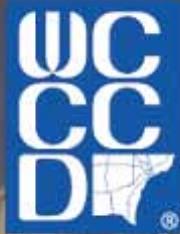


Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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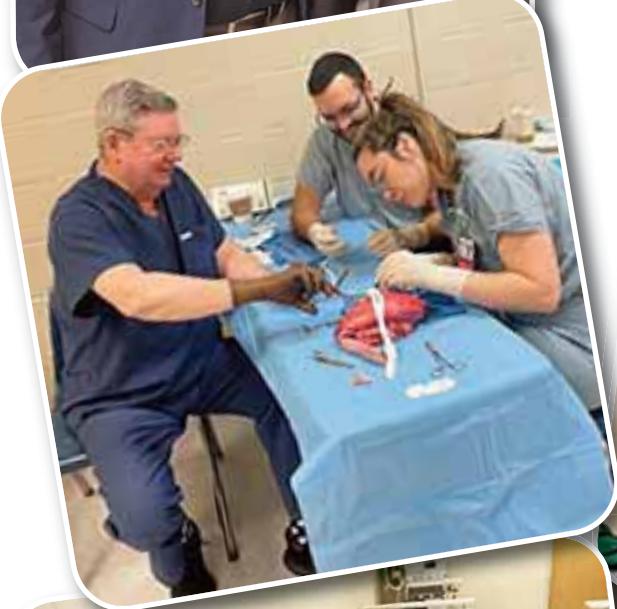
January 24-30, 2026



Surgical Technology Program Earns 10-Year Re-Accreditation!

We are proud to announce that the Surgical Technology Program has earned a 10-year re-accreditation. This prestigious achievement reflects the program's exceptional academic quality, rigorous standards, and unwavering commitment to student success and workforce excellence. Under the leadership of Dr. Abby Freeman and Marc McGaffic, the Surgical Technology Program continues to set the standard for excellence in surgical education—preparing highly skilled, compassionate, and competent professionals for today's healthcare environment.

Congratulations to the Surgical Technology Team on this outstanding accomplishment!





Inclement Weather Protocols Meeting



I met with members of my Executive Team to discuss protocols for inclement weather-related closures. The team discussed how to coordinate responses among all campuses to balance safety concerns with operational requirements. They also examined inspection protocols to monitor and maintain facility functionality during ongoing cold weather.



Executive Leadership Team 2026 Spring Semester Kickoff Meeting

I met with members of the Executive Leadership Team to discuss key updates related to the Spring Semester, campus alignment, budgeting, facilities, personnel, new programs, and professional development.





Northwest Campus

Collaboration Opportunities

Furquan Ahmed met with Monique Baker McCormick, Wayne County Commissioner, to discuss future collaborations.

Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network

DWIHN held its leadership retreat, supporting behavioral health across Detroit and Wayne County.



Civic Engagement

The Northwest Campus hosted Dr. Abdul El-Sayed for a community outreach and civic engagement workshop.

Division of Information Technology

Banner Self-Service

Representatives from the Divisions of Information Technology and Administration and Finance met to review updates for the Banner self-service project. The discussion focused on:

- Requisitions
- Document Management
- Expanded Features



Connecting Minority Communities Grant

The Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant met to discuss current project status, student output data and financial reports.



We are pleased to announce our second informational session and employer panel, “From Earning to Learning” is happening next month. Stay tuned for event details.

