Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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June 21-27, 2025

Adult Education Graduation Ceremony

We were pleased to host the 2025 Adult Education Graduation Ceremony at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus, celebrating the hard work and dedication of our graduates. During the ceremony, students were proudly presented with their completion certificates in recognition of their achievements.







<u>5</u>SMART

I participated in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Board Meeting. Some of the agenda items included:

- Nominating Committee Report
- Chairperson's Report
- General Manager's Report
- HR Hiring Update
- Quarterly Ridership Update
- Operator of the Year Presentation for Fixed Route and Paratransit
- Financial Report



Agenda items included:

- I also participated in the Michigan Community College Association's Student Success Committee Meeting.
- A discussion on increasing access, completion and career success
- Feedback on student success goals and targets tool, the labor market dashboard and credit for apprenticeships
- MCCA Updates





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Campus Safety Initiatives

Members of the District Police Authority met with Dr. Jim Holley to discuss ongoing campus safety initiatives and strategies to enhance community collaboration.



LaShelle's School of Dance

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the 21st Annual Recitals for LaShelle's School of Dance.















Ted Scott Campus



The Ted Scott Campus hosted a Juneteenth celebration offering a comprehensive approach to community engagement, education, and cultural celebration.







"This was a magnificent event and everything was executed with excellence from start to finish! From the moment we walked in we felt welcome and everyone from the security team, registration team, decoration team, catering team, music team, technology team, and photography team created and put on a phenomenal event!"



"From the meaningful conversations and powerful history shared, to the delicious food and lively music/dance, everything was incredibly well done! Kudos to your entire team for hosting such an amazing celebration!"



"Many thanks and much appreciation for the nomination, such an honor!! I am at a total loss for words. It was truly a heartfelt experience and an amazing event. The beauty of unity, and collaboration just makes my soul shine. This is how it should be, working together for the good of the students, programs, college and community."





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SAFETY E D U C A T I O N

Downriver Campus



Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team training course on fire tactics.

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital Relationship-Based Care Seminar

MIPSE hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for a Relationship-Based Care Training seminar. Re-igniting the spirit of caring is a mindset that focuses on reconnecting health care staff with their purpose and expanding their capacity to care.





Wayne County Department of Health, Human and Veteran Services Training

MIPSE also hosted Wayne County Department of Health, Human and Veteran Services for an American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS) renewal training.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Skilled Trades

Carlos Hewitt met with students at the Regional Training Center to discuss program offerings in carpentry, electrical, and plumbing.

Mechatronics Robotics Training Cell Maintenance

Regional Training Center - Eastern Campus





Division of Administration and Finance



Multi-Campus Budget Development Process

Staff from the Division of Administration and Finance met to discuss how Accounts Payable (AP) and budget development are closely linked; with AP data playing a crucial role in creating accurate and effective budgets.

Accounting analysts and FAOC (Financial Accountability Operations Center) specialists provide essential expense data, track spending patterns, and analyze historical payment data, all of which inform budget creation and monitoring. Accurate forecasting of future AP obligations is also vital for ensuring sufficient cash flow and maintaining financial stability.

District Wide Performance & Assessment JUNE •Staffing Trends •HR Assessment •General Fund Balance •Revenue & Expenditure Comparison •10 Year Financial Projection •Capital	Budget Implementation JULY - JUNE •Implementation •Continuous Environment Scanning •Ongoing Needs Assessment	Budget Evaluation AUGUST - DECEMBER •Operation Evaluation •Outcome Assessment •Continuous Improvement Process •Dynamic Budget Process
Projection	PHASE FOUR Implementation	PHASE FIVE Evaluation





Division of Information Technology



Microsoft 365 Migration Project Update

Members of the Divisions of Information Technology and Student Services met to review the existing student admissions and registration process. The discussion included the introduction of new features from Ellucian designed to enhance the security and integrity of the system and its solutions.

Microsoft 365 Staff Migration



Data Closet Re-engineering Project Update Curtis L. Ivery District Office



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District-wide Network Upgrade *Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus*





Stretching and Chair Yoga Class

The HWEC conducted a Stretching and Chair Yoga class for faculty and staff at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Class on the Terrace

The terrace at the HWEC has become a popular space for classes like the mobility class.

Summer Swish Basketball Camp

The first Summer Swish 2025 Basketball Skills Development Camp was held at the HWEC.

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Building Community Relationships



Trustee James Wagner participated in the Downriver Community Transition Playbook workshop.



Trustee Asm Rahman and Furquan Ahmed represented the District at the Yemen Festival in Hamtramck.



Dr. Yvette Anderson participated in the MI ACE Public Policy Committee meeting. Members reviewed and debriefed the highlights and outcomes of the 2025 Public Policy Luncheon.





