

Chancellor's Weekend Memo

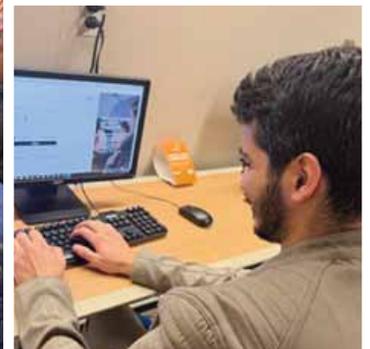


Weekend Memo 1532

February 7-13, 2026



WCCCD's Language Institute at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus continues to welcome new and returning students with programs and activities designed to support ESL for English skills development, foster connection, and expand language learning through Mango. Recently, students participated in an educational session on "Ramadan: What it is and Why it is Celebrated."





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

University Partnership Meeting

I visited the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and met with Provost Denis Karic and other team members to discuss ongoing initiatives and strategies to enhance partnerships with universities.



Early Middle College

Denis Karic and Dr. Brian Singleton met with administrators to discuss dual enrollment partnership opportunities. Discussions centered on the Early Middle College framework and how it could be implemented within the existing high school structure.

American Association of Community Colleges 2026 National Legislative Summit

This year's ACCT National Legislative Summit brought together more than 1,000 community college leaders. Held in Washington, D.C., this event focuses on the importance of our nation's community colleges for Congress and the Administration.



Pictured from left to right:
Furquan Ahmed, Trustee Roy Edmonds, Trustee Asm
Rahman, Dr. CharMaine Hines, Trustee Paulette Brown,
Martha Grier, Denis Karic, and Susan Wiley



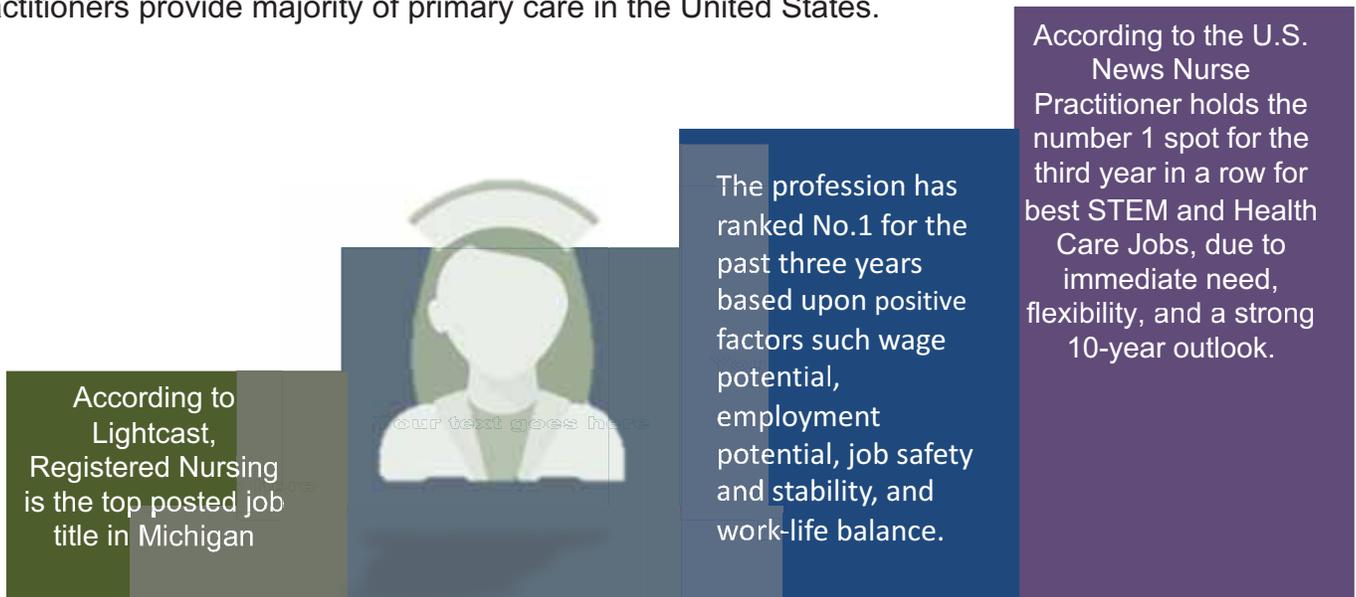
Schedule Development Meeting

Members of the Executive Leadership Team met
to review and audit the upcoming Summer and Fall semesters.



