

Chancellor's Weekend Memo

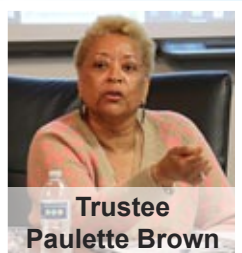
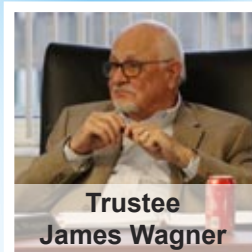
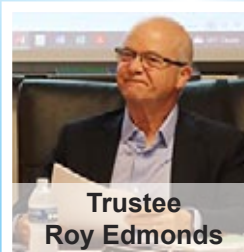
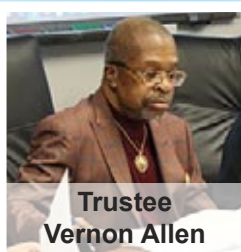
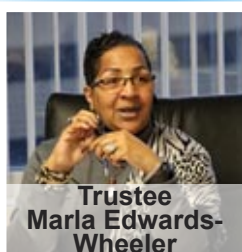


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May 17- 23, 2025

BOARD MEETING

MAY 21, 2025



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
ARETHA'S JAZZ CAFÉ & ZOOM
MAY 22, 2025

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees Meeting

Agenda items included:

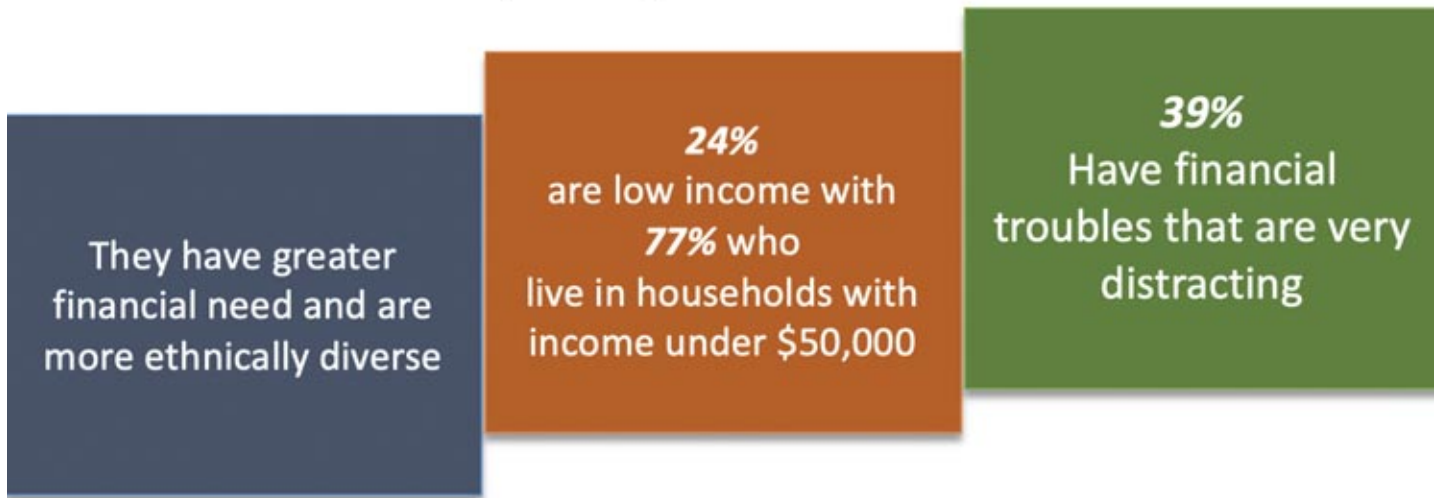
- Chairman's Report
- Financial Report
- President's Report
- Building Repairs and Updates
- Producers Update



