

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Honors Trustee Ted Scott's Legacy

It was an honor to participate in the City of Westland's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Ted Scott Fire Station. The event celebrated the legacy of former Trustee Ted Scott and recognized his many years of dedication and service to the community.



Ted Scott



Trustee Sharon P. Scott



Welcome Week Prepares Students for the Fall Semester

Students across the District participated in Fall 2025 Welcome Week. From incoming freshmen to returning students, the week was filled with engaging activities designed to connect, inspire, and celebrate student life. The annual event helps students become familiar with the campuses, learn about available support services, and build new friendships. Each campus hosted events that blended fun with learning, encouraging students to get involved as they pursue their academic journey.



Welcome Week



Welcome Week





Building Community Relationships

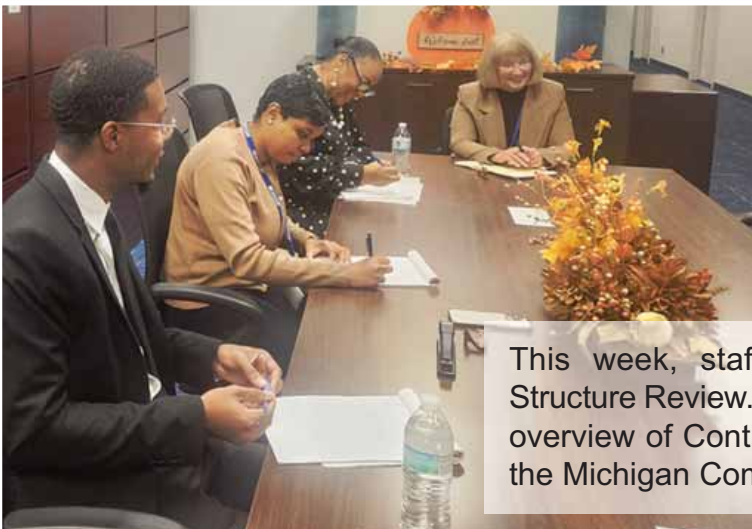


Trustee Roy Edmonds

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



ACS Taxonomy Review



This week, staff conducted the ACS-Activities Classification Structure Review. The ACS Taxonomy Review provides an in-depth overview of Continuing Education Programs that are classified by the Michigan Community College Structure.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus 414	Downriver Campus 678
Northwest Campus 1079	Eastern Campus 378
Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center 77	Ted Scott Campus 353

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

August 25 – September 6, 2025

District Campus Support Services

Customer Service Collaboration



The District Campus Support Services Call Center and the Division of Student Services met to discuss services the District provides when receiving phone calls. The center is aligning their services to support student retention and completion. All campuses will be providing further support to enhance student engagement and outcomes.



Meeting to discuss strategies and alignment of services.



Staff continue to receive training to provide the best customer service District-wide.



