



Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program continue to participate in hands-on learning opportunities that enhance their clinical skills and professional development. Recently, Dr. Sherry Sagggers and Professor Dionne Shell facilitated a valuable experiential learning experience for students enrolled in the PTA205 course at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The session enabled students to engage directly with a child with special needs and her parent, fostering a deeper understanding of patient-centered care and inclusive practice through real-world interaction.





Enhancing Pathways to Student Success

I met with Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony and Mawine Diggs, Former WCCCD Executive Team Member and Former Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Liberia.



I participated in the virtual Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) Community College Presidents Meeting.



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

- Chairperson's Report
- General Manager's Report
- New Business Items



Summer Water Research Project Presentations

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Students in the Summer 2025 Water Research Program presented their research findings regarding microbiological and chemical conditions of the Detroit River at Belle Isle.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus



Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit Training

MIPSE hosted members of the Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit for training. The dogs were trained to detect narcotics and bomb-related materials.



Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training

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



MIPSE Student Success

MIPSE conducted the Fire Protection Technology Program student practical.

HAPPENING NOW!

Unlock Your Potential: Connecting Minority Communities Program Spotlights New Initiatives

"From Learning to Earning: Job Seekers and AI Skills Kickoff"

More than 100 individuals gathered at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus for an insightful information session on the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) free IT certificate program. The session provided attendees with an exciting look at new program initiatives: "Fast Track Your Future with AI" and the "Job Seekers Webinar Series."

Current and prospective students gained valuable insights into the wealth of opportunities offered by the CMC program. They also received personalized support in selecting and registering for courses specifically designed to align with their career aspirations and personal growth objectives.





Division of Student Services

Outreach and Recruitment

The Department of Outreach and Recruitment participated in the 42nd Annual African World Festival at Hart Plaza. Staff shared information on program offerings.



My Wildcat Portal for Students

The "My Wildcat Portal" is replacing "Web-Gate" and will provide students with access to their online resources in one convenient location. As part of our technology upgrade, student email is transitioning to Microsoft 365, providing students with access to powerful tools.

Division of Student Services



This week, Bankole Thompson moderated a conversation with Dr. Benard LaFayette Jr., Veteran Civil Rights Leader and Lieutenant to Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. LaFayette discussed excerpts from his book titled, *In Peace and Freedom: My Journey in Selma*.



TRiO Program

WCCCD TRiO students had the opportunity to explore Ferris State University's campus, experiencing its academic environment firsthand.



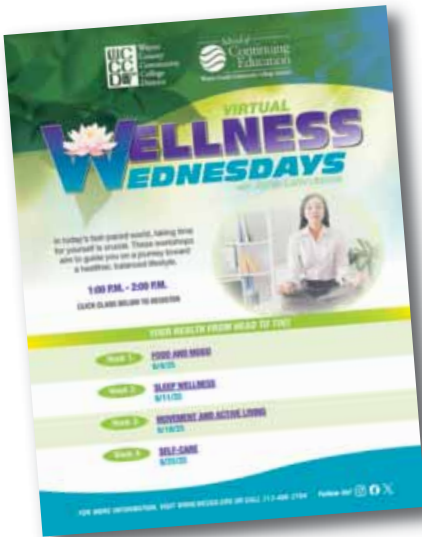
Professional License Preparation Certificates

The School of Continuing Education's role in establishing standards of excellence and ensuring that participants meet the criteria for certification or licensure is crucial. This week participants earned certifications in the following courses:

- Real Estate License Preparation
- Grant Writing
- Case Management
- SCECH's – State Continuing Education Clock Hours



Wellness Wednesdays



Jamie Latendresse completed the Wellness Wednesday Series with *Food and Mood*. Ms. Latendresse explained in detail how the various foods in your diet can affect your mood and energy levels. She highlighted foods and drinks that boost mood and keep you motivated to accomplish your daily tasks. She also mentioned how dietary habits can affect mental health and ways to manage it.



Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

July 7 – 19, 2025

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
763

Eastern Campus
331

Ted Scott Campus
113

Downriver Campus
270

Northwest Campus
467

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
52



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

Honoring French American Heritage Month

The Cultural Enrichment Program continued its recognition of French American Heritage Month with a variety of educational activities this week.

The Virtual Intercultural Conversations series offered a rich exploration of French American Heritage Month, opening with a musical prelude by Professor Bruce Ewen featuring “I Love Paris” and Édith Piaf’s classic “Sous Le Ciel de Paris.” Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha opened the session with an engaging presentation on the cultural significance of wine in French-American relations. The conversation continued with participants sharing insights and experiences related to French history, language, and traditions.

The Cultural Film Club meeting celebrated French cinema. Dr. D’Cunha talked about its cultural impact followed by Shaily Dey’s presentation on the film *Amélie*. Professor Ewen followed with a discussion on *Les Misérables* and shared a video on the groundbreaking early film *A Trip to the Moon*. The session concluded with the trailer for *Joan of Arc*, highlighting the legacy of France’s patron saint.



**Cultural
Film Club**



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on... **Anthony Arminiak**

Anthony Arminiak began his career with WCCCD in 1994 as the Program Director of EMT. He became Dean of Instruction at the Western Campus in 2001, and then Associate Vice Chancellor of Career Programs. He served as Downriver Campus President and Provost of the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education from 2007-2018. Continuing his added responsibilities, he became Regional Campus President (Downriver and Ted Scott Campus/CAO and Provost MIPSE and Health Science Institute between 2018 until his retirement in 2022.

More important than all of Mr. Arminiak's duties and responsibilities are the services provided to students and the community over all those years. Clients have included the Wayne County Sheriff's Office (the biggest client on site for 20 years), The FBI, Customs and Border Patrol, the U.S. Attorney General, Fermi II, BASF, Marathon Oil, Wayne County Public Works, and the Downriver SWAT Team to name a few.

Being responsible for providing competent training to all those clients also means Mr. Arminiak had to have the training and skills necessary to achieve that competence. He is a State of Michigan Licensed Paramedic, Emergency Medical Service Instructor Coordinator, and Respiratory Therapist. He also holds national certifications as a Respiratory Therapy Technician and CPR for Healthcare Provider.

He has also provided program accreditation oversight for Practical Nurse and Certified Nurse Assistant, Michigan Fire Fighter I and II Certification, State of Michigan EMS Provider Certification, Paramedic, and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

He earned an AAS Degree in Respiratory Therapy from Washtenaw Community College; a BS in Allied Health, Respiratory Therapy from Siena Heights College; and a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.

Mr. Arminiak served as the college's COVID-19 District Director where he developed and implemented safety protocols, worked with governmental agencies, ensured compliance with all regulations and laws, and provided an assessment for all COVID-19 contacts for proper documentation throughout the entire process.

Mr. Arminiak continues to provide competent community support by representing the Chancellor at Downriver and Western Wayne County events and activities.



Northwest Campus



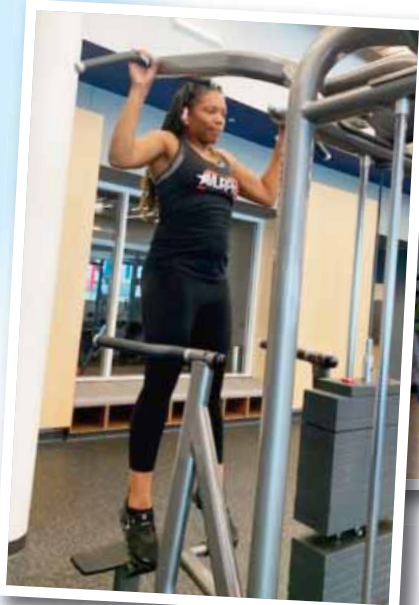
The Health Sciences team organized a Game Day event for students, faculty, and staff. This was an opportunity to unwind, promote work-life balance, and foster community engagement.