Administration and Finance Procurement Process Team Meeting

A meeting was held to review the procurement process to ensure alignment with compliance, policy and procedure.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) is currently preparing for the upcoming Fall 2025 semester by reviewing student body enrollment trends for the last two years. WCCCD students come with a variety of experiences, characteristics, and backgrounds. It is important to understand key enrollment changes and data related to characteristics that may impact student experiences. The Ruffalo Noel Levitz survey “First-Generation College Students” reports finances as a key barrier for first-generation student success. Below are factors to consider when working with first-generation students:



Source: <https://www.ruffalonl.com/enrollment-management-solutions/first-generation-college-students/>

WCCCD student characteristics are analyzed each year and compared to national community college enrollment factors to include first generation, single parents, demographics, and prior college experience.



WCCCD First-Generation

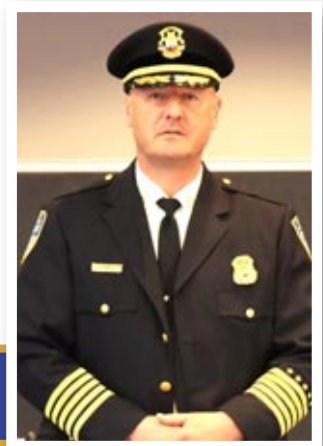


AACC First-Generation



83.8% WCCCD first-generation graduates worked intermittently, mostly full-time, or mostly part-time while attending WCCCD

Source: <https://www.aacc.nche.edu/research-trends/fast-facts/WCCCD-Graduate-Exit-Survey>



District Police Authority

Police Authority Advisory Committee Meeting

The District Police Authority Advisory Committee conducted its bi-annual meeting. The Committee was designed to strengthen the relationship between students, faculty, staff and the community.



Fashion Design Program



The Eastern Campus hosted the first Senior Showcase. The Fashion Design Program featured the FAD 220 Capstone students, a moment dedicated to highlighting the final collections of the graduating students. The theme was "Urban Safari and Denim," celebrating exploration, creative identity, and the timeless edge of denim.



Website Redesign Taskforce

Phase II Website Content Review

As part of the Phase II website redesign, the Website Redesign Taskforce is initiating a structured review of all divisional website content. Over the next few weeks, the taskforce will work with the various divisions and campuses to ensure information is current and student-centered. This review marks the beginning of Phase II, which will bring new features to the college's website — including an AI-powered Chabot, enhanced forms, and streamlined workflows.



Website Analytics

January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025

993,548
PAGE VIEWS

Top 10 Most Viewed Pages

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. District Calendar | 6. Faculty & Staff Resources |
| 2. Apply to WCCCD | 7. Financial Aid |
| 3. Academic & Career Programs | 8. Directory |
| 4. Register or Find a Class | 9. Nursing |
| 5. Academic Calendar | 10. College Catalog |

VISITORS FROM
144
DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES

Top 10 Most Viewed Academic Programs

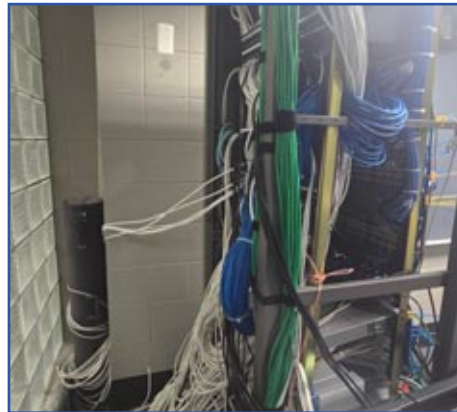
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| 1. Nursing | 6. Business Administration |
| 2. Dental Hygiene | 7. Associate of Arts |
| 3. Practical Nursing Education | 8. Computer Information Systems – Cybersecurity |
| 4. Anesthesia Technology | 9. Associate of Science |
| 5. Surgical Technology | 10. Accounting |

HAPPENING NOW!



