

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1520

November 1-7, 2025

Stronger Together: Bridging Community, Industry and Education for Student Success

The Division of Educational Affairs presented the Fall 2025 Advisory Committee Breakfast Meeting at the Northwest Campus. More than twenty-five local partner companies and agencies, along with several four-year college and university partners, participated in the program. Featured speaker Art Cartwright, CEO of Interactive Robotics and Global Empowerment Resources, was joined by Halo the robot, who became a memorable highlight of the program.





Enhancing Criminal Justice Education Through Collaboration

We were pleased to convene a meeting with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and key criminal justice leaders in Wayne County, Michigan. During the meeting, the group developed short-term and long-term plans for events and activities aimed at engaging our students and the broader community with the justice system. In the coming months, these plans will address some of the most pressing challenges affecting students, the community, and the justice system.

Those in attendance included:

Warren Evans, Wayne County Executive
 Todd Bettison, Chief of Police, Detroit Police Department
 Kevin Tolbert, Chief of Staff, Wayne County Sheriff's Office
 Tadarial Sturdivant, Vice President of Public Safety at the Wayne County Airport Authority
 Anthony Holt, Wayne State University Chief of Police and Campus Safety
 Bahrija Livadic, WCCCD Police Chief
 Angelique Peterson-Mayberry, Wayne County Commissioner
 James Jackson, WCCCD Criminal Justice Faculty

