

Culinary Arts and Hospitality

Youth and their families from the Detroit Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. participated in an interactive culinary experience at the Northwest Campus. The hands-on session introduced participants to the fundamentals of meal preparation, while providing valuable insight into the sought-after career opportunities in the culinary and hospitality industries.





WCCCD Recognized by Achieving the Dream as a 2026 Leader College

We are proud to have earned the designation of Leader College this year, joining other institutions in the Achieving the Dream (ATD) Network that are advancing equity and student success. ATD is a national organization dedicated to promoting community colleges as accessible centers for learning, credentialing, and economic mobility. WCCCD has been a member of the ATD Network since 2006. This year's recognition reaffirms our designation as a Leader College, and we look forward to continuing our work with ATD to support our students and serve our community.



Legislative and Municipal Luncheon

We were pleased to host a Legislative and Municipal Luncheon at the Northwest Campus. The program brought together local, state, and federal leaders for meaningful dialogue on education, workforce development, and regional collaboration.





I participated in the MCCA Presidents' Coffee Hour to discuss the newly announced federal Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grant opportunity and explore how Michigan's community colleges can collaborate to expand workforce training and student success initiatives.



I met with Keith Williams, Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party Black Caucus and author of *Obstacles Conquered*, to discuss his work mentoring and empowering high school students. Our conversation focused on helping young people overcome challenges, build resilience, and pursue positive pathways for their future.



Preparing for the Summer Semester

I visited the Northwest Campus and met with Senior Vice Chancellor and Campus President Furquan Ahmed and staff to discuss preparations for the upcoming Summer semester.





Wayne County Community College District

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery Ted Scott Campus

The School of Continuing Education hosted the opening reception of "Messages," featuring the artwork of Sharlene Welton at the Ted Scott Campus. This exhibit will be on display until April 30, 2026.



Sharlene Welton



Downriver Campus

Automotive Technology Dual Enrollment Students



Students enrolled in the Electrical/Electronic Systems course participated in hands-on learning experiences.



Visit from Central Michigan University Representatives

The Downriver Campus welcomed representatives from Central Michigan University for an informative outreach program focused on expanding transfer pathways for students once they graduate from WCCCD.

Northwest Campus

Building the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs



Students are learning how to build their entrepreneurial future in a class taught by Dennis Archer Jr., Chairman and CEO of Sixteen42 Ventures. This week, students continued to refine their ideas, engage in collaborative discussion, and receive practical insights on launching and sustaining successful ventures.



Civil Rights Roundtable

A Civil Rights Roundtable hosted by Senator Mary Cavanagh brought together civic leaders and community stakeholders for an engaging dialogue on civil rights, civic engagement, and community progress.



Chokwe Lumumba Legacy Discussion



Author Shushanna Shakur discussed the life and contributions of her brother, Chokwe Lumumba, highlighting the legacy of a transformative activist and encouraging historical awareness.

One Vision, One District, One College

Campus Meetings





District Police Authority

Collaborative Meeting to Enhance Campus Safety Infrastructure



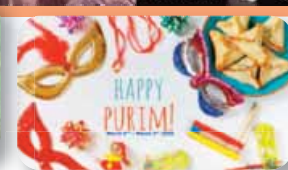
Chief Bahrija Livadic met with vendors and department members to discuss improvements to Campus Safety infrastructure and emergency service capabilities as we continue working to enhance safety and response readiness across the District.

Officer Michael Abro completed the final phase of his Field Training Officer Program and is now gaining experience with operations and the many ways our Campus Safety team assists students each day.



Virtual Intercultural Conversations

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations explored Women's History Month, Irish American Heritage Month, the Jewish festival Purim, and the Hindu festival Holi, highlighting cultural traditions and women's contributions to society. Presentations also explored the historical significance and traditions of these observances while encouraging discussion on women's rights and the importance of recognizing women's leadership and resilience across cultures.





Building Community Relationships



Trustee
Jim Wagner

Trustee Jim Wagner, along with staff from across the District attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber 's meeting with United States Representative Debbie Dingell.



Tim Durand represented the District at SEMCA's 30th Anniversary Celebration. The event marked 30 years of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance's commitment to strengthening the workforce system and supporting economic growth across the region.



