

## Literacy Day 2025 Inspires Young Readers

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and The Bookworm Club, in collaboration with WCCCD's School of Continuing Education, took Literacy Day 2025 to the students at Cesar Chavez Lower Elementary School. More than 500 Pre-K through 6th grade students participated in a wide range of activities and educational games. The event, designed to foster a love for reading and improve literacy skills for early learners, provided each of the children with a new book, backpack and school supplies to keep them reading over the summer months. Since its inception, The Bookworm Club has placed books in the hands of nearly 150,000 children—many of whom may not have otherwise had access to these vital resources. This effort continues to spark a love of reading and open doors to learning for countless young minds.



*"Our goal was to create a space where children could explore the joys of reading in a fun and supportive environment. When a child opens a book, they can follow their curiosity and their joy and discover entirely new worlds without leaving their own homes. Seeing their faces light up with excitement has been incredibly rewarding."*

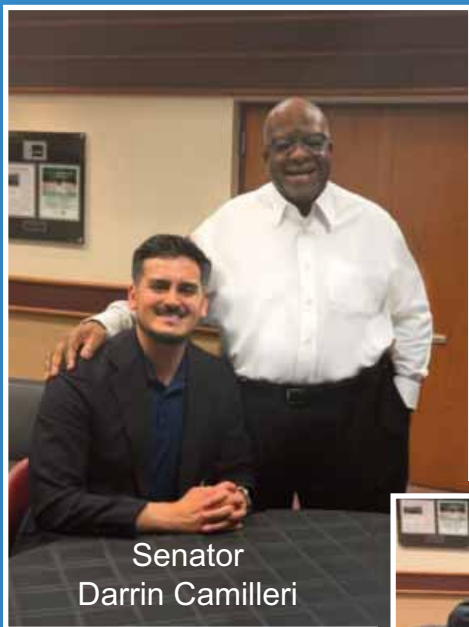
~ Ola Ivery, WCCCD First Lady and Bookworm Club Founder



# Literacy Day 2025

Cesar Chavez Lower Elementary School





Senator  
Darrin Camilleri

## Meeting with Senator Darrin Camilleri at the Downriver Campus

I met with Senator Darrin Camilleri, Chairman of the Senate Pre-K-12 Educational Budget Committee, Trustee James Wagner and Anthony Arminiak to discuss strategies to strengthen the education pipeline and explore collaborative opportunities between K-12 and higher education.