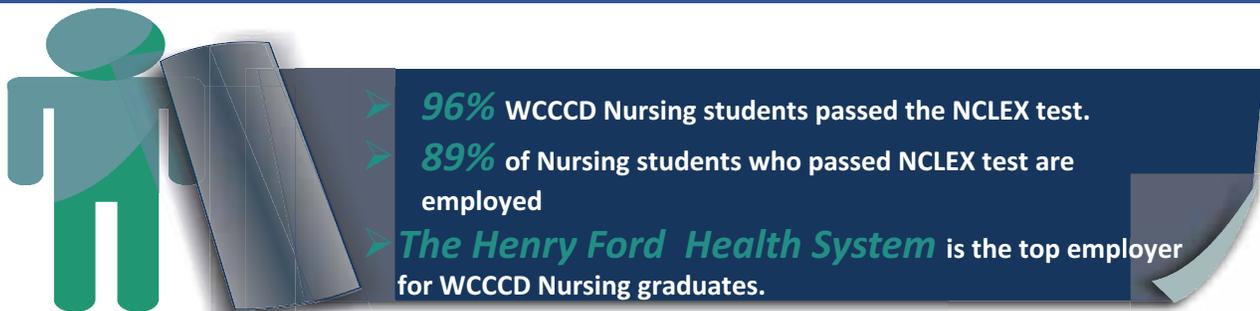
Division of Institutional Effectiveness

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness collaborates with the Division of Educational Affairs to provide labor market analysis for current and prospective programs. The analysis supports program review and planning to meet the demands for future careers and student success. The nursing profession remains strong based upon labor market data and projections. Nursing professions will remain short of workers until 2032 due to many factors. However, nursing remains one of the top professions as nurse practitioners provide majority of primary care in the United States.



Source: <https://lightcast.io/resources/blog/most-posted-for-jobs-in-each-us-state>

Below you will find some sample data points on WCCCD Nursing students:



CMC Grant Program — From Classroom to Career



The CMC Grant Program Support Team hosted a dynamic Employer Roundtable Discussion with participation from more than 100 CMC students. The session served as a powerful capstone experience, featuring a panel of four industry employers who shared candid, real-world insights to help students bridge the gap between training and employment.

During the discussion, several high-impact, tactical strategies were emphasized to strengthen students' job readiness:



- **Beating the Bots:** Strategic resume optimization focused on mastering Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) to ensure applications reach hiring managers.
- **Digital Footprint Development:** Practical guidance on building professional digital profiles that function as a 24/7 resume for recruiters.
- **Interview Mastery:** Targeted interview preparation designed to convert conversations into job offers.
- **Precision Coaching:** A shift toward individualized career guidance that mirrors executive-level career coaching rather than traditional academic advising.



Black History Month 2026

Eastern
Campus



Students and community members toured the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown
Campus



Dr. Carolyn Carter, a historian and genealogist, presented a session on the Underground Railroad in Detroit.



Anthony Brogdon spoke on the stories of Black business owners in the 1800s, highlighting their achievements and contributions to the community.



John Mason has made a significant mark in Detroit's music history as the public address announcer for the Detroit Pistons and host of "Mason in the Morning." Mr. Mason's work not only entertains but also educates listeners about Detroit's rich musical heritage.



Mary
Ellen
Stempfle
University
Center

Black History Month 2026

Downriver
Campus



Participants enjoyed the viewing of the movie *Harriet*. This was the story of Harriet Tubman and her escape from slavery through the dangerous missions she led to liberate hundreds of slaves through the Underground Railroad.

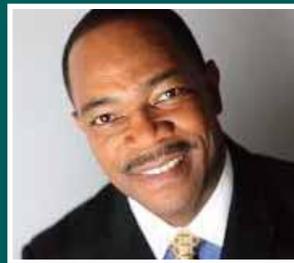


DJ Larry Faulkner presented a musical presentation highlighting sounds from Africa and the African diaspora.