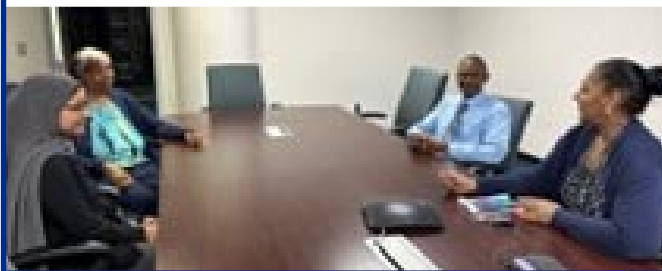
Network Infrastructure Upgrade Project Update *Eastern Campus*

This week, the network infrastructure upgrade project continued at the Eastern Campus. This upgrade comprised of the installation of 22 network switches across seven network closets, as well as the deployment of 60 wireless access points for increased network coverage and performance.



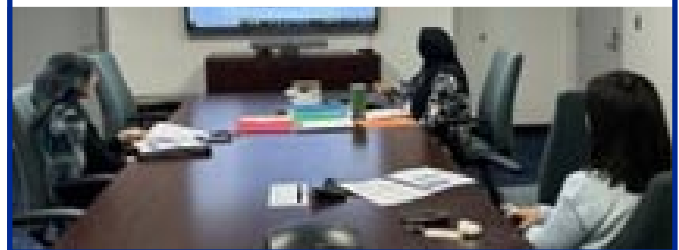
IT HelpDesk Meeting

The IT HelpDesk team met to review support expectations, clarify procedural workflows, and emphasize the critical role of first-level technical support.

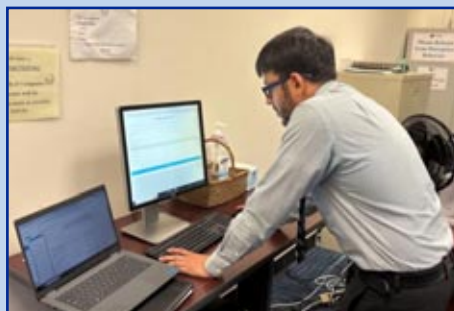


IT Managed Print Service (MPS) Meeting

The MPS team met with new staff to review District-wide printer and copier support. The team discussed Move, Add, Change, Delete (MACD) workflows, vendor relationships and end-user support.



**Northwest Campus
LEC Projector Upgrade**



**Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus
New SARS Software Installation**



**Eastern Campus
Network Upgrade Tech Meeting**



Division of Student Services

Dual Enrollment



High school students participated in a Fire/EMT demonstration at the Downriver Campus.



High school students applied their auto body skills.



Students toured the Eastern Campus.



The District's Student Services Outreach Team participated in the Garden City College Fair.



Memorial Day Tribute

In observance of Memorial Day, the District Student Services Office of Veterans Affairs has a commemorative display at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus inviting students, faculty, staff and members of the community to reflect, remember, and pay tribute to those who have served.



TRiO Students Participate in Madonna University Event

TRiO students and staff participated in a Mix and Mingle event hosted by Madonna University's Alumni Association. Transfer assistance is one of the six required services offered by TRiO Student Support Services.

Division of Student Services



Congratulations!

WCCCD's Phi Theta Kappa Students Earn Several Distinctions

Phi Theta Kappa's Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter at WCCCD earned several distinctions during the recent Michigan Regional Conference held at Schoolcraft College. Honors included Fourth Runner-Up for Honors in Action, First Runner-Up for Distinguished Advisor Team, and Sixth Runner-Up for Most Distinguished Chapter.



Fall Registration is Underway

Staff continue to assist students registering for the Fall Semester.



Information Session

The Division of Student Services Information Session was pleased to host Central Michigan University (CMU). Participants learned about transfer opportunities, degree and certificate program offerings, scholarship awards, and online programming.