Trustee  
James Wagner

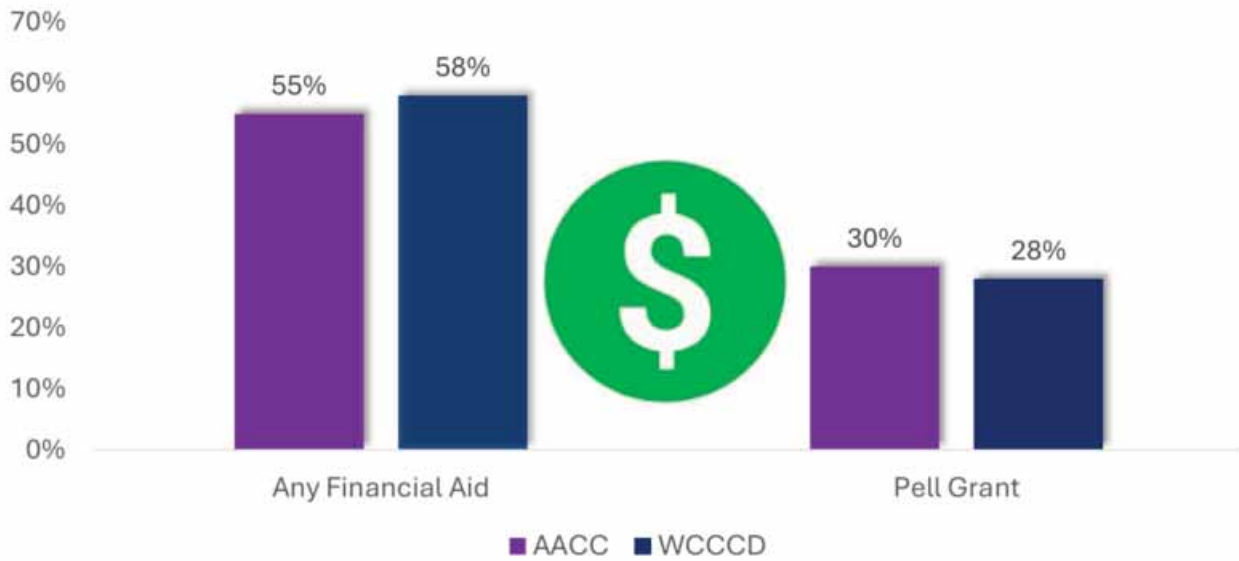
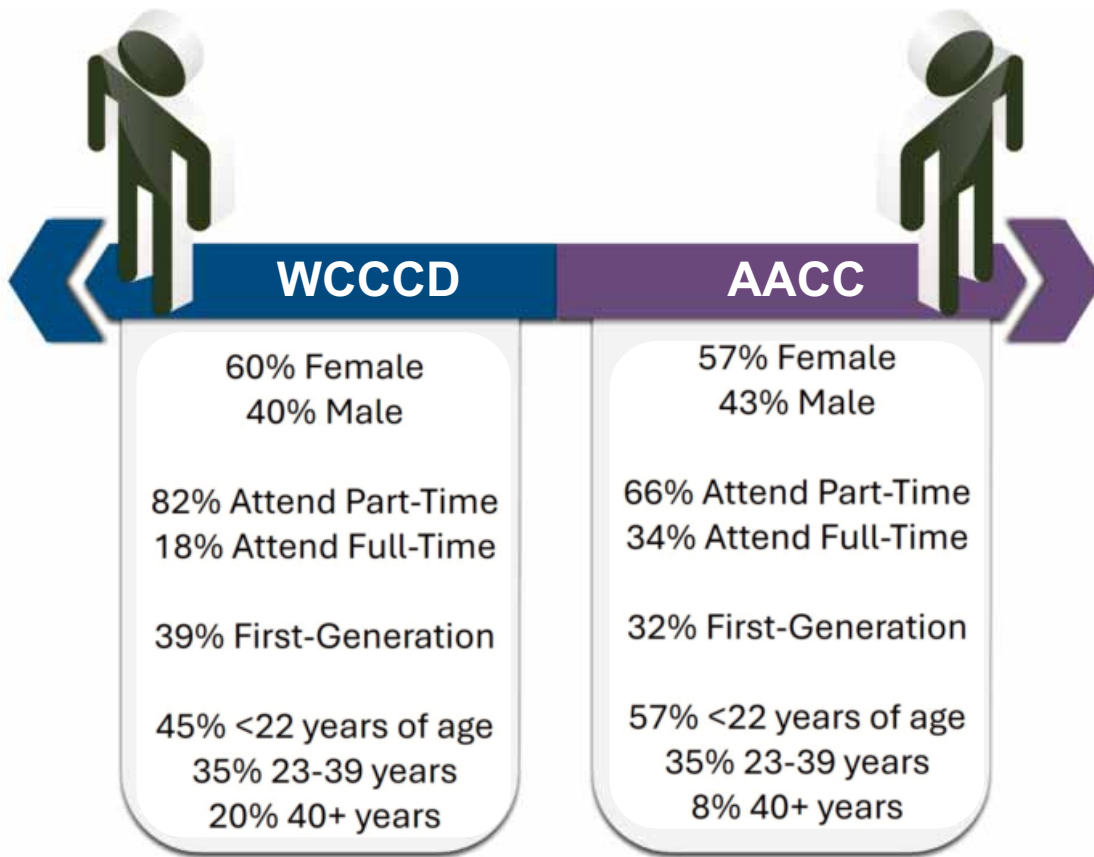


## Budget, Facilities and Human Resources Council Meeting

Members continue to meet to discuss processes, staffing, and facilities.



The Division of Institutional Effectiveness reviews student demographics and characteristics in preparation for the incoming student body for Fall 2025. WCCCD benchmarks the student body demographics and financial need with national and regional data sources to better provide services to meet their needs. The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) publishes national data facts used by community colleges to compare student groups and overall enrollment characteristics. Below you will find some national demographics compared to WCCCD student body:



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# IN THE NEWS

## In partnership with WCCCD, Detroit Fire Department announces first department-run paramedic class

The Detroit Fire Department (DFD) has launched its first-ever department-run paramedic training class in partnership with WCCCD, marking a historic investment in the future of emergency medical services in the city.

