

Thursdays at the Museum

WCCCD's partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) provides our students with access to cultural and educational programs at no cost, along with complimentary transportation for adults 55 and over. Each month, participants explore the DIA's collection through tours, lectures, art-making, films, and music, fostering creativity and lifelong learning. Recently, seniors enjoyed Melodies at the Museum with the Dave Bennett Band and a self-guided tour of the galleries.

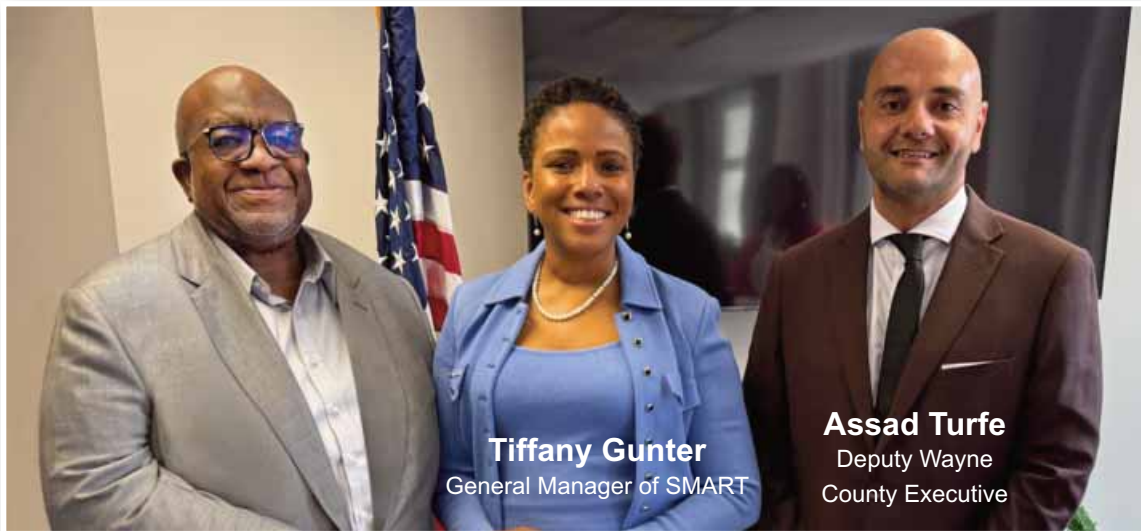


Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation



I 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
- Board Briefings
- New Business Items



Tiffany Gunter
General Manager of SMART

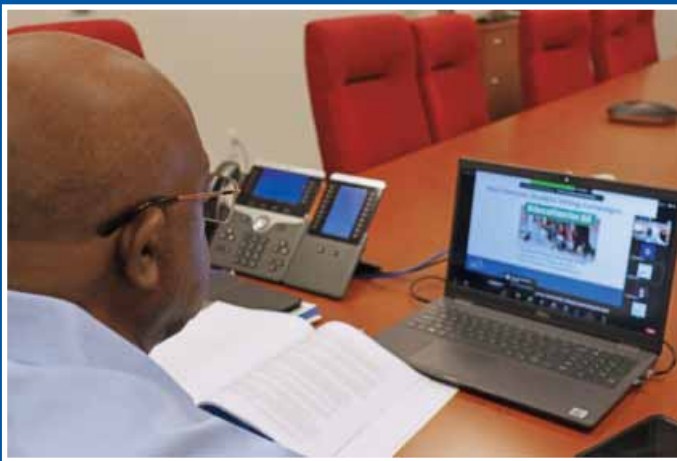
Assad Turfe
Deputy Wayne
County Executive



2025 Outstanding Leadership Award



I am deeply honored and humbled to have received the 2025 Outstanding Leadership Award during the “313 at the CBC” program in Washington, D.C., an annual gathering where Detroit leaders, representatives, and community members come together at the Congressional Black Caucus events to advocate for Detroit’s interests. Dr. Yvette Anderson, WCCCD’s Director of Government Relations, accepted the award on my behalf.



Michigan Community College Association

I participated in the Michigan Community College Association’s Fall 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. Highlights included presentations from Sarah Spreitzer, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Government Relations at the American Council on Education; Susan Corbin, Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, as well as legislative updates and reports on student success initiatives.