District Police Authority

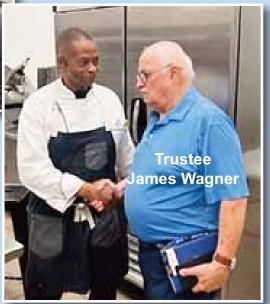
A requirement for completing a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice includes an internship with a local law enforcement agency. The WCCCD District Police Authority frequently fulfills these requests, providing opportunities for students who wish to explore a career in this field.

Trustee Wagner Tours Northwest Campus

Trustee James Wagner's tour of the Northwest Campus included visiting the Health Science Center and the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.











Melissa Weinert attended the American Association for Women in Community Colleges LEADERS Institute in Austin, Texas hosted by Austin Community College. The LEADERS Institute is a five-day, content-intensive, experiential workshop that promotes the development of women's leadership skills and qualities at every level in community college education and administration.



Wayne County Community College District

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education hosted the opening reception of the Downriver Campus Instructors Art Exhibit at the Downriver Campus.





Wayne County Community College District

WCCCD Family Fireworks



The School of Continuing Education hosted the annual Family Fireworks Celebration at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The program featured safety tips on how to properly handle and discard fireworks, how to identify the signs of heat exhaustion and summer safety.











WCCCD Family Fireworks













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Downriver Campus

Ceramics

Students are learning various ceramic techniques including shaping, decorating, and finishing clay objects. These techniques can be broadly categorized into handbuilding, wheel throwing, and slip casting, each with its own set of tools and processes.



Biology

Students are getting hands-on experience and practical application of biological concepts, enhancing understanding of the scientific method, and fostering critical thinking skills.





The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Lit Lab Training for teachers.

Eastern Campus





Microbiology

Biology students performed the "Simple Staining, Negative Staining, and the Capsular Effect" experiment in the lab.

Lab Upgrades

New welding machines installed in the Welding Lab





New frame walls built for student electrical trainers





Department of Elections

Poll Worker Training

Miss Nigeria Michigan Pageant Rehearsal

The Eastern Campus hosted the 2025 Miss Nigeria Michigan Pageant rehearsal. Contestants gathered for their first rehearsal to prepare for stage presence, developing confidence, and cultural presentations.

Division of Student Services





Student Success!

International students continue to meet with staff to develop their Academic Plan of Work and complete the admission requirements.

Outreach and Recruitment



Staff continue to share information about our various programs and degrees with the community.



Professional Development

The weekly Division of Student Services Information Session hosted Trenee Lee to discuss updates in the Radiology Program. The audience learned of the admission requirements, curriculum, hospital placement, and career pathways. This program prepares students for a career in diagnostic radiology as radiographers.

OVERVIEW OF THE RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES PROGRAM To reduate qualified entry-level students to develop into competent and professional radiologic technologists who are prepared to successfully challenge the ARRT examinestion. • **Degree Awarded** Radiologic Sciences Degree (RAD-AAS) • **Cetificate Awarded**

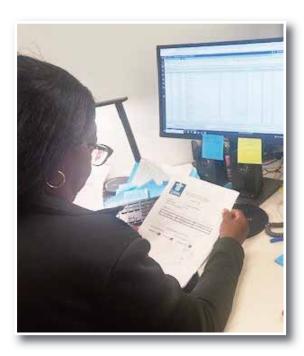
Division of Student Services



Michigan College and University Partnership Features Student Research

WCCCD student Farjana Sadia works in the lab at Michigan Technological University during her internship. Her research focuses on fluid dynamics related to the potential risk of stroke in patients with Atrial Fibrillation.

