

Experiencing World Cultures Through Education and Food

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus was pleased to host the 16th Annual International Taste Fest. The program, offered by the School of Continuing Education and held in partnership with the International Education Council, featured food from around the world. Participants learned about the cultural influences representing each cuisine and how to prepare various ethnic dishes. Highlights included tips on healthy eating, a fashion show, arts and crafts, music and other educational children's activities.



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International Taste Fest
Coordinator



Chancellor's Meetings

MiLEAP Community College Workforce Meeting

I participated in the MiLEAP Community College Workforce Meeting alongside fellow community college presidents. The meeting featured an engaging session with Brian Calley, President and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan, and Jeff Donofrio, President and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan. Discussions centered on how colleges can collaborate to meet the state's workforce training needs and strengthen partnerships with Michigan's business and industry leaders.



I met with Tiffany Gunter, Deputy General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), to discuss workforce training opportunities in the transportation industry.



To Our Honored Retirees: Congratulations

You've dedicated your careers to education, to service, and to the mission of this college. Whether you were in the classroom, in student services, facilities, finance, or administration—your work has touched lives in more ways than you may ever fully know.

Every lesson taught, every problem solved, every late night and early morning—it all mattered. You helped create a learning environment where students found their voice, discovered their potential, and changed the course of their lives.

You have been mentors, role models, and champions of opportunity.

What sets community colleges apart is our deep commitment to access, equity, and transformation. You've lived that mission every day, and your legacy is woven into the very fabric of this college.

As you step into retirement, I hope you carry with you the pride of knowing that your work made a difference. I hope you find joy in the freedom to explore new passions, spend time with loved ones, and rest in the knowledge that you've given your very best.

You've built more than a career—you've built a legacy of care, compassion, and excellence. And for that, we are endlessly grateful.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the entire leadership team, your colleagues, and the many students whose lives you've helped shape—thank you. You will always be a part of the WCCCD family.

Congratulations — and thank you for everything.

– Dr. Curtis L. Ivery



2025 Retirement Celebration



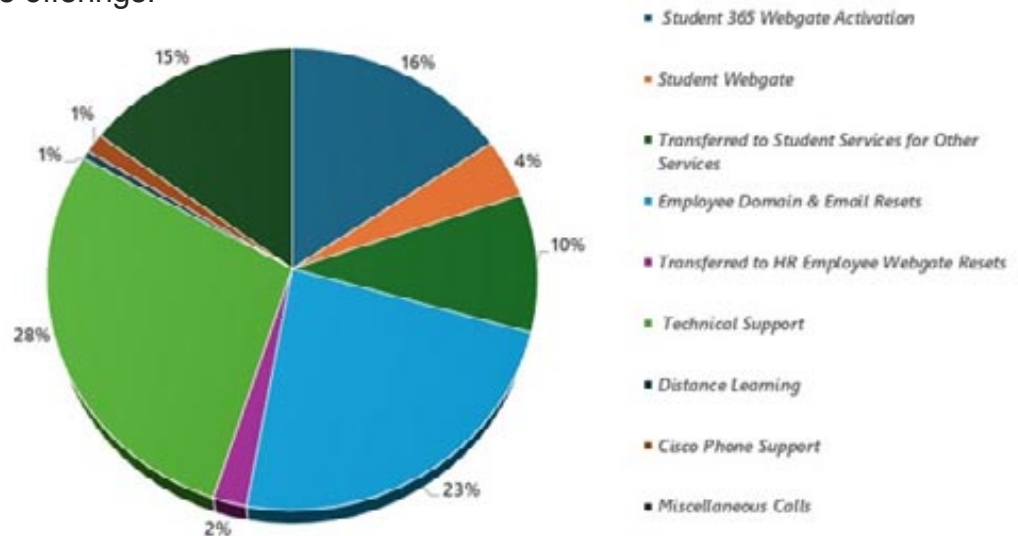
Happening Now!

Microsoft 365 Student Self-Service

District Information Technology (IT) holds daily sessions focused on the ongoing Microsoft 365 migration and implementation and support of Student Self-Service initiatives. These collaborative meetings cover topics related to workflow processes, platform enhancements, and resolution of technical issues.

Information Technology Help Desk

The IT Helpdesk team has played a key role in assisting students, faculty, and staff with the transition to updated MS365 email accounts. These upgraded accounts feature enhanced security with two-factor authentication, user-friendly self-service tools, and seamless access to the Wildcats Portal, which offers a variety of valuable student resources. The Helpdesk continues to provide daily phone support in collaboration with multiple divisions, ensuring a smooth implementation and ongoing support of the new service offerings.



**Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus
Conference Room Setup/Support**



**Curtis L. Ivery District Office
Copier Repair**



**Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center
Technical Support**



Program Highlight

Surgical Technology

Students in the Surgical Technology Program are gaining hands-on experience in the Health Science Center's state-of-the-art lab. This practical training is preparing them to work effectively as part of a surgical team in a professional environment.





District Police Authority

Engaging Youth to Enhance Community Safety

The District Police Authority continues to provide youth with engaging programs and activities that foster trust, strengthen community bonds, and create a safer, more welcoming environment for everyone.



Division of Administration and Finance



Student Account Enhancement Updates

Staff from the Division of Administration and Finance met to discuss student account enhancements and verification processes.



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**

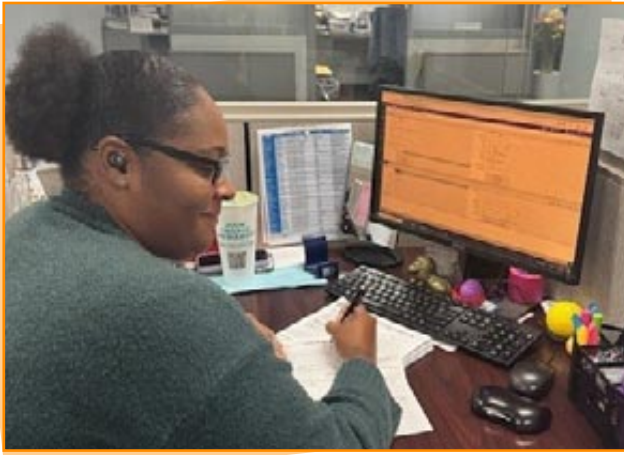
CURTIS L. IVERY DISTRICT OFFICE

The Fifth Floor Improvement
Project Continues





Division of Student Services



Fall Semester Preparation

Staff continue to prepare for the Fall of 2025.

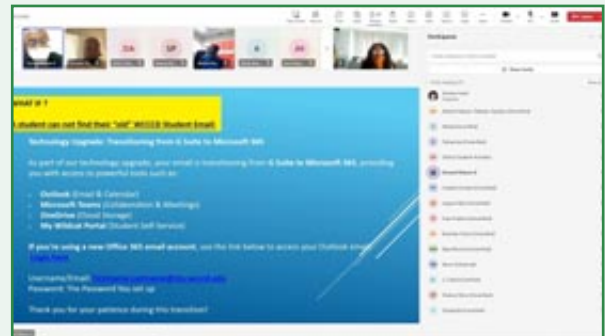
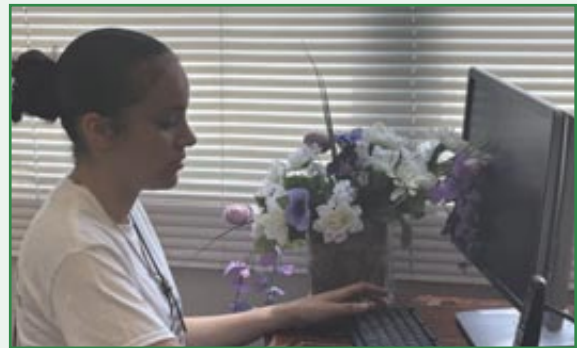
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Officers and Advisors held their first 2025 Meet & Greet! This opportunity allowed the officers to get to know each other beyond the traditional structured setting to work as a team towards completing their upcoming HIA and College projects.

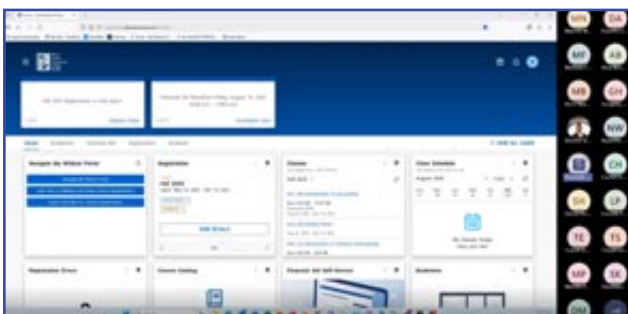


Federal Work Study

Students in the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program are gaining valuable experience while developing a wide range of professional and practical skills, including workplace ethics, time management, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.



The FWS Office held a training for students on Office 365. Topics included the My WildCat Portal and effectively using the new site.



The Division of Student Services offers ongoing training on Microsoft 365 and the new My Wildcat Portal. This portal provides students with a sign-on experience for essential services, including registration, student accounts, and online tutoring.

Division of Student Services



Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP

WCCCD student Bilal Abdulghafoor answers questions about his research at Michigan Technological University (MTU). He, along with four other WCCCD students, participated in a month-long research-based internship at MTU.

