

14th Academic Assessment Awareness Day



The Division of Institutional Effectiveness partnered with Educational Affairs, Student Services, and the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to facilitate the 14th Annual Academic Awareness Day. Assessment Awareness Day is a professional development workshop dedicated to assessment strategies for student learning. The day featured a keynote address by Dr. Scott Tharp from the University of Illinois Chicago who shared strategies on how to design rubrics using AI generative tools to assess authentic learning.



14th Academic Assessment Awareness Day

A panel of WCCCD faculty moderated by Dr. Ella Davis, who shared how they integrate AI tools and practices to improve student outcomes. The panelists: Dr. Diana Gellci, WCCCD Discipline Lead, Social Sciences and Anthropology, Dr. Earl Robinson, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (retired) and WCCCD Professor Computer Information Systems, Dr. Nancy Vieira Sterniak, World Languages Curriculum Specialist, ASL and Foreign Languages Department Lead, and Dr. Allan Cosma, WCCCD District Associate Vice Chancellor, Career and Technical Programs shared key strategies and approaches to infuse AI generative tools for learning, curriculum development, and assessment in their courses. The day reinvigorated how we approach learning to meet students where they are and build a bridge to prepare students for future careers as well as advance study at four-year colleges and universities.





I participated in the Michigan Community College Association's Student Success Committee Meeting.

Some of the agenda items included:

- Student Success Framework and Measures of Equitable Student Success
- More Essential Than Ever Overview
- Current Projects and Grant Investments
- Data Minute Presentation



Congratulations!

Furquan Ahmed received The Honorable William Isaac Robinson Dignity and Leadership Award from the African American Leadership Institute. He received this award for using his platform to positively influence social and political change for all humans, no matter their race, culture, age and economic status.



Pathways Initiatives Meeting

I met with Dr. Gunder Myran, Senior Consultant to discuss Pathways Initiatives.



WELCOME!



Dr. Candace Johnson,
PhD., MPH, RN
*Associate Dean of
Nursing*

Dr. Candace Johnson is a seasoned nurse educator with nearly twenty years of teaching and leadership experience across community college, proprietary, and university-based nursing programs. She has taught and coordinated curricula at every level—from nurse aide and practical nursing programs to traditional and accelerated BSN pathways—giving her a practical understanding of clinical education, skills lab operations, student progression, and the day-to-day functioning of diverse nursing programs.

2025 WCCCD Honorary Associate of Arts Degree Recipient

Victoria Christopher Murray



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We proudly held a reception recognizing Victoria Christopher Murray, *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling author and award-winning novelist, as the 2025 WCCCD Honorary Associate of Arts Degree recipient. The program, held at the Northwest Campus, provided guests with an opportunity to celebrate her remarkable work and commitment to uplifting communities.



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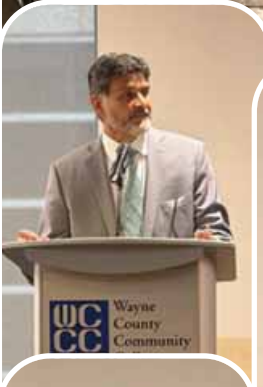
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Criminal Justice Student Leadership Forum



The Northwest Campus hosted the Criminal Justice Student Leadership Forum, providing an opportunity to welcome police authority graduates, members of the judiciary, and student delegations from Cass Technical High School and Voyageur Academy. The event included a networking luncheon and a kickoff session that highlighted our criminal justice pathways, including Criminal Justice, Corrections, Law Enforcement, and Homeland Security programs.





Division of Educational Affairs

Science Lab Conversations

Drs. Harvey Dorrah, Allan Cosma and Carolyn Custer met with Discipline Lead Dr. Curtis Green and the science faculty to discuss lab innovations, instruction, support, program alignment, and future planning.



Student Field Trip

ENG119/120 students participated in a field trip to see the movie Sarah's Oil. This movie illustrates the character Sarah, as she navigates valuable real-world learning experiences both in and out of the classroom. Students gained essential insights into the importance of financial contracts and literacy, equipping them for future success.