Chancellor’s Office Fall Semester Priorities Planning Meetings

Delegation of Kosovo Law Enforcement Leaders Visit WCCCD

We were honored to host a delegation of law enforcement and criminal justice leaders from Kosovo at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. This visit was part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, coordinated by Global Ties Detroit. During their time on campus, the delegation engaged with members of our Leadership Team to learn about the District's program offerings and explore strategies for collaboration.



Bahrija "Buck" Livadic
District Police Authority Chief





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY
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Downriver Campus



Fire Students

WCCCD Fire Students

Students in the Fire Protection Technology Program successfully completed their fit testing and fire drill.

Downriver Career Technology Center Fire Students

Fire students at the Downriver Career Technology Center participated in their lab exercises.



Michigan State Police – Highway Cargo Tank Specialty course

MIPSE hosted the Michigan State Police for a three-day Highway Cargo Tank Specialty course designed for hazardous materials technicians who respond to releases of hazardous materials from cargo tank trucks.



Marathon Petroleum’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training

MIPSE also hosted Marathon Petroleum’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) training 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 on flowing foam.



In the Legislative News...



CAPITOL UPDATE

Week Ending September 19, 2025

Session Activity

House Bill 4664 passed the House 61-42 and would make blocking or obstructing traffic during a protest a crime. Rep. Alicia St. Germaine (R-Harrison Township), the bill's sponsor, argued that the First Amendment protects the right to protest but not the act of "unlawfully disrupting the lives and safety of others."

The Senate passed [Senate Bill 533](#) in a 19-14 party-line vote. The bill would impose civil fines on individuals who knowingly spread false election-related information intended to stop others from voting, as well as on employers who hire violators for election-related work.

The House voted out the legislative package addressing Insurance Fraud this week, [House Bills 4713-4719](#).

Committee Activity

The Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety Committee heard testimony on [Senate Bills 430-432](#), a package revising sentencing guidelines for drug manufacturing and sales. Sponsored by Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit), the bills would increase penalties for opioids like heroin, fentanyl, and carfentanil while reducing penalties for other controlled substances to create a more proportional structure.

Rep. Jaime Greene's (R-Richmond) committee, Communications and Technology, is now without bills after she left for Israel with a legislative delegation. On Wednesday, all legislation was discharged and reassigned to other committees.

Senate Democrats unveiled a bill package, [Senate Bills 543-550](#), targeting bad-faith insurance practices, such as unjust claim denials and predatory rates. The legislation would raise fines, ban post-claim underwriting, require notice of policy changes, penalize late claim payments, strengthen compliance reviews, create a market conduct exam framework, boost consumer cybersecurity, and increase transparency in auto insurer manuals.

In Other News

- ▶ As budget negotiations continue to stall, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids) criticized House Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Township) for backing out of budget and road funding talks just days before a possible state shutdown. The Senate added an extra session day next Monday and expects to schedule more Mondays and Fridays moving forward.
- ▶ Legislators from both parties voiced support for moving Michigan's even-year primary elections from August to May, with draft language potentially being ready as early as next week.
- ▶ Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Director Susan Corbin noted that the House's \$78.5 billion FY 2026 budget proposal would eliminate both the \$57 million Going PRO Talent training program and the state's apprenticeship program.
- ▶ Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office is emphasizing "continuity of operations" over layoffs and shutdowns. The Governors COO Tricia Foster thanked cabinet members for outlining how their departments would continue functioning if a budget isn't signed by Oct. 1.

Arts and Crafts

Continuing Education arts and crafts courses offer adults and lifelong learners a creative outlet to explore new skills, hobbies, and artistic techniques. By participating in these courses, learners not only develop their creative talents but they also build confidence, reduce stress, and connect with a community of like-minded individuals who share an appreciation for creativity and craftsmanship. This week's featured course, *Embroidery Techniques*, where participants learned basic stitches and patterns.



Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

September 8 – 20, 2025

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
1,094

Eastern Campus
219

Ted Scott Campus
488

Downriver Campus
515

Northwest Campus
759

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
100

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AI@Work: The Innovation Imperative Conference

Members of WCCCD's AI Strategy Team participated in the AI@Work: The Innovation Imperative Conference at Washtenaw Community College earlier this week. This one-day conference brought together national and regional leaders to explore how AI is transforming the workplace and reshaping strategy, workforce development, and decision-making.



