



From Glory Days Veterans Edition

We were proud to present “From Glory Days – Veterans Edition” at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The program, held in partnership with WJR 760 AM, brought together veterans, students, faculty, and community members for a meaningful afternoon of storytelling, reflection, and connection. The program honored the experiences of those who served while fostering engaging dialogue on mental health, career pathways, available resources, and the importance of community support.



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Veterans Edition
Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus



Melodies at the Museum

In partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), the School of Continuing Education hosted Melodies at the Museum. Transportation was provided for our seniors from the Ted Scott Campus to the DIA to enjoy the sounds of Gnote~7 and tour the current art exhibitions.



Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree's 9th Annual Veterans Resource Fair

The Northwest Campus hosted Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree's 9th Annual Veterans Resource Fair, welcoming nearly one thousand veterans. Participants were provided with valuable information and resources. Veterans also enjoyed a gourmet meal prepared by the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.





The School of Continuing Education hosted the Downriver Student Art Exhibit at the Downriver Campus. Students showcased a variety of artwork ranging from ceramics, block printing, acrylic paintings, pencil sketches and handmade jewelry.



Below are some of the upcoming Spring 2026 exhibitions
at our Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Galleries.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

January 29 - April 3, 2026

Matt Corbin: The Pedagogy of Art and Sculpture: 50 Years of Creating

April 14 - May 8, 2026

WCCCD 3rd Annual ArtArama K-12 Student Art Exhibition

May 14 - July 17, 2026

Christopher Batten: A Master Series: Paintings, Profiles and People

Northwest Campus

January 23 - March 20, 2026

Charlene Uresy: The Beauty of Freedom: Repurposing Life

March 26 - May 29, 2026

Sabrina Nelson: The Women Who Carry: Paintings and Drawings



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



Virtual Intercultural Conversations



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations focused on Native American tribes, as well as the observance of International Education Week. The meeting started with an insightful presentation on the Ojibwe, Apache, and Cheyenne tribes. Participants concluded with a discussion on International Education Week, exploring its purpose and the benefits of global learning.



Cheyenne



Ojibwe





WCCCD Detroit Lions Day

District-wide support for the Lions in preparation for the Thanksgiving Day Game tradition!



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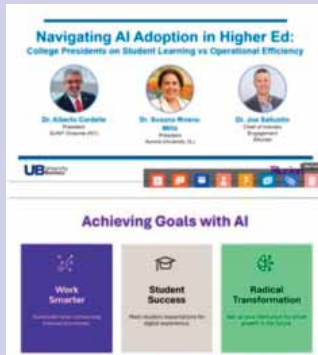
Division of Educational Affairs

LRC Supporting Allied Health Programs

Stephanie Jones met with Dr. Abby Freeman to discuss Learning Resource Center (LRC) resources supporting allied health programs and to outline LRC engagement in forthcoming Nursing New Student Orientations, scheduled for December 2025 (Practical Nursing cohort) and January 2026 (Registered Nursing cohort).



AI Adoption in Higher Education



"Navigating AI Adoption in Higher Ed," a University Business workshop, featured insights from Dr. Alberto Cardelle, President of SUNY Oneonta, Dr. Susana Rivera-Mills, President of Aurora University, and Dr. Joe Sallustio, Chief of Industry Engagement at Ellucian, as they discussed balancing student learning with operational efficiency in the era of AI. The Educational Affairs Team participated in the virtual session to further inform WCCCD's strategic approach to AI integration across academic and administrative functions.

Articulation Agreements



Drs. Tynisha McGee and Monica Wiggins met to discuss how IT can assist Educational Affairs with student access to articulation agreements on the website.



Staff met to discuss the Faculty Self-Service implementation project.



The Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) grant team met this week to discuss upcoming workshops, website updates, and programs for 2026.

Campus Technical Support



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on... WCCCD's New Website

Anyone who uses the College's new website can experience and enjoy all the new information and improvements. But how we have arrived at this point deserves some extra attention.