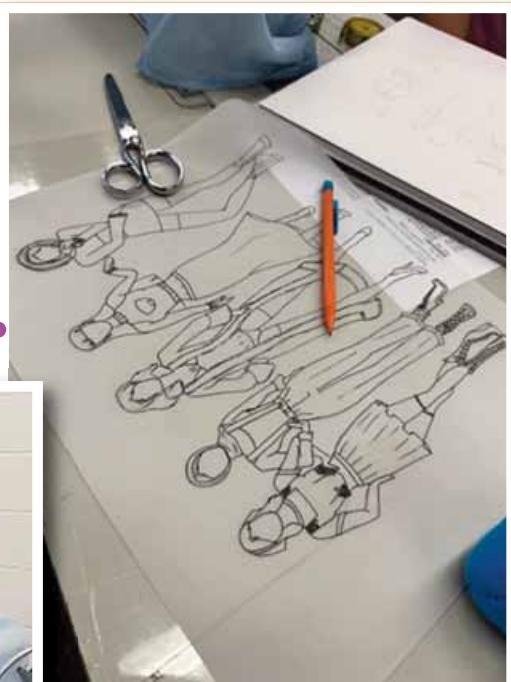
District-wide Technical Support



Program Highlight

Fashion Design Program

Students in the Fashion Sketching class explored various techniques in illustration and design, focusing on translating their creative ideas onto paper. Students are learning to capture the essence of fashion trends while developing their unique artistic styles.



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



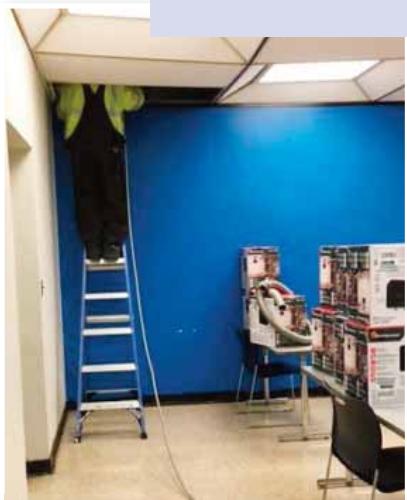
MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Facilities staff continue maintenance to support an outgoing safe ongoing safe environment.



Northwest Campus

Northwest Campus remains responsive in addressing repairs resulting from inclement weather.



Ongoing campus enhancements.

AND.... It is still snowing!



Program Highlight

Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs

Students in the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs are gaining hands-on experience from expert faculty in the Health Science Center at the Northwest Campus. In addition to developing skills in patient care, dental procedures and oral health education, students are learning the techniques to excel in their roles as vital members of the dental care team.



Healthy Living, Healthy Lifestyle

The School of Continuing Education healthy living, healthy lifestyle programs empower individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to improve overall well-being and quality of life. Courses are accessible and engaging, supporting learners of all ages. This Spring, we are excited for the return of Wellness Wednesdays, partnering with the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center's Vibrant Health Workshop Series, and several other fitness programs including strength training, Zumba and Tai Chi.



Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

January 5-24, 2026

Curtis L. Ivery
 Downtown Campus
 433

Eastern Campus
 54

Ted Scott Campus
 400

Downriver Campus
 358

Northwest Campus
 360

Mary Ellen Stempfle
 University Center
 31

Division of Educational Affairs



Members of the team met with Professor Jonathan Reasor, new full-time biology faculty member, to discuss scheduling processes and protocols.



Division of **Student Services**

Admissions and Records



Staff continue to support students for a successful start to the Spring semester.



New Student Experience

Staff continue to assist students with their academic plans and provided information on resources available to them.



Federal Work-Study Program

Our Federal Work-Study students, with a renew energy, are excited to return to work this Spring semester to gain valuable professional experience. The photo features one of our Federal Work-Study students at Detroit Parent Network, an off-site location.

Athletics

WCCCD Men's Basketball Team competed in the West Palm Beach Classic in Florida during the winter break. The Wildcats finished in second place.



Division of Student Services



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

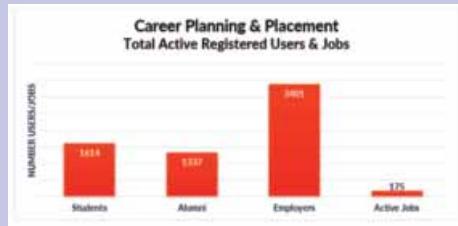
The Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter convened its monthly meeting to formally launch the Spring 2026 semester. The meeting focused on key national initiatives, including preparation for the 2026 PTK Catalyst Conference and an overview of scholarship opportunities.

Michigan College and University Partnership

Numerous WCCCD students have applied for the 2026 Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP) paid internship. In 2025 five WCCCD students were chosen to participate in this competitive 7 week-long STEM research-based internship held on the campus of Michigan Technological University.



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 improving their interviewing skills through employability development software programs.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY
EDUCATION



Downriver Campus

Confined Space Entry Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Republic Services for Confined Space Entry training courses. This course was for those who must enter and work in confined spaces.



