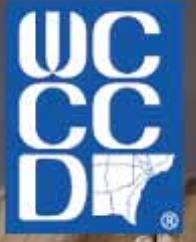


Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1529

January 17-23, 2026

WCCCD Hosts Delegation from France

We were pleased to welcome students and educators from La Rousselière, a French agricultural and mechanical training center. The delegation toured our Eastern and Downriver campuses. The group spent the day exploring WCCCD's facilities and learning about the American community college system. They had the opportunity to learn about various academic and technical programs that showcase the District's commitment to workforce development and student success. The visit fostered international dialogue on best practices in technical education and opened doors for potential future collaboration between the institutions.



WCCCD Hosts Delegation from France



Board of Trustees Meeting

January 19, 2026



Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation



I participated in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Board Meeting. Some of the agenda items included:

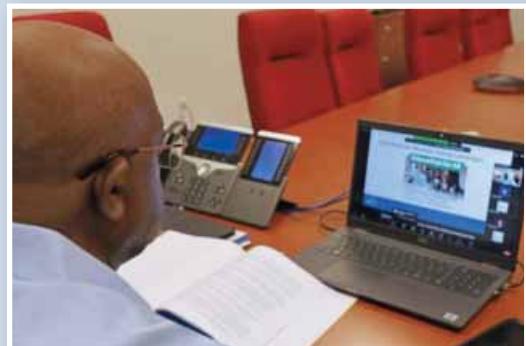
- Chairperson's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Financial Report
- New Business Items



Michigan Community College Association

I also participated in the Michigan Community College Association Legislative Committee Meeting. Agenda items included:

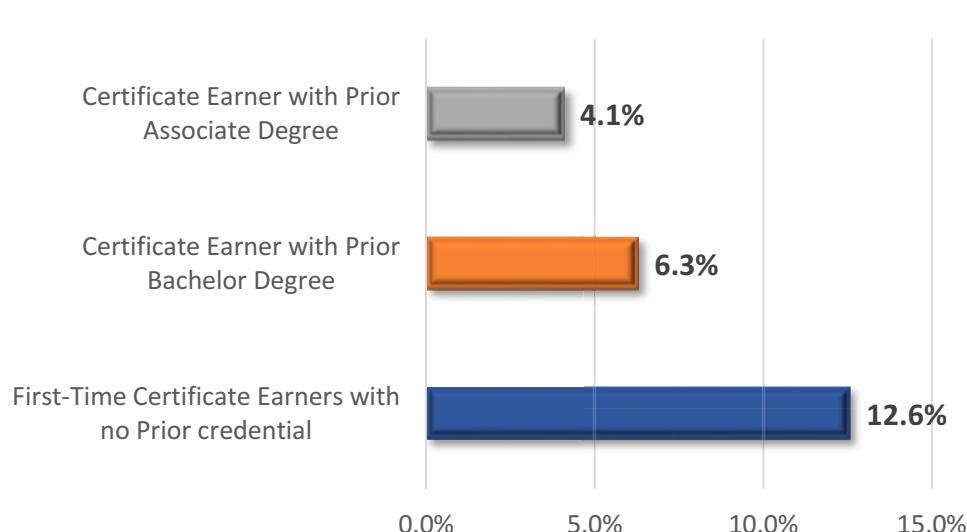
- Student Success Advocacy Discussion
- Presidential Search Work Group Update
- National Legislative Summit MCCA Activities
- MCCA Priorities
- Legislative Update



Division of Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) analyzes labor market trends and student outcomes to assess how well the District meets evolving student needs. Recent research shows significant growth in certificate attainment, with students increasingly favoring shorter-term, low-cost credentials over associate degrees—especially in high-demand, high-wage fields. Below highlights National research related to undergraduate degree earners growing demand for certificates in high-demand, high-wage areas.