Strategic Marketing Planning Meeting



ROBOTICS 4 YOUTH

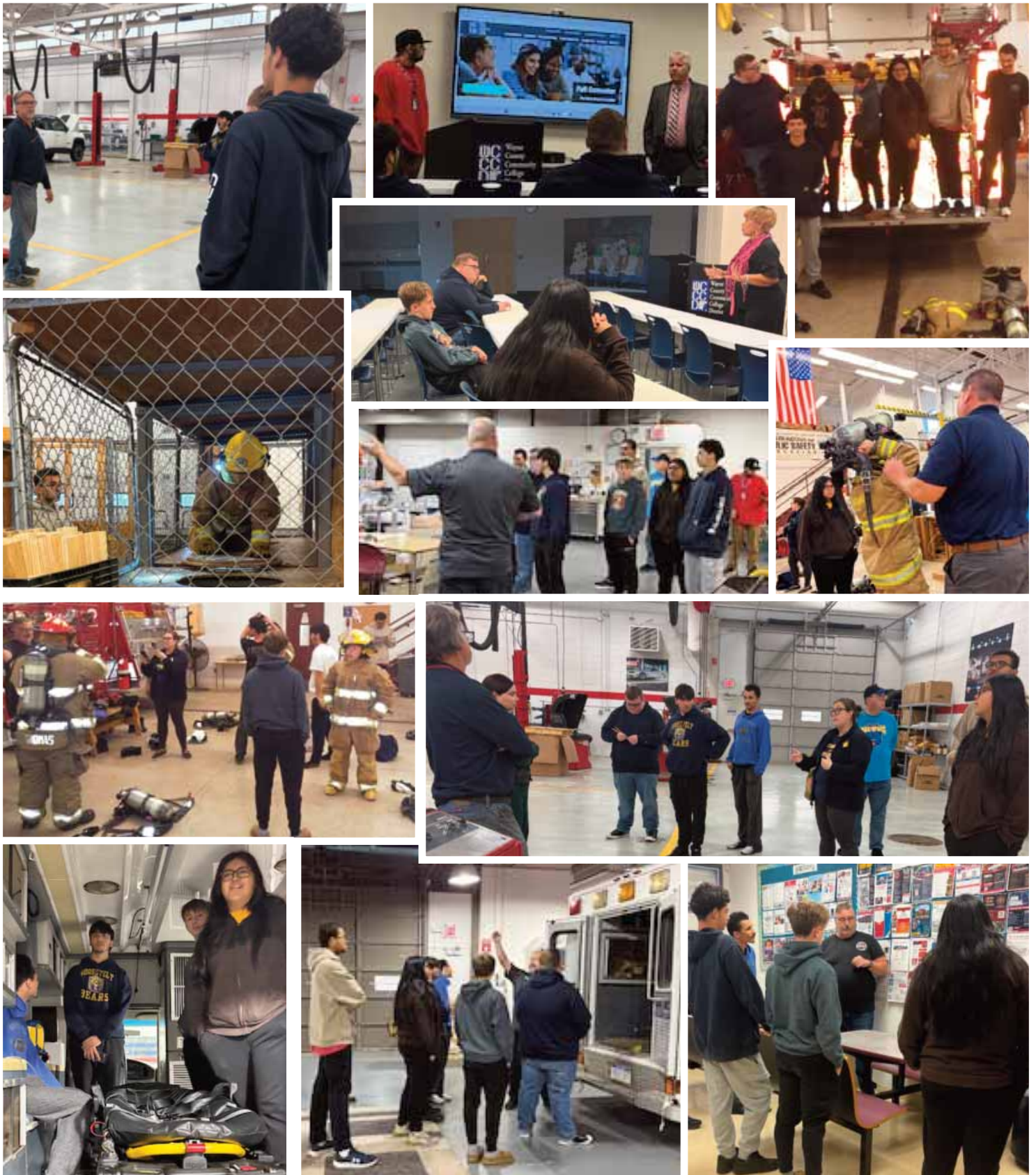
INTERMEDIATE

The Ted Scott Campus presented the Detroit Metro Robotics - League Meet Workshop. Attendees learned how to improve their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and apply computer programming concepts using the python programming language.



DOWNRIVER CAMPUS TOUR – Roosevelt High School Seniors

The Downriver Campus hosted a tour for seniors from Roosevelt High School. During the visit, students received an overview of campus programs and services and learned about the hands-on training opportunities available within the Automotive Program.





Division of Institutional Effectiveness

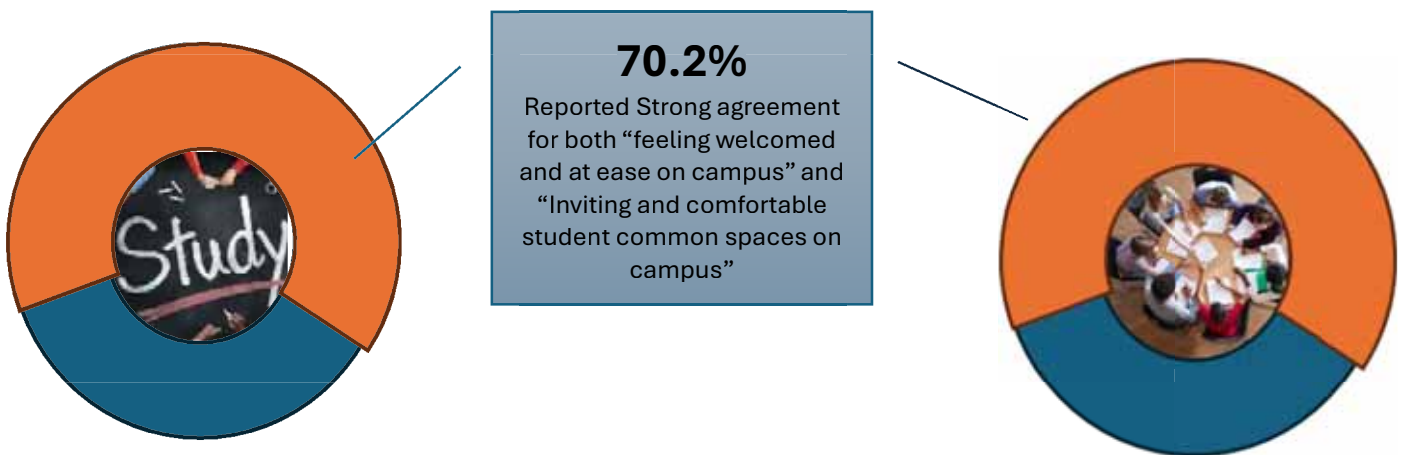
The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) partners with the Division of Student Services and each campus to gather students' sense of belonging to promote satisfaction and engagement in campus life. IE analyzes student feedback gathered from a variety of surveys to understand their needs and improve experiences. Research suggests making a good first-time impression promotes engagement in campus life and indirectly enhances retention and completion. The Survey of Entering Student Engagement study reports that students having a sense of belonging fostered better overall success and retention.