Global Conversations Speaker Series

Budget on a Budget with Ed Foxworth III



Ed Foxworth III presented "Budget On A Budget" at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus, emphasizing self-help and personal development in budgeting. He encouraged individuals to align their skills with an entrepreneurial mindset.

**Black History
Month**





Division of Student Services

Michigan Reconnect Program

We proudly recognize Brandon Keyes, WCCCD alumnus, whose Michigan Reconnect journey shows resilience, purpose, and the power of access to education. As Governor Gretchen Whitmer stated, “Cost should never block opportunity.” Mr. Keyes’ journey from WCCCD to the University of Michigan illustrates what is possible when opportunity, support, and determination come together.



Dual Enrollment Program

High school students continue to register for the Spring 2026 semester.



At the Friday Information Session, WCCCD’s Jara Tekleab and Steve Korb from Cengage, highlighted Follett Access Programs. Cengage’s new model allows students to pay one fee for all digital course materials, available immediately via Blackboard Ultra. The goal is to lower costs and ensure access from day one.

Division of Student Services



Federal Work-Study Program

The Division of Student Services continues to recruit and place Federal Work-Study students at both our on-site and off-site locations. Students can receive on-the-job training while earning and learning.

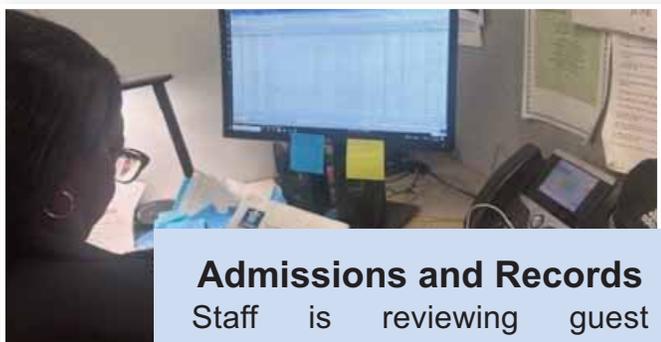
Phi Theta Kappa

Members met to discuss upcoming regional and international conferences and conventions, including timelines, advisor expectations, and participation requirements for the upcoming academic cycle.



New Student Experience

The New Student Experience team assists new students in setting up their My Wildcat Portal.



Admissions and Records
Staff is reviewing guest applications for Spring 2026.

Career & Technical Education Month

Empowering Futures: Celebrating Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways to Associate Degrees

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month in Michigan, celebrating programs that equip students with tangible skills, transferable college credits, and industry-recognized credentials. These pathways facilitate access to numerous high-wage careers and support workforce development training that seamlessly aligns with associate degree requirements at the District. Career programs in STEM, healthcare and welding trades prepare learners for rewarding professional futures while strengthening the economic fabric of our WCCCD community.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The Educational Affairs team is actively completing AI Certification, and we are proud to say that we will soon be 100% certified.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Intercultural Conversations honored Black History Month with engaging sessions and presenters.

- Quan Neloms, an educator from the Detroit Public Schools Community District, shared his experiences utilizing music, media, and creative projects to support student learning and confidence.

- The African Cultural Meeting, held at the Northwest Campus, highlighted cultural connection through food and storytelling. Participants had the opportunity to taste Caribbean-inspired dishes prepared by Chef Jen Morris from Irie Bites.

- Author Risonna Perkins discussed her children's book titled *Meet the Buzzbees*, and how her family history and personal experiences inspired the story's themes of family love, healing, nature, and the importance of bees, offering an emotional and meaningful reflection on how personal experiences can foster creative work that supports and uplifts others.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

WCCCD Fire Fighter Practical Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Fire Fighter Practical Training, which was designed to equip students with the psychomotor skills required for entry-level positions in fire service.



Detroit Safety Academy

Students in the Detroit Public Safety Academy were issued gear and practiced the use of ventilation fans.



Downriver Hazmat Team Training

The Downriver Hazardous Material Response Team participated in training that focused on area command, interagency coordination for large incidents, and general staff roles.





District Police Authority



Emergency Preparedness

Command staff met to discuss future emergency blue phone placement at the Northwest Campus, focusing on practical locations that improve visibility and emergency access.