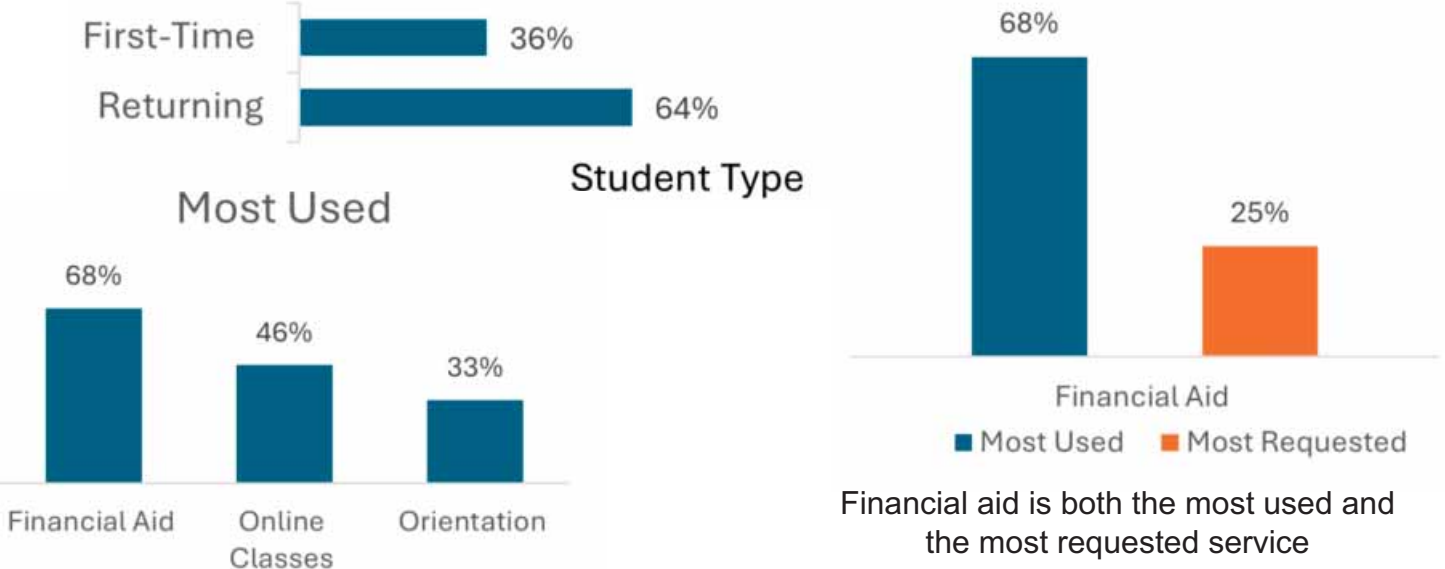
Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) celebrates the start of the new semester launching the Student First Survey during Welcome Week. We complement the students' excitement about restarting their journey to degree completion by gathering feedback on campus services. IE is working on the survey calendar designed to give students a voice in shaping their experiences and guiding future improvements. Data on student needs and priorities help inform planning and campus priorities for student success. Below is a snapshot of upcoming surveys.

Survey Launch Dates

Students' First Survey	Current	12/19/2025	Administered to all enrolled students to gain feedback on student experiences and needs.	
Learning Resource Center (LRC) User Satisfaction Survey.	Current	12/19/2025	Insight related to library resources and services provided through WCCCD's LRC centers.	
Distance Learning Survey.	Current	TBD	Virtual learning feedback on interactions and services provided through distance learning modality.	
Early Alert System Questionnaire.	9/15/2025	11/14/2025	Mid-semester check-in for students in danger of stop-out to gain a better understanding of barriers and provide support services.	
Student Survey of Instruction (SSOI).	10/7/2025	12/19/2025	Student feedback on instructional delivery and overall experience in the course.	
Perceptions of Occupational Programs (PROES).	10/7/2025	12/19/2025	Career education students and faculty. share experiences with occupational education programs	

Spring 2025 Student First Survey Insight





Continuous Quality Improvement

District-wide Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Inspections

The Facilities Department and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education are inspecting all HVAC systems across the District. The Northwest Campus is currently undergoing safety and compliance inspections in each one of its buildings. Current inspections include but are not limited to:

1. Proper tagging of HVAC equipment
 - Red tag-equipment not working
 - Yellow tag-service needed
 - Green tag-properly running
2. Proper use of HVAC space
3. Review of filter and equipment storage
4. Adequate supplies on hand
5. Proper supply storage



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



The Downriver Campus Cement Project commenced and continues to improve the campus image and structural integrity.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus continues to maintain campus grounds to ensure a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment for students, faculty, and staff.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus Paved Maintenance Meeting

Eastern Campus



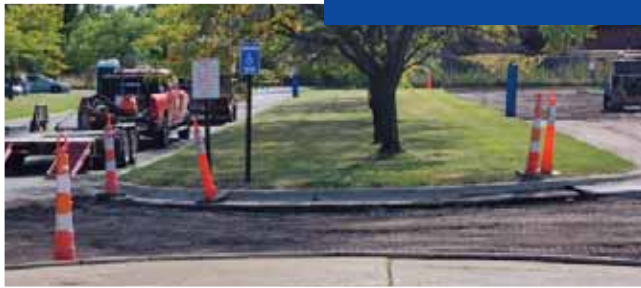
Boiler Inspection Preparation



Campus Grounds Maintenance



Parking Lot Resurfacing



Division of Administration and Finance

Staff members from the Divisions of Human Resources and Administration and Finance met to review processes, reconciliations and the new GASB 101 requirement (Compensated Absences) for fiscal year ending 2025.