HSC ★
GAME
DAY



CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Members

HWECC members avoided the dangerous heat and humidity outside and continued their fitness routines in classes and on the track.

Member Spotlight



"I'm a first time gym user and everyone has been so patient with me and open to help. I love the additions you

keep making to make the fitness center more wonderful. The recovery room is amazing! Everyone is so friendly and kind, I just love it here."

– Carol I.



Recruitment Table

Staff provided information to students, staff and the community about the many benefits and features of the HWECC.



The Division of Human Resources (HR) team participated in a webinar on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for HR Professionals. Staff gained insights into various types of artificial intelligence and its impact on talent acquisition, talent development, compensation and benefits, employee relations, engagement, and performance management.



Staff met to plan logistics for the upcoming Retirement Celebration that will be held on August 6, 2025 in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center at the Northwest Campus.



Division of Administration and Finance



Budget Development Strategic Alignment

To achieve optimal financial health and operational efficiency, continued collaboration between procurement and general accounting teams on budgeting is crucial. This team effort focuses on efficient processes, cost control and strategic alignment across the District.



General Accounting and Procurement
Budget Team Meeting



Budget, Facilities, and Human Resources Council Meeting

The Facilities Department announced our new District-wide initiative for HVAC systems improvements.



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 of them include:



**PLANNING AND
CONSTRUCTION**



**MECHANICAL
SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE**



**PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT**



**MANAGEMENT OF
EXTERIOR AND
INTERIOR ASSETS**



**STUDENT
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**



Division of Information Technology Renovation Update

This week, the new ceiling tiles were installed and the floor has been prepped for the carpet installation.

Eastern Campus

- Replacing Ballasts in the Administration Office
- Outdoor maintenance continues





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Summer Movie Night

Participants enjoyed an evening of family entertainment and educational activities during the showing of *The Wild Robot*. The Thursday Summer Movie Nights series, presented by the School of Continuing Education, Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, and in partnership with the City of Harper Woods, runs through the end of August.



Community Partnerships

Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with Alicia Carlisle, Founder of Michael B's, to discuss the Diverse Learners Program offerings for the Fall 2025 semester.

District Police Authority



Safety is a Top Priority for our District Police Authority

All emergency and non-emergency calls must be directed to the Police Authority Department at (313) 496-2800 for a prompt, efficient, and professional response.



Division of Educational Affairs



Welcoming New Faculty

Drs. Tynisha McGee and Allan Cosma met with Dr. Todd Perkins, WCCCD's newest physics faculty member and Shama Mounzer, WCCCD's newest Arabic Language faculty member.



Artificial Intelligence Training

Dr. Harvey Dorrah, Dr. Wanda Hudson, and Eric Crutchfield met to discuss the newest initiative for our students to gain valuable skills training in the world of AI.

Student Art Display

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Students and community members stepped into a world of creativity as our talented art and photography students displayed their work. Participants celebrated the power of student expression, connected with the artists and created their own works of art.





Faculty Spotlight

Bhupinder Mavi



Teaching Discipline: Computer Information Systems

How I developed a passion for this field:

My passion for computer science began with my early curiosity about how technology works and has only deepened over time. With over 18+ years of industry experience and a Master's Degree in Computer Science, I've been fortunate to work on cutting-edge solutions in healthcare technology. Currently pursuing my Ph.D. in Computer Science at Wayne State University, my work continues to fuel my enthusiasm for research, innovation, and mentoring the next generation of technologists.

Research/Professional Interests:

My primary research interests lie in Artificial Intelligence, particularly in the areas of Agent AI, healthcare applications, and real-time decision-making systems. I've designed and implemented several impactful solutions, including Telemedicine platforms, Remote Patient Monitoring systems, Continuous Glucose Monitoring, and AI models for heart disease detection. I also hold patents in task scheduling using genetic approaches and chronic care management systems.

What excites you most about the upcoming semester and your courses?