Unlike traditional paramedic programs, which require firefighters to train on their own time and at their own expense, Detroit's in-house course pays current EMT-certified firefighters to complete their training on duty. The department is excited to offer a paid, department-led pathway to paramedic certification—an initiative which can serve as a potential model for others across the state and beyond.

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) for the Commission of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accreditation is required to run an advanced paramedic class and can be difficult to attain for many institutions. This challenge was overcome thanks to a partnership between Wayne County Community College District and the Detroit Fire Department, allowing the DFD Regional Training Center to become an authorized WCCCD Alternate Education Center for paramedicine. Through the agreement, members of the Detroit Fire Department are now able to receive college credits for their Fire and EMS certifications and fast-track them to an associate degree in applied science.



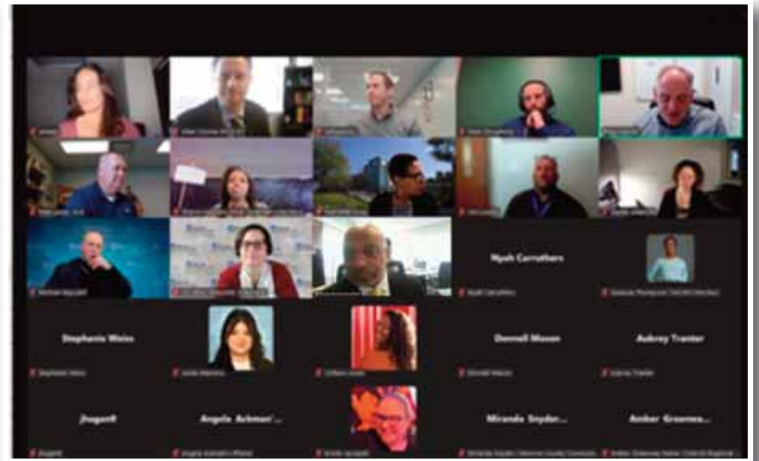
To read the full article,  
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## Division of Educational Affairs

### Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative

Dr. Allan Cosma represented the District at the monthly K-12 D3C3 Cluster meeting, where one of the key topics was Michigan's new investment of \$20 to \$30 million to expand dual enrollment access.



### Paralegal Technology Program

Students in the Paralegal Technology Program attended Detroit Councilwoman Latisha Johnson's District 4 community meeting.

### New Resources for Students

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met with the deans of the allied health programs to discuss new resources for students available through the Learning Resource Center.



### Learning Resource Center

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus held an orientation for students on how to access online and traditional print materials.



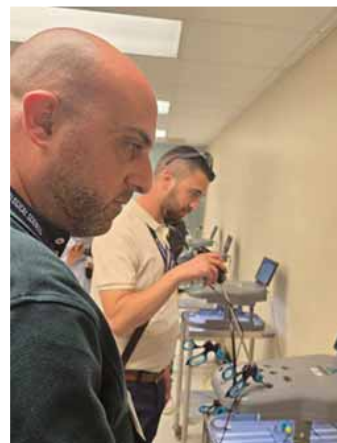
### Preparing Instructors for the Summer 2025 Semester



# University of Bethlehem Tour and Best Practice Visit



The Bethlehem Chamber Delegation toured the Eastern and Northwest campuses to learn about workforce development opportunities and engage in discussions aimed at fostering regional and global collaboration. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Jumana Judeh, Co-Founder of MENA-WEF, and led by Asala Al Jerashi.





**Downriver Campus**



**Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services**

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services for an American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers Renewal training.



**Motor City Radio Club  
Monthly Meeting**

MIPSE hosted Motor City Radio Club's Monthly Meeting which included communication training and material updates.

**DTE FERMI 2  
Fire Brigade Training**

MIPSE hosted operators of the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County as they attended an Initial Confined Space Entry training course.