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

May 5 - 17 , 2025

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
747

Downriver Campus
1940

Eastern Campus
319

Northwest Campus
380

Ted Scott Campus
410

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
86



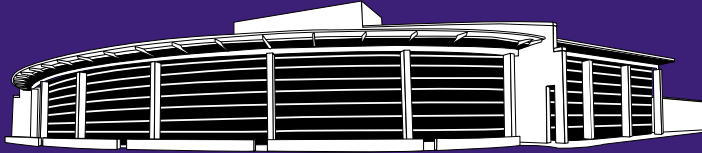
The School of Continuing Education was pleased to host the Art by K.T. exhibit in the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at the Downriver Campus. Artist Kenny Taylor, who has featured his work in several District art gallery exhibits, showcased his talent through his signature oil on canvas pieces.

Taylor shared that his inspiration to paint came from his mother and the encouraging philosophy of Bob Ross's "never a mistake" mindset, which helped him overcome creative roadblocks.



Summer Camps Planning Meeting

The School of Continuing Education Team continues to prepare for summer camps. Staff also recently met with Marcel Copeland, Program Manager from Junior Achievement, to discuss the upcoming financial literacy program.

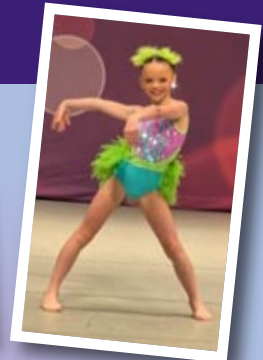
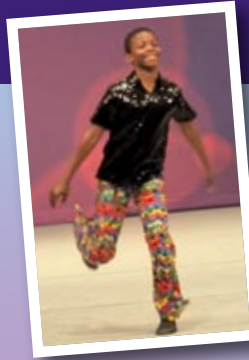


WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER
EDUCATIONAL AND

Performing Arts Center

Downriver Campus



Rainbow Dance Competition

As part of its 2025 national tour, the Rainbow Dance Competition visited the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center for three days of competition.



Taylor High School Convocation

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the Taylor High School Convocation.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

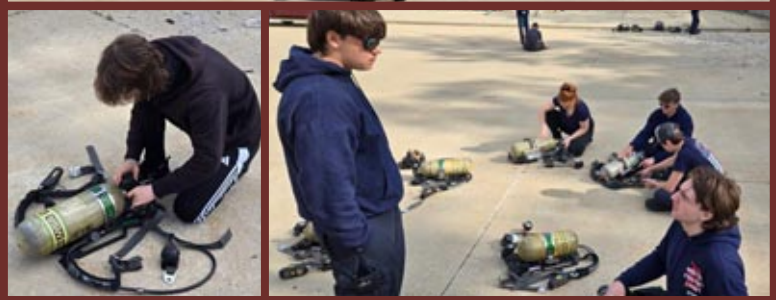


MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY
E D U C A T I O N



Downriver Campus

High School Students Tour MIPSE



Fire Fighter 1 Practical Training

High school students participated in Fire Fighter 1 Practical Training. Participants learned knot tying and salvage tarp techniques used in fire emergencies to protect life.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Deputy Chancellor/CFO Kim DiCaro continues to work with the Facilities Management Team to enhance the delivery of our services across the District. The Office of Facilities Planning and Management serves the District by developing and maintaining clean, safe, functional, and attractive campuses. This office has a diverse range of function. Some Include:



