

Weekend Memo 1526

December 15-18, 2025

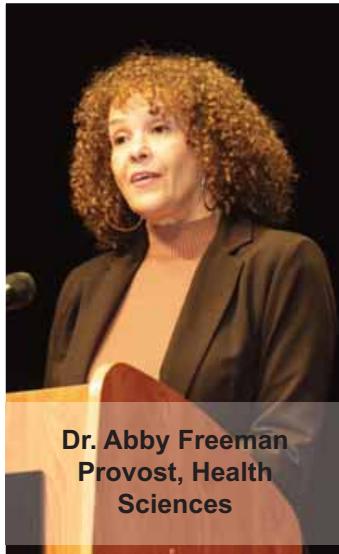
## Nursing and Allied Health PINNING CEREMONY

Downriver Campus

Keynote Speaker



James E. White, CEO  
Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network  
(DWIHN)



Dr. Abby Freeman  
Provost, Health Sciences



# WCCCD Nursing and Allied Health Pinning Ceremony





I met with Dennis Archer, Jr. Chairman and CEO of Sixteen42 Ventures; Ruth Van Vliet, Chief of Staff at Sixteen42 Ventures; Avinash Rachmale, Chairman and CEO of Lakeshore Global Corporation; and Thomas Hardiman, Executive Vice President of Business Development and Community Outreach to establish a partnership for 30 project managers in pre-engineering.

### Jump Starting New Training Initiatives

I also met with James White, President and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN), and Shelia Young, Executive Assistant, to explore educational partnership opportunities.



### Educational Partnership Meeting



### Michigan Community College Association Student Success Committee Meeting

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

Some of the agenda items included:

- Work Project Grant Update
- Reconnect Corrective Action Plan
- Accountability Measures

I also met with Drs. Harvey Dorrah and Allan Cosma to discuss strategies to enhance career education offerings and workforce development initiatives.



### Spring Semester Planning Meeting

# Happy Holidays



Mrs. Ola Ivery, First Lady of WCCCD, hosted a holiday luncheon at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to close out the year. In attendance were staff from the Office of the Chancellor, who enjoyed a seasonal meal led by Chef Lorenzo and prepared and served by the Culinary Arts and Hospitality team. Guests shared conversation and laughter, recognized the year's accomplishments, and looked forward to initiatives in 2026.



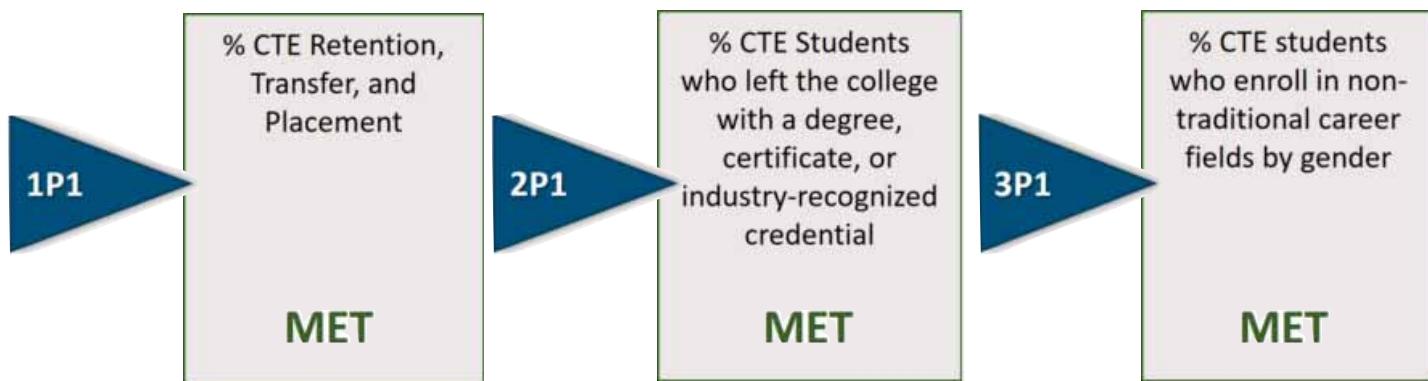
## "Bundle up for Kindness" Kids Coat Drive

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, this year's Kids Coat Drive was a wonderful success! Together, we collected more than 100 coats that will help keep local children comfortable throughout the winter. We are grateful to everyone who donated, volunteered, and helped spread the word. Because of you, many children will face winter with warmth, confidence, and a smile.



# Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) collaborates with all divisions to ensure compliance with accreditation standards and state reporting requirements. We monitor Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) outcomes to support programs that address workforce needs and prepare students for high-demand careers. The Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) is a biannual report that evaluates the effectiveness, outcomes, and market relevance of state-approved CTE programs. Below are the key performance indicators used to assess whether WCCCD met its goals and to guide planning for the next two years.



Below are WCCCD top CTE programs with the most completers in high demand, High Wage, and High Skill careers.



## Did you Know?

Michigan's most in-demand careers include:  
#1 Registered Nurse  
#2 Retail Sales Associate  
#3 Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver

These roles offer strong growth opportunities and competitive wages.

## Associate Degrees

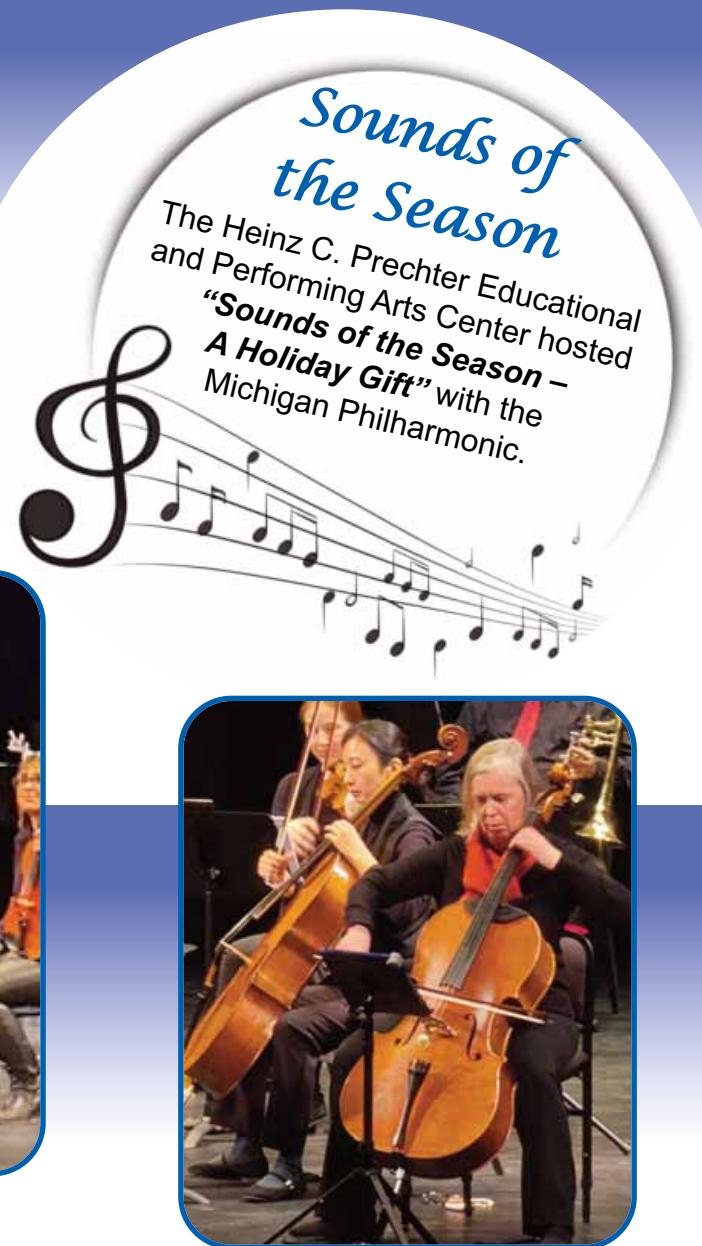
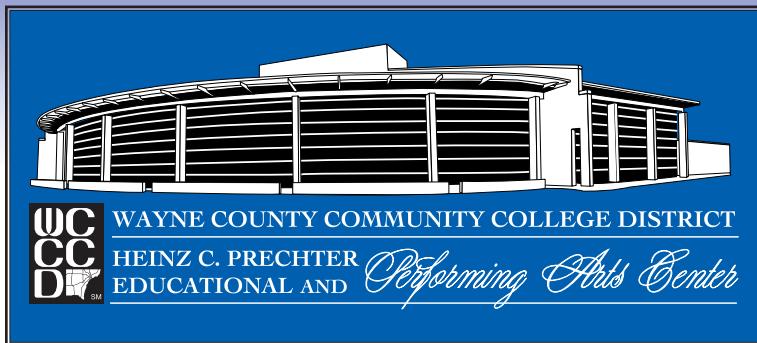
- Business Administration
- Cybersecurity
- Computer Information Systems

## Certificates

- Truck Driver Training (CDL)
- Emergency Medical Technology
- Surgical Technology: Central Service Technician

## Short-Term Certificates

- Surgical Technology: Central Service Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Business Administration: Business Supervisor





## Division of Educational Affairs

### University Partnerships

Drs. Tynisha McGee, Wanda Hudson, and Carolyn Custer met with representatives from University of Detroit - Mercy to discuss an articulation agreement for their Cybersecurity Program.