Wayne State University Articulation Agreement



Members of the Educational Affairs team met with the staff in the Office of the Dean of the School of Education at Wayne State University to work on an articulation agreement.

Underground Railroad Bus Tour to Ohio

WCCCD students and community members participated in a tour of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Homesite of former President Ulysses S. Grant, as well as Historic Homesites of Abolitionists, John Parker and John Rankin in Cincinnati, Ohio.





Building Community Relationships



Trenton Education Foundation

Andy Steeby went to the Trenton Education Foundation for their scheduled meeting. The group discussed ongoing initiatives, community partnerships, and upcoming projects aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for students within the Trenton community.

SWCRC Matt Hall Legislative Forum

Staff attended Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Matt Hall Legislative Forum.



Mayor's Career Education Advisory Council

Dr. CharMaine Hines represented the Chancellor at the City of Detroit Mayor's Workforce Development Board's Career Education and Advisory Council's November meeting.

Downriver Campus

The Guidance Center Head Start November Health Fair

The Downriver Campus hosted The Guidance Center Head Start November Health Fair. This program was designed to promote health and wellness among children and families.



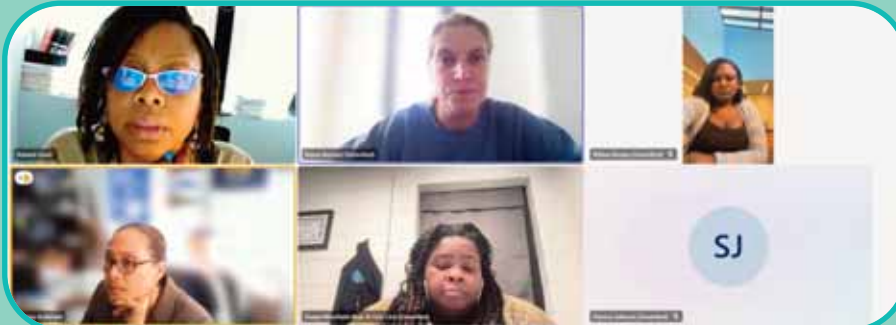


Division of Student Services



New Student Experience

Staff continue to assist new students with their My Wildcat portal, registering for Spring 2026 classes, and resources available to them.



Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Office hosted a job fair, showcasing various offsite organizations. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, share information about their skills and experiences, and highlight what they can offer to prospective employers.



Division of Student Services



PepsiCo Resource Meeting

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a PepsiCo Resource Meeting. This session gave participants the resources to effectively identify and pursue job openings, enhancing their visibility within the PepsiCo organization, and how to take their career to the next level.



Professional Development

Dr. Joyce Russell provided important updates regarding Nursing courses, CEPI exams as well as information about prerequisites and transfer credits at this week's information session.



Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa Alpha, Upsilon Zeta Chapter hosted their monthly meeting to discuss the upcoming Fall Induction Ceremony. They also discussed current scholarship opportunities and encouraged eligible members to apply.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



MI-ACE Collaborative Luncheon

Women of the WCCCD District MI-ACE Collaborative participated in the Women of Color Collaborative Luncheon, hosted by Schoolcraft College with the theme, “*Uncharted: Redefining Success.*”

NMSDC Conference and Exchange

Akmam Jaigirdar attended the NMSDC Conference and Exchange. Pictured with Robert Sanchez, CEO, Ryder Logistics Transportation.



Dual Enrollment Program

Chauntel Nelson attended the MCAN Annual Conference in Lansing, gaining fresh insight into how to better support WCCCD’s dual enrollment students.