I'm especially excited about introducing the new Agentic AI course this semester. This course is designed to align with emerging trends in AI and will prepare students to engage with intelligent systems that operate autonomously and collaboratively. I believe this course will provide students with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills that are highly valuable in today's job market.

Three things people may not know about me:

- I've served as Vice President and Secretary of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) (Life Infinity Group) and have been an active contributor to the IEEE Southeast Michigan Chapter.
- My work has resulted in three granted patents and multiple publications related to AI and healthcare systems.
- Despite a busy professional life, I find great fulfillment in teaching and mentoring students, which is why I continue to teach part-time at WCCCD while serving as a full-time Director of Engineering at LSPedia.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Commercial Driver's License Training Program



The CDL-A class at the Regional Training Center recently had the opportunity to attend a presentation by Tito's Trucking. During the presentation, Mr. Tito explained various opportunities available to students in the dump truck industry and highlighted his current project on the I-696 freeway.

Construction Trades Training Program



Participants in the Construction Trades Training Program received all necessary gear. Staff assisted students in properly wearing their toolbelts. The cohort is now fully outfitted and ready to for their first project.



Building Community Relationships



Connecting the Pointes

Trustee Roy Edmonds and Denis Karic represented the District at the quarterly Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Connecting the Pointes meeting.



MI-ACE Women's Network Professional Development

Dr. CharMaine Hines led a professional development leadership institute for members of the MI-ACE Women's Network at Central Michigan University.



Community Connection

Dr. Yvette Anderson attended the July Community Connection meeting with Senator Mary Cavanagh. This was a great opportunity to discuss the issues that mattered and ask questions.

Eastern Campus

Biology Students

Biology students are conducting the “Unknown Experiment” in the lab. Students are studying micro-organisms by shape and identifying markers from their notes and lectures.



Student Success

We continue to assist students with registering for the Fall 2025 semester.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Entrepreneurship Resource Center



The Entrepreneurship Resource Center hosted the Male Mentoring Program. This session focused on enhancing leadership skills and fostering a strong sense of identity. They discussed ways to develop various business models within the technology industry to students in the Cybersecurity Program.



Language Institute

The Language Institute hosted a Chinese Language and Culture workshop introducing students to the rich history, vibrant traditions, and linguistic aspects of Chinese culture.

Detroit Fire Department Cadet Training

We continue to host the Detroit Fire Department summer fire cadet training program. This week, cadets learned the basics of drill marching and ladder training.



Community Partners

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan. The meeting provided urban seniors the opportunity to learn more about available employment focusing on seniors and job readiness.

Downriver Campus

Automotive Technology Program



Students in the Automotive Engine Performance II course are receiving advanced training in engine diagnostics and performance.

Supporting Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

The Downriver Campus hosted the *A Day for Mom: Supporting Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence* program. This program connected survivors, advocates, and allies with resources from legal aid and housing support to trauma counseling and financial empowerment.



First Step Training

The Downriver Campus also hosted First Step Training. This course provided the foundational training needed to be successful. Completion of the entire Core Skills Training series is required in order to engage in direct service volunteering opportunities.



Ted Scott Campus

Practical Nursing Education



The Ted Scott Campus hosted a Practical Nursing Education (PNE) orientation and registration workshop. Participants were provided an overview of the program and career opportunities available.

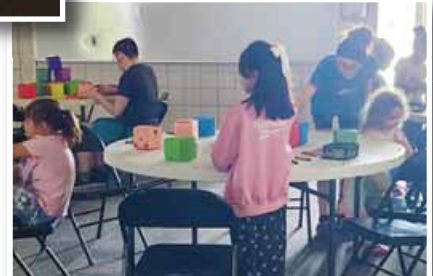
Boat America Safety Workshop



The Ted Scott Campus also hosted the Boat America Boater Safety workshop. Participants reviewed materials on different aspects of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats and more.

Summer Movie Fest

The Ted Scott Campus and the School of Continuing Education hosted the Summer Movie Fest viewing of *Minecraft*. Attendees were provided the opportunity to tour the campus and receive information regarding upcoming programs.



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