**PLANNING AND
CONSTRUCTION**



**MECHANICAL
SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE**



**PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT**



**MANAGEMENT OF
EXTERIOR AND
INTERIOR ASSETS**

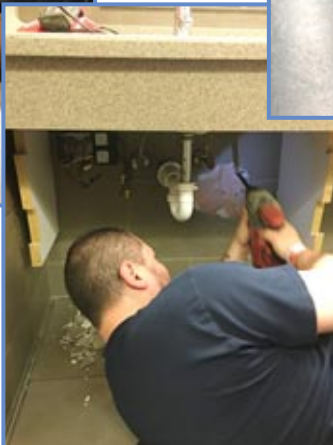
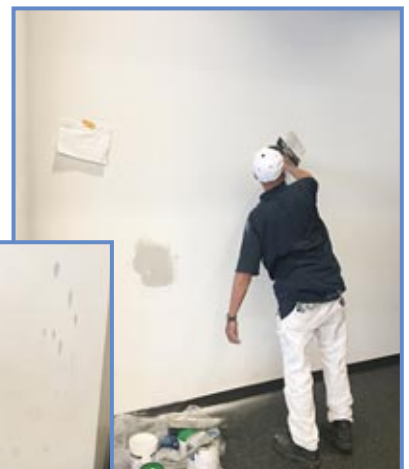
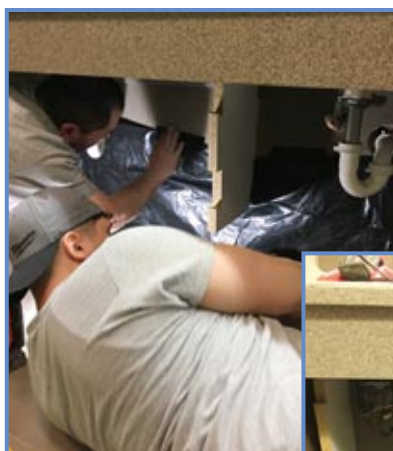
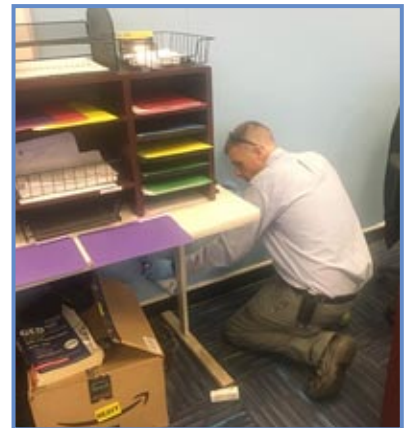


**STUDENT
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**



CURTIS L. IVERY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS EDUCATION CENTER

The facilities staff continue to ensure the physical state and operations of the campus to provide a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment for students, faculty, and staff.





Division of Educational Affairs

National Panel Discussion Focuses on AI Training at Community Colleges



NAAIC Mentorship

A year-long mentorship initiative to support U.S. community colleges in launching AI as degrees, guided by MDC, HCC, and MCCCDC expertise.

Program Benefits for Selected Colleges:

- Faculty Mentor support for AI program development
- Priority access to faculty development activities
- Travel stipend to attend the NAAIC AI Summit
- Help developing a local BILT (Business & Industry Leadership Team)
- Access to NAAIC's AI content and industry resources

Eligibility:

- U.S.-accredited community college
- Must have commitment from one senior administrator
- Able to launch at least one AI course during mentorship

Dr. Wanda Hudson participated in a panel discussion hosted by the National Applied AI Consortium (NAAIC) Community of Practice, which focused on Artificial Intelligence training at community colleges across the United States.



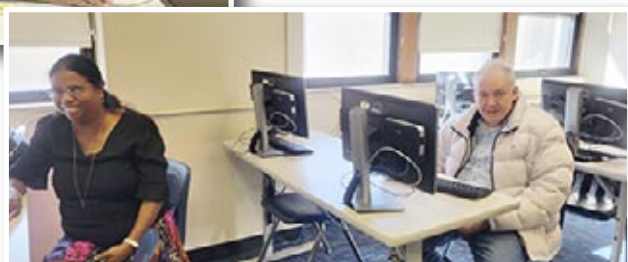
Emerging Agentic AI Programming

Dr. Hudson also met with faculty to discuss new AI programming focused on Agentic AI, an advanced form of artificial intelligence capable of autonomously achieving specific goals with minimal human supervision.



Faculty Workshop

The Northwest Campus held a faculty workshop to prepare instructors for the 2025 Summer semester. The session featured hands-on demonstrations of Blackboard tools, course setup strategies, and integration with various platforms.