### Adopt-A-Family

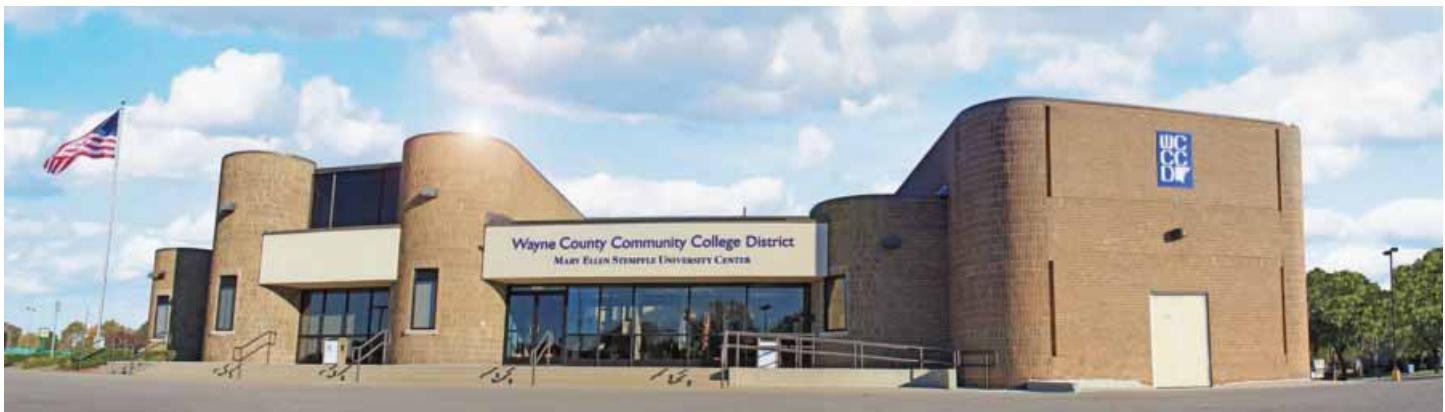


Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs wrapped gifts for the family they adopted this holiday season.



### Adopt-a-Family





## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



### Extending College Services and Training

Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with community members to provide an update on WCCCD's services, training, and program offerings for the Spring 2026 semester.



The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors held its professional development workshop at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the AKA Ladies of Distinction monthly meeting.



## Downriver Campus



### Downriver Community Conference Brownfield Meeting

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Downriver Community Conference Brownfield Meeting. Participants discussed ongoing redevelopment efforts and proposed concepts for repurposing former industrial and underutilized sites across Downriver communities.



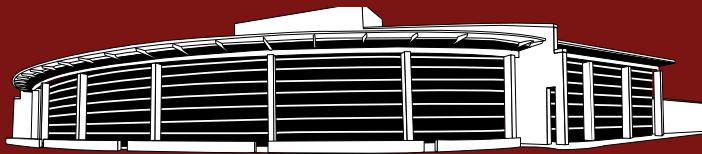
### Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Dual Enrollment Students

MIPSE hosted the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Dual Enrollment fire fighter class. The practical training focused on hose laying techniques used in fire emergencies.

#### WCCCD Fire Fighter Practical Training

MIPSE hosted the Fire Fighter I Practical training. Students practiced knot-tying and essential skills used in fire emergencies.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
HEINZ C. PRECHTER  
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

## Community Choir and Band Concerts

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the West Middle School Choir and Band, Hoover Middle School Choir and the Taylor High School Choir and Band. Students performed a selection of pieces showcasing their musical growth and engaging families and community members.





# Division of Student Services



## Connecting with the Hispanic Community

Staff met virtually with community leader and college professor Osvaldo Rivera to discuss services, training, and program offerings in Southwest Detroit.

## Introduction to the Performing Arts

Humanities students presented their end-of-the-semester assignment. The program featured a variety of performances, including lip-syncing songs from theater, film, and rock and roll.