A feeling of being welcome can help the student have:

- Improved Academic Outcomes. They tend to perform better academically.
- Increased Persistence and Enrollment, especially among first generation students.

Source: Students' Sense of Belonging Matters: Evidence from Three Studies | Teaching + Learning Lab

WCCCD conducts the Campus Experiences Survey to understand student impressions and service needs. There were 62% students who returned from a previous semester and 38% who were first-time students at WCCCD. Below highlights student satisfaction with belongingness and centeredness.



Fall 2025 WCCCD Returning Students and First-Time Student Rates

from data collected from the Students First survey.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus



Dual Enrollment Fire Fighter Practical

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Dual Enrollment Fire Fighter class. The practical training focused on hose techniques used in fire emergencies, donning and doffing fire gear and SCBA.



William D. Ford Career-Technical Center

MIPSE hosted the William D. Ford Fire Fighter I students for their first hands-on practical training.



WCCCD Fire Fighter Practical

Fire fighter students practiced knot-tying and essential skills used in fire emergencies to secure scenes and preserve property while protecting life.

Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit Training



MIPSE hosted members of the Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit for a specialized training session.

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital Relationship-Based Care Training

The Downriver Campus hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for a Relationship-Based Care training seminar titled *"Re-Igniting the Spirit of Caring."*





The School of Continuing Education is offering a three-part community home ownership forum. The sessions provide an opportunity to gain a wealth of knowledge about housing.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Wayne RESA
Special
Education
Department
Low Vision
Training



Wayne RESA
Reinvigorating
Your Professional
Learning
Community

Downriver Campus

November 3 - December 5, 2025

Donation boxes are available at
ALL CAMPUSES and
the Curtis L. Ivery District Office

Donate Gently Used or New Coats





Division of Student Services

New Student Experience Team

Our New Student Experience team is fully equipped to guide students through a variety of processes, including registration, MTA agreements, transferring credits, financial aid applications, community resources, and more.

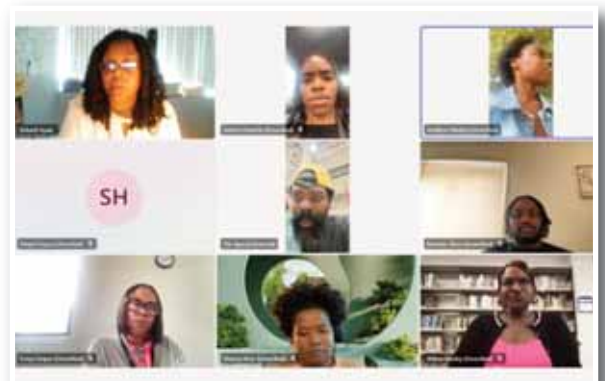


Student Participation

Staff met with representatives from WCCCD's student organizations and clubs to discuss upcoming events and support needs to increase student engagement. A few of the topics discussed include student volunteers for the annual Holiday Luncheon, updating flyers, and ways to generate organization awareness and participation in extracurricular activities.

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Office is pleased to announce our upcoming virtual FWS Job Fair. This fair will provide students and off-site partners with the chance to meet, discuss available positions, and conduct on-the-spot interviews. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about additional off-site employment options for the upcoming semesters.



Division of Student Services

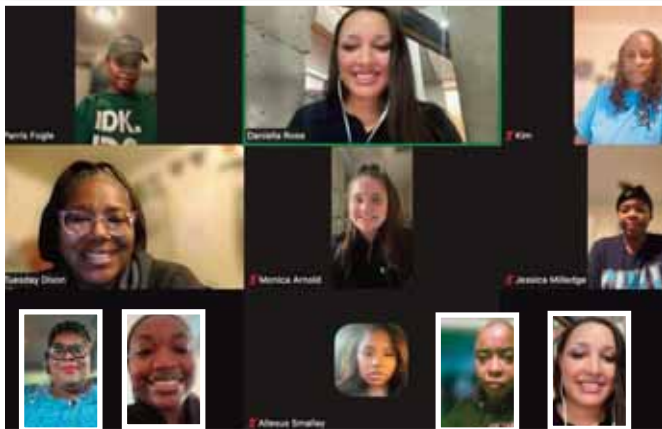


MiCUP Kick-Off Information Session

Staff from the Division of Student Services held an information session on the Michigan College and University Partnership. This session provided Stem students with information and introduce them to relevant grants and internship start-ups.