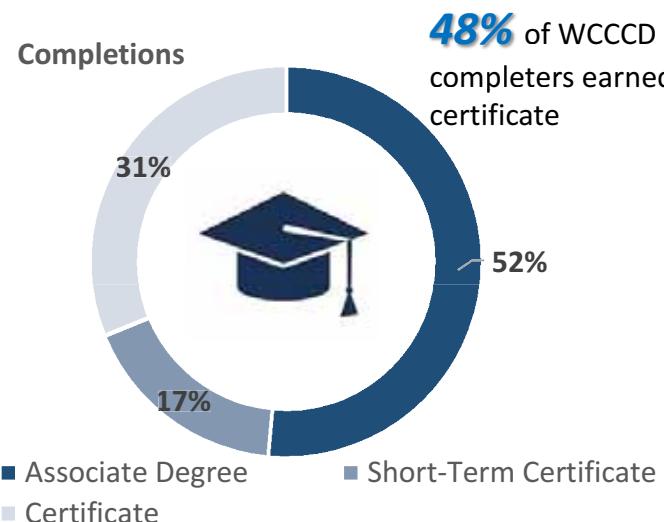
Certificate Earners Percent Increase



First-Time Certificate Holders more likely earned credentials in **engineering technologies, precision production, construction trades, and mechanic/repair technologies.**

<https://www.ccdaily.com/2025/04/certificate-trend-continues-for-undergrads/>

Below provides an overview of the credential completers to include short-term credentials and certificates most likely completed by WCCCD graduates in the last year.



Top Occupation Fields

Certificates	Short-Term Credentials
Truck Driver (CDL)	CIS Network +
Emergency Medical Technician	Nursing Assistant
Practical Nursing Education	Certified Ethical Hacker

Division of Institutional Effectiveness

Customer Service

Maintaining high standards of professionalism and customer service remains a top priority at WCCCD. I would like to take a moment to share a note we recently received from Mary Ellen Stempfle, University Center Provost Denis Karic, recognizing the exemplary service provided by our team.



"I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional work of the Chancellor's Office team. Every time I visit the Chancellor's Office, I'm consistently impressed by the warm and professional environment they create. The staff always greets all visitors with genuine smiles and demonstrate a willingness to go above and beyond in assisting everyone who walks through the door.

What stands out most is their consistency; they treat every visitor with the same level of care and respect, which speaks volumes about the culture in the Chancellor's Office. This is exactly the kind of customer service excellence we should all aspire to provide.

In fact, I regularly share my observations with my own staff at the University Center and encourage them to take note of the way the front desk staff represent the Chancellor when visitors come to the Chancellor's Office. Their professionalism serves as an excellent model for the type of service we should be delivering across all our campuses and departments District-wide.

I'd like to recommend that all student and community-facing staff across the District have an opportunity to observe the Chancellor's office team in action or perhaps participate in a training session led by them on customer service best practices and phone etiquette. This could serve as valuable professional development opportunity that elevates customer service quality District-wide.

Please extend my sincere thanks to the entire team for the outstanding job they do in representing the Chancellor's Office and making everyone feel valued and welcome."



*Supporting
our Wildcats!*

Welcome Back Students!



Spring 2026 Semester Begins!





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations focused on Poverty Awareness Month and also included presentations on New Year's Day, World Braille Day, and Makar Sankranti.



Wayne County Community College District

Residential Builder's Math

This course prepares students to successfully complete the Michigan's Residential Builder's License Examination (PSI).

Instruction is divided into two integrated parts:

- Part 1: Business, management, contracts, estimating, project management, and sales
- Part 2: Safety (MIOHSA), building codes, design & building science, math, and trade knowledge

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Residential Builder's Math

We are pleased to announce our new Residential Builder's Math course. This course accompanies the 60-hour Residential Builder's License Course that prepares students to successfully complete the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination (PSI).



Division of **Student Services**



Dual Enrollment Program

Staff is assisting high school students with registering for the Spring semester.

Outreach

The Outreach and Recruitment Team continues assisting potential students with program and admissions information.



Athletics

The Wildcats basketball season is winding down! The men are 8-8 and the women are 7-7. Come on out and support our student athletes!



Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program is proud to welcome back our students to the Spring 2026 semester and we look forward to supporting their continued academic success through meaningful employment opportunities.



Michigan College and University Partnership

Staff continue recruiting for the paid STEM summer internship with Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP).

Division of Student Services



New Student Experience

Continuing Her Mother's Legacy at WCCCD

My mother, known by her friends and family as "Cindy," earned an Associate of Science from WCCCD in 1995, graduating with honors, special recognition, as an active member of Phi Theta Kappa Society, and was the spokesperson of her class.

