

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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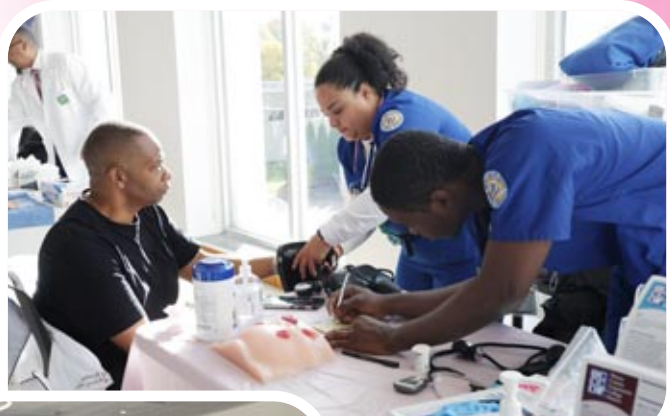
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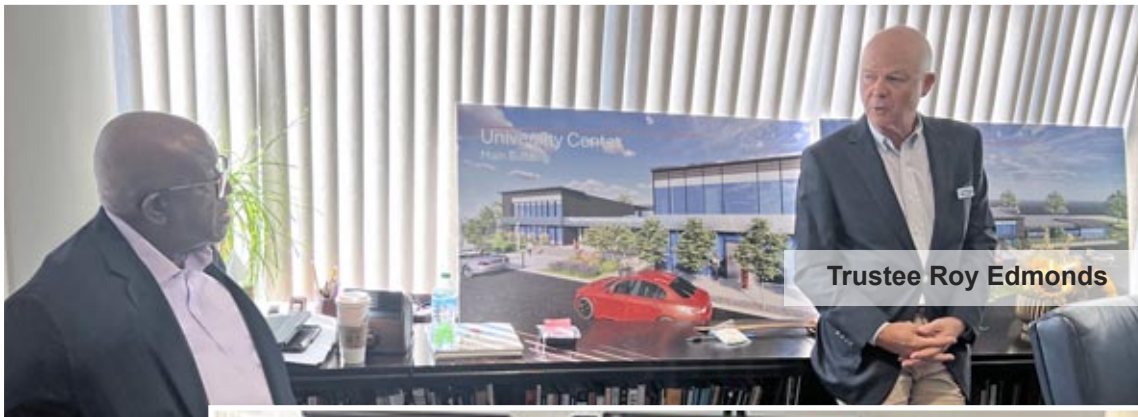
Dr. Abby Freeman
District Provost-Health Sciences

THINK *Health & Job* PINK FAIR

The School of Continuing Education, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, hosted the Think Pink Health and Job Fair at the Northwest Campus. Program highlights included a fitness challenge, yoga sessions, chair massages, and hands-on activities to promote cardiovascular health. Participants also received free health screenings and wellness resources from local healthcare partners.



Meetings



Trustee Roy Edmonds



Meeting to discuss the District's Building Master Plan.



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



Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees Meeting

Agenda items included the Chairman's, President's and Financial Reports, along with updates on building repairs and the Expansion Project.



Meetings



I met with some members of my Executive Leadership Team to discuss District-wide Learning Resource initiatives for the Spring 2026 semester.



Schedule Development Meeting

The Office of the Chancellor staff met to plan upcoming programs and discuss strategies aimed at enhancing customer service and advancing student success initiatives.





WCCCD Detroit Lions Day

We showed our pride District-wide!



One Vision, One District, One College



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



International Day of the Girl Child



The Downriver Campus hosted the 13th Annual United Nations International Day of the Girl Child. This year's theme, *"The girl I am, the change I lead: Girls on the frontlines of crisis,"* highlighted the strength, leadership, and resilience of girls who are shaping a better future for their communities and the world.





Division of Human Resources

Benefits Open Enrollment

- Add or Drop Dependents.
- Choose to Participate in Healthy Futures, Take your Health Assessment and Record your Healthy Activities.
- Opt Out of Insurance. Must Have Other Group Medical Coverage to Opt Out.
- Enroll or Change Flexible Spending Savings Account (FSA) or Health Savings Account (HSA).
- Enroll or Change Optional Life Insurance or Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D).
- Update Personal Information.

The Division of Human Resources is preparing for next month's Benefits Open Enrollment. During this time, employees have the opportunity to make any needed changes to their benefits as well as re-enroll in any optional insurance benefits.



