

Students Return from Educational Study Abroad Experience in Panama

Students recently completed a week-long educational study abroad experience to Panama City, Panama aimed at enhancing their comprehension of the nation's history, socio-economic development, and cultural heritage. Key components included participating in an intensive Spanish language course at the Casco Antiguo Spanish School, and guided tours of local museums and the Summit Botanical Gardens, providing students with hands-on interdisciplinary learning experiences.



*"We gained a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the country and culture."
~Muqarrabah Miyzaan*



"Our teacher was wonderful... showed me that communication is more than just a language, it's about effort, respect, and connection." Anya Lewis



Summer 2025 Study Abroad Program to Panama



WCCCD's Study Abroad Program aims to:

1. Provide quality academic experiences
2. Promote cultural immersion and exchange
3. Inspire life long service learning
4. Support character development



"It was a life-changing journey. I feel so lucky and proud to have been part of this amazing adventure with WCCCD."

~Mehran Nice



"Casco Antiguo Spanish School was honored to host the group from WCCCD. The students took part in different educational and cultural activities, including 12 hours of hands on Spanish immersion in Panama City's historic old town, and saw first-hand how the Panama Canal operates."

~David Gold, Founder and Managing Director for the Casco Antiguo Spanish School

"The Embera people showed me what it means to live with intention, pride, and harmony. Their community was not just a destination; it was a lesson in humanity."

~Keara Adams



Customer Service Stars!

One Smile at a Time



During my visit to Yapa Oral Surgery, I had the pleasure of meeting dental hygienists Jordyn Williams and Kailee Fulbright. Both provided excellent customer service and helped make my appointment with Dr. Yapa a truly great experience. Their professionalism, kindness, and attention to detail did not go unnoticed—thank you for your outstanding care!



Exploring Educational Partnership Opportunities in EV and the Automotive Industry

Members of the Executive Leadership Team met with John Graves, President and Chief Executive Officer of PR Networks, Inc., along with representatives from leading automotive companies, to explore partnership opportunities in the Electric Vehicle (EV) and automotive industries, with a focus on innovation, workforce development, and sustainable transportation solutions.



Educational Partnership Opportunities

I met with Trustee Scott Holiday, Highland Park City Council President Jamal Thomas, representatives from the Highland Park School District and the Mannik Smith Group to explore educational partnership opportunities aimed at enhancing community engagement and student success.



District Police Authority

Collaboration Meeting

Members of the Police Authority collaborated with first responders and subject matter experts to examine and enhance security and emergency response measures at charter schools throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.



One Vision, One District, One College

Detroit Fire Department Summer Fire Cadet Training Program

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



The Detroit Fire Department Summer Fire Cadet Training Program provided young adults with an introduction to fire service, offering both classroom instruction and hands-on experience in firefighting techniques and emergency response. These programs aim to prepare individuals for careers in firefighting and related fields, developing skills, discipline, and community awareness.



Board of Trustees Meeting

July 16, 2025



Fall 2025 Initiatives Meeting

Team members met to discuss upcoming programs and initiatives for the Fall 2025 semester.

The Fall 2025
Continuing
Education Schedule
is available online!



The School of Continuing Education



Builder's Pre-License Information Workshop

The School of Continuing Education held a virtual information workshop for the upcoming Builder's Pre-License course. This course prepares students for the Michigan Builder's License Examination.



Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

Ellen Sherman: Assembled Paintings

Ted Scott Campus



In the News...

Real Art Detroit featured an article about Elizabeth Youngblood and her exhibit *The Art of Thinking: Master Drawings and More*. This exhibit is on display at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus until July 25, 2025.

**Weekly Continuing
Education Enrollment**
June 30- July 12, 2025

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
578

Eastern Campus
251

Ted Scott Campus
25

Downriver Campus
289

Northwest Campus
1,576

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
29



Division of Administration and Finance



Discussions continue regarding the strategic fiscal year budget initiatives.



New Compensated Absences Requirement Meeting

Team members representing Accounting and Payroll met to discuss the new Compensated Absences (Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 101) requirement, which will be reported in the financial statements for fiscal year 2025. GASB 101 requires government entities to recognize liabilities for both unused leave and leave that has been used but remains unpaid or unsettled at reporting dates. This represents an amendment to previous standards by creating a more comprehensive approach to leave liability recognition.

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**



Workforce Development

Student Engagement

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

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



Eastern Campus

Chemistry



Dr. Joanne Wittbrodt's chemistry students conducted the "Thermochemistry and Hess's Law" experiment.

Biology students dissected the "Sheep Brain and Cow Eyeball" to learn and identify the different layers of muscles and tissues associated with these organs.



