



Hands-On Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Training

HVAC students are gaining hands-on experience in state-of-the-art labs, learning the proper way to braze and solder copper tubing. This training equips them with the skills and technical expertise needed to thrive in the rapidly expanding HVAC industry.



Arthur Haman Wondermaker Award



I was deeply humbled and honored to have received the Arthur Haman Wondermaker Award from the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP) at their recent annual Real McCoy Award Ceremony. I remain committed to supporting DAPCEP's mission and advancing efforts to empower historically underrepresented students to pursue degrees and careers in STEM fields.



Culinary Arts Strategic Planning Meeting

Learning Resource Centers

I met with Furquan Ahmed, Dr. Harvey Dorrah, and Stephanie Jones to discuss District-wide Learning Resource Center initiatives for the Fall 2025 semester.



EXTRACTION DAY



- 3 Deans
- 2 Staff
- 13 Dental Students (DHY & DA)
- 15 Doctors
- 60 Patients Seen

**Approximately 6 extractions per patient (x 45):
360 extractions**

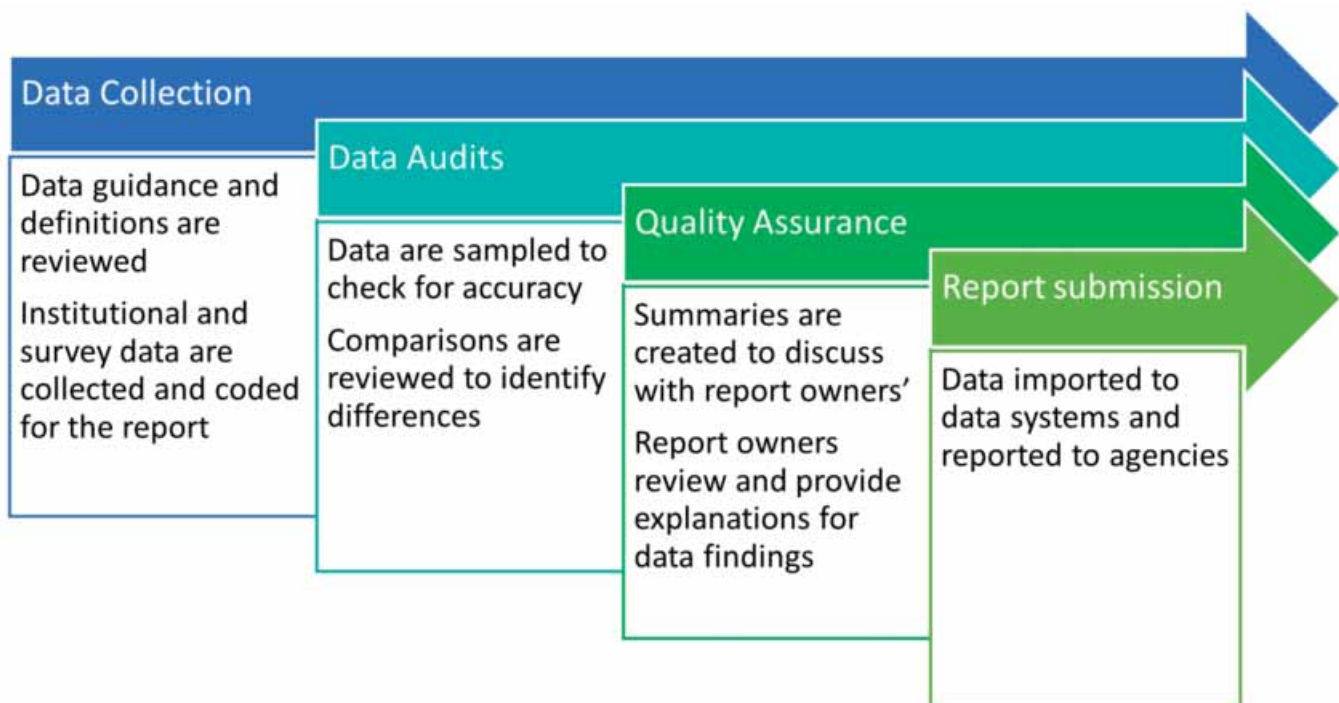
360 extractions
5 radiographs (x-rays) per patient
23 sites of bone graphing
17 sites of membrane placement



Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) is responsible for maintaining the college external reporting compliance to state, federal, and regional agencies. Each Fall semester, the District collects, analyzes and reports data related to career and technical education performance. IE successfully completed its annual reporting for all occupational students who complete occupational courses and programs. Below is the process for external reporting.