Staff met to review training strategies aimed at risk reduction, officer safety, readiness, and maintaining alignment with national training standards.

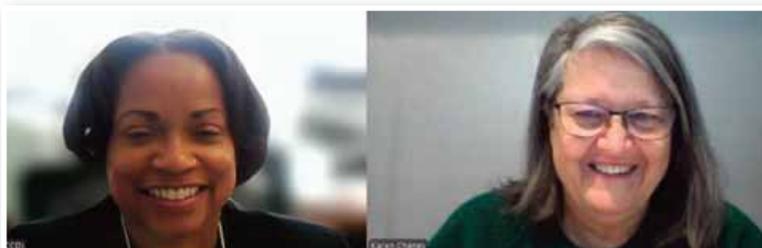


Division of Educational Affairs

Registered Behavior Technician Program



Representatives from the Division of Educational Affairs met with the advisory team regarding the new Registered Behavior Technician Program, which is slated to begin in Fall 2026. The program will be presented at the March 2026 Curriculum Committee meeting.



Dr. Tynisha McGee met with Dr. Karen Chaney of University of Olivet for the Michigan Senior Leadership Shadow Program.



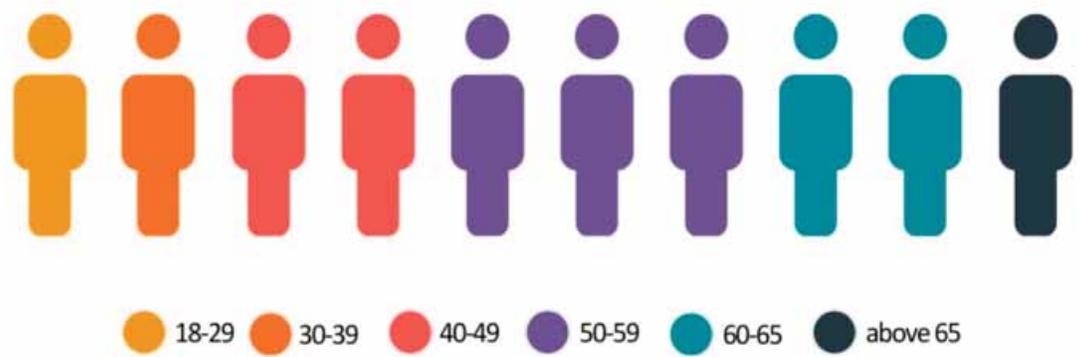
Division of Human Resources

HR Staffing Alignment: Succession Planning

The Division of Human Resources (HR) team is leading continuous staffing and succession planning initiatives. Based on workforce data, current trends, and strategic analysis, it is projected that approximately 15–20% of the workforce will retire within the next five years.



STAFF BY AGE





Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented the 2026 Keeping Local Arts Alive opening reception at the Downriver Campus. Members of the Creative Art Society showcased their artwork during the event. Special guest Maureen Keast, President of the Creative Art Society and a faculty member at the Downriver Campus shared opening remarks.

KEEPING LOCAL ARTS ALIVE 2026 ART EXHIBIT CREATIVE ART SOCIETY



Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

January 26 - February 2, 2026

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
1,165

Eastern Campus
63

Ted Scott Campus
457

Downriver Campus
757

Northwest Campus
1,101

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
TBD

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

The Pedagogy of Art and Sculpture: Master Works Art Exhibition featuring artist Matt Corbin's brilliant creations awed the community at the opening reception. Sherry Washington, WCCCD Art Curator said, "Many legendary artists and community members and Mr. Corbin's former students attended the opening to pay homage to this master artist." The exhibition is on display until April 3, 2026.



Artists: Charlene Uresy, Tyree Guyton, M. Saffell Gardner, Matt Corbin, Hubert Massey, Bill Sanders, Harold Allen and WCCCD Art Curator Sherry Washington.



Tonya Seggars, Matt Corbin and Sherry Washington



M. Saffell Gardner, Matt Corbin, and Joe Walker, President DuMochelles



Dan Graschuk, Dr. Melba Boyd (Writer and Poet), and Matt Corbin

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



American International Academy Campus Tour

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted American International Academy. Participants toured different career program classrooms and learned about programs and degrees, available resources, and strategies to help students succeed in college.