Admissions and Records

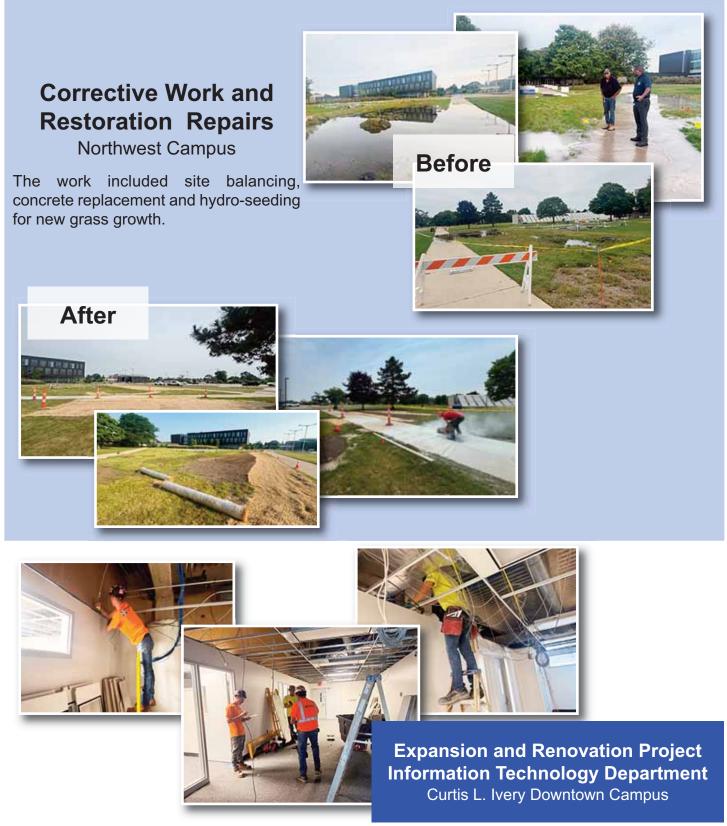


Staff continue to process dual enrollment applications for the Summer 2025 semester.

The District Student Records Office hosted training sessions and walkthrough demonstrations on the activities of Microsoft 365 student accounts through WebGate.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

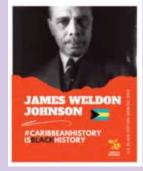
The Office of Facilities Planning and Management serves the District by developing and maintaining clean, safe, functional, and attractive campuses. This office has a diverse range of functions. Some include:



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

The Virtual Intercultural Conversation series held its final meeting in recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month. Participants gained valuable insight into the Caribbean region by discussing its history and cultural contributions in entertainment, science, and sports. Highlights included music, followed by a presentation on the various Caribbean nations and also featured biographies of accomplished Caribbean American figures.

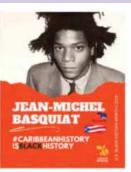


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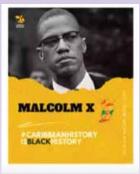








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GRENADA



Interfaith Reflections Visit

Participants visited the Darbar Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji in Canton, MI. This is a place where Sikhs gather to study, reflect, and worship based on the teachings of the Guru Granth Sahib.



Division of Educational Affairs



Instructional Council

The Instructional Council met to discuss several key topics, including professional development, key performance indicators, the Career Guided Pathways Initiative, syllabi alignment, program reviews, LRC updates, cohort development, and transfer/articulation planning.

NEW Fall 2025 Semester Technology Courses Empower Tomorrow's Innovators

New Fall 2025 course offerings include technology-focused classes that are part of WCCCD's forward-thinking curriculum. This will prepare students for careers in tech, business, and innovation.

- CIS 140 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- CIS 145 Prompt Engineering
- BUS 241 Machine Learning for Business

New Learning Resources Available

Students, faculty, staff, and community members can now access test prep, career resources, and skill-building tools—all at no cost through mel.org. They also offer the following centers to assist with learning:

Adult Core Skills Center Computer Skills Center Career Preparation Center Academic Skills and Test Prep

Questions? Contact us at Irchelp@wcccd.edu

Division of Educational Affairs



University Collaborations

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met with Dr. Marcis Jansons, Director of the Early Engineering Program, and Casey Rue, Academic Advisor at Wayne State University, to discuss the development of an articulation agreement and the establishment of a new General Engineering Program.



Disciplinary Leads Meeting



The Division of Educational Affairs held the final Disciplinary Meeting for the 2024–25 academic year. Topics discussed included lab and equipment alignment, health science success and completion rates, and availability for collaborative schedule development.



Division of Human Resources

Pathways to Continued Success Being Our Best

Professional Development Series

As part of the ongoing Pathways to Continued Success: Being Our Best professional development series, the School of Continuing Education presented a workshop titled "Going the Extra Mile: Power Moves that Add Value" at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The workshop featured Greg Dunmore and special guest speaker Michelle Parizon. Participants engaged in an insightful conversation on demonstrating one's workplace value by going beyond expectations.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

anguage Institute



The Language Institute hosted a 'Culture Around the World' student engagement event, where students participated in exploring global traditions, languages, and customs through interactive activities.



Department of Elections

The City of Detroit Department of Elections held training sessions to prepare poll workers on the processes and procedures to work polls during an election.



Summer Intern Meeting

Summer interns attended a meeting to learn about campus safety initiatives.



Detroit Fire Department

The Local Detroit Firefighters Commission NIMS ICS – 400 National Fire Academy Course continues training on essential high-level skills.

Northwest Campus



Art Discussion

The School of Continuing Education presented an art discussion with artist Beverly Thomas. Ms. Thomas discussed her artwork that is currently on display in the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery.

36th District Court Specialty Court Graduation

The Northwest Campus hosted the 36th District Court Specialty Court Graduation with special guest Chief Judge William McConico.





Director Wade hailed it as "the best graduation in our 12 year history-everything was outclassed."



More than 400 guests participated in Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network's signature appreciation program.

Health Screenings

In partnership with the City of Detroit and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Northwest Campus is offering free health screenings.

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Wayne County Community College District



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