External Reporting Process Outline



Michigan Career and Technical Education Data Points

TOP 3 CTE Majors in Michigan

141,755

Students enrolled in CTE programs in Michigan

Merchandising and Sales



Business Administration and Management

Health Sciences and Allied Health

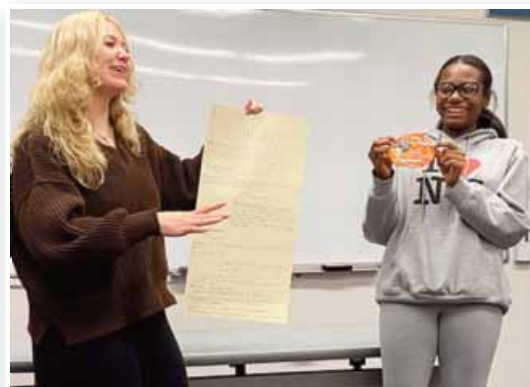


Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant *From Learning to Earning - Informational Session*

The CMC Grant Team, in partnership with the Detroit Talent Hub, hosted a “From Learning to Earning” informational session at the Northwest Campus. The event featured an engaging employer panel discussion focused on connecting education with workforce opportunities. The session drew more than 120 attendees, resulting in more than 50 course sign-ups and the distribution of over 20 free laptops to support student access and success.



Downriver Campus



The Downriver Campus highlighted the academic achievements of students in the Introduction to Biology course. As part of their studies, students created detailed models of plant and animal cells, which they generously donated to the Learning Resource Center.



Celebrating our Students!

The Downriver Campus proudly celebrated the 100th birthday of student, Siroon Karapetoff, a dedicated participant in the Continuing Education Zumba class.



Wayne Metro Community Action Agency Tax Clinic

The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne Metro CAA Tax Clinic, a free service that assists low-income taxpayers in resolving disputes with the IRS.

Bridging the Gap Board Meeting



Bridging the Gap held its Board Meeting. This organization supports families in achieving self-sufficiency by providing programs and resources that address hunger, homelessness, and helplessness.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus



Evacuation Chair Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) team conducted a training session at the Eastern Campus, demonstrating the proper and safe use of the evacuation chair.

BASF Fire Extinguisher Training

MIPSE hosted BASF employees for a Fire Extinguisher Training course. The training consisted of general fire safety knowledge, fire extinguisher features and using them with MIPSE's car simulator.



Fire Students

DPSA Fire Practical

MIPSE hosted Detroit Public Safety Academy dual enrollment fire fighter students. This classroom portion is conducted at Detroit Public Safety Academy High School and they come to MIPSE for their fire practical class.

The School of Continuing Education provides services to organizations, professionals and the community at large, including test development, administration of national certification, measurement services, and professional certifications both locally and nationally. This week, credentials were awarded in the following:

- Home Inspection Certificate Program
- State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH'S) Teaching Students with Autism

Coming Soon!



Ted Scott Campus
Ted Scott Environmental Terrace
9555 Haggerty Road
Van Buren Twp., MI 48111

Outdoor event, will be moved indoors in inclement weather

Open to the Public at No Cost!
No alcohol permitted on premises

Thursday, October 9, 2025
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Power Play Detroit
All Hits All the Time!! Classic Rock, Pop, New Country, Motown and more!! Traveling with a complete professional sound system and light show.