Dr. Ivery authorized a Website Redesign Taskforce to embark on this project with clear goals and objectives. The fact that this task was highly labor-intensive meant there had to be strong, effective, and hands-on leadership to get the job done.

While she never seeks attention for herself, Unbreen Amir accepted the assignment of guiding the taskforce towards the goal of a totally new website. She kept the project focused through countless, productive meetings to determine the scope of the task. Since the website had not been re-worked in over ten years, the amount of work to be done was enormous.

While Ms. Amir took this assignment very seriously and gradually learned just how much work needed to be done and how complicated and involved it was, her style was always to coax gently. The Taskforce had to involve the entire District since all of the website had to be redone. And given everyone's busy schedules with their everyday work, getting accurate updates to the website was often a frustrating and trying responsibility.

At the end of the day, Ms. Amir is quick to point out that the launch of the website was truly a team effort. The Website Redesign Taskforce members include Yoseph Demissie, Melvin Cartwright, Xuefei Qi, Eric Crutchfield, Dr. Randall Miller, James Melton, and Mishara Young. The website will always be a 'work in progress' simply by its definition of a repository of current information, so the taskforce will continue to provide oversight to ensure updates are made when needed. But you can be sure that it will be Unbreen Amir who will be in the middle of providing that oversight, and for her we are thankful!





Division of Student Services



Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment team met with high school students to kick off WCCCD's Criminal Justice Week.



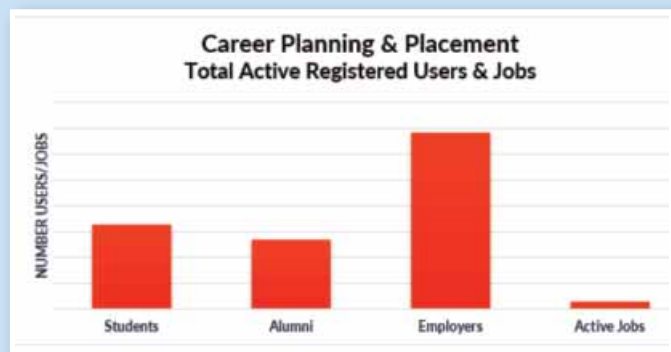
Registration and Records

Staff continue to assist students with registration, transcript requests, and admissions.



Professional Development

Dr. Ashanti Israel facilitated the Friday information session with updates and answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Federal Work-Study Program.



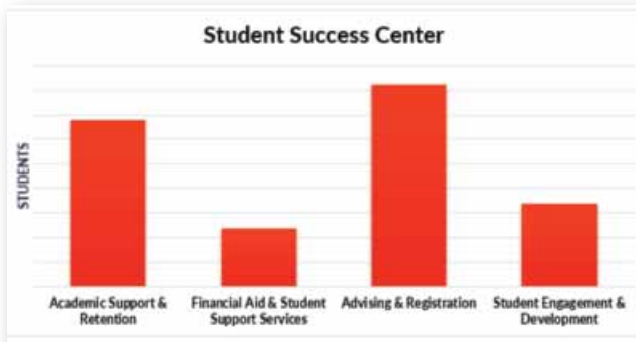
Career Planning and Placement

The Career Planning and Placement Office assists students and graduates in exploring employment opportunities aligned with their educational and personal goals. Students and graduates receive assistance in preparing resumes and cover letters, and in improving their interviewing skills, through employability development software programs.



Division of Student Services

Student Success Center



The District provides a range of academic support services, including tutoring and advising, to help students achieve academic success. We also implement initiatives like early alert systems, mentoring programs, and academic workshops to improve student retention. We strive to offer a wide range of opportunities for student involvement in leadership development programs, cultural events, and student organizations.



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HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Theta Kappa

Staff met to discuss the upcoming Honors Induction Ceremony.