Division of Human Resources

Human Resources Internal Controls

The Division of Human Resources (HR) is currently conducting a comprehensive self-assessment of its policies, procedures, and protocols. This initiative reflects our commitment to enhancing the security of personal information and ensuring the integrity of our processes. We are focused on achieving the following objectives:

- Security of Sensitive Documents
- Protocols for Review and Approvals
- Limited Access to Digital and Conventional Documents
- Password-Protected Database





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 (ERT) Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Marathon Petroleum’s ERT course on fire tactics. This training course consisted of instruction to educate driver/operators who are responsible for operating apparatus equipped with fire pumps and flowing foam.



Downriver Career Technical Consortium

MIPSE hosted the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council fit testing. The students were also issued bunker pants, coats, boots, hoods, and helmets for training.



WCCCD Firefighter I 1st Class

Students attended their first day of class consisting of orientation, syllabus review, and beginning principals of firefighting.



DTE FERMI 2 Fire Brigade Training

MIPSE hosted operators of the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County as they attended fire brigade training. They refreshed their training in foam application and fire extinguishing including the burn room and shipboard simulator.



Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Class

Students at the Downriver Campus practical session practiced Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).





District Police Authority



WCCCD joined the Detroit Police Department, Detroit Fire Department, and Michigan State Police for the Patriot Day Memorial Service. Together, we honored the victims of 9/11 and saluted the bravery of our first responders.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
**CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS
PODCAST**
WITH HOST ED CLEMENTE



JUSTIN ONWENU

City of Detroit's Director of Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunity



We were pleased to host Justin Onwenu, a fourth generation Detroiter, Michigan attorney, and the City of Detroit's first Director of Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunity, on WCCCD's Critical Conversations Podcast with host Ed Clemente. During the interview, Mr. Onwenu shared insightful perspectives on empowering local entrepreneurs, strategies for driving community impact, and advancing opportunities for economic growth and innovation across Detroit.





Division of Educational Affairs

Career Guided Pathways Initiative



Dr. Wanda Hudson joined faculty members Malik Jordan and Nicole Blair to discuss the Career Education College Success Project (CECSP) 'Career Guided Pathways.' It is an initiative designed to help students clearly connect their coursework to career opportunities.

National Library Card Month



September is National Library Card Month. Sign up for your Library Card today!



Drs. Tynisha McGee and Allan Cosma met with one of our new Spanish instructors.



Articulation Agreements

Dr. McGee visited Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan to discuss articulation agreements.



Division of Student Services

Office of Outreach and Recruitment



Outreach and recruitment at Americas Community Council.



Considine Center

The Considine GED site welcomes our new instructor Cola Hasanaj.

Dual Enrollment



Fall 2025 Dual Enrollment course offering roll out meeting.



Dual Enrollment high school registration.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Mr. Jara Tekleab presented to the Division of Student Services weekly Information Session on the Follett ACCESS program for students. This program provides students discounted prices for their books and course materials for Cengage and McGraw-Hill titles. The majority of courses utilize digital materials while Biology, Chemistry and English courses need physical books which can be picked up at the bookstore. Students may opt out of the program if they wish.

My Wildcat Portal Training

The Division of Student Services Team is visiting each campus to deliver training on the new My Wildcat Portal. As part of our technology upgrade, student email is transitioning from G Suite to Microsoft 365, providing access to tools such as Outlook, Teams, OneDrive, and Single Sign-On, along with the My Wildcat Portal.





Division of Student Services



Learning Support Services (LSS)

The Learning Support Services (LSS) initiative is dedicated to helping students achieve their educational goals. We provide comprehensive resources and personalized strategies to ensure that our students excel academically and build a strong foundation for their future.