Present

# JUNE TEENTH

*United in Freedom: Embracing and Honoring Individuality*

## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

The School of Continuing Education held the Juneteenth United in Freedom: Embracing and Honoring Individuality program at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center. This one-day workshop celebrated and educated participants on the history and origin of Juneteenth. Featured guests included musicians Kimmie Horne and Randy Scott. The annual program was held in partnership with the City of Harper Woods, City of Grosse Pointe, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, and City of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Mayor Valerie Kindle



Randy Scott



Kimmie Horne







# Building Community Relationships



Staff from the Downriver Campus met with Judge Victoria Shackelford of the 23rd District Court. They discussed the process for applying for admission, Financial Aid and short term certificate programs for the Regional Treatment Court Program.



Staff represented the District at the fundraiser for Michael's Cafe in Grosse Pointe Park.



Sharnita Ford attended the Family Assistance for Renaissance Men 10th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraising Gala.



Nassem Aoude attended the National AST Surgical Technology Conference in Orlando, Florida.



Matt Green and Grace Kowalski attended SEMCOG's Michigan Trails Summit. Discussion focused on how greenways and trails are driving economic development in Southeastern MI.



Denis Karic represented the District at the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation's Legacy on the Lake fundraising event.





## Division of Human Resources

### HR Compliance: Comprehensive Staffing Plan

In preparation for staffing alignment for the fiscal year 2025-2026, the Division of Human Resources (HR) is currently reviewing the following on its comprehensive staffing plan:

- Evaluating District Staffing Needs
- Performance Evaluations
- Segregation of Duties
- Credential and Background Checks
- Simplifying Processes, Implementation and Technology
- Job Description
- Staff Training and Professional Development
- Verification of Payroll and Accounting



### 2025 Retirement Celebration



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



**More information will be available soon!**

# ***DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE***

## ***OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT***

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 functions. Some include:



**PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION**



**MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE**



**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**



**MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS**



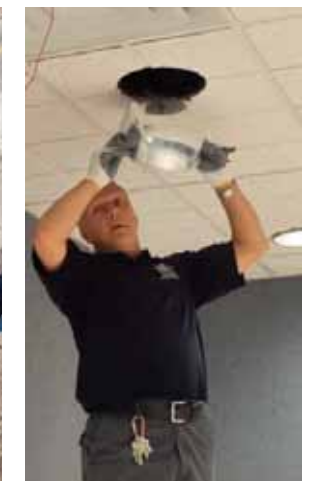
**STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**