The Human Resources Team to Visit all Locations!

CURTIS L. IVERY DISTRICT OFFICE LOBBY

801 West Fort St.
Detroit, MI 48226

November 11, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CURTIS L. IVERY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

1001 West Fort St.
Detroit, MI 48226

November 12, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TED SCOTT CAMPUS

9555 Haggerty Road
Van Buren Twp., MI 48111

November 13, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

21000 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180

November 13, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NORTHWEST CAMPUS

8200 W. Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48219

November 14, 2025
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

EASTERN CAMPUS

5901 Conner St.
Detroit, MI 48213

November 17, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MARY ELLEN STEMFLE UNIVERSITY CENTER

19305 Vernier Rd.
Harper Woods, MI 48225

November 17, 2025
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Division of Educational Affairs



Transfer Opportunities

Diane Gonzalez, Drs. Tynisha McGee and Carolyn Custer met with Wayne State University Dean, Dr. Baszile, and staff about expanding transfer opportunities for community college students into four-year teaching programs, including Early Childhood Education pathways.

AI Programming Initiatives

Dr. Wanda Hudson met with Dr. Earl Robinson to discuss AI programming initiatives. WCCCD remains at the cutting edge of innovation among neighboring community colleges.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER



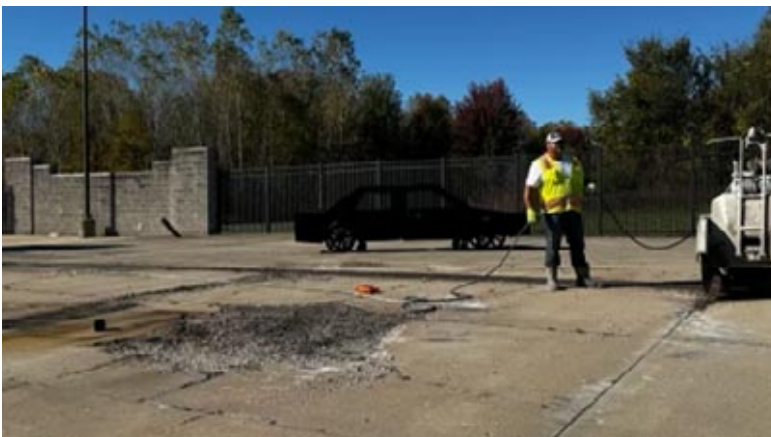
Students at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus continue to utilize the resources available to complete assignments and prepare for mid-terms.

Facilities Maintenance

Downriver Campus



Downriver Campus Pavement Maintenance Program



Meeting to discuss
ongoing IT upgrades.



Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Project Update

The Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant team is driving innovation and opportunity by directly supporting our students. This week, the team distributed 20 laptops with data connectivity to students enrolled in distance learning courses. This vital equipment ensures students have the technology they need for a successful academic journey.



District-wide Technical Support



**Northwest Campus
Network Infrastructure
Upgrade**



**Curtis L. Ivery
District Office
New Staff Technology
Setup**



**Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
Blue Light Phone
Troubleshooting**

Northwest Campus



MDDA 2025 Fall Frankenmuth Seminar

Sonya Taylor, Associate Dean of Dental Assisting (DA), LaDonna Brown part-time DA faculty, and several of the dental assisting students attended the Michigan Dental Assisting Association (MDAA) 2025 Fall Frankenmuth Seminar. The team had the opportunity to hear from several engaging speakers who presented topics that are highly beneficial to the dental assisting profession.



Furquan Ahmed participated in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) General Assembly Meeting. The meeting provides an opportunity to network, share best practices, and learn about SEMCOG's major regional plans.

CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Wildcats vs. Knights

The HWECC hosted the Saint Clair College Knights men's and women's basketball teams in pre-season scrimmage games against the Wildcats.



Fall Prevention Workshops

Personal trainers from the HWECC held special Fall Prevention workshops for members to share valuable information about injury prevention.



Think Pink Health and Job Fair

HWECC staff and personal trainers participated in the Think Pink Health and Job Fair at the Northwest Campus.





Building Community Relationships



Staff met with the dual enrollment students at Trillium High School.

Dr. Andrew McQueen attended Delta Airlines' Frontline Involvement Team Career Day at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.