Michigan College and University Partnership

WCCCD student Jocelyne Jeuwou shares her research results with a fellow intern. Ms. Jeuwou was one of five WCCCD students who participated in the Michigan College and University Partnership (MICUP) at Michigan Technological University.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa-Alpha Upsilon Zeta, is gearing up for their annual leadership conference hosted by PTK for the Michigan Region. Students will have the opportunity to engage in teambuilding activities and learn more about the completion of their Honors in Action and college projects.

WCCCD Golf Team

The Golf Team played this week at the Kirtland Community College Invitational in Grayling, Michigan. *Go Wildcats!*



Division of Information Technology

Discussion with Ellucian

Staff met with our Ellucian Account Manager and the Customer Success Relations team to discuss the Banner Self-Service platform, focusing on various modules, specific features, and configuration options.



Key topics included:

- Review of Banner 9 Self-Service modules and their applicability to current operations.
- Configuration adjustments available to improve user experience and efficiency.
- Best practices for aligning module features with institutional needs.
- Next steps for implementation planning and support resources.

Microsoft 365 Migration Project

Staff convened to discuss the progress of the Microsoft 365 migration project. The meeting focused on SharePoint, Microsoft Copilot, and other applications that will enhance collaboration, streamline workflows, and support secure document sharing across the District.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Leveraging SharePoint for improved document management and team collaboration.
- Introducing Microsoft Copilot as a productivity tool to assist with daily tasks and enhance user experience.
- Ensuring secure document sharing and compliance through Microsoft 365 security features.
- Planning next steps for communication, training, and user adoption.



In the Legislative News...



CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, September 5, 2025

Session Activity

House Bill 4746, sponsored by Rep. Jason Woolford (R-Howell), would replace the magnetic strips on state-issued Bridge cards with chip-enabled technology to help prevent fraud. The House approved the bill in a 77-28 vote.

House Republicans approved House Bill 4024, sponsored by Rep. Joe Fox (R-Fremont), to require transgender students to use restrooms and locker rooms based on their sex at birth, rather than their gender identity. The measure passed along party lines and is not expected to move in the Senate.

Committee Activity

The House Insurance Committee unanimously passed a comprehensive legislative package addressing Insurance Fraud, House Bills 4713-4719, which is being led by the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS).

The House Rules Committee heard testimony on House Bill 4039, which would require a state department or agency to repeal two existing administrative rules each time it proposes a new one. Proponents of the bill argue this will lift the burdens of overregulation in the state.

The Senate Energy and Environment Committee advanced SB 394, SB 395, and SB 396, bills designed to speed up approval of carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects that store industrial CO₂ emissions underground. These bills also passed the full Senate this week with SB's 394 and 396 passing 29-7 and SB 395 passing 31-6.

In Other News

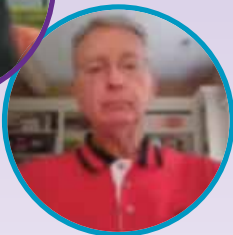
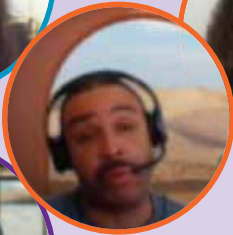
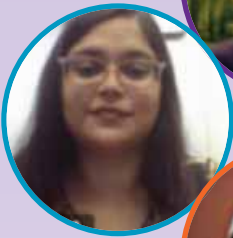
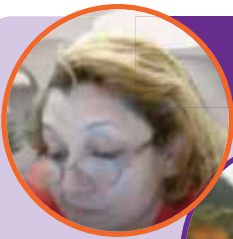
- Thousands of road workers and unions from across the state rallied at the Capitol Wednesday, urging lawmakers to pass a long-term road and bridge funding plan. Workers warned of job losses, worsening infrastructure, and the need for real investment, not short-term fixes.
- Budget talks between House Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Twp.) and Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids) broke down again this week. Hall faulted Senate Democrats for lacking a roads plan, while Brinks accused Republicans of pushing harmful cuts to schools, health care, and public safety.
- At a press conference this week, Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Twp.) called on the board of directors for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) to fire their CEO Brian Peters after MHA warned the House Republican budget, House Bill 4706, could cut \$2.5B in hospital funding, risking 20,000 job losses and a \$4.9B economic hit. Speaker Matt Hall has dismissed the concerns as partisan position.
- The CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) has been identified as a "potential target" in the Attorney General's criminal investigation surrounding a \$20 million grant managed by the agency, according to a court filing submitted Tuesday.
- Governor Whitmer has called the special primary election in the open 35th Senate district for February 3rd and the special general election for May 5th. The seat has been vacant since former Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet won her Congressional race last election cycle. The 35th Senate District is made up of portions of Bay, Saginaw, and Midland Counties.
- Michigan is projected to be the second-highest state for 2026 election spending, with \$936 million in campaign advertising due to its open governor and U.S. Senate races. California leads with \$1.1 billion, while other top states include Georgia \$757M, North Carolina \$669M, Texas \$556M, New York \$494M, and Florida \$490M, according to AdImpact.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