Enhancing Community Partnerships

ACE Mentor Program

The ACE Mentor Program of Southeast Michigan continues to provide free mentoring for students interested in STEM fields. Participants will gain important insights into apprenticeship opportunities and skilled trade options.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Wildcats Basketball

The HWEC hosted the Men's and Women's Schoolcraft College basketball teams in games against the WCCCD Wildcats.



Basketball Semi Finals

The Detroit Public School League (PSL) Boys and Girls Championship Semi Finals Basketball games were hosted at the HWEC this week.



Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi is a transformative group fitness experience where members learn to improve balance and flexibility with slow, intentional movements.



Vibrant Health Workshop

The HWEC hosted the February Vibrant Health Workshop focusing on the health benefits of Tai Chi.

Downriver Campus



Administration Meeting

Andy Steeby, Downriver Campus President, facilitated an administration meeting to discuss campus initiatives.

Wayne RESA Crisis Prevention Intervention Training

This training workshop was designed for Great Start Readiness Program staff and included an early childhood focus.



Southern Wayne Conference Quiz Bowl

This high school sanctioned academic event brought together teams from across the Southern Wayne Conference to compete in Jeopardy-style matches that tested students' knowledge across a variety of subjects.



Safe Haven Wealth Management

The Downriver Campus hosted Safe Haven Wealth Management for a financial planning workshop focused on retirement readiness.



Eastern Campus



Microbiology

Students in BIO 295 studied the various samples of bacteria in petri dishes under the microscope for the “Ubiquity” experiment.



Staff represented the District at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Legislative Forum with U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin.



Northwest Campus



Heart Healthy Program

The AKA Lambda Pi Omega Chapter hosted a Pink Goes Red program, featuring cardiovascular health workshops and resources.



Next Up 313 Workshop

The Northwest Campus, in collaboration with Councilwoman Mary Waters' Next Up 313 initiative, presented a workshop on grant applications, benefits, and eligibility requirements. This program empowers Detroit's young adults by offering crucial insights into business development.



Civic Engagement Workshop

The United Precinct Delegates hosted a civic engagement workshop aimed at educating attendees on how to make their voice count in policy-making.



Strategic Family Solutions Workshop

In partnership with Strategic Family Solutions, the Northwest Campus hosted a community workshop. This event provided caregivers, seniors, youth, and community members with valuable, no-cost resources.



Community Partnerships

The Neighborhood Wellness Center, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the City of Detroit, offers students, faculty, staff, and community members access to a variety of free health screenings, including blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol checks.

Northwest Campus



Welcome Week

The Health Sciences team provided students with program information and giveaways during Welcome Week.



Trenee Lee attended the Center Line Night School Trade Skills Fair. More than 150 high school students participated. She provided program information and giveaways to the participants.



This week, we proudly recognize **Huda Abdullah** for her outstanding performance during her second clinical rotation at Corewell Grosse Pointe Hospital. Her clinical instructors and preceptors have shared extraordinary praise for her unwavering work ethic, positive attitude, and deep respect for patient care.

Ms. Abdullah approaches every shift with professionalism, compassion, and a genuine desire to learn—qualities that have left a lasting impression on both patients and staff alike. Her ability to balance technical skill with empathy reflects the true spirit of healthcare excellence and the values our program strives to uphold.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Abdullah for exemplifying what it means to be a dedicated student, compassionate caregiver, and future leader in the health sciences.

Ted Scott Campus



Supporting our Students

Michelle White's WYTE Charity Foundation donated more than 100 washcloths, toiletries, towels, and blankets for the Ted Scott Community Corner. The Community Corner provides goods for students in need.



Congratulations!

Matthew Green, Ted Scott Campus President, received the Michigan Aviation Safety Forum Certificate of Appreciation award from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration.



Biology students in the science lab

Michigan Aviation Safety Forum

The Ted Scott Campus hosted MASF 2026. Participants learned how to model and encourage a positive safety culture within the aviation community. The aviation community includes pilots, mechanics, and drone safety.



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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