Staff members represented the District at the 2025 Figure Skating in Detroit (FSD) *She Shines Women's Leadership Breakfast*. FSD helps girls transform their lives and grow in confidence, leadership and academic achievement.

Staff and faculty represented the District at the TRENDS Conference, a premier event dedicated to advancing career and technical education across Michigan's community colleges.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MI-ACE Fall 2025 Leadership Institute

District MI-ACE Institutional Representatives Diane Gonzalez, and Drs. Tynisha McGee and CharMaine Hines participated in the Michigan ACE Fall Leadership Institute at Central Michigan University with the theme: *Fostering Inclusive Leadership – Women Shaping the Future of Higher Education*.



APTA-MI Annual Fall Conference

Drs. Celestine Walker and Sherry Saggars attended the APTA-MI Annual Fall Conference in Gaylord, Michigan. The conference allowed the opportunity to network with physical therapists and physical therapist assistants from across the state and explore new equipment and technology in the field.



Blackboard Ultra Training

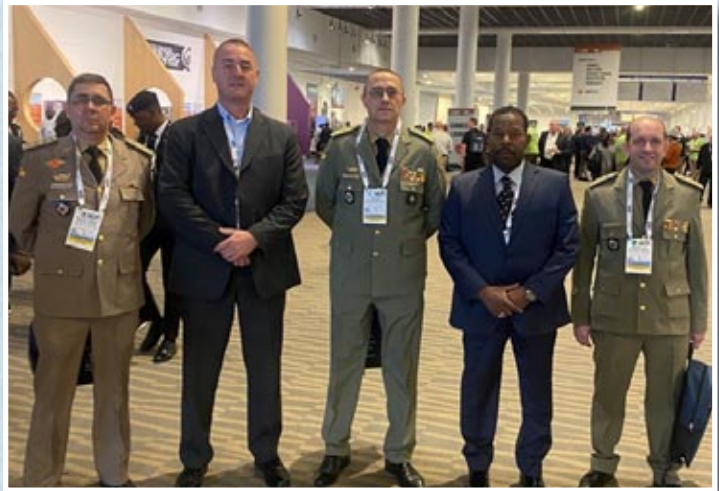
Faculty members from across the District participated in a Blackboard Ultra training session. Participants were given training on the various course assistance options available.





District Police Authority

Chief Buck Livadic and Deputy Chief Pride Johnson attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Convention in Denver, Colorado. The IACP plays a crucial role in shaping national and international standards, policies, and practices in policing. Engaging with the IACP allows agencies to stay aligned with best practices and address emerging issues in law enforcement.





Division of Student Services

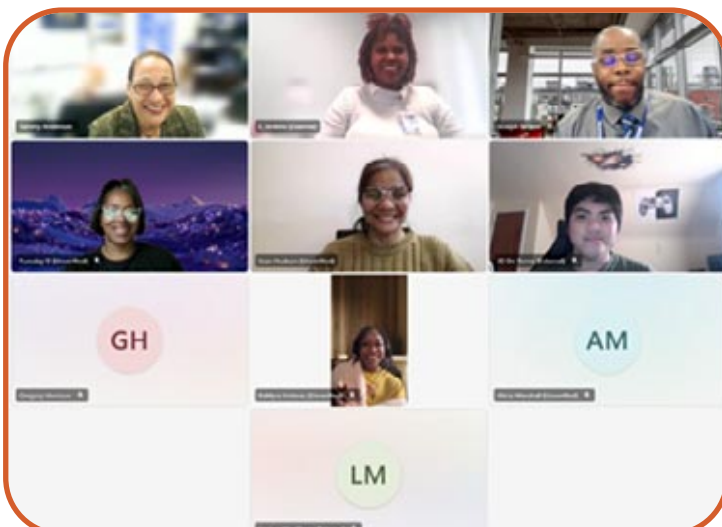
NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Jayda Forney is currently pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems (CIS) Cybersecurity here at WCCCD. Jayda was a part of Detroit Youth Choir (DYC) for 5 years and recently finished her last season. Jayda showcased her vocal and performance abilities on the national stage when the choir competed on *America's Got Talent!* She also appeared on numerous television programs, including *Good Morning America*, *Fox 2 Detroit*, *WDIV Channel 4*, and several other media outlets, representing Detroit's youth. Jayda graduated from high school at 16 and is now an 18-year-old sophomore, continually expanding her résumé. Another fun fact about Jayda is that she sang the National Anthem at WCCCD's 2025 commencement ceremony.