Thursday, October 16, 2025
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



No Sin in Eden
An Indie Pop/Rock band from Southeast, Michigan. Playing mix of captivating original songs and modern covers, they will have you singing and dancing along.

Thursday, October 23, 2025
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



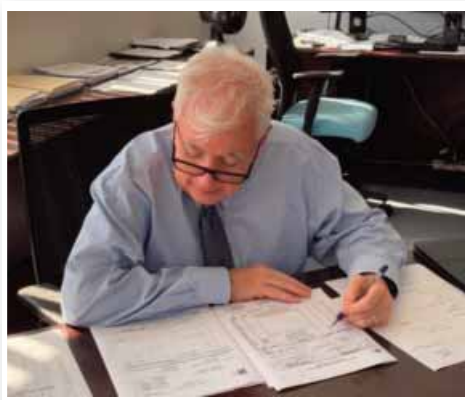
Theo Gridiron
Born and raised in Detroit. Whether he's singing blues, soul, r&b, jazz or rock, Theo brings a passion to the stage like few others can! His diverse skill set allows him to appeal to a wide range of music lovers.



Continuous Quality Improvement

District Facilities Reconciliation Meeting

The District Facilities Team convened to review and reconcile the current facility requisitions and vendor invoices. All requisitions were reviewed to ensure that all necessary documentation, approvals, and follow-up actions were properly completed.



In the Legislative News...



CAPITOL UPDATE

Week Ending September 26, 2025

Session Activity

The Governor's office, along with House and Senate leaders, announced they have a deal for the FY 25-26 budget, which includes an approx \$1.8 billion road funding agreement that introduces a new 24% wholesale marijuana tax, dedicates all fuel tax revenues to road funding, and shifts SOAR funding to roads.

House Bill 4108, which passed 98-1, amends the Good Samaritan Act to grant civil liability protection to individuals who voluntarily administer bleeding control during emergencies.

Rep. Gina Johnsen's (R-Portland) House Bill 4160, passed 59-41 and would prohibit state departments from adopting or issuing a rule more stringent than federal standards unless there is clear and convincing evidence to do so.

Committee Activity

Senate Finance, Insurance and Consumer Protection heard testimony on Senate Bill 543-550, a package led by Chair Sen. Mary Cavanagh (D-Redford Twp.), which supporters argue seeks to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the insurance industry.

The House Judiciary Committee took up House Bill 4840, sponsored by Chair Rep. Sarah Lightner (R-Springport), which would require disputes among owners of privately held corporations to be handled in Michigan's business courts. Supporters note there are currently inconsistent standards in deciding whether such cases belong in business courts.

In Other News

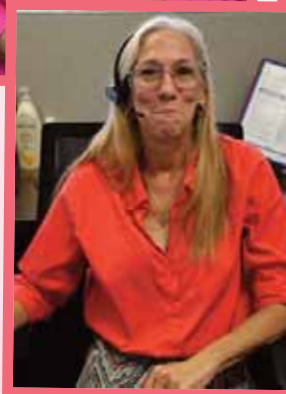
- A DHHS study found the distribution of opioid settlement funds and the impact of 37 harm reduction agencies drastically cut overdose deaths and hospitalizations. Naloxone saved over 500 lives in 2024 and led to a 36% drop in overdose deaths. Since launching the Naloxone Direct Portal, Michigan has distributed 1.3 million kits and reversed nearly 34,000 overdoses.
- Macomb County Clerk Tony Forlini announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Secretary of State. He is the first Republican with election administration work experience to enter the race.
- The U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against the state of Michigan over its refusal to release voter registration lists, while SOS Jocelyn Benson continues to say she is complying with current law by keeping the records confidential.
- Michigan Department of Education data shows career and technical education (CTE) participation has grown over the past decade. In 2025, more than double the amount of students completed a CTE program compared to 2015 numbers.



Don't forget!

Every Thursday in October is "Pink Thursday!"

Staff and faculty are honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month with programs and activities that raise awareness, support those affected, and promote early detection and education.



The Eastern Campus is bringing awareness to students, faculty, staff, and community members.



