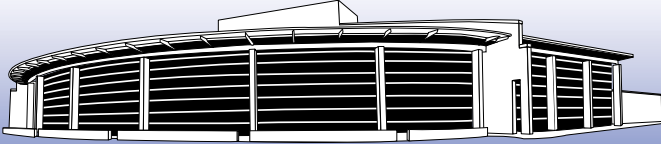


# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1534

February 21-27, 2026

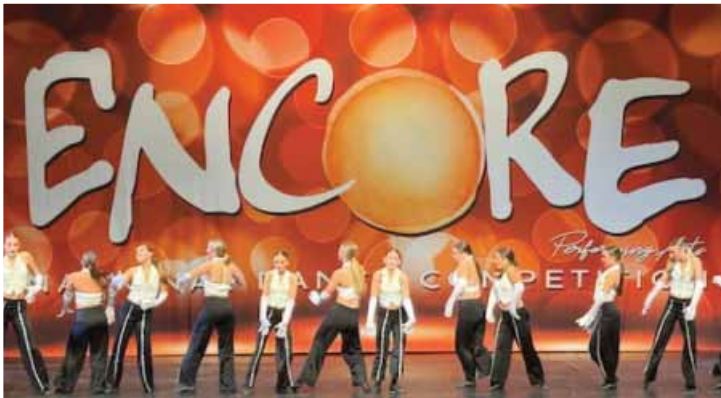


WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

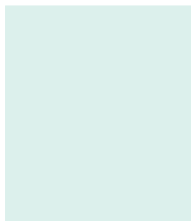
## Encore Dance Competition

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center at the Downriver Campus hosted the Encore Dance Competition for a weekend event showcasing talented dancers from across the region.



## Encouraging Young Leaders

It was truly a humbling experience to participate in a luncheon sponsored by "Boys Like You" at the Northwest Campus. The event highlighted the progress of a leadership class/workshop for emerging young community leaders. I was deeply grateful to learn that nearly 50 students in the program use my book, *Don't Give Up... Don't Give In*, as a guiding text for their weekly sessions at Northwestern High School. A number of community leaders attended the luncheon and provided leadership advice and encouragement to the young participants.





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
- Board Briefings
- Financial Report
- New Business Items



## Health and Wellness Initiatives Meeting

I met with members of my Leadership Team to discuss marketing initiatives and programs at the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center.



I am honored to have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. I look forward to collaborating with fellow leaders to enhance regional partnerships and advance initiatives that support economic growth and opportunity throughout Southeast Michigan.

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) has recently elected the following individuals to the board:

- **Daniel Carey**, MD, MCHM, FACC, President of Corewell Health’s William Beaumont University Hospital in Royal Oak
- **Erik Edoff**, Senior Executive Director, Michigan Education Association
- **Brett Gierak**, Trustee, Schoolcraft College
- **Tiffany Gunter**, CEO and General Manager, Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)
- **Dr. Curtis Ivery**, Chancellor, WCCCD
- **Laura Kropp**, Mayor, City of Mount Clemens
- **Peter Provenzano**, Chancellor, Oakland Community College
- **Monique Stanton**, President and CEO, Michigan League for Public Policy



Daniel Carey



Erik Edoff



Brett Gierak



Tiffany Gunter



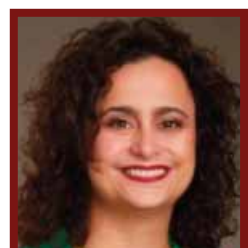
Dr. Curtis Ivery



Laura Kropp



Peter Provenzano



Monique Stanton



Meeting to discuss continuous quality improvement initiatives.