Dual Enrollment

WCCCD participated in the 2025 Young Professionals Conference at Huntington Place, hosted by Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network. The Outreach and Recruitment team shared program information with Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) participants, highlighting WCCCD's academic offerings—associate degrees and dual enrollment options. This direct engagement supported our partner DWIHN's goal to foster Detroit's youth workforce.



Staff participated in a planning meeting for Fall 2025 courses.

ART CLASSES

Inspire Creativity and Enhance Critical Thinking Skills

Students are engaging in various art classes, such as painting, drawing, and sculpture with hands-on activities to explore their creativity and enhance critical thinking skills.

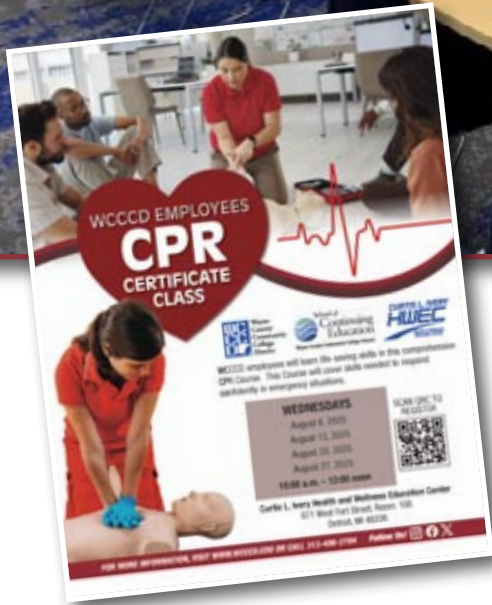
Program Highlight





Life-Saving Classes

Staff are participating in CPR classes. All participants will receive certificates upon completion of the program. Classes are available in the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center every Wednesday in August.



Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

August 4 – 9, 2025

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
413

Eastern Campus
152

Ted Scott Campus
TBD

Downriver Campus
106

Northwest Campus
525

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
54



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

National Civility Month

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations focused on National Civility Month. Professor Bruce Ewen opened with a musical prelude featuring songs like "Greatest Love of All" and "The Sounds of Silence," emphasizing empathy and self-awareness. Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha welcomed attendees, followed by Shaily Dey's insightful talk on respectful behavior. Participants ended the session with reflections on fostering inclusivity.



Cultural Book Club

Members met to discuss *Fish Happens* by Brian Eling, sharing laughs and insights on how humor can be used to solve life's challenges. They also explored *Being Heumann* by Judy Heumann, reflecting on her powerful journey and ongoing fight for accessibility and inclusion.



Division of Educational Affairs



Dr. Harvey Dorrah met with the science faculty in preparation for the Fall 2025 semester.

MCCA Summer Conference



The District was represented at the 2025 MCCA Summer Conference. This year's theme was "Amplify Our Story." Dr. CharMaine Hines and Denis Karic participated in leadership institutes, a session by the ACCT on federal updates as well as inspiring spotlights sessions titled *Our College Our Story* by our sister colleges in the state.



On the Move... *Building Community Relationships*

Dr. Yvette Anderson participated in the statewide Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Neighborhood Wellness Centers Marketing Subcommittee Meeting. Members discussed strategies to collaborate and provide input on increasing awareness and utilization of the Neighborhood Wellness Centers.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Investing in Future Leaders



High school students participated in an eight-week summer Student Corps program designed to explore career opportunities and build essential life skills. Offered in partnership with General Motors, the program helps students develop knowledge in money management, professional development, and business etiquette.



Introduction to Boiler Plant Maintenance

Students in the HVA 200 class toured the HVAC system where they engaged in practical scenarios involving rooftop chillers and boilers.



Construction Trades – Student Success

Students have successfully completed coursework in blueprint reading and trade mathematics. This marks an exciting step forward in their workforce readiness journey.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Students actively participating in the lecture portion of their BIO155 – Introductory Biology class at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.



Participants enjoyed an evening of family entertainment and educational activities during the showing of *Wicked*. 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.



The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center -Center for Learning Technology hosted the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors professional development workshop.

Eastern Campus



Advanced Industry Sewing

Students in the FAD 201 class are learning how to perfect their sewing technique.



Introduction to the Performing Arts - Field Trip

Professor Adwoa Muwzea's HUM 102 class attended "Carrie: The Musical" at the Wayne State University Hilberry Gateway Theatre. The performance provided a clear view of the elements the students will need to incorporate into their upcoming final presentations.



Welding Lab

Students receive hands-on training.