Make sure to email your faculty and staff wearing pink to chancellorweekendmem@wccd.edu to be considered for the Weekend Memo!



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations Series engaged participants in a discussion on diverse cultures, traditions, and history. Guest speaker Dr. Jorge China, Distinguished Service Professor and Academic Director of the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies at Wayne State University, presented on the Hispanic Labor movement and the ways Hispanic communities have become an integral part of the United States. Professor Bruce Ewen followed with a presentation on Spanish influence and history in the U.S., along with recognition of Italian and Polish American Heritage Month. The meeting also highlighted Gandhi Jayanti 2025, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Hispanic literature, art, and culture for National Hispanic American Heritage Month.



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**

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

MIPSE District Health and Safety Instructional Compliance Officer, Darrick Muhammad and Dr. Brian Singleton met to ensure OSHA regulations are maintained.



Eastern Campus



Ted Scott Campus

Facilities assisted in clearing debris from a recent storm.



Facilities is replacing drinking fountain filters



Resurfacing and new pavement at the Eastern Campus





Division of Human Resources

Professional Development

District-wide Conference Day
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Northwest Campus/
Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus/
Eastern Campus

Downriver Campus/
Ted Scott Campus

Employee Benefits Meeting



Representatives from the Division of Human Resources and Administration and the Finance Departments met to prepare for the upcoming Open Enrollment period. Highlights of the meeting included discussions on logistics and collaboration with benefit consultants.



Building Relationships



Ford CEO Jim Farley hosted Ford Pro Accelerate: The Essential Economy Town Hall, where Drs. Allan Cosma and Cora Payne joined community leaders, industry members, and institutions to address the growing need for advanced manufacturing and skilled trades in Michigan and across the nation.



Denis Karic represented the District at the Cengage Executive Leader Advisory Board kick-off meeting.

CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



NOBLE Event

NOBLE Law Enforcement hosted their Suicide Awareness Day event at the HWEC. Cecile Taylor facilitated the meeting and was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the organization.



Circuit Training

Members enjoy the intensity of the Circuit Training class on the terrace. This fast-paced class allows members to increase strength and stamina, build endurance, and gain muscle in the process.

One-on-One Sessions

Members have the opportunity to obtain one-on-one sessions dedicated to personal fitness and wellness goals.



District Police Authority



Professional Development

Police Authority Sergeant Christopher O'Harris has successfully completed professional development training at Louisiana State University's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT). Sergeant O'Harris' continued development enhances his leadership skills and strengthens our team's ability to support and prepare first responders.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Fall CDL Cohort Orientation

The Commercial Driver's License-A Program began this week. Students learned the fundamentals of commercial driving, including safety procedures, vehicle inspection, and basic operating skills.



Division of Student Services

OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT



Outreach

Staff continue recruitment efforts at the local high schools.



Dual Enrollment

The Dual Enrollment team met to discuss the Fall 2025 course offering roll out.



Considine Center

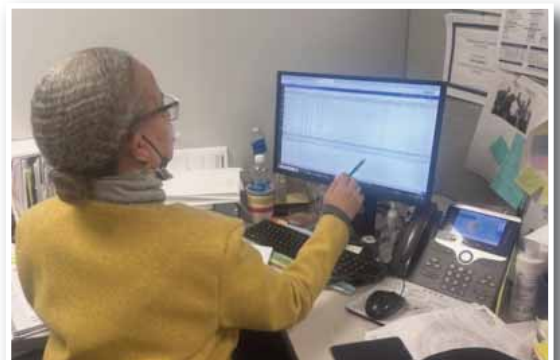
Another engaging day of learning at our Considine GED location, where our instructor, Mr. Hasanaj, is working closely with our new student, Damon Jackson.

Federal Work-Study Program



The Federal work-study ambassadors have started the semester with great momentum. Each ambassador contributes a unique dynamic to the office, enhancing collaboration and enriching the overall culture of the team.

Admissions and Records



Staff continue to assist students.