Planning is underway for the 2025-26 District-wide professional development workshops. Offerings will include:

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Members from the Office of the Chancellor Team met with new staff to discuss upcoming initiatives and programs for the Summer and Fall semesters.

Northwest Campus



Corewell Health Wayne Health Science Center Tour

Anthony Childs, Chief Nursing Officer, and Kirstin Dowling, Director of Nursing from Corewell Health Wayne, toured the Health Science Center and met with the Nursing team to discuss ways to expand our current partnership.



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



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

CURTIS L. IVERY HWECE

Health & Wellness
Education Center



High School Students Tour HWECE

High school students visited the HWECE and learned about the facility and its offerings during a tour.



Riverfront Volunteer Orientation

The HWECE, in partnership with the Riverfront Conservancy, hosted its volunteer orientation as they prepared for a new season along the riverfront.

Fundamentals of Tai Chi

HWECE members learned the fundamental movements and postures of Tai Chi that help to promote physical and mental wellness with instructor Aramis.





Building Community Relationships



Protecting Your Intellectual Property Business Forum

Staff participated in the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's monthly business forum. Keynote speaker Derris Banks, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, spoke on the topic of "How to Protect Your Organization's Intellectual Property."



Pancakes and Politics May Forum

Dr. Yvette Anderson attended the May Forum of Pancakes and Politics. The discussion focused on the "Cities of Tomorrow: A Blueprint for Progress" and featured Mayors Latoya Cantrell, Andre Dickens and Steven L. Reed.



Chandler Park Academy Pinning Ceremony

Kemal Kurtovic represented the District at the Chandler Park Academy Pinning Ceremony.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations Series focused on a variety of topics including learning about Benny Goodman and Lea Salonga, highlighting their unique contributions to music across different cultures and genres.



Benny Goodman

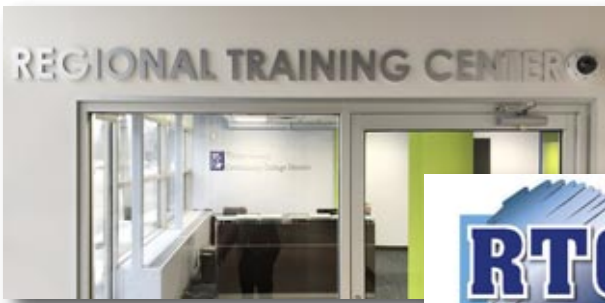


Lea Salonga



Interfaith Reflections Visit to a Hindu Temple





Division of Workforce and Economic Development



DaShonta Reeves met with staff from the Northwest Campus and Regional Training Center to discuss skilled trades training outcomes.

Student Success Spotlight



Donyell Woods is currently enrolled in WCCCD's Civil Tech Engineering program. He has successfully completed CIV 100 and has now enrolled in CIV 101 for the upcoming Fall 2025 Semester. Mr. Woods continues to be engaged and focused, demonstrating a strong interest in civil engineering and infrastructure development. He has also expressed a particular interest in the internship opportunity currently being offered by MDOT.

Cool Tech Kids Camp *Returns for Its 6th Year!*



The Regional Training Center is excited to bring back Cool Tech Kids for its sixth summer! This fun and inspiring one-week camp for students in grades 5–8 runs from June 23–27 at the Northwest Campus.

Camp highlights include:

- Hands-on Drone Training
- Coding & AI
- Daily Outdoor Activities
- Free Udemy Access

Northwest Campus



Pearls of Promise Recognizes Outstanding Ivylettes

The Pearls of Promise Foundation recognized its “Ivylettes,” ambitious, goal-oriented young women in grades 9 through 12 who exemplify strong moral and ethical characteristics.



State Rep. Rashida Tlaib Presents Workshop on Leadership

The Northwest Campus hosted a continuation of last week’s workshop with State Representative Rashida Tlaib on the topic of leadership.