### **DOWNRIVER CAMPUS**



Landscape beautification at the Downriver Campus

### **EASTERN CAMPUS**





# CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center



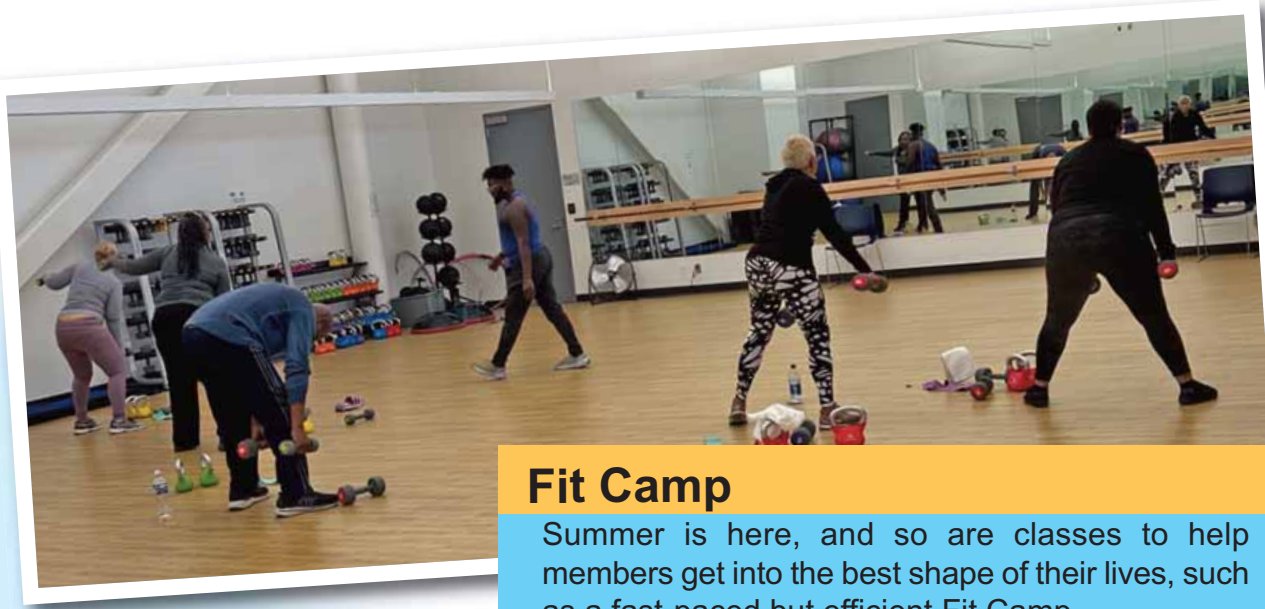
## Tour

Students from Early Childhood Education Program toured the HWEC to learn about membership opportunities and amenities.

## Member Highlight Quote

“ I've been a member at this gym for over a year now and have been so happy with my experience. It's clean, an incredibly kind and welcoming staff, and it has a variety of amenities, including a steam room soon! Great gym and better community. ”

– Anton



## Fit Camp

Summer is here, and so are classes to help members get into the best shape of their lives, such as a fast-paced but efficient Fit Camp.

**HAPPENING NOW!**



## Microsoft 365 Staff Migration



District IT continues its successful migration to the Office 365 cloud platform, with a concentrated focus now on transitioning Student Services staff across all campuses. This strategic move aims to enhance efficiency and collaboration for the departments most directly serving our student population.

## IT Infrastructure Project Status Update Meeting

This week, the IT Infrastructure team convened to share crucial updates on several ongoing District-wide projects aimed at enhancing our technology and systems. The discussions covered a range of vital topics, highlighting the team's commitment to continuous improvement and innovation:

- Security Posture Updates
- Microsoft 365 Student Migration - Student Demo Session
- Cloud Range Implementation



## District-wide Technical Support



**Eastern Campus**  
*MPS Program Site  
Assessment*



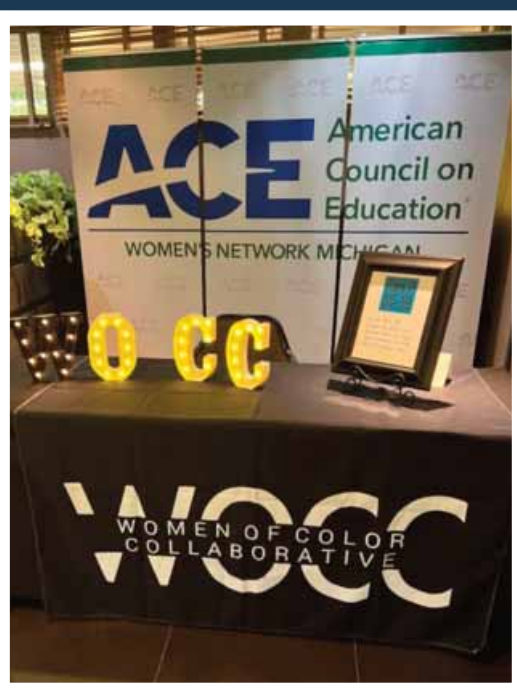
**Curtis L. Ivery**  
**Downtown Campus**  
*Network Upgrades*



**Curtis L. Ivery**  
**District Office**  
*Command Center Relocation*



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## Annual Women's MI-ACE Conference

Members of the District collaborative participated in the annual MI-ACE Annual Conference in Lansing, MI, with the theme “EmpowerEd: Break Barriers and Influence Change.” Members of the District, Dr. Wanda Hudson and Dr. Sharon Lewis presented a session on Emotional Intelligence, as well as other members actively participating in professional development sessions on leadership, mentoring wellness and well-being led by an outstanding array of speakers.





# Division of Student Services



## Michigan Community Colleges (SLAMCC)

Dr. Tammy Anderson attended the Student Life Association of Michigan Community Colleges (SLAMCC) meeting, where the Phi Theta Kappa Summer Leadership Conference, MCC Student Leadership Retreat, and Student Success Summits were discussed.

## Office of Outreach and Recruitment

### Dual Enrollment Program



The Dual Enrollment team met to review, discuss, and finalize the Fall 2025 course schedule, ensuring alignment with partner institutions, student needs, and faculty availability.