Sadly, she passed away from a years-long battle with lung cancer in 2021, at the age of 65.

While sifting through the belongings she had left behind, I found a storage container full of keepsakes from her time at WCCCD; including notes, assignments, booklets, pamphlets, ribbons, tassels, sashes, plaques, and more (I have attached photos of some of these items).

It moved me deeply to remember the days when, as a single working mother, she poured her heart so fully into getting a college degree under her circumstances. She grew up in severe poverty and endured many hardships throughout her young adult life, but never gave up on her dream to get a higher education in environmental sciences.

There were many times over her years at WCCCD when she didn't have a babysitter, and she would bring my younger sister and I with her to college. I remember walking in and gazing up in awe at the wide open upper levels, sitting in the back of the classrooms drawing, being set up with desks in the hallway, and sometimes getting to peek with curiosity at different objects and equipment in science labs.

We visited the Ted Scott Campus with her the most, as at that time, we lived just around the corner at the Parkwood Townhouses in Belleville. We also made many trips to the Downriver Campus, where my sister and I would explore the walking paths in the woods behind the building with wonder or play on the layered, round cement structure that we affectionately nicknamed "the big cake."

It brings me great joy to know that when I enter the buildings at WCCCD, I am quite literally tracing the footsteps of my mother from decades before, when she was in the prime of her life. The nostalgia is not only comforting for me — it keeps her memory alive.

Looking back, I remember feeling important at the campuses. I remember feeling like I was a part of something big in the community. I remember looking up to my mom for her involvement there, even long before I fully understood the depth of her commitment and the sacrifices she made.

She was passionate about WCCCD, and I know I will be, too.

Sincerely,
Sasha Westerkamp





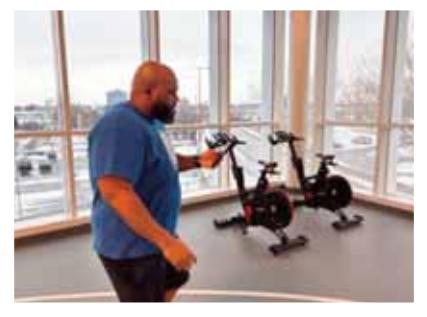
Jalen Rose Leadership Academy

The HWEC hosted the home varsity basketball game of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy versus Voyageur Academy.



High School Basketball Tournament

The HWEC hosted a special high school basketball tournament featuring ten local high school basketball teams.



Winter Exercise

Even with the bitter cold and snowstorms, HWEC members were able to enjoy a brisk jog or walk while enjoying the beautiful outdoor scenery.

Northwest Campus



Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic is in full swing for 2026!



Spring 2026 Start Up Meeting



Pediatrics Temperature Variations Lesson

Students are learning about pediatrics temperature variations.



Website Catalog Update Meeting

The Website Redesign Task Force met to enhance day-to-day tasks for both our website and Acalog catalog system. Beyond Web Solutions will continue as our strategic partner, leading training efforts and handling the more complex system administration and platform improvements.



VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) Classroom Audits

District-wide Technical Support



Program Highlight

Computer Information Systems

Students in our Computer Information Systems (CIS) programs are gaining practical, hands-on experience with the critical skills needed for success in today's technology-driven job market. In addition to rigorous academic training, we provide tuition-free IT certification courses covering a wide range of tech industries, including Google, Microsoft, AWS, and CompTIA.





Downriver Campus

Public Safety Programs Awarding of Certificates

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted a completion ceremony for students in the EMT and Paramedic programs.



Downriver Career Technology Center Fire Students

Students at the Downriver Career Technology Center (DCTC) practiced donning and doffing fire gear and hydrant hook ups at the MIPSE.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

University Partners

WCCCD's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center offers bachelor's and master's degrees along with a Doctor of Education program through partnerships. In addition, select WCCCD academic course offerings are available. Conveniently located in Harper Woods at 19305 Vernier Road, this facility offers easy access to both 8 Mile Road and the I-94 expressway.