Participants in this week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations series engaged in discussions about Labor Day and Hispanic Heritage Month, exploring their historical significance and cultural impact.

Cultural Enrichment Meeting





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Exploring Partnerships

Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with community members to discuss potential partnerships in Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointe communities.



Congratulations!

Denis Karic has been selected to represent the District on the Cengage Higher Education Executive Leadership Advisory Board, where he will work directly with Cengage's Executive Leadership Team to help shape the future of educational technology.



Dual Enrollment Program

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted parents and students from Harper Woods High School for a dual enrollment orientation.

Community Partnerships

Mr. Karic met with Leslie Frank, City Clerk for the City of Harper Woods to finalize logistics regarding the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center serving as the polling place for the city of Harper Woods in the upcoming election.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Pepsico Workshop

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus held an information session for the PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship. Participants were provided with information about requirements for the Fall 2025 PepsiCo Scholarship, as well as where to submit the application packet.



Constitution Day

Chief Judge William McConico led an interactive session exploring how the Constitution shapes our daily lives.



Echoes of the Community Mosaic Project

Youth created mosaic tiles that will be permanently installed in community gardens, as part of the Echoes of the Community Mosaic Tile Project.

Language Institute



Students participated in interactive English as a Second Language workshops.



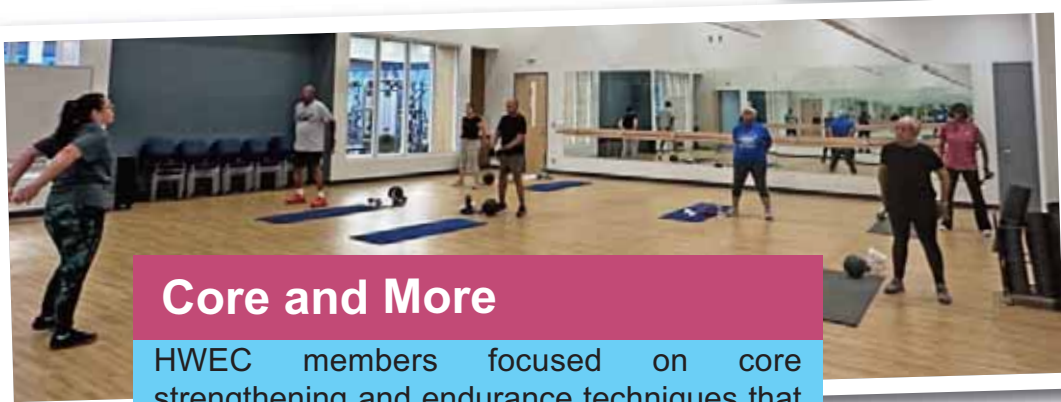
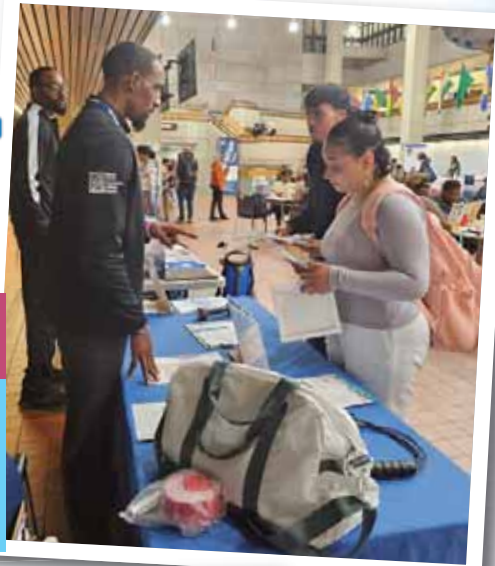
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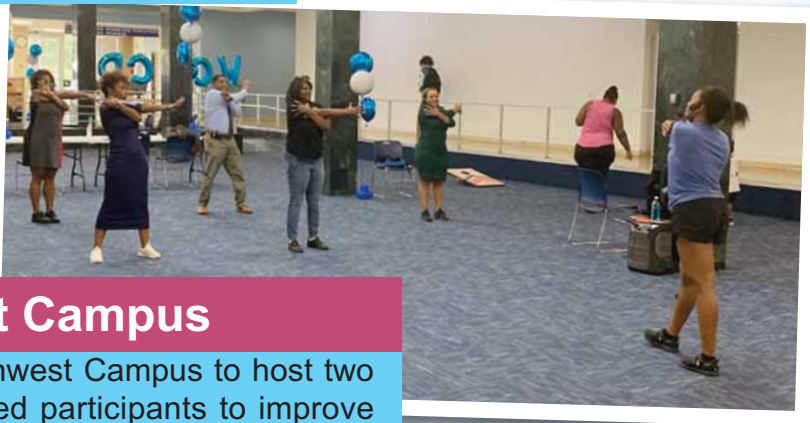
Welcome Week