The New Student Experience Team continues to welcome incoming students for the Fall Semester, providing dedicated guidance to connect them with the college's robust support services.



Student Executive Council

Eryne Jenkins, DSS Administrative Support, presented "Understanding the Catalog" to Student Executive Council. Students learned about the Catalog-In-Force, satisfying the academic group requirements and the importance of the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)—just to mention a few points covered!



Division of Student Services

OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT



Student Success Center

The Student Success Center is assisting with the Early Academic Advising week for Spring 2026. We are helping students ensure they are ready and have enough credits to register early. Spring Priority Online Registration begins on October 24, 2025.

Dual Enrollment



Dual enrollment students engaging in a class project.

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program continues to welcome and orient new students as part of its ongoing onboarding process, providing them with essential information to help navigate the program successfully.



Student Spotlight

Santana Smith, Student Executive Council member and Federal Work-Study student, received her Associate of Arts degree and is continuing at Wayne State University to earn her Bachelor's in Biology. Go Wildcats!

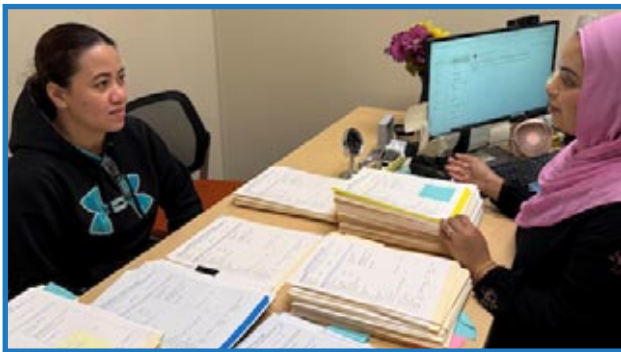
Division of Student Services

Professional Development

District Student Services team provided updates on important topics such as graduation, student clubs, and new features in the My Wildcat Portal. They also shared key dates for the upcoming Spring 2026 semester. This information will assist staff and advisors in effectively guiding students during the Early Academic Advising week.

Spring 2026 Preparation

Staff are preparing students to register for the upcoming Spring Semester.



Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP

Staff continue to share information about the Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP) with Work-Study students. The seven-week summer program is designed to build student research skills, academic confidence, and professional connections. Students conduct hands-on research at Michigan Technological University alongside expert mentors.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

The Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter convened its monthly Chapter and General Membership Meeting to discuss progress on the Honors in Action Project and the College Project. The meeting emphasized collaborative leadership, academic excellence, and service learning as integral components of Phi Theta Kappa's mission to promote scholarly achievement and community engagement within higher education.



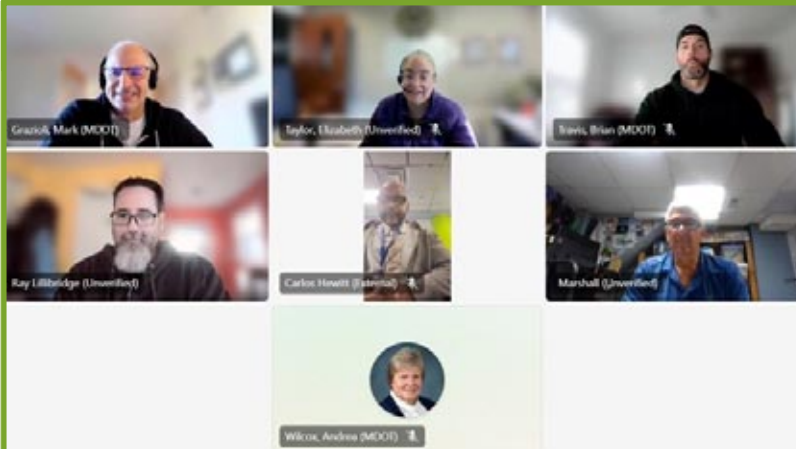
Think Pink Thursdays





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Civil Tech Boot Camp



Carlos Hewitt attended a meeting with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to discuss the upcoming Civil Tech Boot Camp and the Civil Tech Engineering Program.

CDL-A Program

Students enrolled in the CDL-A Program are seen here practicing maneuvers at the Regional Training Center in the Eastern Campus parking lot. They are training to become professional truck drivers.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Detroit Association of the Deaf

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Detroit Association of the Deaf's monthly meeting.