# Division of Student Services



**GLOBAL  
CONVERSATIONS**  
S P E A K E R S E R I E S

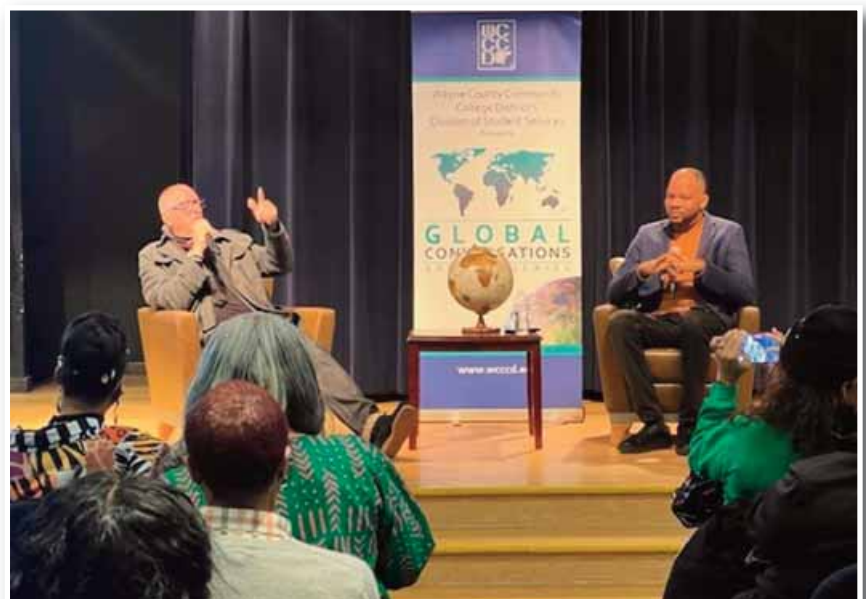
## Dr. Marion Orr

Mildred Gaddis moderated a discussion with best-selling author Dr. Marion Orr at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Participants were presented with a review of Dr. Orr's book, *"House of Diggs,"* the rise and fall of America's most consequential Black Congressman, Charles C. Diggs Jr.



## MC Serch

As part of our Global Conversations Speaker Series, the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted MC Serch, an American rapper, producer and radio host best known as a member of 3rd Base and for discovering Nas. Active since the late 1980s, he has released solo work, hosted Ego Trips, The White Rapper Show, and currently hosts the Serch Says Podcast. He continues to work in music and media.



# Division of Student Services

## Monica Morgan

The Eastern Campus hosted photojournalist Monica Morgan, known for her distinct style of world-class images of celebrities, heads of state, pop icons, and historic events.



Dr. Nubia Wardford holds a M.A. in Historic Archeology with a specialty in Archeology of the African World. Dr. Wardford Polk shared images at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus that brought to life accomplishments of the lack of inhabitants and rulers of the most ancient civilization in the world.

## Dr. Nubia Wardford Polk

The Northwest Campus also presented an engaging lecture with Dr. Wardford Polk as she explored Sankofa and nationhood within the Nile Valley civilizations.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Northwest Campus





## *Student Success!*

Dr. Angila Beard, Director of Surgical Services Education, Chief Health Executive at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital and 2012 WCCCD nursing graduate, visited the Health Science Center, where she was reunited with her former nursing teacher Lynda Dolphus. Dr. Beard was joined by Brenda Bozeman, Clinical Placement Coordinator for Surgical Technology at Corewell Health. They visited the surgical technology students and informed them of the wonderful career opportunities at Corewell Health.



# DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



## *Shining the Light on...*

### Dr. Mazharul Islam

Dr. Mazharul Islam came to WCCCD in 2016 as a Student Ambassador, Intern. He assisted with new student recruitment and represented the District to prospective students and families. He has come a long way since that humble beginning and now serves as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services, which is an excellent fit with his background and experience of being so clearly student focused.

Ultimately, if we are to be effective working in higher education, we must all be teachers. Dr. Islam's teaching philosophy is that the "key to keeping students engaged and focused is to create a dynamic and interactive learning experience... and to encourage open communication, provide opportunities for students to voice their thoughts and opinions, and make them feel invested in their learning ." Given his four years of teaching experience in an online learning environment, he has learned the importance of collaborations between faculty and student service teams and the importance of advising students and staff on achieving personal and professional goals.