Michigan ACE Network

Drs. Yvette Anderson and Wanda Hudson participated in the Michigan ACE Women of Color Collaborative (WOCCE) Planning Retreat. The retreat provided an opportunity to connect, collaborate and help shape the WOCCE vision for the upcoming year.

Leadership Matters

Vera Leonard, Leadership Development Coach, facilitated an engaging virtual session on "Leadership Matters." Objectives focused on:



- Understanding the definition and purpose of leadership
- Discovering what great leadership looks like
- Committing to professional development



Public Safety Heroes OPEN HOUSE



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted its annual Public Safety Heroes Open House. Community members were able to tour MIPSE, watch various presentations and use some of the specialized equipment. The fire trucks were on display for kids of all ages to view. Local CERT teams, EMT's and fire fighters demonstrated emergency response skills.



Downriver Campus



Canadian Arabic Orchestra

The Canadian Arabic Orchestra performed timeless Arabic classics for the community.



Wayne RESA STEM Kit Distribution

This event provided hands-on kits that are the centerpiece of the STEM learning activities. They give classrooms the tools to inspire curiosity, problem-solving, and joyful exploration. These kits are designed for infants and toddlers.



Wayne RESA Teacher Certification Pathway

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA Teacher Certification Pathway Fall Cohort. This program is an opportunity for educators to receive coaching and mentoring.

One Vision, One District, One College



Ted Scott Campus

EGLE Waste Management Seminar

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the EGLE-Waste Management Renewal Determination Board Seminar. Attendees learned about the determination process and outcomes.



Robotics Program

Matt Green and Dr. Cora Payne conducted a walk-through with ABB for the Robotics Program at the Ted Scott Campus. ABB is a major company in the field of robotics, offering a wide range of robot products, software, and digital solutions for various industries, including automotive, food and beverage, and logistics.



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



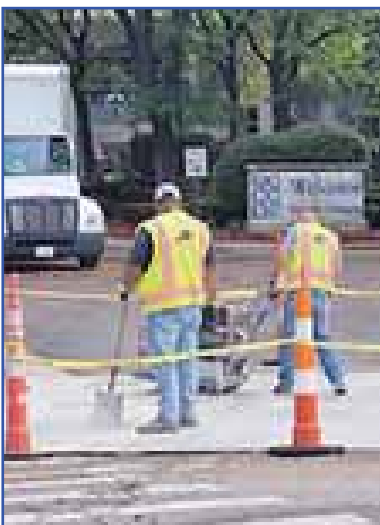
STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Eastern Campus

Assembly of new Fashion Design tables



New Concrete



Downriver Campus

The new forklift has been delivered to the Downriver Campus.





Division of Administration and Finance



Members of the Finance and Human Resources team met to discuss the new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) reporting for compensated absences for staff and faculty.



Facilities and Purchasing Meeting



Building Community Relationships



55th Black United Fund Fundraiser

WCCCD was honored to be a part of the 55th Black United Fund (BUF) Fundraiser. Drs. Harvey Dorrah and Wanda Hudson represented the District, celebrating with the community and showing our continued support for the important work the BUF does for our community.



SWCRC Legislative Forum

Staff from across the District attended the SWCRC (Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber) Legislative Forum with Congressman Shri Thanedar.



Detroit River Water Festival

Staff represented the District at the Detroit River Water Festival. The Festival is an outdoor, educational event designed to help students learn about our most precious natural resource, clean, fresh water.

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Member Awards

Staff represented the District at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Member Awards Dinner.





District Police Authority

Comprehensive Training for Police Authority

The District Police Authority is committed to keeping our campuses safe through continuous, multi-dimensional training. Officers prepare for a wide-range of scenarios, including emergency response, fire safety, conflict resolution, and crisis management. Training emphasizes readiness for the worst-case situation while reinforcing the department's mission to serve and protect the District community.