## Community Relationships

The Outreach Team participated in Mini Noel Night with the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation. WCCCD connected with families and shared helpful resources about our academic and career programs. This event strengthened community relationships in Southwest Detroit.

# Division of Student Services

## Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment Team met with the Detroit Boxing Gym to discuss course offerings for Spring 2026.



## New Student Experience

Students are assisted by the New Student Experience team to address scholarship opportunities, financial literacy and to develop their class schedules.



## Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

The Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter held its monthly meeting to thoroughly review expectations for the upcoming College Project and Honors in Action Projects.



## Chess Club

Students continue to learn new strategies in the game of Chess.

# **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

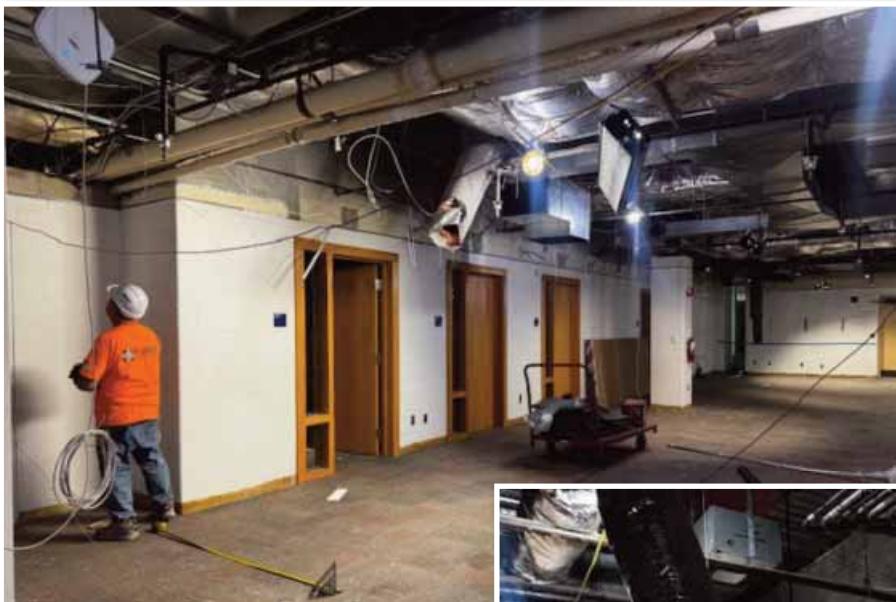


MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

## **Ted Scott Campus**



**Dual Enrollment  
Suite Renovations**





## CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



### Virtual Intercultural Conversations

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations marked the final meeting of the year and focused on Middle Eastern American Heritage Month, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.



Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha attended a meeting with Refuge for Nations to discuss our 2025 partnership successes. Refuge for Nations is a nonprofit charity organization employing refugee women through our dedicated sewing centers across Metro Detroit.

## Language Institute

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Spanish and German students are taking advantage of the Curtis L. Ivery Language Institute's Mango software, a powerful tool designed to enhance their preparation for final exams efficiently and effectively.





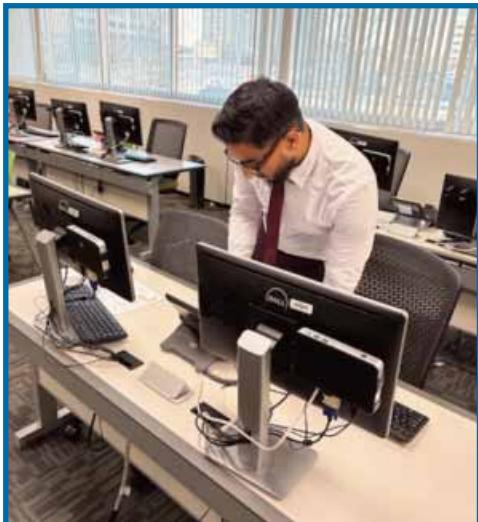
## **Website Committee Update Meeting**

Members of the Website Committee met virtually with representatives from Beyond Web Solutions (BWS) to coordinate website support and staff training. BWS will manage CMS administration and workflow design while training internal staff on day-to-day content updates.

## **Information Technology Staff Meeting**



## **District-wide Technical Support**



## Holiday Fun at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Hot Chocolate Station

Ugly Sweater Day



Secret Pal



Holiday Door Decorating



# Downriver Campus

## Southgate Schools Curriculum Team Strategic Planning Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted Southgate Schools Curriculum Team Strategic Planning Meeting.