Division of Student Services



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Members of Phi Theta Kappa's Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter recently attended the annual Michigan Region Leadership Conference, hosted by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK). The conference took place at the Leelanau Outdoor Center (LOC) in Maple City, Michigan. Throughout the weekend, students participated in a variety of team-building and professional development activities designed to strengthen leadership skills and foster collaboration. They also had the opportunity to network with other chapters across the region while gaining deeper insight into the development and completion of their Honors in Action and College projects.

New Student Experience

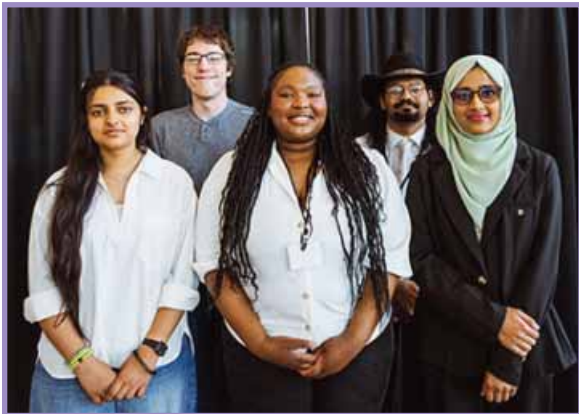
The New Student Experience Team connects students with resources to help them succeed in school. A primary goal of this service at WCCCD is to foster a sense of belonging and provide support that increases a student's likelihood of persisting and graduating.



Division of Student Services



Dr. Wanda Hudson presented to staff at the weekly Division of Student Services Information Session. Dr. Hudson discussed the new and exciting artificial intelligence offerings which include, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (CIS 140), Prompt Engineering (CIS 145), Machine Learning (BUS 241), and Cloud Computing (CIS 282).



Michigan College and University Partnership

Students were selected for a month-long internship at Michigan Technical University and closed out the program by participating in an Undergraduate Research Symposium.



Wildcats

The Wildcats showed strong improvement last week at Bay City Country Club, posting a total team score of 329. Landon Kongeal led the way for the second consecutive week, shooting a 2-over-par 74 over 18 holes. The Wildcats are definitely trending in the right direction and continuing to build momentum.



Division of Educational Affairs



Mechatronics Program

Drs. Harvey Dorrah and Allan Cosma discussed the Mechatronics Program with faculty member William Elliot. Mechatronics involves the design and analysis of mechanical systems, such as sensors, actuators, and mechanical structures.



Members of the District participated in the Fall convening of the Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3). The focus of this event centralized on opportunities to share ideas, approaches, and solutions towards a shared purpose around student success, equity, and collaboration.



Division of Educational Affairs

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



The Language Institute at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration featuring Professor Nancy Sterniak as the presenter. The program included an engaging presentation on Hispanic history, music, culture, and language, providing participants with both educational and cultural insights.



The Language Institute successfully hosted its weekly Trading Stories workshop, where students came together to share personal stories and experiences. Participants practiced language skills in meaningful ways while building connections with their classmates.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Community Partners



The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors held its monthly meeting this week.



The League of Women Voters held its Candidate Forum for community members.



The Ladies of Distinction youth group held a professional development workshop.



First day of classes for Chandler Park Academy High School Dual Enrollment Students



University Partners

The Downriver Campus welcomed a representative from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, who hosted an information table for students interested in transferring once they graduate from WCCCD.

Student Satisfaction Inventory Action Plan Meeting



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Detroit Fire Department Training

The Detroit Fire Department hosted a training session designed for local firefighters within the Arson Division. Participants were trained in the latest techniques pertaining to suspicious fire investigations and more.



PepsiCo Scholarship Program

Students participated in a workshop to review the skills needed to create a resume, cover letter, and an experience letter. This year, the PepsiCo Scholarship Program also offers an opportunity for students to receive professional headshots, enhancing their presence on professional social media platforms.



Narcan Training

This training workshop was designed to educate participants on the proper use of Narcan to respond to an opioid overdose.