Local high school students visited the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus for a career tour.



At the Eastern Campus, high school students learn about program offerings.

Staff at the Considine GED site continue to offer individualized support improving the overall experience for students.





# Division of Student Services

## Student Success Center



### Student Success

Promotional Solutions Team set up a table outside the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to inform students about the District's various programs and the new Microsoft 365 email migration.



### Preparing for the Summer 2025 Semester



### Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Office continues to recruit students interested in earning while they learn. Students can gain on-the-job experience by working on-site within the campus locations or off-site with our non-profit organization partners.



### Online Orientation for International Students

The Division of Student Services is creating an online orientation for international students to ease their transition into college life.

# Division of Student Services



**Student Activation Process**

- Check Gmail**  
Students receive an activation email prompting them to log in to WebGate portal.
- Follow WebGate Instructions**  
WebGate provides account details and clear step-by-step activation instructions.
- Activate MS 365 Account**  
Students set up secure passwords and enable multi-factor authentication for protection.

## Professional Development

The Division of Student Services hosted Eric Crutchfield for an information session that highlighted the migration of Microsoft 365 students and staff email. Migration ensures greater security, cloud storage, a new format, and uniqueness of accounts.

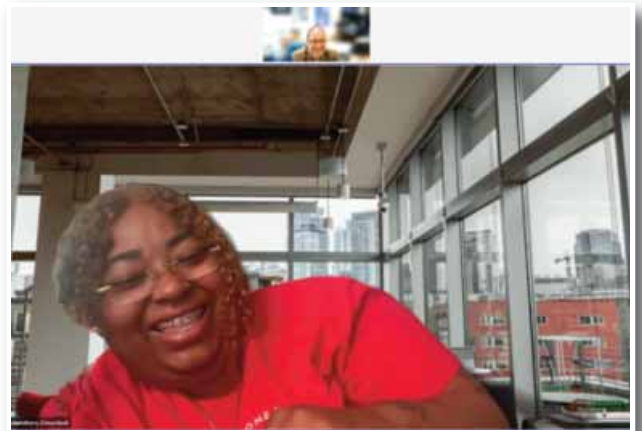


## Career Planning and Placement

The Career Planning and Placement Office helps students and graduates explore employment opportunities aligned with their goals. They assist in resume and cover letter preparation and interview skills through employability development software. Referrals are made to testing and counseling services for guidance in identifying interests, aptitudes, and abilities related to career choices.

## Student Executive Council

Staff continue to meet with students to assist in answering registration questions.



## Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter President, Varilyn Strong, met with representatives to coordinate the chapter's first in-person officer meeting. This engagement was pivotal in fostering officer collaboration, strategic planning, and alignment with the chapter's core objectives. Key priorities included organizing upcoming events and outlining the 2025 Honors in Action Project.





## Division of Workforce and Economic Development



### Student Success Spotlight



Eric Heard, a recent graduate of the Construction Trades Training Program, recently met with the Regional Training Center staff to share his progress and accomplishments since completing the program.

He is currently employed as a laborer with Presidential Construction, where he is actively applying the skills gained through his training. Demonstrating remarkable initiative, Eric has also launched his own company, leading a crew that specializes in residential construction and property cleanouts.

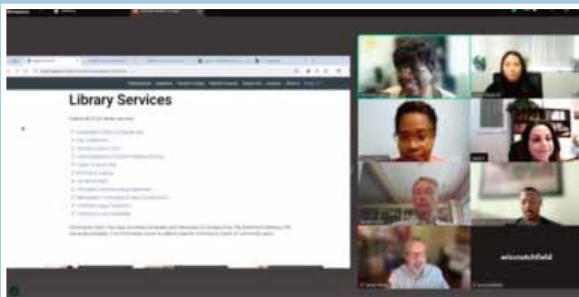
Staff are preparing for the next cohort of classes in the Construction Trades and Commercial Driver's License training programs which begin this coming Wednesday.