Annual Report Review Meeting

Women's Empowerment Conference

Participants in the Women's Empowerment Conference, titled "Truth-Tellers: The Truth of the Matter Is...", engaged in discussions about the challenges of balancing life's many roles and responsibilities.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Male Mentoring Program

The Entrepreneurial Resource Center hosted another session of the Male Mentoring Program. Each session focuses on enhancing leadership skills and fostering a strong sense of identity. This week, students continued to complete and present their research project findings.

State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office's statewide planning meeting. This meeting provided the public with updates on the strategic plan for 2027 – 2034.



Wildcats Orientation

The Wildcats New Athlete Orientation provided student athletes with an overview of expectations and resources.

Youth Summer Fire Cadet Training

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus continues to host the Detroit Fire Department's Youth Summer Fire Cadet Training Program. This week, cadets learned the basics of fire drills, axe skills, and keeping in step as a team.



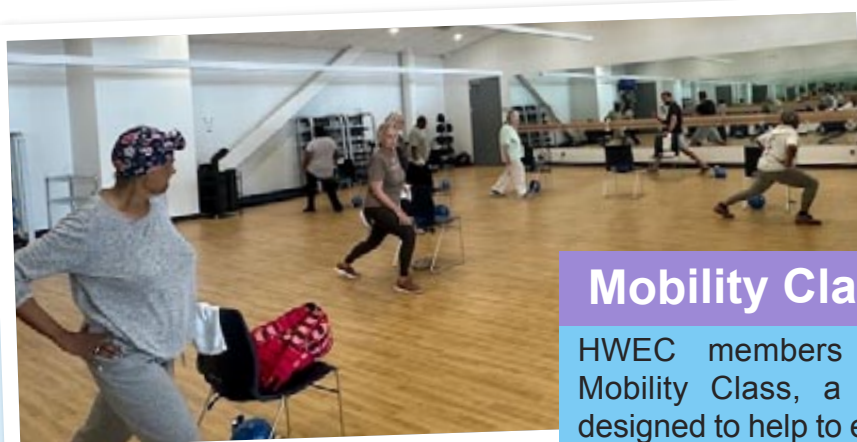
Community Partnership Meeting

Mike Dotson and Cecile Taylor connected with leadership from Overeaters Anonymous to discuss support strategies and future collaborations.



Physical Therapy Assistant Training Workshop

Future healthcare professionals gain hands-on skills during the Physical Therapy Assistant training session held at the HWEC.



Mobility Class

HWEC members participate in our Mobility Class, a group fitness class designed to help to enhance flexibility and improve overall physical wellness.

Northwest Campus



Preparing for Final Exams
Students are working hard preparing for final exams and completing end-of-semester projects.

Nigerian Cultural Festival

The Nigerian Igbo Community returned to the Northwest Campus for their vibrant Annual Carnival, celebrating culture, music, dance, and cuisine. The event brought together students, staff, and community members in a joyous display of unity and tradition.



Northwest Campus



STUDENT SUCCESS



Congratulations to Cameron Watson and Korionana Lattimore, incoming dental hygiene students for Fall 2025, for being awarded the Delta Dental Foundation Scholarship of \$20,000 each. Both recipients are alumni of our 2023 Dental Assisting Program and will begin their Dental Hygiene studies this fall.



High School students toured the Health Science Center where they engaged in hands-on activities to learn about the various allied health programs.



Downriver Campus

Student Success



Students in the Drawing I class are learning the fundamental elements of drawing while exploring a variety of media.



Students in the Human Anatomy & Physiology II lecture class are learning how the body's systems work together through hands-on activities and engaging discussions.



U.S. Border Patrol Chaplain Training

The Downriver Campus hosted the U.S. Border Patrol Chaplain Training. Chaplains provide support and comfort to agents dealing with stress, trauma, and personal challenges.



Fall Registration Assistance

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



HVAC Early Alert & Safety Meeting

Anthony Arminiak facilitated a meeting about HVAC Early Alert and Safety.



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Downriver Campus



U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Mobile Field Force Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the United States Customs and Border Protection for Mobile Field Force training. This class included an introduction to formations and practical exercises, gas mask familiarization and certification with CS gas exposure, riot baton/shield certification, and scenario-based training.



Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team Training

MIPSE hosted Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team training course on fire tactics. The course provided instruction for driver/operators responsible for operating apparatus equipped with fire pumps and foam systems.



Detroit Police Department Special Response Team

Members of the Detroit Police Department's Special Response Team participated in tactical training exercises.

Ted Scott Campus



Students in the BIO 240 and 295 classes are completing their laboratory experiments.

Biology



Art Classes

Students in art classes are finishing their end-of-semester projects.



In the Community

Staff participated in the City of Westland's Blues Brews and BBQ event, providing information about academic program offerings.



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

