression and success as she began with an Associate's Degree from Marygrove College, a Bachelor of Science from Siena Heights University, a Masters of Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University, and finally a Ph.D from Capella University in Leadership in Higher Education.

The first new program she added at WCCCD was Anesthesiology Technology, and today it is the first and only accredited program in Michigan. While most of the Health Sciences programs are located at the Northwest Campus, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is the first in the City of Detroit, and it is located at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Additionally, the Practical Nursing Program and the Bridge Program (designed to assist students moving from the Licensed Practical Nurse to the Associate's Degree in Nursing), are located at the Ted Scott Campus.

WCCCD received a \$2 million grant to facilitate students progressing from the Associate's Degree in Nursing to the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. There are 15 students on full scholarships working on their BSN degrees in partnership with the University of Michigan-Flint at our University Center.

The Dental Hygiene Program is an example of the impact of health sciences on the community. The District has provided more than \$2.5 million worth of free dental care in metropolitan Detroit over the past two and one-half years in partnership with GoldenDent.

Dr. Freeman emphasized that she "loves her job, and that she has the best team in the District." Her success in the health sciences is another example of the importance of good leadership and building strong relationships both within the District and with our external partners.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Motor City Contractor Fund

Motor City Contractor Fund held its monthly workshop at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The workshop focused on empowering Detroit-based emerging contractors by fostering comprehensive support systems.

Ted Scott Campus



Recognition Ceremony

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Ypsilanti Chapter Senior Recognition Seminar. Attendees learned the benefits of positive community impact.



Community Partners

Members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Chapter participated in a seminar to learn about the various community services available within the chapter and the community.

Downriver Campus

The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne County Heritage Chapter meeting of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). This month, AARP held its Annual Adopt-a-Bird Program.

AARP Monthly Chapter Meeting



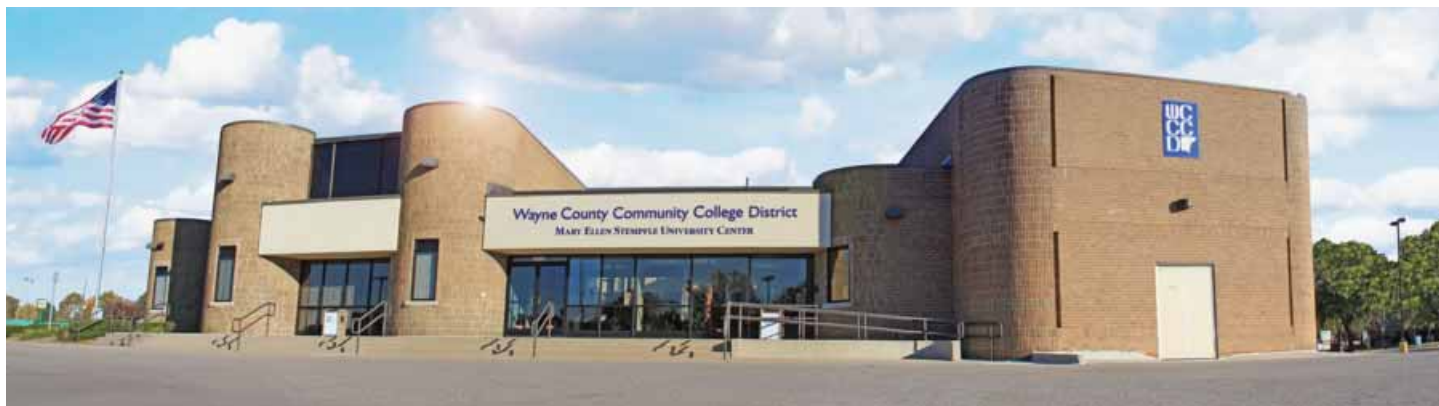
Wayne RESA Cognitive Coaching Foundation Seminar

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Cognitive Coaching Foundation Seminar. Cognitive Coaching Seminars are an eight-day training conducted over an 18-24 month period.



Wayne Metro Leadership Training

The Downriver Campus also hosted the Wayne Metro Leadership Lab Training. This training focused on how to identify burnout and provide the proper tools to prevent the cycle.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc - Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter

AKA - Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter held its monthly meeting to discuss upcoming programs and initiatives.



Detroit Association of the Deaf

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Detroit Association of the Deaf's monthly meeting.



Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center – Center for Learning Technology hosted the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors for their monthly meeting.

Eastern Campus

Virtual Reality in the Classroom



Information Technology Meeting to discuss WiFi upgrades



Administrative Meeting

Bringing Art to the Community

The Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside|Out Program brings reproductions of artwork from the museum's world-class collection to communities in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties every spring and summer since 2010.

This initiative is about connecting people in our community with art in a friendly, accessible way, showing that art is for everyone and everywhere. The program meets the museum's mission to make art a shared experience that brings us all closer.

Currently, we have displays at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and the Ted Scott Campus.



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