## Website Redesign Taskforce

### Website Redesign Phase II

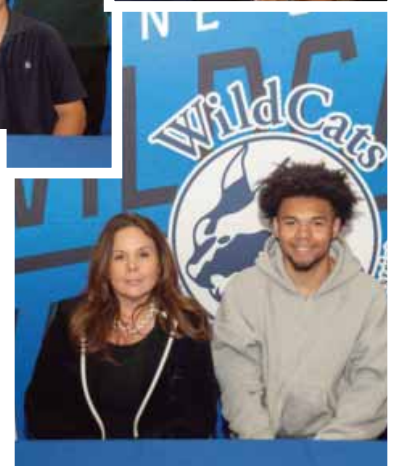
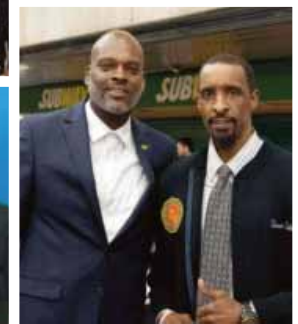
#### Website Content Review Underway to Enhance Student Experience



As part of the Phase II website redesign, the Website Redesign Taskforce has begun a structured review of website content. During the next few weeks, the taskforce will collaborate with divisions and campuses to ensure all information is accurate and student-focused. This week, the taskforce met with Dr. Harvey Dorrah, Stephanie Jones and Tonya Anderson to review updates to the Learning Resource Center pages. Their insight and feedback will help share a more user-friendly and accessible online experience for students.

# Athletic Banquet

WCCCD's Athletic Department hosted its Annual Athletic Banquet at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. All athletic teams were honored for their dedication and hard work during the 2024-2025 year.

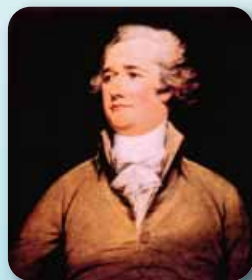
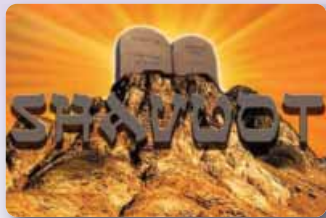






## VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

During this week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations, participants engaged in the reflection of several cultural and historical observances including the Shavuot Jewish Festival, Unity Day, and a presentation by Professor Bruce Ewen on the life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton.



*Alexander Hamilton*

# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

## Physical Therapist Assistant Program



Staff met to continue preparations for the upcoming CAPTE site visit. During this meeting, key stakeholders worked together to ensure alignment on program goals, resources, and the overall readiness for the visit.



The PTA Advisory Committee meeting brought together faculty, clinical partners, and community stakeholders to discuss student preparation, faculty development, program resources, and clinical readiness.



## Summer Intern Meeting

Summer interns at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus attended the first annual Summer 2025 interns' luncheon meeting. This meeting was aimed at identifying learning objectives and establishing specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound goals to facilitate progress towards a better future.



## Parent Information Day

Wayne RESA and the Michigan Department of Education Resource for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing held an informational workshop. Participants gained knowledge on community resources available, language milestones, assessments, breakdown timelines, and product rollout for children ages 0 – 5.



# Downriver Campus

## Continuing Education



Students are getting hands-on experience in the Fundamentals of Basic Sewing class.



## Wayne Metro CAA Leadership Lab Training

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne Metro CAA Leadership Lab Training. This training taught leaders on how to identify burnout on their teams and in their own work, and provide them with proper tools to prevent the cycle of burnout.



# Northwest Campus



## Community Workshop

The Detroit Association of Realtors held a workshop with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to promote responsible and affordable homeownership statewide.

## 12th Congressional District

The 12th Congressional District held a meeting to provide community members with valuable information on voter education and voter rights.



The Dental Department hosted a soft skills training seminar in partnership with Velisa Perry of the Wayne County Oral Health Coalition.





# Ted Scott Campus



## Community Partnerships

Wayne RESA's Lit Lab Training Workshop was held at the Ted Scott Campus. Lit Lab is a program aimed at raising reading and executive function reasoning in children throughout Wayne County.



## Town Hall Meeting with the Community

The Ted Scott Campus hosted a Town Hall meeting with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, State Senator Darrin Camilleri, and State Representatives Reggie Miller and Ranjeev Puri. Topics discussed included the proposed Federal Budget effects on Michigan, as well as the nuclear waste that will be disposed of in Van Buren Township.

# 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