So many qualities stand out when examining Dr. Islam's background and experience that show he has been well trained and motivated to serve students first. His classroom experience had him empathizing with students' personal needs, encouraging communication, and providing constructive feedback on assignments and in-class discussion. Administratively, he plans and develops student programs that are aligned with departmental and organizational goals. He also collaborates with direct reports to brainstorm new ideas, gather insights, hear concerns, and ultimately drive initiatives forward. Those actions and that leadership also help to build professional relationships with other departments and community partners.

Dr. Islam earned a Doctorate in Health Administration from Virginia University of Lynchburg, VA, and he has published numerous articles on topics ranging from the taxi industry in China to sustainable change in an organization. He also published *Success: Building Self-Confidence Through a Two-Year College Degree* with Barnes and Noble in 2024.

Finally, he is the founder of Maz Foundation in Bangladesh which ensures free formal education for underprivileged children in Bangladesh to help eliminate illiteracy.



Downriver  
Campus

# Black History Month 2026

The Downriver Campus facilitated an African American Food Sampling, a self-reliant practice of packing a lunch in a shoebox due to Jim Crow Laws.



The Downriver Campus presented a screening of *Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space*, a documentary highlighting the life and legacy of Zora Neale Hurston author, anthropologist, and prominent figure of the Harlem Renaissance.



Mary  
Ellen  
Stempfle  
University  
Center



Participants enjoyed a viewing of the movie *Kevin Hart's Guide to Black History*, which celebrates the fascinating contributions of black history's unsung heroes in this entertaining and educational comedy.

Northwest  
Campus



Through collaboration with Seize the Smoke, the Northwest Campus presented Remembered Futures: Black Heritage Legacy, honoring ancestral remembrance while guiding youth toward purposeful futures.



# District Police Authority

## Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

The District Police Authority is committed to ongoing training to fully meet Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Continuing Professional Education requirements. Regular instruction in de-escalation, community-oriented policing, and mental health awareness strengthens officer safety, professionalism, and our dedication to serving the campus community at the highest standard.



## Police Authority Training Workshop

The Downriver Campus hosted members of WCCCD's Police Authority personnel for police training.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## AI Complete!

Leading the way in innovation and excellence, the Educational Affairs Division is proudly 100% AI certified.



## Strengthening the Future of AI in Higher Education

Drs. Wanda Hudson, Sharon Lewis, and Donna Armes-Thomas attended the NAAIC Conference in Miami, FL, gaining advanced preparation toward high-level NAAIC certification in Artificial Intelligence.



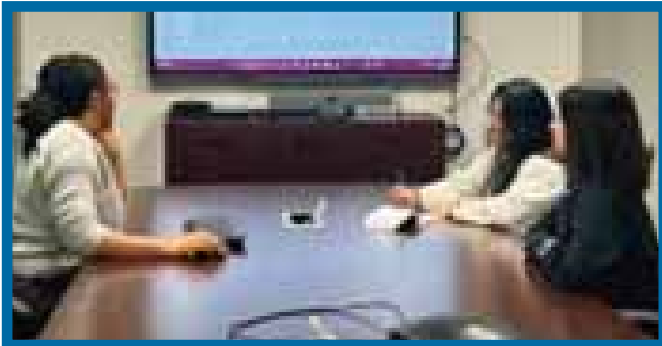
## OSHA Training

Rachel Scott and George Lowe conducted OSHA training for Lab Aides, Facilities and Administrative staff members from the Downriver and Ted Scott campuses.



## Connecting Minority Communities Project Update

Staff met to discuss the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant closeout process. Discussion included data collection and SharePoint updates.



## SmartDeploy Demo

Staff met with SmartDeploy to review a new computer imaging solution. The software offers more flexibility, visibility and ease which enables our team to manage operating system upgrades and software access District-wide.



## Project Update Meeting

Administrators met with members of the Support and Virtual Desktop Infrastructure teams to discuss project communication and workflow processes, ensuring the division remains well-informed and equipped to provide end-users with accurate updates and enhanced service delivery.

## District-wide Technical Support





# Division of Student Services

## Dual Enrollment Program



Staff met with City Council Member Angela Calloway and her staff regarding a potential partnership with our Pre-Engineering Program.