Microbiology

Biology

Dr. Curtis Greene's biology students performed the "Differential Plating" experiment in the lab.



HAPPENING NOW!

Microsoft 365 Staff Migration *Northwest Campus*



Network Infrastructure Upgrade *Project Update – Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus*



The network team has successfully completed the final network closet upgrade at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. This particular closet played a critical role in supporting the Police Authority's camera systems, and the upgrade was strategically performed after work hours to minimize operational disruption.

The Northwest Campus has been identified as the next site scheduled for network infrastructure upgrades.

IT Security Updates

The WCCCD IT security team is working with top security vendors to improve the District's security, focusing on modern cloud platforms and cybersecurity best practices. Demonstrations have been conducted in critical areas:

- Advanced email filtering: To reduce phishing and spam.
- Identity threat protection: To detect and respond to threats.
- Robust password policy enforcement: To strengthen authentication.
- Awareness: To equip staff, faculty, and students with threat identification and response knowledge.

Northwest Campus



Staff from the dental programs conducted an orientation for new students that will start in Fall 2025.



The Health Sciences team held a meet and greet for the Surgical Technology Program students to welcome and introduce Nassem Aoude. Mr. Aoude is the Dean of Surgical Technology Program.

DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on...

Dr. Christian Nwamba

Dr. Christian Nwamba has been a professor at WCCCD where he has been teaching microbiology and introductory biology to students aspiring to become nurses, dental hygienists, surgical technicians, pharmacy technicians, physical therapy assistants, and many other allied health careers. He earned both a Master's and Ph.D. in biology with emphasis and research in molecular biology and virology at Wayne State University. He has a long list of publishing credits for his textbook reviews, and he received the WCCCD Exceptional Faculty Awards for 2013 and 2015.

Regarding what provides him with the greatest satisfaction in his teaching, he said "students who are willing to learn and then see them succeed." Dr. Nwamba is an advisory member of the WCCCD TriBeta Honors Biological Society, and he enjoys helping students learn to succeed in their educational endeavors and career pursuits.

Dr. Nwamba directs and guides undergraduate science students every summer in the Chancellor's sponsored Summer Water Research Project, using the Detroit River at Belle Isle as a sampling site. He coaches students in multiple poster presentation competitions at the local and national level, where they have won certificates of recognition in collaboration with Dr. Caryn Heldt of Michigan Technological University and Dr. Barbara Radecki, now retired. He has presented at the American Society for Engineering Education and the American Association of Community Colleges annual conference on the findings of his water research project.

Dr. Nwamba has served on many committees throughout the District to support academic excellence. He was just re-elected as the President of AFT local 2000, the WCCCD faculty union, a role he has served in since 2017.

While clearly a strong leader and contributor to all that is good about WCCCD, Dr. Christian Nwamba takes the position that he "does what he does quietly to help provide a continued improvement of community college educational experience for students and faculty."



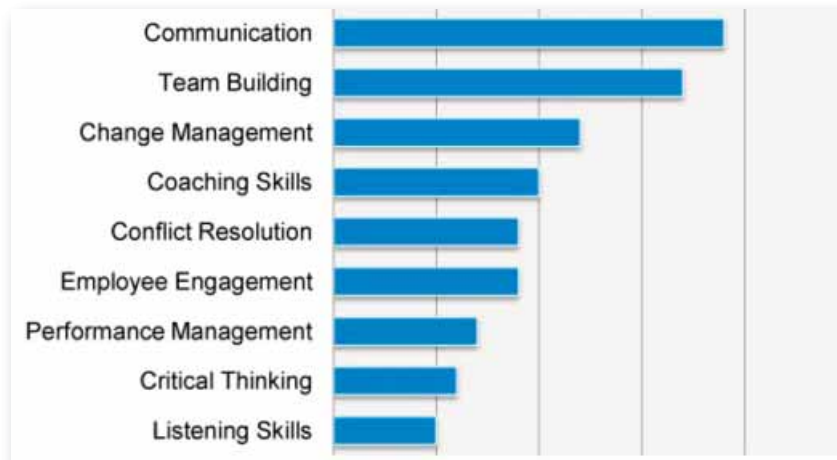


Division of Human Resources

Training and Development Programs 2025-26

The Division of Human Resources is planning the 2025-26 District-wide professional development workshops.

Trend Topics Covered by HR in Training and Development



Retirement Celebration



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



Division of Student Services

Office of Outreach and Recruitment

The Department of Outreach and Recruitment participated in the 41st Metro Youth Day celebration on Belle Isle.



Records

Staff continue to process Dual Enrollment applications.



Dual Enrollment Program

Staff met to continue planning course offerings for the Fall 2025 semester.