“Permission to” Program Empowers Community Member with Tools for Healing

The Azelle Benne Lockett Foundation held a workshop titled “Permission To,” which provided community members with valuable tools and effective strategies for working through grief.



Figure Skating in Detroit Awards Ceremony

The Northwest Campus hosted the Figure Skating in Detroit Awards Ceremony. Program participants also had the opportunity to tour the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center and learn about the District’s program offerings.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Mental Health Awareness Impact Day

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for a session on mental health awareness and education on depression, anxiety and trauma. Participants received valuable information from local mental health providers and vendors.



STUDENT SERVICES

Staff continue to assist students to ensure a successful start to the Summer Semester.



Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan Meeting

The meeting informed urban seniors about employment opportunities focused on seniors and job readiness.



Semester Start Up

Faculty members at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus picked up syllabi and supplies for the first day of class. Faculty were greeted with a warm welcome, snacks, and water before class.



University Transfer Opportunities

Representatives from Howard University and University of Michigan met with students to discuss transfer and scholarship opportunities.



Pathways to Excellence Male Mentoring Program

The Pathways to Excellence Male Mentoring Program provided participants with tools to enhance leadership skills and foster a strong sense of identity.

Ted Scott Campus

Student Success



SUMMER
SEMESTER
CLASSES
DIVE RIGHT
IN!



Puppies Obedience Training

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the "Paws with a Cause Foster Puppy Obedience" workshop. This workshop is designed to teach obedience commands to puppies with the potential of becoming future assistance dogs to people with disabilities.



The Boys and Girls Club

The Ted Scott team met with Boys and Girls Club of Van Buren Township to discuss possible partnerships and career exploration opportunities.

Downriver Campus



Andy Steeby, Cathy Rowley, Jeff Moore, and Jeff Forbes, along with representatives from the Detroit Fire Paramedic Program, met with Dr. Satheesh Gunaga, from Henry Ford Health System's Brownstown Center, to discuss the upcoming Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) site visit.



Staff continue to meet with high school students and provide information about academic degree and certificate programs.



Staff participated in Accuplacer training to assist incoming dual enrollment students for the Fall 2025 Semester.

MASTER RAIN GARDENER WORKSHOP



The Downriver Campus hosted Metropark Master Rain Gardener workshop. This five-week class teaches participants on how to design their own rain garden!



AAUW Stem Savvy in Middle School Girls

The Downriver Campus also hosted the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) Stem Savvy in Middle School Girls Workshop. The AAUW is a national organization with more than 150,000 members dedicated to expanding opportunities for women and girls through education.

Downriver Campus



Downriver Community Transition Council Weigh in on Regional Transit Authority Goals

The Downriver Campus hosted Downriver Community Transition Council Weigh in on Regional Transit Authority Goals. These goals affect older adults, people with disabilities and individuals with limited incomes.



The Guidance Center Head Start Education Game Night

Attendees had the opportunity to celebrate the Guidance Center's 60th birthday celebration. Highlights included a Parent Engagement Night, jumbo games, music bingo, crosswords, puzzles, and prizes.



SEMCA Suicide Prevention Training

Participants learned about suicide awareness and prevention skills, suicide risk factors, strategies to identify suicide warning signs, and accessing resources.



Southgate Schools Curriculum Team Strategic Planning Meeting

Participants learned about writing their strategic plan, share ideas and discuss various stakeholders' needs.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Dual Enrollment Students Begin Their Academic Journey at WCCCD

Dual enrollment students are commencing their collegiate journey at WCCCD during the Summer Semester with the Community College Orientation course.



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.



Grand Valley State University

Denis Karic met with Shawntae Mintline, Director, Southeast Michigan for Grand Valley State University to discuss creating seamless pathways to a four-year degree for students at WCCCD.

Eastern Campus

High School Tour (9th & 10th graders)



Mechatronics Training Cell Safety Inspection

Summer Semester First Day of Classes



Campus Readiness Meeting

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