Distance Learning

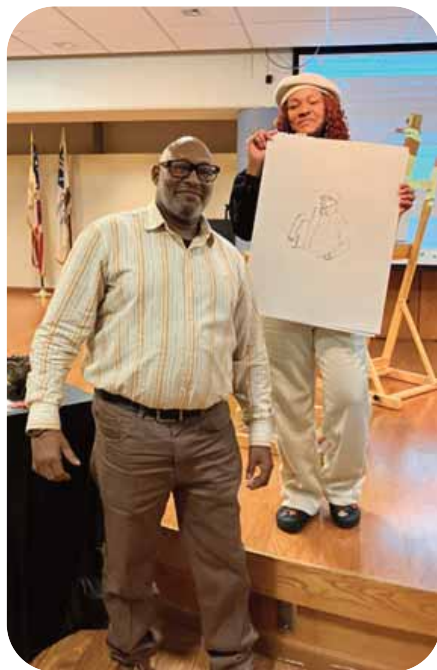
Denis Karic attended the Online Learning Consortium Accelerate Conference where he met with Dr. Jess Kelly, Chief Academic Officer of the Online Campus at Lone Star College in Texas to discuss best practices in online education.

Eastern Campus



This annual event provided WCCCD art students with an opportunity to display and exhibit various pieces of wall art, ceramics, PDP creative works, live life drawings of models and fashion designs.

Miles of Art and Culture





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Mobile Field Force Training



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted U.S. Customs and Border Protection for Mobile Field Force training. The course included formation introductions and practice, gas mask familiarization and certification.

Fire Students

WCCCD Fire Fighter I Practical

Students practiced moving around and performing skills while wearing full Turnout Gear including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).



William D. Ford – Fire Practical



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

Detroit Fire Department Driving Training

MIPSE hosted the Detroit Fire Department for driving training. Participants received hands-on instruction focused on safe and effective vehicle operation.



Downriver Hazmat Team Training

MIPSE also hosted the Downriver Hazardous Materials Response Team for their monthly proficiency training and material updates.



Happening Now!

BANNER UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE

This week, the Divisions of Human Resources and Information Technology met to continue planning the Banner upgrade project to the Banner 9 Employee Self-Service

- Confirmed that current employee functions will serve as the baseline for the migration.
- Outlined the comparison work required to validate these functions within the Self-Service environment.
- Next step: Conduct a walkthrough of the Self-Service test environment to review navigation, verify updated layouts, and identify any gaps.



District-wide Technical Support



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**

Ted Scott Campus

Facilities Team meeting with Trade Contractors for the Middle College Renovation Project.



Curtis L. Ivery District Building

Fourth Floor Carpeting



Eastern Campus



Elevator Inspection

Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education



Concrete repair work was completed at the MIPSE. A contracted company removed damaged seams, cut and formed the affected areas, and prepared the site for new concrete to complete the restoration.



Citizenship in Action

Understanding Your Role in Society

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Criminal Justice Faculty presented a civic engagement centric workshop focused on individual responsibility, participation, and consequences when people do not engage. Participants explored citizenship, civic engagement, the justice system and how it strengthens the communities and justice system.





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



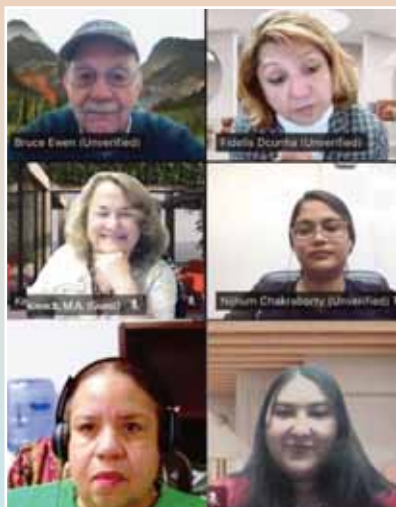
Virtual Intercultural Conversations

Centered around the observance of Native American Heritage Month, our Virtual Intercultural Conversations opened with a musical prelude followed by a presentations on Native American traditions and cultural facts. The meeting concluded with a reading of the 2025 Proclamation for Native American Heritage Month by Governor Gretchen Whitmer.



Virtual Book Discussion

During the virtual book discussion, participants talked about three inspirational books by women authors: *Haben* by Haben Girma, *Pomegranate* by Weam Namou, and *Being Heumann* by Judith Heumann. Each story offered a unique perspective on identity, resilience, and empowerment.