Dual Enrollment Program

Staff met with representatives from Cengage to discuss Spring 2026 book options for dual enrollment students.



Phi Theta Kappa

President Daniella Captain, joined by fellow Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta members, led both the monthly Chapter Officer's Meeting and the General Member Meeting to facilitate discussions regarding the upcoming PTK Induction Ceremony in December.

Professional Development

Dr. Mazharul Islam participated in the 2025 Degree Works Virtual Summit. The two-day summit provided opportunities to deepen knowledge, share experiences, and build networks.



Staff is training new team members on VA enrollment auditing and student A# retrieval/CE admissions.

Admissions and Records

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 DISTRICT OFFICE

Flooring replacement in the Board of Trustees Conference Room.



EASTERN CAMPUS

Maintenance is draining the rooftop chillers in preparation for the winter season.

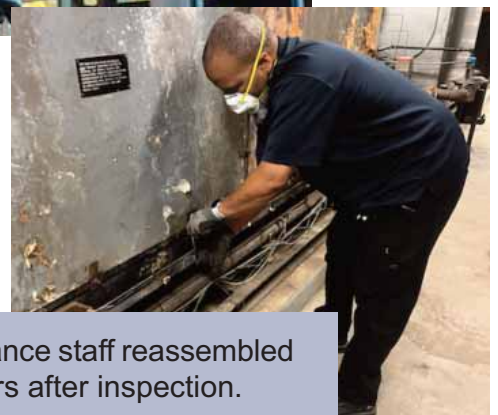


DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

**Pavement Maintenance
repairs at MIPSE**



Maintenance staff reassembled the boilers after inspection.



Downriver Campus Police Authority Office improvement and expansion opportunities review.





The Division of Human Resources (HR) is preparing for the upcoming Benefit Open Enrollment and Staff Payroll Audit, which will take place from November 10 - 21, 2025. During this period, employees will have the opportunity to make adjustments to their benefits. Additionally, as part of the audit process, all faculty and staff are required to complete an Employee Verification Form in person and to present a valid Driver's License or State Identification Card.

*The benefits team will be available in the Human Resources Office
on Monday, November 10, 2025*

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, November 17, 2025 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 17, 2025 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



ST. FLORIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Hamtramck, Michigan

The Cultural Enrichment Program visited St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck, Michigan. St. Florian, the oldest church in Hamtramck and a designated heritage site in the United States, and is a symbol of Polish-American history and culture. With stunning stained glass windows, intricate gold work, and breathtaking architecture, the group was left in awe.

ARAB CULTURAL MEETING



The Arab cultural meeting focused on the education and language. Professor Reny Thomas talked about how Arabs are a minority community in Kerala, South India. Dr. Dib Saab shared insights about the education system in Lebanon, where students learn Arabic as their first language and French as their second. He also demonstrated how Arabic is written from right to left, unlike most other languages.



Division of Educational Affairs

Early Childhood Education at Wayne State University

Drs. Tynisha McGee, Carolyn Custer, and Charmaine Johnson met to review pathways for students to pursue Early Childhood Education at Wayne State University once they graduate from WCCCD.



On-boarding Process

New staff members are reviewing processes and procedures during the on-boarding process.



Building Community Relationships



Staff from across the District and local Belleville community members attended the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Celestial Gala.



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on...