Staff welcomed students, staff, and community members at the annual Fall Welcome Week events at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Core and More

HWEC members focused on core strengthening and endurance techniques that help to improve balance, flexibility, and overall body conditioning.



Visit to Northwest Campus

HWEC staff visited the Northwest Campus to host two stretching classes that helped participants to improve their wellness through careful movements of the entire body.

Downriver Campus

Community Partnerships



Wayne Metro Community Action Agency (CAA)

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne Metro CAA's Power of Play. This program addressed stress relief, improved cognitive function, emotional expression, and self-discovery.



Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital

Relationship-Based Care Training

The Downriver Campus 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.

Commercial Driver's License Program

Eastern Campus



Students in the CDL Program are practicing their driving skills.



Biology

Students are studying the heart muscles.



Community Partnership Meetings



Campus Administrative Meeting



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Civil Technology Engineering Bootcamp



Students participated in the Civil Technology Engineering Bootcamp, which provided detailed information about careers in civil engineering, including projects currently underway with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

One of our students, Liam Shier, shared a powerful testimony about how the program has transformed his life. After a few years in the program, Liam is now working as an assistant engineer with MDOT while continuing his studies.



Northwest Campus



Partnership Opportunities

Furquan Ahmed and Dr. Karow Gordon met with Shaykh Jondy, Principal at Miftaah Institute, to discuss partnership opportunities.



Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (F.A.R.M.)



The Northwest Campus partnered with F.A.R.M. to present a workshop to assist men in making a difference in their children's lives. Some other topics covered included family structure, developing healthy relationships, and financial literacy.



Azal Benne Lockett Foundation

The foundation celebrated their third Anniversary Prayer Breakfast by acknowledging its accomplishments in pursuing its mission of helping community members heal through their grief.

One Vision, One District, One College



Sisters Network Inc.

Sisters Network Inc. held a workshop at the Northwest Campus to raise awareness and share their message. This group is committed to increasing local and national attention to the devastating impact that breast cancer has in the African American community.

Northwest Campus



Nursing Lab Equipment Upgrades

The Nursing Department in the Health Science Center received new lab equipment, medication carts on wheels and a medication dispenser. Medication carts on wheels provide a realistic simulation of medication administration in a clinical setting, and the medication dispenser simulates automated medication dispensing systems used in healthcare facilities. This equipment provides real-life scenarios for our future healthcare leaders.



Ted Scott Campus

Student Success!

We continue to assist Early Middle College/Dual Enrollment students with registering for Fall 2025 classes.



Detroit Metro Robotics League

The eighth grade Belleville Tigers participated in opening day ceremonies, where they learned the tasks their robots will have to complete to win the competition.



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