- Bachelor of Science in Network Management and Security
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Case Management



- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Applied Science*
- Bachelor of Business Administration*



- Master of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Business Administration with concentrations in:
 - Accounting
 - Computer Information Management
 - Management



- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice



- Master Gardener Training
- Fruit and Vegetable Crop Management - Certificate
- Landscape Management - Certificate



- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Aging Studies



John E. Roueche Center for Community College Leadership

- Doctor of Education



- Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science
- Bachelor of Science in Welding and Metallurgical Engineering Technology



- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT)
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology - Concentration in Cybersecurity (BSIT-Cyber)



*ONLINE PROGRAM

One Vision, One District, One College



Building Community Relationships



Wayne State University's 2026 Tribute to the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Yvette Anderson attended Wayne State University's 2026 Tribute to the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *"Women of the Movement: Then and Now."*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The Cyber-Smart Campus: Defending Data in the AI Era Virtual Forum

Dr. Mazharul Islam participated in the virtual forum titled *The Cyber-Smart Campus: Defending Data in the AI Era*, hosted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Topics discussed included:

- Maintaining compliance with student and research records without disrupting daily work.
- Using AI to detect impersonation scams and data theft attempts from campus systems.



Webinar Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Cathy Rowley participated in a webinar offered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on *Hypothermic Patients* presented by Dr. Ed Bigsby.

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 Downtown Campus



Facilities is busy maintaining the campus, ensuring the heating and cooling systems operate to keep a our campus environment comfortable for students, teacher and staff.

Office of Facilities Planning and Management

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Facilities conducted parking lot pole lighting repairs.



And the snow removal continues...



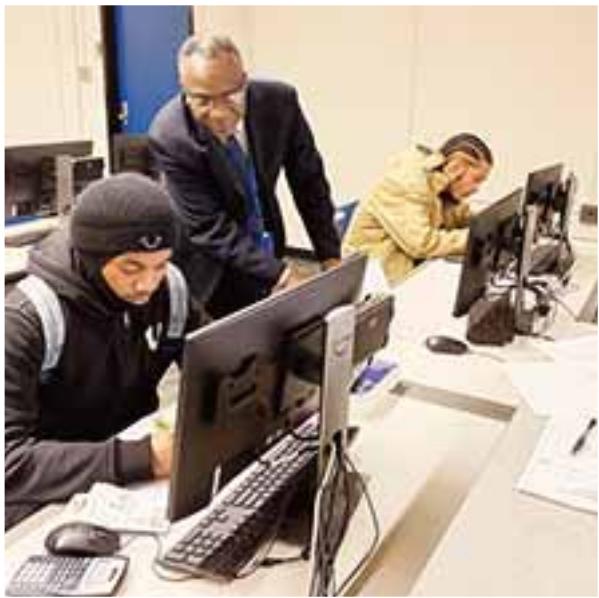
Downriver and Eastern Campuses



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Park West Foundation

The Park West Foundation hosted a workshop to support youth in the foster care system. These sessions are designed for students to hear inspiring stories from participants who share their experiences, challenges, and lifestyle skills.



Adult Education Program

WCCCD's Adult Education courses are filling up and students are eager to advance their learning.



Eastern Campus



American Legion Oratorical Contest

The American Legion Oratorical Contest is a “Constitutional Speech Contest” to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of citizenship.

Spring 2026
Semester Start-up Meeting

A photograph of a group of people sitting around a conference table, reviewing documents. They are in a meeting room with a painting on the wall.

Ted Scott Campus



Congratulations!

Keith Binion received the Roland T. Lackey Award for his outstanding contributions to the Wayne County Pharmacist Association.

Northwest Campus



Leadership Retreat

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network held its Leadership Retreat at the Northwest Campus. The retreat brought together behavioral health leaders to discuss key issues impacting behavioral health programs in Wayne County and Southeast Michigan, with a focus on collaboration and leadership dialogue.



Detroit Service Learning Academy District Workshop

The Northwest Campus hosted a professional development day in partnership with the Detroit Service Learning Academy District. Workshops and breakout sessions focused on leadership development, collaboration, and professional growth.

Downriver Campus



Early Childhood Crisis Intervention

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Early Childhood CPI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention workshop.



Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Wayne
County
Community
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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