Dr. Jocelyn Rainey participated in the College Art Association's 114th Annual Conference. During the conference Dr. Rainey served as a National Service to Artists Committee member, which actively supports fair opportunities for artists.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Detroit Public Safety Academy – Dual Enrollment

Fire Students

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Detroit Public Safety Academy Dual Enrollment Fire Fighter Practical. Students practiced donning and doffing turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

MIPSE also hosted the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for Mobile Field Force. This class consisted of lecture, formations introduction and practice, gas mask familiarization/certification exposure, riot baton/riot shield familiarization and certification, and scenario-based training.



Finance Self-Service Project Update

The Finance Self-Service Project continues to move forward with strong collaboration across Information Technology, Finance, Fiscal Accountability Operations Center (FAOC), and Purchasing.

This week, the project team met to review current progress and outline the next phase of implementation with our Ellucian consultant. The discussion focused on preparing for configuration of the core financial workflows that will support the new self-service experience, including requisitions, purchase orders, invoices, approval workflows, communications, and integration with our document management system.

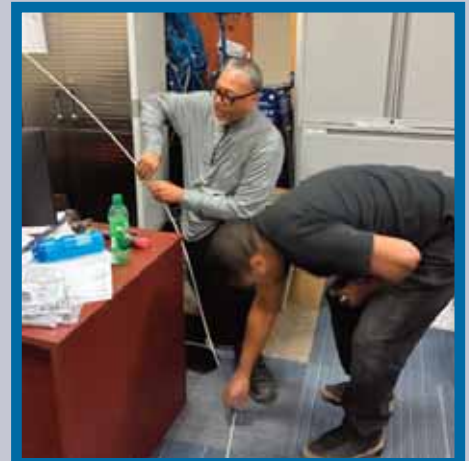


Faculty Selection Training

The Division of Information Technology conducted a joint Faculty Selection training session with the Division of Educational Affairs. The session served as a refresher for staff who have previously supported the Faculty Selection process and an introduction for new users.



District-wide Technical Support



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center

Chair Yoga/Meditation

The HWEC hosted a Chair Yoga/Meditation workshop with staff from the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.



Building Strength

HWEC members learned techniques to build strength and improve flexibility.





Division of Student Services



New Student Experience

The New Student Experience Team is dedicated to helping new students confidently navigate the college experience. From answering questions and connecting students to resources, to providing guidance and encouragement along the way, the team is here to ensure every new student feels supported, informed and ready to succeed.

Outreach

Donnell Mason and Angie Star of 105.9 are promoting WCCCD's collaboration with DABO (Detroit Association for Black Organizations).



Student Success

Staff continue to assist students with registering for Summer 2026 classes.



Athletics

Coach Hammoud reviews practice strategy as the team prepares for March Madness. Our lady Wildcats will be facing off next week in the first round of the tournament. Good luck ladies. Go Wildcats!



Student Success

Daniella Captain, PTK President and Federal Work-Study student won the 2026 Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for all of her hard work.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partnerships

This week, the Division of Student Services' Information Session featured Dr. Michael Couch and Shawntae Harris Mintline from Grand Valley State University (GVSU). Participants learned about the partnership between WCCCD and GVSU, which provides seamless, direct pathways for WCCCD students through a combination of online, hybrid, and in-person learning options. Additionally, GVSU is establishing a physical presence at WCCCD's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

Division of Student Services



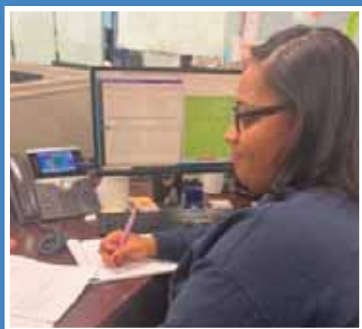
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BIOLOGICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Staff met with TriBeta National Biological Honors Society advisors to plan the upcoming Induction Ceremony.

Veteran Affairs

WCCCD is an accredited institution of higher education approved to participate and administer to veterans and their dependents education assistance programs.



Records

Staff assisting with processing student inquiries.



2026 Commencement Ceremony ~ June 13, 2026



Graduation Class Meeting

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the first graduation class meeting. Students received information to prepare for the 2026 Commencement Ceremony.



The next meeting will be held at the Downriver Campus on March 21, 2026 1:00pm.



Division of Human Resources

Records Retention and Destruction Process Review



The Division of Human Resources (HR) participated in a comprehensive Records Retention and Destruction Process Review to evaluate the overall effectiveness, regulatory compliance, and security of its records management practices.