Sherry Washington

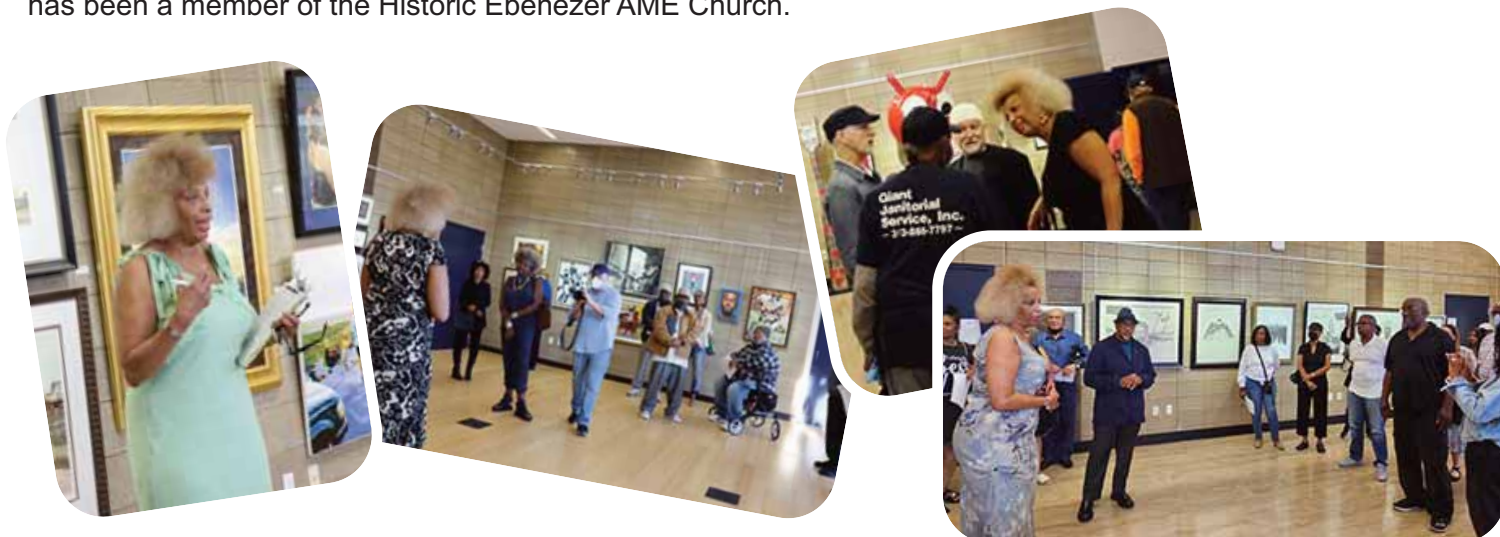
Sherry Washington serves as the arts curator and manager for the Wayne County Community College District Brown and Juanita C. Ford Galleries. She is responsible for ensuring that students and the community are exposed to some of the finest artworks in America. In 2023 she created the publication "American Visions: The Art of Collecting," which documents two 2022 exhibitions featured in the galleries.

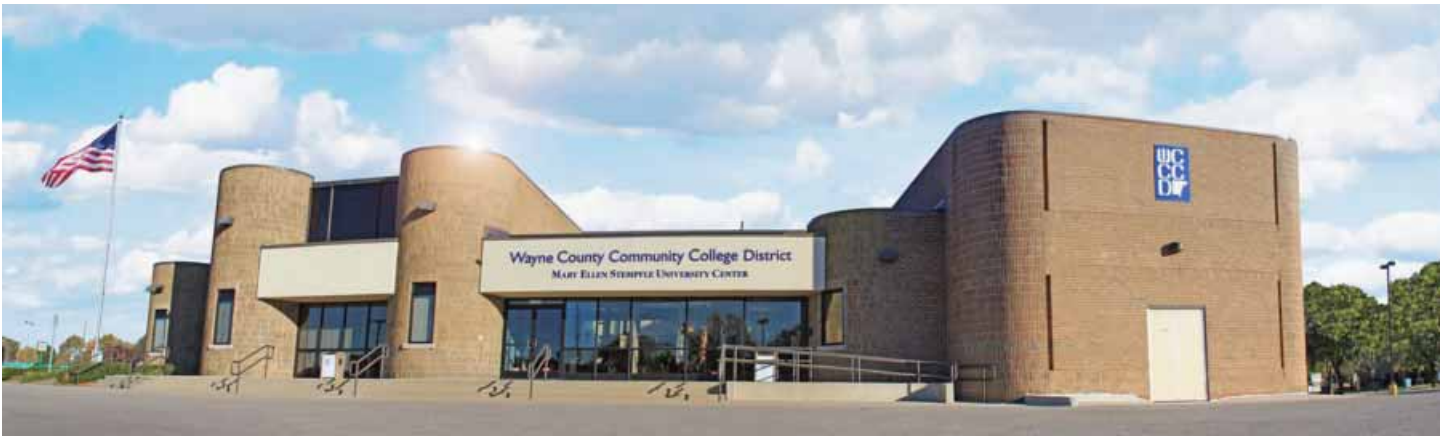
Since 2003, the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery has shown master artists such as Benny Andrews, Richard Mayhew, and David Driskell; as well as many esteemed local artists, emerging painters and K-12 artists. Ms. Washington is currently managing the publication of the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery exhibitions marketing project, "WCCCD Masters of the Arts" catalog," which features the art of renowned artists Harold Allen, M. Saffell Gardner, Bill Sanders, Jocelyn Rainey, and Jide Aje.