Federal Work-Study Share

(3-Minute Professional Introduction/Elevator "Speech")
During your Federal Work-Study Share, you will have up to **three minutes** to present yourself professionally to supervisors and office partners. The brief introduction should highlight your strengths, experiences, and career goals. Students are encouraged to address the following areas:

What to Share

- **Your Work Experiences:** Provide a concise overview of your previous job roles, volunteer work, or relevant experiences, emphasizing responsibilities and accomplishments.
- **Your Skillset & Professional Goals:** Highlight key skills you possess—such as communication, customer service, technical abilities, leadership, organization—and explain how they align with your academic and career aspirations.
- **What You Offer an Organization:** Describe how you can contribute as a Federal Work-Study student. This may include reliability, a strong work ethic, willingness to learn, proficiency in certain tools or technologies, or the ability to support specific departmental needs.
- **Questions for Supervisors:** Prepare thoughtful questions about job expectations, training, scheduling, workplace culture, and opportunities for growth. Asking questions demonstrates professionalism and genuine interest.
- **Additional Suggested Talking Points (Optional):**
 - Your Major and Academic Interests
 - Why You Are Interested in a Specific Placement
 - Examples of Strengths or Achievements
 - Work Habits or Personal Qualities (punctuality, teamwork, adaptability)
 - Availability and Preferred Work Environment



Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Office hosted its 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.

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS PODCAST

WITH HOST ED CLEMENTE



New Podcast Available!

Tune in to our latest episode featuring Justin Onwenu, a fourth-generation Detroit, Michigan attorney, and the City of Detroit's first Director of Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunity. Hear his compelling perspectives on empowering local entrepreneurs, strengthening community impact, and expanding opportunities for economic growth and innovation across Detroit.

The podcast is available on the college's website at <https://www.wcccd.edu/podcasts> and other popular streaming platforms, such as Spotify, Amazon Music and more.



Building Community Relationships

Andy Steeby participated in a focus group with administrators and staff of Taylor High School and the Taylor Career Center. The group had a presentation on the NAF Academy Design for Taylor Career Center.



MDHHS 1-on-1 Check-In

Community Health Innovation & Promotions Section
(CHIPS)
& Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD)
Friday, November 21st, 2025, from 11:00am-12:00pm



Dr. Yvette Anderson participated in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Community Health Innovation and Promotions quarterly check-in. The check-in provided an opportunity to discuss the partnership between WCCCD, MDHHS and the City of Detroit in the operation of the Neighborhood Wellness Centers.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Eye on Michigan – Watchdog U

Local high school students were given information regarding investigative reporting. Students had the opportunity to work with journalists, university journalism professors and college students who served as mentors.



Entrepreneurial Resource Center

The Entrepreneurial Resource Center presented the Leadership Development for Career Focused African American Males Program. This program was designed to empower young males by enhancing their leadership skills and fostering a strong sense of identity and purpose.



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Health & Wellness
Education Center