Ignite Detroit Contractors Orientation

Ignite Detroit contractors held its quarterly orientation. During this orientation session, participants were introduced to the goals, expectations, and available resources.

Northwest Campus

Detroit Food Symposium

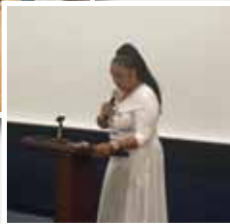


The Northwest Campus hosted the Detroit Food Symposium, in collaboration with the Detroit Food Policy Council's "All Hands In for Detroit Food" initiative. The symposium aimed to increase awareness of Detroit's food system and to develop strategies for building a healthier, more sustainable future.



100 Mothers in White: A Mother's Peace, Pain and Purpose

This workshop brought together community members to reflect on peace, justice, and healing. The program honored children's legacies through scholarships, memorials, and community impact.



Community Partnerships

Representatives from West McNichols Business Association visited the Northwest Campus to discuss future partnership opportunities.



Educational Partnership Meeting

Administrative Meeting

Members of the administrative team met to discuss the Campus Student Satisfaction Inventory Action Plan.



Eastern Campus



Painting Class

Students are learning to foster creativity, improve mental and physical well-being, and develop new skills, offering a safe space for self-expression, stress relief, and social connection.



Faculty Brown Bag Series

The Eastern Campus hosted Tea with Thomas, where instructors gathered to discuss solutions to classroom interactions with students.



The Art of Makeup



Students are learning the proper way to apply skin care products.

Introductory to Biology

Students are learning to apply a wet mount to potatoes. Iodine is applied to potatoes to view the cells under the microscope.

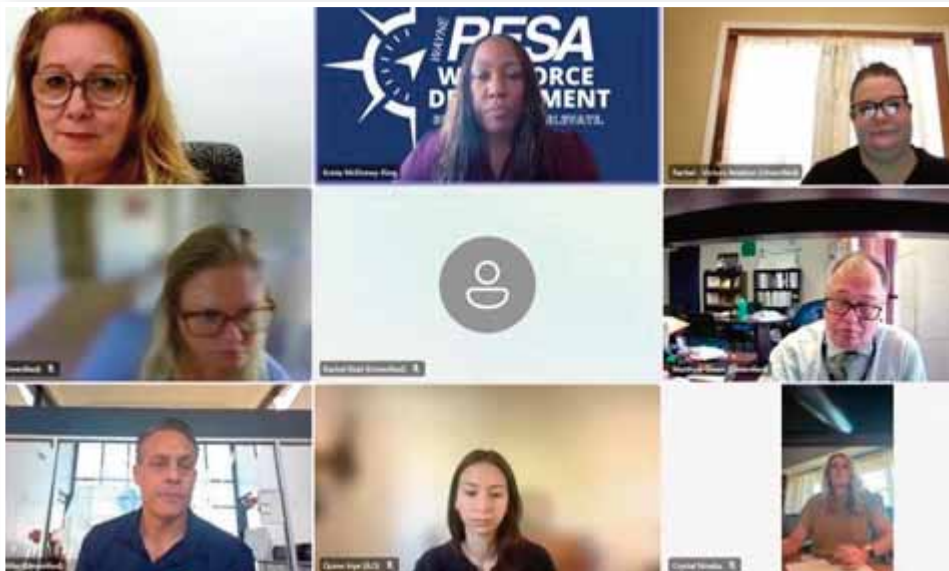


Ted Scott Campus



Welcoming our New Faculty

Staff at the Ted Scott Campus met with a new HVAC instructor regarding upcoming classes.



Partnership Opportunities

Staff from the Ted Scott Campus participated in a virtual meeting with Victors Aviation to discuss a potential educational partnership opportunity.



Lions Pride Day!

Wear your Detroit Lions attire on October 20, 2025!

(No jeans, no sweatpants. Hats are ok!)

Email your pictures to
chancellorweekendmem@wcccd.edu
to be considered for the Weekend Memo.

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