On the Move

Staff represented the District at the MANA de Metro Detroit Annual Brindis Luncheon. This fundraiser supports vital programs, including scholarships for the community.

Division of Student Services

Pharmacy Technology Program Updates

Sandirria Harris presented at the Division of Student Services Information Session on updates to the Pharmacy Technology Program. WCCCD's program is the first advanced-level program in Michigan accredited by the ASHP/ACPE, offers financial aid, scholarships, and student support services with hands-on experience.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

PTK officers and advisors met to discuss the upcoming Honors in Actions, College Project, Hallmark Awards, and Honors Case Study at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Federal Work-Study Program

Dr. Ashanti Israel met with Shinesee Johnson from the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan and Janae' Turner from To Girls from Women. These site visits allowed for the evaluation of each location, ensuring that they met the criteria for Federal Work-Study students to receive mentorship and the ability to receive training while working.



TRiO Program

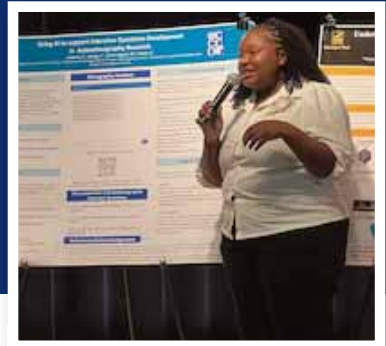
Kimberly Hairston attended the UNLV Priority 3 TRiO training in Milwaukee, WI. The focus was on assessing student needs, developing graduation strategies, improving retention, and incorporating technology into TRiO.



Division of Student Services

Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP)

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a luncheon for MiCUP interns. Five WCCCD students qualified for a month-long internship, where they engaged in research on various topics and disciplines.



WCCCD MiCUP student researcher Mackenzie Roach shared the results of his research at the Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Research Symposium. Mackenzie was one of five WCCCD students who were chosen for the month-long internship.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

U.S. Border Patrol – Desert Snow Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the U.S. Border Patrol for Desert Snow Training. This three-day hands-on training was an “All Crimes” approach to criminal interdiction. Interdiction is a continuum of events focused on interrupting illegal drugs smuggled by air, sea, or land, normally consists of several phases.



Marathon Petroleum’s Emergency Response Team Training

MIPSE hosted the Marathon Petroleum’s Emergency Response Team training course on fire tactics.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Construction Trades Training Program



The Construction Trades Training Program hosted several skilled trade groups. Various organizations spoke to students about pathways to numerous skilled trades. IBEW Local 58 also explained the electrical trade, highlighting the importance of electricians as essential workers and shared details about the indoor electrician apprenticeship program. Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 provided insight into the sheet metal trade, emphasizing how fabricating their own materials gives them a unique advantage within the industry.

Mechatronics Technology Training Cell Maintenance



Truck Driver's Training



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



2025 MLA Institute

English Faculty, Alecia Goodlow-Young participated in the 2025 MLA Institute on Reading and Writing Pedagogy at Access-Oriented Institutions, held at the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College. This institute brings together educators committed to equitable instruction to develop innovative pedagogical strategies and join a national community of teacher-scholar activists.

Institute of Internal Auditors' 2025 Annual Conference

Syed Hussain participated in the Institute of Internal Auditors' 2025 Annual Conference. The conference brought together attendees representing 104 different countries to discuss best practices, cutting-edge technologies and emerging trends. Highlights included sessions on AI, cybersecurity, sustainability, risk management, and the new Global Internal Audit Standards.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Final Week of Summer Swish Camp

The 2025 Summer Swish Camp has officially come to a close. The coaches, team members, staff, and participants made this camp a success, and we look forward to next year.



CPR Class

WCCCD's Employee CPR Certificate Class returned to the HWECC to teach participants the life-saving skills needed to respond to emergencies efficiently.



Group Fitness Class

Spin on the terrace is the perfect full body workout for members looking to increase their stamina and overall wellness.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations recognized French American Heritage Month. The program opened with music by Josephine Baker, Zachary Richard, and Leyla McCalla, showcasing the rich cultural fusion of French, African, Cajun, and Haitian-American influences. Participants also engaged in a discussion about Bastille Day and Srebrenica Remembrance Day, highlighting the historical impact of war. Presentations by Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha, Bruce Ewen, and Azra Livadić explored the French Revolution and personal reflections on resilience, concluding with a tribute to Srebrenica's victims and a celebration of French-American heritage.



Bengali Cultural Meeting





Division of Educational Affairs

Teaching and Learning Center Summer Friday Forum



The Teaching and Learning Center Committee hosted its Summer Friday Forum with guest speaker Provost Denis Karic, who presented on Transitioning to Blackboard Ultra Course View.