Ms. Washington has curated more than 60 exhibitions of American artists at WCCCD to ensure students and the community are aware of the value of incorporating the visual arts in one's life, thus hopefully improving one's quality of life. She has created two annual exhibitions that seek to unite WCCCD with the visual arts community: the "Annual K-12 Student Exhibition" and the "WCCCD Community Consciousness Exhibition." She also conducts youth workshops and lectures in the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery that are taught by professional artists who provide hands-on experiences for participants.

In 1990 Ms. Washington and John Bolden created the Detroit Institute of Arts Friends of African and African American Art Dr. Alain Lock Awards. This award honors cultural leaders and artists who have significantly advanced appreciation and support for the arts in Michigan.

Ms. Washington is a University of Michigan graduate and a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member. She is also a member of the Griots Book Club and the Elliottorian Business and Professional Women's Club. Since birth, she has been a member of the Historic Ebenezer AME Church.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



American Sign
Language and Deaf
Culture Seminar

University Partnerships



Dr. Harvey Dorrah and
Denis Karic met with staff
from Saginaw Valley State
University.



Exciting News!
Ultra Course View
Transition Complete!

We are pleased to announce that WCCCD has officially transitioned to Blackboard Ultra. All Spring 2026 course shells are now available in the new, modern interface.



Community Partners

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted Michael B's monthly board meeting.

One Vision, One District, One College

Downriver Campus

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Spring 2026 Registration is Underway at the Downriver Campus

Staff assisted students with registering for Spring 2026 classes on the first day of priority registration.



Dual Enrollment Automotive Program Meeting

Staff met with Carly Barnard and Jenna Randall from Taylor Schools to discuss the current Dual Enrollment Automotive Program and opportunities for continued collaboration.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Language Institute ~ *Trading Stories*

The Language Institute hosted a Trading Stories workshop exploring the origin of Halloween and its celebration across different cultures. The discussion traced how ancient customs and beliefs gradually evolved into today's familiar Halloween traditions of costumes, pumpkins, and trick-or-treating. Participants also shared stories about similar festivals celebrated around the world, each honoring ancestors and the cycle of life in unique ways.



Mid-Day Master Class Beauty from the Inside Out

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Mid-Day Master Class titled "*Beauty from the Inside Out*." This marks the first session in a series of engaging workshops aimed at empowering participants with valuable knowledge and practical skills.



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Pi Zeta chapter met to finalize plans for the Thanksgiving Feed the Hungry Campaign.

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Mac & Cheese Recipes

Boxes of macaroni and cheese were distributed to students, along with creative recipe cards for delicious sides and easy meals for the holidays and beyond.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Class-Barre

Members enjoy barre class, which combines elements of ballet, Pilates, and yoga to strengthen, tone, and stretch the entire body through low-impact, high-intensity movements.