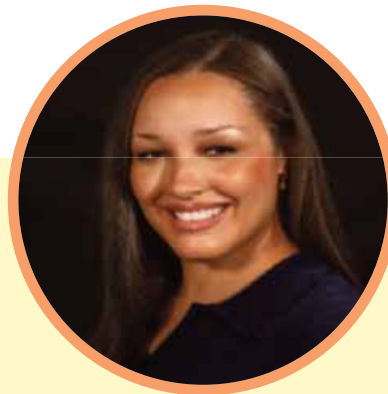


The Dual Enrollment Team continues meeting with high school students to assist them with registration.



## Student Executive Council

The Student Executive Council participated in the 2026 American Student Government Association Spring Virtual Conference. Speakers covered various topics such as increasing student government effectiveness and outreach, and interaction with businesses within the community.



## Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

USA Academic Team Nominee **Daniella Captain** is balancing her roles as a 4.0 scholar, Phi Theta Kappa President, work-study employee, and primary caregiver to her grandmother, all in her final semester. With scholarship and transfer applications abound, she is on her way to an excellent finish.

# Division of Student Services

## New Student Experience



## New Student Experience

Two student success workshops were held this week to provide students with valuable information about available services and resources designed to support their academic achievement and overall success.



## Records

Staff continue to assist students.



## *Student Success!*

### Federal Work-Study Program

Briana Halmon does not simply attend school, she studies with intention. She views education as a tool for empowerment and generational transformation. While balancing her education, motherhood, and personal growth, she aims to graduate with an Associate of Science this December.



## Division of Educational Affairs

### Faculty Selection Preparation Meeting



### Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative



Dr. Allan Cosma attended the leads meeting for Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative on next steps of phase two of the program collaboration.



# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



## DOCUMENTARY FILM VIEWING

Participants viewed the movie, *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution*, a film that tells the story of Camp Jened and the beginnings of the disability rights movement in the United States. The film also showed the challenges people with disabilities faced outside of the camp. The fight for Section 504 and equal rights required determination, patience, and unity.



## Eastern European Cultural Meeting



## VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations continued its recognition of Black History Month with engaging discussions on history, education, culture, and art. Participants also explored the Chinese New Year, with Xuefei Qi presenting on traditions, cultural significance of the New Year, and the Year of the Horse. The session concluded with presentations on Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Mardi Gras.



## CE Registration

The School of Continuing Education aims to make registering for courses a seamless process. To ensure everyone is able to register with no complications, the Continuing Education team has developed a detailed infographic, highlighting the steps in the process. This information has also been included in the Spring 2026 schedule book.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATION PROCESS**

**STEP 1**  
Enter website:  
<https://www.wccd.edu> and select getting started then Continuing Education

**STEP 2**  
Scroll down and select "Click here to register"

**STEP 3**  
Fill out the required fields on the registration form. (Be sure to have the course number and course title ready)

**STEP 4**  
Once you've completed the form click submit to finish your application

**NEW COSMETIC CERTIFICATE PRODUCTION**

**Intro to Cosmetic Science**  
This course introduces the science behind beauty and personal care products. Students will learn the basics of skin and hair biology, key cosmetic ingredients, and the product development process. Through discussions and demonstrations, the course explores how chemistry, biology, and creativity come together to shape products. This certificate program will provide an engaging overview of cosmetic science. Cover basic skin and hair biology, ingredient categories, and product types including a hands-on demo: Students trying sample DIY style formulations (Lip balm, scrub, etc.)  
Course #: IPEN-5716  
FEE: \$100.00  
Downtown - Instructor: Staff  
Room: TBD  
CRN: 48507, Tue 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Date: 3/3/26 - 3/17/26

**Mix, Blend and Create: Formulas**  
This course introduces the core principles of cosmetic formulation, focusing on how ingredients are selected, combined, and balanced to create safe and effective products. Students will explore formulation types such as creams, lotions, and cleansers, while learning basic lab practices and the art of mixing science with creativity. Hands-on activities provide a foundation for understanding how everyday beauty products are developed.  
• Focused on the art and science of mixing ingredients.  
• Students learn emulsions, surfactants, and stability basics.  
• Hands-on demo: Create lotions, and creams.  
Course #: IPEN-5719  
FEE: \$100.00  
Downtown - Instructor: Staff  
Room: TBD  
CRN: 48508, Thur 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Date: 2/26/26 - 3/19/26