## National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Regional Meeting



The Downriver Campus hosted NAACP's Regional meeting. This meeting gave the community an opportunity to share experiences, ideas and aspirations.

## Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital

The Downriver Campus hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for a Relationship-Based Care Training seminar. Re-Igniting the Spirit of Caring is a mindset that focuses on reconnecting health care staff with their purpose and expanding their capacity to care.



# CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center



## Wildcats vs. Lorain Commodores

The HWEC hosted Lorain County Community College for men's and women's basketball games facing off against the WCCCD Wildcats.

## Mobility Class

Mobility is an intense full body workout that allows members to improve their stamina while gaining strength using various weights.



## Partnership Meeting

Mike Dotson and HWEC staff met with Tim McKay of the Corktown Neighborhood Association to discuss plans for continued partnership opportunities for 2026.

# Eastern Campus



## Finals Week!

Students put their creativity to the test and completed their final projects in the Beginning Painting and Basic Sewing classes.



## Holiday Celebrations



## Unify Detroit Coalition

In partnership with the Eastern Campus, Unify Detroit Coalition hosted the Annual Unify Detroit Luncheon. Participants gathered to enjoy a day filled with food and information related to WCCCD's programs.

# Toys and Clothing Drive

The Northwest and the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown campuses came together this holiday season to collect toys and clothing for the community, sharing joy and support children and families in need.



# Northwest Campus



## Legislative Initiatives Meeting with Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib convened with elected officials at the Northwest Campus to provide year-end updates on legislative initiatives and policy developments relevant to the community.

## Partnership Opportunities

Furquan Ahmed met with Nada Dalgamouni, Global Education Director of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit (IIMD), to explore future collaboration and partnership opportunities aimed at advancing community impact.



## Administrative Planning Meeting

Staff met to plan and coordinate upcoming programs, focusing on roles, timelines and execution strategies.

# Ted Scott Campus



## FUELmi District 7 Q4 Seminar

The Ted Scott Campus hosted FUELmi District 7 Q4 seminar. Attendees learned how to create a personal financial literacy plan. They also donated blankets to the Ted Scott Community Corner for our students.



## ETA Iota Omega Chapter Workshop

Participants learned how to educate and emphasize financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investment, managing debt, and improving credit.



## Sorrelles Club Workshop

Participants focused on character building skills and personal responsibility.



## Sylvia Rayfield Live Review Workshop

The Ted Scott Campus hosted WCCCD's PN Sylvia Rayfield Live Review Workshop. Participants learned preparation skills for the licensure exam.

## Light up the Night!

Wayne County Lightfest  
Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village  
Magic of Lights at Pine Knob  
Aurora at Glenlore Trails  
Home for the Holidays at Ford House  
Winter Wonder Lights at Meadow Brook Hall  
Big Bright Light Show in Rochester  
Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo

## Out and About in Detroit!

Eastern Market: Holiday Market  
December 21  
  
1001 Winter Wonders Detroit  
Through December 24

Campus Martius  
Ice Skating, Cadillac Lodge,  
Detroit Markets, Chalet 313,  
Carriage Rides and More!

## Sports

### **Detroit Lions**

December 21 vs. Pittsburgh Steelers 4:25 p.m.

### **Red Wings**

December 21 vs. Washington Capitals 1:00 p.m.  
December 23 vs. Dallas Stars 6:30 p.m.  
December 28 vs. Toronto Maple Leafs 7:00 p.m.  
December 31 vs. Winnipeg Jets 6:30 p.m.  
January 3 vs. Pittsburgh Penguins 12:00 p.m.

### **Detroit Pistons**

December 20 vs. Charlotte Hornets 7:30 p.m.  
January 1 vs. Miami Heat 7:00 p.m.  
January 5 vs. New York Knicks 7:00 p.m.

## Little Caesars Arena

Mannheim Steamroller  
Christmas by Chip Davis  
December 23

Trans-Siberian Orchestra  
December 27

WWE® Live Holiday Tour  
December 30

## Theaters

### **Fox Theatre**

Boxing: Tony Harrison vs. Brian Damian Chaves  
December 20

Champions of Magic: Holiday Spectacular  
December 21

A Night of Holiday Soul  
December 27

### **Fisher Theater**

Shucked  
December 23 - January 4

## Museums

Detroit Institute of Arts  
Michigan Science Center  
Motown Museum  
Charles H. Wright Museum  
of African American History





# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Wayne  
County  
Community  
College  
District



## 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