Partnerships

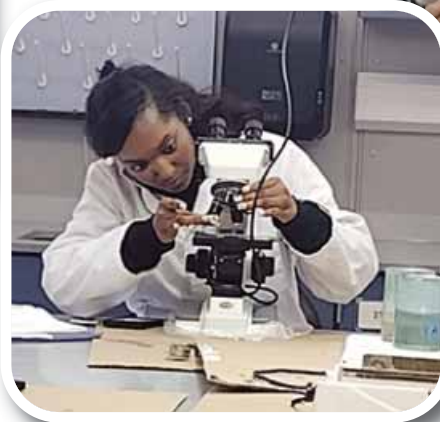
Mike Dotson met with a local community group to discuss future partnership opportunities.

Riverfront Conservancy

The HWECC hosted a volunteer training session in partnership with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.



Eastern Campus



Microbiology

Students examined cultures under the microscope to determine if they are Acid Fast.

Student Success



Staff continue to assist students with course selections to stay on track with their plan of work. Students that met the minimum requirements are registering early for the upcoming Spring 2026 semester during priority registration.





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Eastern Campus Tour



Prospective students participated in a tour of the Eastern Campus to learn about opportunities in high-demand career fields.

Sheet Metal Workers Union

Students recently received a visit from representatives of the Sheet Metal Workers Union. This opportunity provided Construction Trades Training Program students with valuable insight into career opportunities, apprenticeship, and industry demands in the sheet metal trade.



Construction Trades Training Program



Students in the Construction Trades Training Program are currently in the process of constructing a storage shed as part of their practical learning experience.

Northwest Campus

Professional Development



The Northwest Campus presented another workshop in the Pathways to Success Professional Development Series titled “A Deeper Dive into Commitment: Staying the Course” with Greg Dunmore. Participants explored strategies to build resilience, sustain motivation, and enhance teamwork.



Learning About Our Government

The Detroit Public Schools Community District facilitated an interactive workshop helping students understand how the government functions, the steps to vote, and ways to engage with civic issues.



Community Partnerships

The Detroit Association of Realtors, dedicated to advocating for private property rights and high professional standards, conducted a seminar at the Northwest Campus.

Northwest Campus



District-wide Health Sciences Meeting



Celestine Walker (Unverified)



Celestine Walker (Unverified)



Abby Freeman (Unverified)



Health Science Center Tour

A group of eighth graders from Barber Preparatory Academy toured the Health Science Center. Students participated in immersive activities that explored career opportunities in the allied health field. They also toured the Gregory Johnson, Humanity: Paintings and Drawings exhibit at the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery.



Halloween Spirit

Staff dressed up and provided light refreshments for students during Halloween.



Ted Scott Campus

In the Mail...

Hello Matthew,

"It was great to meet, and it was a pleasure to take a tour of the Ted Scott Campus. I truly appreciate your time and interest in exploring how the North American Indian Association and WCCCD can collaborate in the future.

With the dedication that the Ted Scott Campus shows toward its students and the many supportive resources you provide, I want to say how encouraging it was to see that firsthand. It's clear that your team invests a great deal into helping students succeed, and I commend you for that.

I wanted to share some additional resources that might complement the work you're already doing. These programs focus on helping students access affordable internet and personal computing devices. I've compiled a summary of low-cost internet and device options that eligible students or their households can apply for—sharing this information or posting it where students can easily see it could make a meaningful difference in helping them complete their courses without adding extra financial stress.

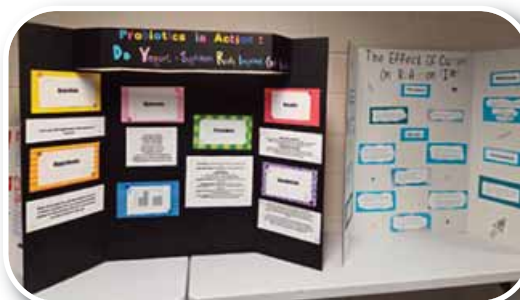
Thank you again for your time during the tour and for allowing me to see firsthand the campus's strong commitment to its students, something that really stood out to me. I look forward to staying engaged as we continue to explore how our organizations can work together to create meaningful opportunities for the community."

Warm regards, Travis Schuyler
Program Manager,
North American Indian Association



Community Partnerships

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Romulus Community Schools District's Professional Development Workshop. Staff focused on designing learning goals for students.



**Showcasing
Biology
student's
experiments**



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