**From Concept to Creation**  
This course takes students through the journey of developing a cosmetic product from idea to finished formula. Topics include trend research, product design, ingredient selection, and basic marketing considerations. Students will gain insight into how creative vision and scientific knowledge come together to bring beauty products to life.  
• Teaches how an idea becomes a product (Concept, formula, then consumer)  
• Fun activities like designing a mock brand, labeling, and pitching a product.  
• Covers basic safety, regulations, and testing in an approachable way  
Course #: IPEN-5720  
FEE: \$100.00  
Downtown - Instructor: Staff  
Room: TBD  
CRN: 48509, Tue 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Date: 3/24/26 - 5/5/26

**Trends and Innovation in Beauty**  
This course explores the latest movements shaping the cosmetic industry, from clean beauty and sustainability to new technologies and product innovations. Students will examine how trends influence product development and discover how science, culture, and consumer demand drive change in beauty.  
• Explores current trends (Clean beauty, k-beauty, sustainability, etc.)  
• Students experiment with trendy formulas (Serums, masks, and natural blends.)  
• Mini capsule where students showcase their own prototype  
Course #: IPEN-5721  
Downtown - Instructor: Staff  
Room: TBD  
FEE: \$100.00  
CRN: 48510, Thur 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Date: 3/26/26 - 3/19/26

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.WCCCD.EDU](http://WWW.WCCCD.EDU) OR CALL 313-495-2704 Follow Us!

## New Certificate Program

We are pleased to announce the Cosmetic Production Certificate Program. This program introduces students to the fundamentals of cosmetic science, offering a hands-on experience of how to create, design and sell personal care and beauty products.

### Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

February 9 - 21, 2026

Curtis L. Ivery  
Downtown Campus  
1,034

Eastern Campus  
132

Ted Scott Campus  
254

Downriver Campus  
676

Northwest Campus  
913

Mary Ellen Stempfle  
University Center  
118



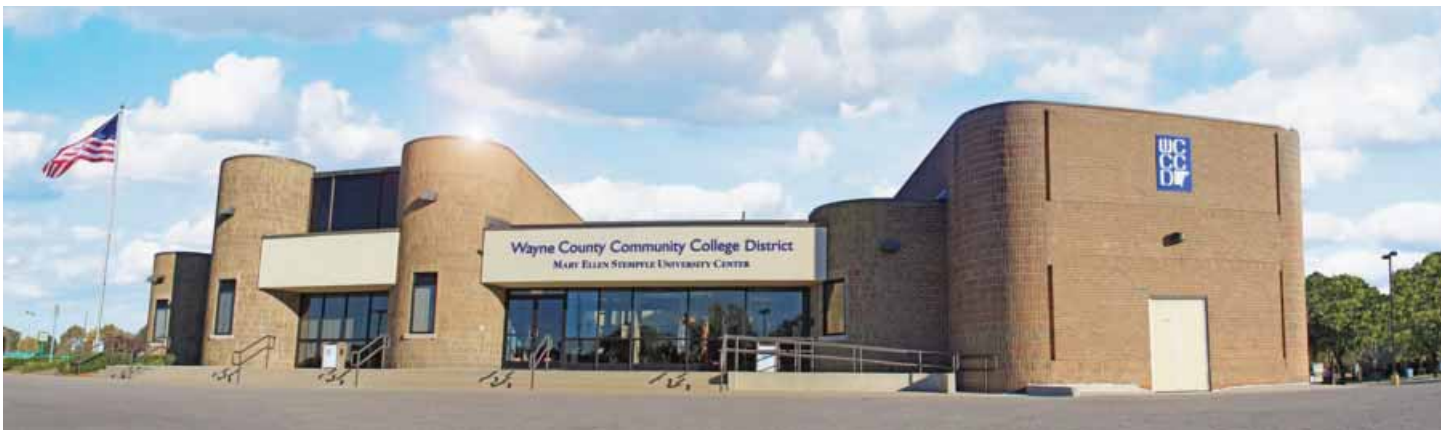
## *Building Community Relationships*



Andy Steeby, Matt Green, George Lowe, Andrew McQueen, Sandy Thompson, Grace Kowalski and Tim Durand attended The State of the City of Taylor Address given by Mayor Tim Woolley.