Division of Educational Affairs

Performance Improvements in Teaching and Learning



Dr. CharMaine Hines and Krupa Patel met to review efficiency and best practice strategies for institutions of higher education that inform performance improvements in teaching and student learning. Currently, the office is working to highlight faculty and student engagement among the top academic programs of choice by students enrolled at the District on our website and social media platforms.

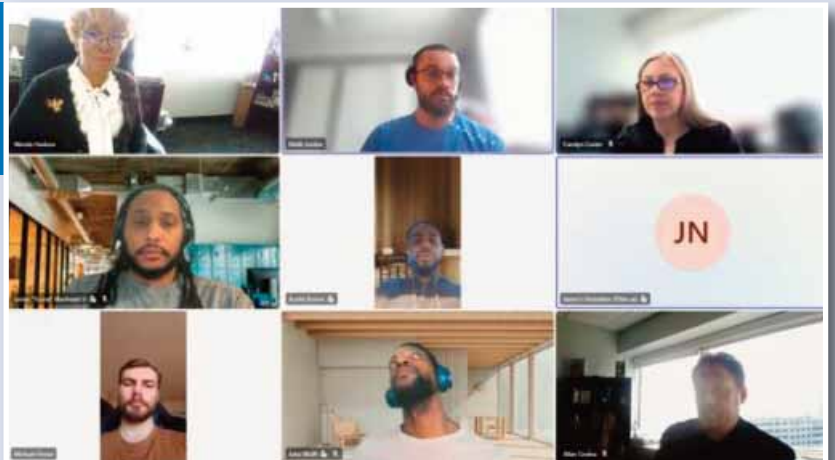


The University of Olivet Meeting

Dr. Tynisha McGee met with leaders of The University of Olivet including President Dr. Steven Corey, to discuss educational partnerships and initiatives.

Video Game Design Program Opportunities

Drs. Wanda Hudson and Carolyn Custer met with Malik Jordan, WCCCD faculty and Video Game Design industry leaders to discuss programming, competitions, and participation/mentorship to support our student success.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



From Roots to Crowns

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a course entitled "From Roots to Crowns." Participants received knowledge on what it takes to become an entrepreneur in the cosmetology trade.



Language Institute



The Language Institute provides a supportive learning space for students enrolled in ESL and world language courses, including German, Japanese, Spanish, and Arabic.



ACE Mentoring Program

The ACE Mentor Program of Southeast Michigan provided free mentoring and apprenticeship opportunities for students interested in STEM fields.



Main Character Energy

A Women's History Month session titled "Main Character Energy" featuring Erika Gilchrist, was held at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. This impactful

workshop was designed to equip female students with practical tools to enhance their self-confidence in the workplace, on campus, and beyond.

Eastern Campus



Microbiology

Students in BIO 295 completed the “Gram Staining” experiment to discover the morphology of the culture.

Fashion Design Program Assessment Meeting



The Art of Makeup

Students are learning how to apply makeup colors that are unique to their skin complexion.



In the Mail...*Student Success!*

“Werner Enterprises is extremely proud to put the safest and most productive professional drivers on the road year after year, and we wouldn’t be able to do that without your help. We appreciate everything that you and your staff do to prepare students to become professional drivers and begin their career with Werner. This letter is just a token of our appreciation to you and your staff for the outstanding job you did in helping to prepare one of your former students to become a Werner Enterprises team member. We are confident that your school will continue to provide the trucking industry and Werner with high quality and well-trained students.”

~ Greg Hamm, Vice President of Field and Government Recruiting





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Advanced Manufacturing, Automation, and Robotics Program Information Session



We hosted an Advanced Manufacturing, Automation, and Robotics Program Information Session at the Eastern Campus Advanced Manufacturing Center. Prospective students attended the event to learn about the mechatronics and robotics cohort beginning the Spring 2026 semester. During the session, participants received an overview of the program and the career opportunities available in advanced manufacturing and industrial automation.



Ted Scott Campus



Continuing Education

Students are learning how to play the ukulele in the Beginner Ukulele class.



Phi Theta Kappa

The Ted Scott Campus held the Phi Theta Kappa Orientation for students.



Charter Club Estate Winter Sub-Wide Seminar

Attendees networked to share tips on home ownership and maintaining property values.



Wayne RESA's The Listening and Spoken Language/Auditory Verbal Approach Seminar

Wayne RESA's NWEA Leadership Summit 2026



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