Sanilac Club Monthly Meeting

The Sanilac Club held its monthly meeting at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the AKA - Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter's monthly meeting.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Ongoing Safety and Compliance

Staff met to discuss the District's Safety and Compliance strategy.



Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital – Relationship-Based Care Training for Leadership

MIPSE hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for a three-day Relationship-Based Care Training seminar for leadership. Re-Igniting the Spirit of Caring focuses on reconnecting healthcare staff with their purpose, enhancing their capacity to care, and addressing the challenges of moral distress and burnout.

Downriver Career Technical Consortium Fire Students



Students participated in hands-on training in fire safety and emergency response.

WCCCD Fire Fighter I Practical



MIPSE hosted the Fire Fighter I Practical training, designed to develop the essential psychomotor skills required for entry-level fire service positions.



Detroit Fire Department Driver Training

MIPSE hosted the Detroit Fire Department for specialized driver training. The sessions included practical exercises using a variety of fire department vehicles, providing attendees with valuable real-world driving experience.

Downriver Campus



Promoting WCCCD Student Support Resources

Student assistance information is throughout the campus. The displays highlight valuable resources such as Brainfuse, the Student Assistance Program, and online resources and services.

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What every Educator Needs to Know About ASD

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA's What Every Educator Needs to Know about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) workshop. Participants gained a deeper understanding of Autism and strategies to support diverse learning needs.



Wayne RESA Coaches Meeting

Wayne RESA also held its Coaches Meeting. This meeting connected participants with the Wayne Assistive Technology Team, who meets with district coaches from around the county to plan and discuss community needs.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

PepsiCo Scholars Celebration



The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Fall 2025 PepsiCo Scholars Celebration dedicated to recognizing the academic achievements of the PepsiCo scholars.



Science Labs – Hands-On Preparation Before Midterms

Professors and students came together in the labs to prepare for upcoming midterm exams. Through hands-on projects and collaborative learning, students strengthened their understanding and practiced real world skills.



Faculty in the Spotlight

Krystal Martin, Adjunct Faculty and Advisor for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at WCCCD and NCCPA PA Ambassador, was featured in a recent NCCPA newsletter for her unique dual credentials as both a licensed PT and a PA-C, allowing her to deliver a comprehensive, whole-person approach to care.

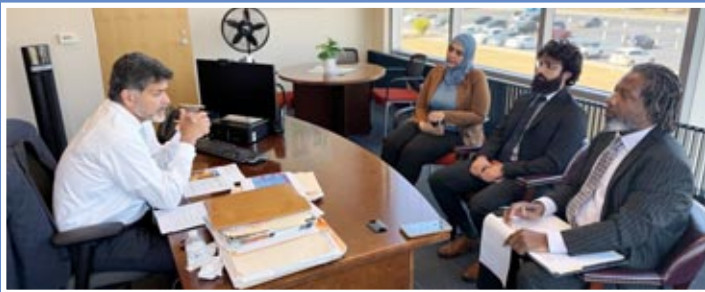


Northwest Campus



Man to Man Project

The Northwest Campus hosted the Man to Man event in collaboration with the Black Legacy Advancement Coalition — an empowering initiative designed to help men reach their full potential.



Hamtramck Continuing Education and Academic Partnership Meeting



Detroit Association of Realtors Workshop

The Detroit Association of Realtors hosted a homebuyer's workshop aimed at educating participants on the homebuying process and mortgage options.



McNichols Association Meeting

The McNichols Association held a community outreach meeting at the Northwest Campus.

Eastern Campus

Piano Class

Students are learning a variety of techniques including finger independence, correct fingering, scales, arpeggios, chords, and pedaling.



They are also learning to coordinate both hands, improve musicality and dynamics, and read sheet music.



Best Practices

Staff from the Student Services and Instruction Offices at the Eastern Campus met to discuss best practices and processes.



The Art of Makeup

Students in the Art of Makeup advanced class are learning how to pick and apply eyeshadow colors that compliment their skin tones.

Ted Scott Campus



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

The Ted Scott Campus hosted its annual Halloween Trick or Treat Night with more than 600 participants. Highlights included Halloween safety tips, campus trick-or-treating, face painting, and other hands-on educational activities.



Music on the Terrace

The School of Continuing Education presented the final band in the Music on the Terrace series at the Ted Scott Campus. Participants enjoyed an evening of music and educational activities.



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