Furquan Ahmed and Akman Jaigirdar met with Hamtramck Mayor Adam Alharbi to explore strategies to enhance educational partnership opportunities.



# Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



## Community Partnerships

Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with community members to discuss potential partnerships in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe communities.

## Celebration Planning

Mr. Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with the City of Harper Woods Mayor, Valerie Kindle and Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development, Irma Hayes to discuss the plans for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration.



## Wayne RESA Staff Professional Development Workshop



## Toastmasters International Membership Meeting

# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

## PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship



The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus held a PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship workshop. Participants were given scholarship requirements, workshop schedules, and financial aid information.



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

## Michigan Community Master Compost Program

Participants in the Michigan Community Master Compost Certification Workshop reviewed the basics, benefits, and how to start a composting project.



# CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center

## Wildcats Basketball

The HWEC hosted the Men's and Women's Owls of Oakland Community College for basketball games against the Wildcats.



## High School Basketball

The HWEC hosted the home varsity basketball game of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy versus South Lake High School.



## Staff Meeting

HWEC staff met to review procedures related to member services and locker rooms.



## Fit Camp

Members can't get enough of Fit Camp, the high-energy group fitness class that is a total body workout.

# Downriver Campus



## Bridging the Gaps Community and Family Development Volunteer Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the Bridging the Gaps Community and Family Development Volunteer Meeting to discuss programs and available resources that support families and the community.



## Wayne RESA – Professional Development Workshop



**Life**  
**Campus**

# Eastern Campus



Coffee, Clarity, and Communication  
Workshop with Faculty



**Console  
Gaming Society**  
Student Organization

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# Study ABROAD

BRING THE WORLD HOME

## Spring 2026 Study Abroad

Students met in preparation for the upcoming educational experience to Budapest, Hungary, where they will learn about the language, culture, and history.



Eastern  
Campus

## Division of Workforce and Economic Development

### MDOT Collaboration

Dr. Allan Cosma met with collaborating partners from MDOT to discuss future cohorts in the coming years, as well as students who have been employed since the inception of the program.

One Vision, One District, One College



# Northwest Campus



## FARM Spring 2026 Cohort Orientation

In partnership with WCCCD, Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (FARM) launched its Spring 2026 cohort with an orientation. Attendees received an overview of the program's goals, expectations, and available support resources.



## Links National Poster Contest

In partnership with Figure Skating in Detroit, the Northwest Campus hosted the Links National Poster Contest, inspiring girls of color to lead with confidence, creativity, and academic excellence.



# Northwest Campus



## Wayne RESA and Denby High School Tour

Wayne RESA and Denby High School students toured the Health Science Center. The group participated in immersive activities that explored career opportunities in the allied health field.



***"Thank you so much for hosting our students at the College for Health Care Sciences at WCCCD today. The field trip was truly an amazing experience."***

*– Danielle Jackson, Wayne RESA Career Counselor*

## Dental Program Lunch & Learn



The Dental Department held a lunch and learn workshop, where John Matthews from Q-Optics informed students of the benefits of magnification while performing dental procedures.

# Ted Scott Campus



## Continuing Education

Students are participating in our Guitar for Beginners course, learning the basics and starting their musical journey.



## Men's Mentoring Group

The Ted Scott Campus is starting a Men's Mentoring Group. This is a structured, safe, and confidential space for men to gather and share their life experiences.



## AshtangaYin Yoga

Students are participating in AshtangaYin Yoga, a unique style of yoga that helps participants develop physical strength and improve their alignment through meditative and physically challenging moves.



# 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