School of Continuing Education

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The "Hope for Flowers" opening reception was held at the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The exhibit will be on display until December 16, 2025.



Youth participated in an art gallery tour and hands-on workshop with artist Jonathon Kimble.

DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on...

Dr. Tammy Anderson

Dr. Tammy Anderson is now entering her 35th year as an educator, having served as a college administrator, college professor, secondary teacher and K-12 principal. She began her career at WCCCD in 2016 at the Eastern Campus collecting data and creating reports for the Chancellor's leadership team, and she now serves as the District Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Services.

Dr. Anderson's contributions to WCCCD clearly show that she has been a tireless advocate for student success and institutional excellence. Her leadership has been instrumental in developing cross-campus programs for students focused on advising, retention, and college completion. She has always approached her work with a deep sense of care and advocacy for students.

Some examples of her commitment to student success include her roles with the following: Scholarship Committee, Ceremonies and Rituals Committee, First-Year Student Taskforce, Student Retention Program, Proactive Advising and Success Planning, Holistic student supports (food pantries, Professional Closet, technology lending programs, transportation services, and career placement services), New Student Experience, and Student Life Programs and Services (student clubs/organizations, Global Conversations Speaker Series, Student Executive Council, Phi Theta Kappa, and Federal Work-Study Program).

All of these roles clearly underscore Dr. Anderson's long-standing commitment to our students and their success. She admits she loves her calling and is honored to serve our community and students.

Her professional journey is remarkable in both scope and impact. She began her career as a Detroit Police Officer, serving with honor and distinction for eight years. Beginning as a street patrol officer, she quickly advanced to training the executive leadership of the Detroit Police Department. Dr. Anderson also represented DPD in state, national, and international track and field events; and she volunteered in elementary and middle schools as an officer, helping to build community policing relationships. These experiences honed her skills in discipline, crisis management, and community engagement that serve WCCCD so well to this day.

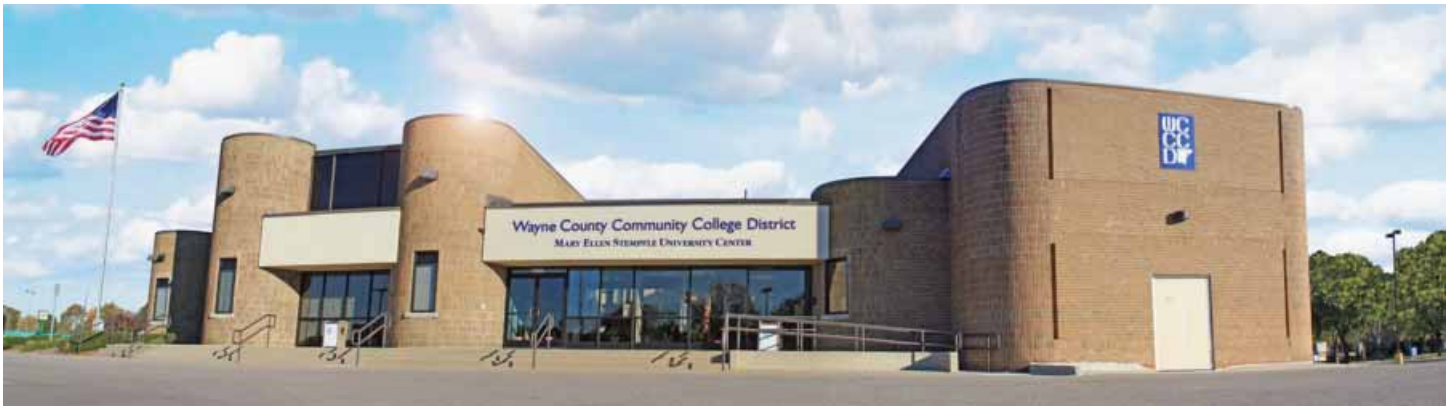
However, Dr. Anderson's most passionate and fulfilling role is serving as "Mom" to three children, two college athletes and one high school musician.

Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Recruitment Fair and Career Exhibit



WCCCD's Criminal Justice Program hosted a recruitment and career fair at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Participants were able to speak to advisors regarding program offerings and to various agencies regarding employment opportunities.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partners

Representatives from Grand Valley State University met with students at the Downriver Campus to provide transfer guidance once they graduate from WCCCD. They talked about program details and information on the application process.



International Collaboration

Furquan Ahmed, Dr. Harvey Dorrah and Denis Karic met with Christelle Bouyer, representative from La Rousselière, a vocational school in France, to discuss logistics for their planned visit of WCCCD's campuses.

Community Partners



Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors



Top Ladies of Distinction Youth Group



Eastland Co-op

Downriver Campus



Advisory Committee Meeting EMT/Paramedic/CoAEMSP Program



Committee members reviewed curriculum updates, discussed industry trends, and collaborated on strengthening program alignment with accreditation and workforce standards. The meeting ensured the program continues to meet the needs of students, employers, and the community.

SEMCA All Staff Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) All Staff Meeting.



Boy Scouts of America Meeting



The Downriver Campus also hosted the Boy Scouts of America Great Lakes Council Mahican District Round Table Monthly Meeting and Workshop.

Motor City Radio Club Monthly Meeting

The Motor City Radio Club's monthly meeting was held at the Downriver Campus. Members participated in communication training and updates on current materials.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Campus Life



Friendly Mixer Day

This day was designed to help students meet new people and build connections on campus.



Popcorn and a Movie Day

Students relaxed with friends on campus for a movie and popcorn.

Detroit Fire Department

The Local Detroit Firefighters Commission held an Executive Leadership Summit at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Key leaders from Michigan and Canada reviewed policies/procedures standards to enhance safety/performance and discussed updates.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Basketball

The HWECC hosted the WCCCD WildCats vs. the Owens Community College Express Men's basketball game.



Class

Yoga with Jess enables HWECC members to enhance their fitness, flexibility, and mental well-being through physical movement, meditation, and deep breathing.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Construction Trades Training Program Ceremony

The final cohort for 2025 wrapped up with a completion ceremony recognizing 18 completers. Unlike previous groups, this cohort centered its training on steel-framing carpentry—an in-demand skill that strengthens opportunities in both commercial and residential construction. Many families and friends were in attendance to cheer on their new graduates.



Electrical Electronics Technology

Residential Wiring

Students in the Electrical Electronics Technology Program are learning the fundamentals of wiring a three-way and a four-way switch.

Eastern Campus



Fashion Design Program Open House

The Eastern Campus hosted an open house for participants interested in the Fashion Design Program. They provided information about the upcoming classes, career pathways in design, tailoring and merchandising.

Ted Scott Campus



Partnership Opportunities

Staff met with the Operating Engineers Local 324 to discuss a potential partnership with the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Program.

Wayne County Literacy Coaching Network

Participants learned about research-based practices using collaborative inquiry, common texts, and discussion of the essential coaching practices for literacy.



Northwest Campus



Family Assistance for Renaissance Men

The Northwest Campus, in collaboration with F.A.R.M., hosted an expungement workshop.

Community Partnerships



Senator Sylvia Sanata hosted an engaging and resource-packed program titled *"Power Moves for Your Business."* The program brought together students, local entrepreneurs and community members for a series of discussions and workshops focused on small business growth, financial empowerment, and pathways to economic opportunity.

Information Technology Meeting

Staff met to discuss semester rollover needs regarding information technology.



Yes, Deer?

Thank you for sharing this fantastic picture of the deer in your backyard. I love it! That deer looked so relaxed, I half expected it to kick back in a lawn chair and ask you for a glass of iced tea.

And the way it was nibbling your plants? Pure confidence. You could practically hear it saying, "Don't mind me – I'm just here for the all-you-can-eat special."



Photo by Sue Ellen Eisenberg, our favorite college attorney. (At least today!)

One Vision, One District, One College



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