Emotional Intelligence Presentation



Dr. Wanda Hudson presented on the topic of Emotional Intelligence at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. She engaged faculty and staff in a meaningful discussion on how self-awareness, empathy, and interpersonal skills shape our effectiveness as educators and leaders.



Michigan Council for Women in Technology



Dr. Hudson addressed participants in the Michigan Council for Women in Technology's (MCWT) Girls Get-IT Day closing ceremony at the Northwest Campus. MCWT's mission is to help women consider, advance and stay in technology in Michigan.

Division of Educational Affairs



DALNET Project Managers Meeting

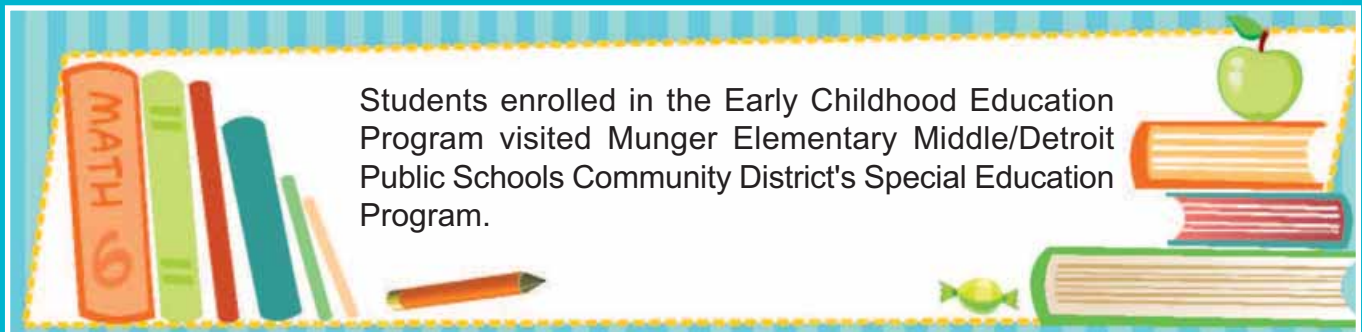


Stephanie Jones attended the DALNET Project Managers Meeting, where several key topics were discussed. A major focus was the ongoing Data Integrity Project, which aims to enhance the Alma Library Management System by improving data accuracy, accessibility, and overall user functionality. WCCCD is scheduled to begin its participation in the project later this year.

Early Childhood Education



Students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program visited Munger Elementary Middle/Detroit Public Schools Community District's Special Education Program.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Pathways to Excellence



The Entrepreneurship Resource Center hosted the Pathways to Excellence Male Mentoring group with guest speaker, James Bridges. Participants learned about entrepreneurship and the importance of networking and relationship building.



Learning Resource Center (LRC)

Students continue to utilize the LRC to complete assignments and study for mid-terms.

Detroit Housing Work Group

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted Detroit Councilman Pro Tem James Tate and Council Woman Latisha Johnson for a workshop on the housing ecosystem.



Downriver Campus

Automotive Technology Program



The Automotive Engine Performance class is providing students with advanced training in engine diagnostics and performance.

Supporting our Students

Staff continue to assist students with registering for the Fall semester.



Fundamentals of Wig Making

The Downriver Campus featured the Continuing Education class, "How to Make a Lace Frontal Wig by Hand." This course equipped students with hands-on skills in custom wig construction.



Northwest Campus

Campus Life



12th Congressional District

The 12th Congressional District held a town hall to educate and engage community members.



Microsoft 365 Training

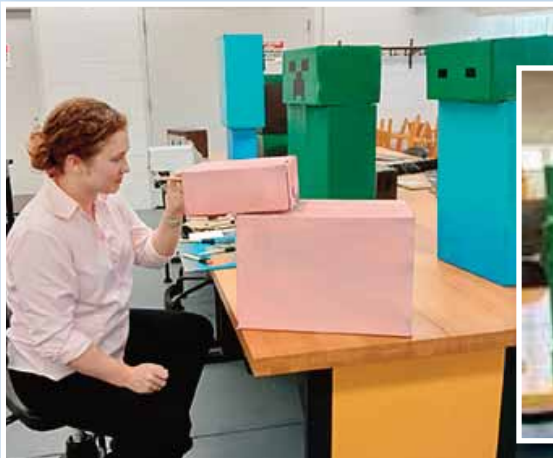
Staff participated in a training workshop to assist them with the new Microsoft 365 platform.

Ted Scott Campus



Movie Night Preparations

Staff are preparing the lab for the upcoming Minecraft Movie Night for youth.



Soccer Summer Camp for Kids

Youth participated in a camp to learn the basics and fundamentals of soccer.



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