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

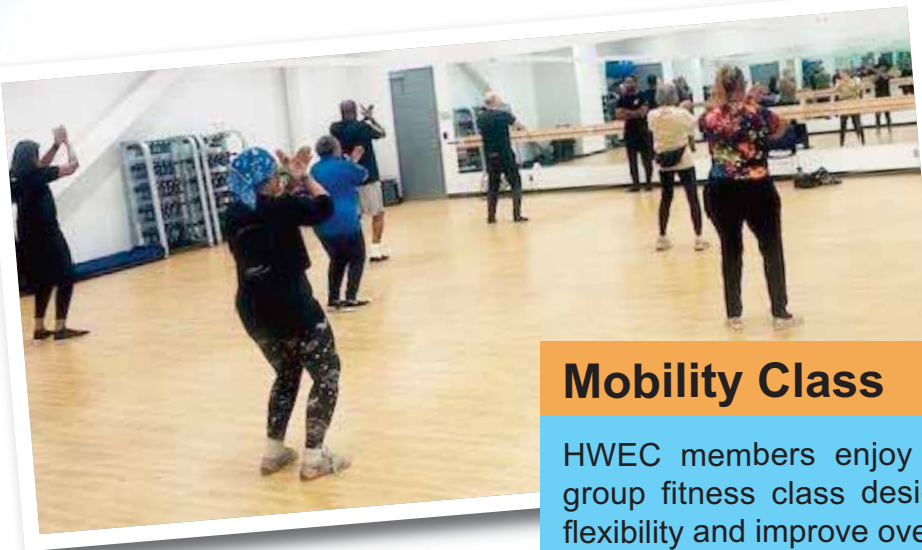


This week, the African Cultural Meeting was an engaging and informative experience. The session focused on Africa and the painting style Tingatinga, which originated in Tanzania. Tingatinga is known for its vibrant colors and rich, ethnic appearance, and we enjoyed learning about this unique art form while watching animated videos that showcased its creativity.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Mobility Class

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

Waterfront Park Preview

HWEC staff attended a special “Sneak Peek” preview of the soon-to-open Ralph C. Wilson Waterfront Park.



Meeting

Staff met to discuss the upcoming 2025-2026 Wildcats basketball season and building logistics.

Northwest Campus



The Pharmacy Technology Program held a new student orientation for the incoming Fall 2025 cohort.



Division of Educational Affairs

Meeting with Cengage Publisher

Drs. Wanda Hudson and Tynisha McGee met with Jason Storm of Cengage Publisher to discuss the textbook process and upcoming Spring 2026 semester textbook adoptions.



Let's Have Some Fun!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Every Thursday is *Pink Thursday!*
Email your pictures to chancellorweekendmem@wcccd.edu to be considered for the Weekend Memo.



Lions Pride Day!

Wear your Detroit Lions attire on October 20, 2025!
(No jeans, no sweatpants. Hats are ok!)

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Division of Information Technology

IT/Infinite Technologies

Representatives from the Divisions of Information Technology and District Police Authority met with Infinite Technologies to discuss several key aspects of their ongoing partnership.



- **Contract Renewals:** The main topic of the meeting was the renewal of existing contracts between the two parties, ensuring a continuation of services.
- **CCTV Maintenance:** The discussion included the maintenance of the District's CCTV infrastructure, focusing on the current state of the surveillance cameras and planning for future needs.
- **Milestone Software:** The parties also reviewed the specifics of the Milestone software maintenance, which is critical for managing and operating the CCTV system.

Project Update Meeting



Systems/Infrastructure Team Meeting





Division of Student Services



Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP

WCCCD student Usua Sial participated in the 2025 MiCUP undergrad symposium at Michigan Technological University. Ms. Sial was one of five students who were chosen to participate in a month-long research internship.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter recently hosted its monthly meeting to review and plan key initiatives. The agenda focused on preparations for the upcoming Michigan Leadership Conference, as well as discussions regarding the Honors in Action and College projects.



Admissions and Records

Staff continues to process dual enrollment applications for the Fall 2025 semester.

Division of Student Services

Outreach

Staff from the Division of Student Services Outreach and Recruitment team represented the District at the 2025 Detroit Black College Expo.



Considine Center

Cola Hasanaj engaged in one-on-one learning to prepare for an upcoming in-class test at the Considine GED site.