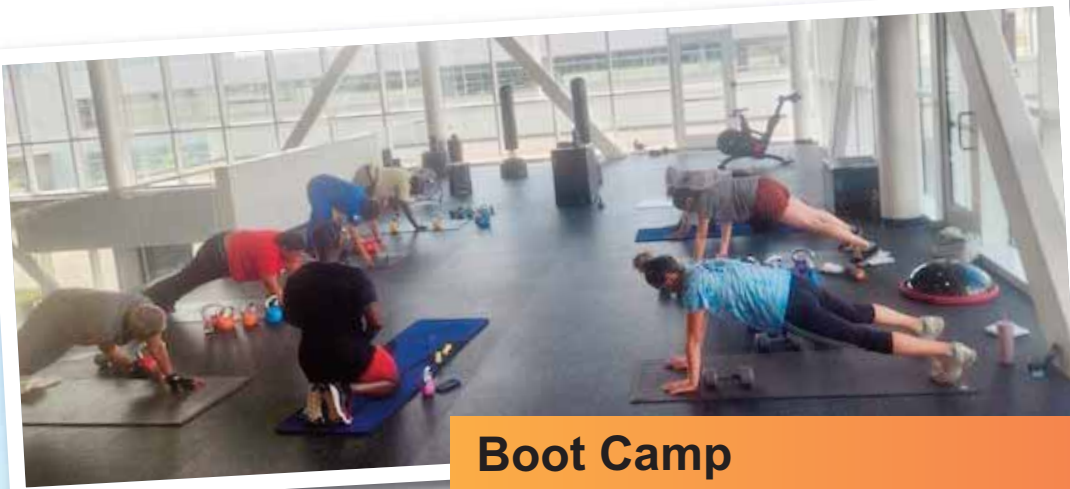


Thanksgiving Donations

Members celebrated Thanksgiving by donating hundreds of cans of food to the North Corktown Neighborhood Association. In recognition of this generosity, staff dressed in a full turkey costume and took a pie in the face to say thank you to our members.



Thankful for Good Health



Boot Camp

HWEC members push themselves during a recent session of the quick paced Boot Camp Circuit Training Class.

Downriver Campus



The School of Continuing Education presented *Holiday Jam* at the Downriver Campus. This program provided an opportunity for students, faculty, staff and community members to listen to a variety of holiday musical selections performed by the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society.



Hands-On EMT Training Session

The Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students participated in a training session on how to back board a patient.

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital

The Downriver Campus hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for a Relationship-Based Care Training seminar.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Dearborn Heights Fire Department – Pump Operator Practical

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted a Pump Operator Practical for the Dearborn Heights Fire Department. Participants received hands-on training focused on essential pump operations, including managing water supply, operating pump controls, and applying basic hydraulic principles.



Detroit Fire Department – Driving Training

MIPSE hosted the Detroit Fire Department for Driving Training. The training utilized various Fire Department vehicles, and each session included only certified officers with an approved and signed training request. Participants received hands-on instruction focused on safe and effective vehicle operation.



Eastern Campus



Microbiology

Students are conducting the "Unknown Experiment," to observe the characteristics of the cultures by color, shape, and identifying markers.



Recruiting Efforts

Staff continue to recruit new students for the skilled trades programs that include Construction Trades Training, Commercial Driver's License Class-A, Civil Technology Engineering Boot Camps, and Entrepreneurs Training Academy.

Art of Makeup Last Instructional Session



Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaways



Northwest Campus

36th District Court Career Exploration Tour

The Northwest Campus hosted a career exploration tour for participants from the 36th District Specialty Court. The tour opened a wide range of opportunities for Specialty Court participants as they continue working to improve their lives.



DWIHN Board Study Session



The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) held its Board Study Session at the Northwest Campus. Discussion focused on influencing behavioral health programs throughout Wayne County.

Northwest Campus



Nursing Advisory Breakfast

The Ted Scott Campus hosted a Nursing Advisory Breakfast for staff, faculty, and clinical site staff to discuss the state of the LPN and LPN to RN programs.



Leadership Conference

Candace Benson attended the BrownGirl RDH Annual Leadership Conference. This conference is a flagship event committed to advancing the dental hygiene profession by providing a dynamic platform for leadership development, empowerment, and continuous education.



Michigan Association of Dental Hygiene Educators

Dental faculty attended the Michigan Association of Dental Hygiene Educators (MADHE), annual passing of the toothbrush conference at University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. The MADHE is an organization for dental hygiene students and educators in Michigan, focused on education, collaboration, and professional development.

Ted Scott Campus



Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaways

Staff from the Ted Scott Campus, in conjunction with multiple community members, donated items for a Thanksgiving giveaway. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity, they were able to provide five students with all the Thanksgiving fixings. Turkeys were graciously provided by Cross Street Catering.



Southeast Michigan Model Train Show

The Ted Scott Campus welcomed the Southeast Michigan Model Train Show. This included various vendors and model train displays.



Van Buren Public Schools

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Van Buren Public School's Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management training. Attendees focused on designing learning for students.

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