Paramedic Clinical Orientation



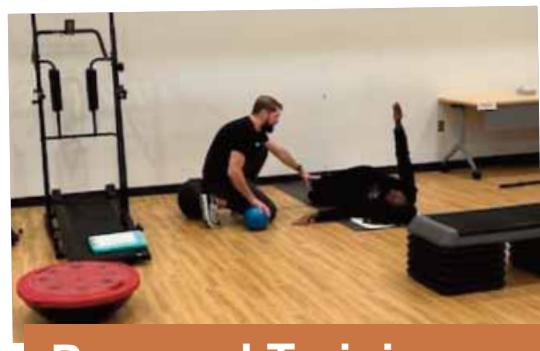
Dr. Satheesh Gunaga and Cathy Rowley facilitated a clinical orientation for students in the Paramedic Program. During the orientation, it was explained that paramedic students are required to complete twenty 12-hour clinical shifts, rotating through various hospital departments to gain hands-on patient care experience. The session outlined the responsibilities and expectations for medic students during their clinical rotations at Henry Ford Hospital-Wyandotte and Henry Ford Hospital-Brownstown.





Wildcats Basketball

The HWEC hosted Macomb Community College for Men's and Women's Basketball games facing off against the WCCCD Wildcats.



Personal Training

The HWEC offers personalized workouts, guidance, and motivation to help HWEC members reach their fitness goals safely and effectively.

Jalen Rose Leadership Academy

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



Corktown Neighborhood Association

The HWEC, in partnership with the Corktown Neighborhood Association hosted a member and community meeting. Discussion focused on resources available to the community at the HWEC and a tour was provided.



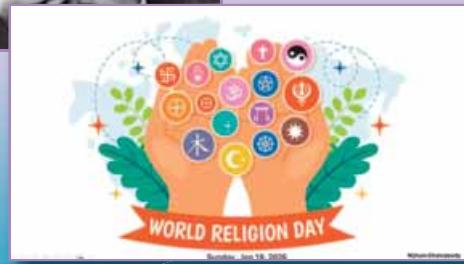
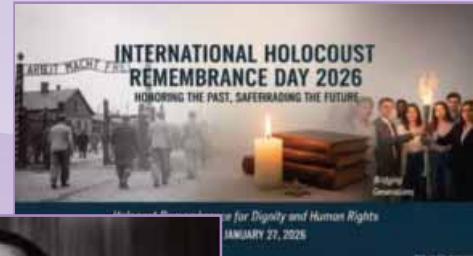
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations provided participants with an opportunity to engage in discussions on:

- Holocaust Remembrance Day
- The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- World Religion Day
- Poverty Awareness Month



The School of Continuing Education's 2026 Passport to Africa program is being rescheduled due to ongoing weather conditions. Stay tuned for more information.



Building Community Relationships



Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Trustee Roy Edmonds and staff represented the District at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Annual Breakfast.