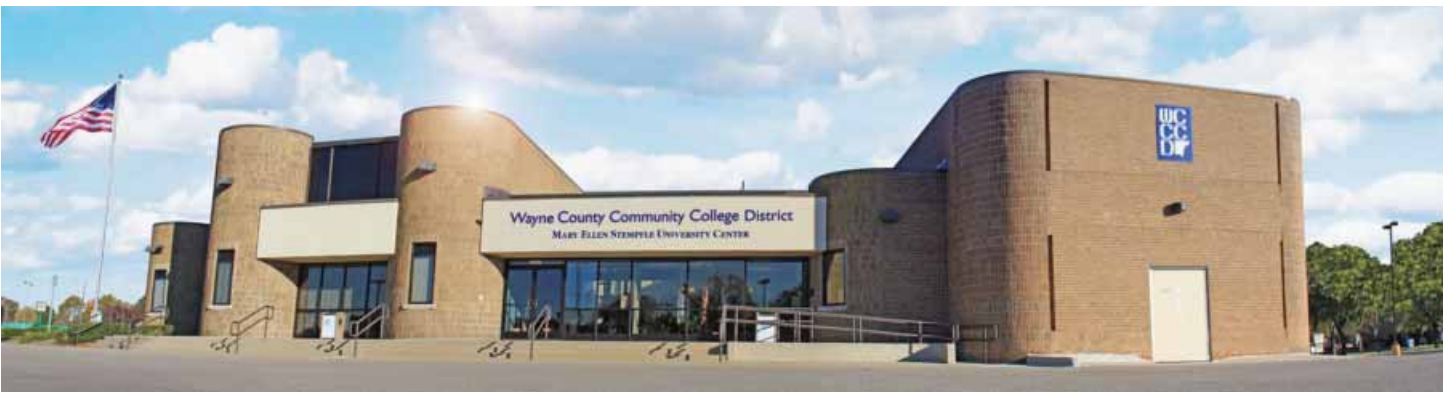


The Division of Student Services weekly information session hosted Dr. Mazharul Islam. Dr. Islam presented on the staff academic advising resource in My Wildcat Portal called Degree Works. Staff can use Degree Works to provide real-time advising, create and review student audits, track degree progress, and manage student plans.



Wildcats

Coach Smith from the University of West Georgia visited with our WCCCD Wildcats basketball players. He talked about the hard work and dedication needed to succeed as a top collegiate student athlete.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Dual Enrollment Program

Students from Harper Woods High School began their dual enrollment classes this week at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.



Partnership Opportunities

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

Continuing Education

Students are mastering the art of form through precise shadow placement and gestural techniques.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

**PEPSICO
FOUNDATION**

We Feed Potential

PepsiCo Scholarship Program

The PepsiCo Scholarship Program offers an opportunity for students to receive professional headshots to help enhance their presence on professional social media platforms and present themselves more effectively to future employers. This week, we conducted a workshop titled "Critique of Resumes and Cover Letters."



Language Institute

The Language Institute continued its ESL TV Show. Students enjoyed watching the classic episodes of sitcoms and then discussed the story, sharing reflections, and asking each other questions.



Narcan Training

This training workshop is designed to educate participants on the proper use of Narcan when responding to an opioid overdose.

Northwest Campus



CNS Healthcare

CNS Healthcare held its annual staff meeting, welcoming more than 500 professionals who serve over 10,000 individuals each year, with clinicians and healthcare experts attending from across the state.

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

F.A.R.M. is a Detroit-based non-profit organization that assists men in building relationships with their children. The Northwest Campus continues to host the organization's professional development workshops.



Safety Compliance

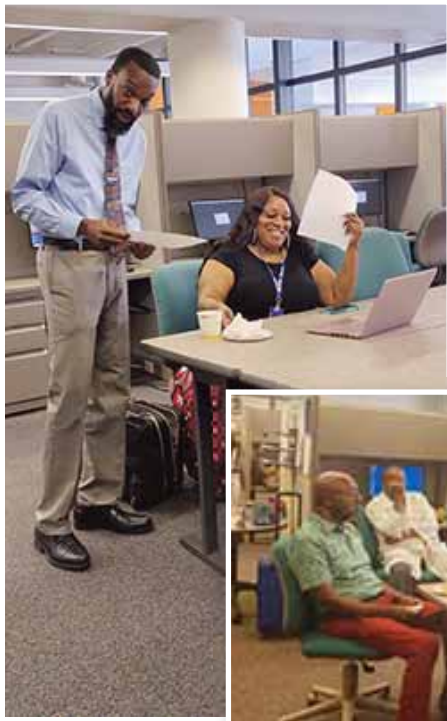
Furquan Ahmed and Tony Arminiak met to discuss District safety compliance.



Detroit Association of Realtors

The Detroit Association of Realtors hosted a homebuyer's workshop for community members.

Eastern Campus



Administrative Staff Meeting



Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machine Installation



Introductory Biology

Students are studying the characteristics of live cultures under the microscope.

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