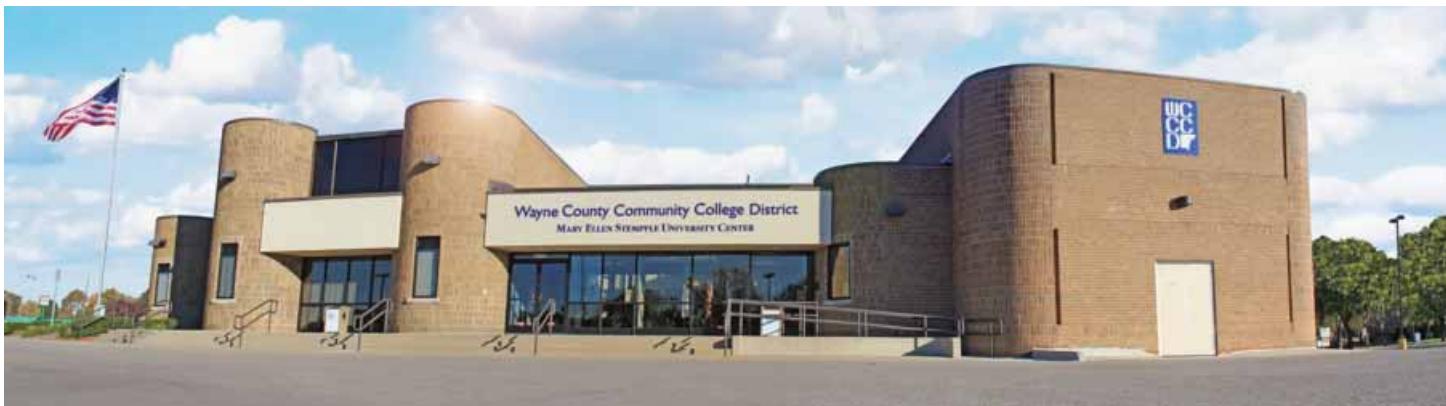
Detroit Policy Conference

Staff represented the District at the 2026 Detroit Policy Conference. Participants had the opportunity to engage with regional leaders and industry experts on economic development, infrastructure, healthcare, and innovation.



MI-ACE Legislative Update

Dr. CharMaine Hines participated in the MI-ACE Institutional Representative meeting with university and college members from across the state.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partners

Denis Karic met with representatives from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to discuss articulation agreements and scheduling information visits to WCCCD's campuses. As part of our partnership with GVSU, they now have a dedicated office space at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center to better serve WCCCD students exploring transfer opportunities and bachelor's degree pathways.



Blackboard Ultra Training

Denis Karic conducted a Blackboard Ultra workshop for health science faculty. The workshop covered basics of course design.



Support Services for Students and Faculty

The Distance Learning team met to discuss support services for distance learning students and faculty. Discussion focused on Spring semester updates, communication channels, technical resources, and proactive measures to address common questions related to distance learning.

Downriver Campus



Student Success



The team met to continue planning for upcoming student activities at the Downriver Campus.

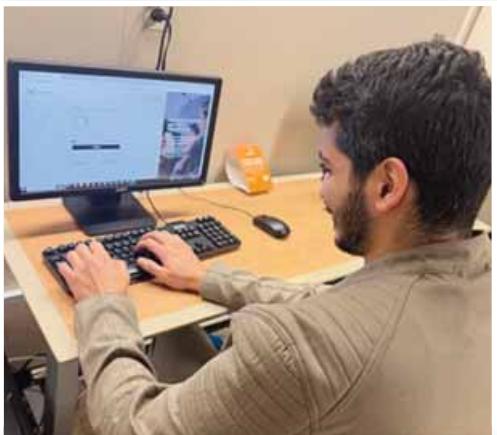
Student Activities Meeting

Southern Wayne Conference Quiz Bowl



The Downriver Campus hosted the Southern Wayne Conference Quiz Bowl weekly competition. This high school sanctioned competition of academic teams from Southern Wayne Conference competes in jeopardy style matches.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Language Institute

The Language Institute welcomed students for the Spring 2026 semester. They were introduced to the services available including ESL support to improve English skills, Mango Languages software, and upcoming activities.

PepsiCo Scholarship

Applicants were given scholarship requirements, workshop schedules, and participated in a financial aid discussion.



Opportunities for Seniors

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan meeting. The meeting provided seniors the opportunity to learn more about available employment focusing on seniors and job readiness.

ACE Mentor Program



The ACE Mentor Program of Southeast Michigan provided free mentoring for students interested in STEM fields. Participants gained important insights into apprenticeship opportunities and skilled trade options.

Eastern Campus



Microbiology Safety Protocols

Students viewed the required safety video about safety protocols, rules, and expectations during classroom experiments in the science labs.

Campus Leadership Process Meeting



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Eastern Campus



Programmable Logistics Controls Training

Mechatronic faculty were provided comprehensive, hands-on instruction on Industrial Automation Systems, covering hardware, software, and programming of both Siemens and Allen Bradley PLCs.

Skilled Trades Orientation

Students in the new cohorts for the Commercial Driver's License Training Program and the Construction Trades Training Program participated in an orientation.



Ted Scott Campus

Practical Nursing Education



Practical Nursing Education students receive instruction in the simulation lab.



Community Partners

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Listening and Spoken Language/Auditory Verbal Approach Seminar.



Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Wayne
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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

