

## Congratulations to our very own Martha Grier!

Congratulations to Martha Grier on receiving the Resilience in Leadership Award from the Pulse Institute during the 2026 Women in Corporate and Economic Leadership Breakfast Forum Series. This well-deserved recognition reflects her many years of unwavering dedication, strength, and steadfast leadership that have made a lasting impact at WCCCD and on the countless students, colleagues, and communities we proudly serve.





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



**CURTIS L. IVERY**  
**HWEC**  
 Health & Wellness  
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Chief Bahrija Livadic and I stopped by the Kids Basketball Camp for a friendly basketball match at the Health and Wellness Education Center. With “Buck” on my team, of course we won!



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for  
**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
EDUCATION



## Downriver Campus

### Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted the Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team for their monthly training. Topics included: covering proper suit selection, performing operations in a limited visibility environment, and review of rehab and Decon procedures.



### Dual Enrollment Program

Students from the Detroit Public Safety Academy and the Downriver Career Technology Center practiced Incident Command Systems (ICS), how to spray foam and the use of the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC).



Fire Students



### William D. Ford Career-Technical Center

Students practiced survival skills in the confined space maze climbing out of windows and the entanglement simulator.



Wayne County Community College District

# Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented an Artist Talk with Charlene Uresy, whose exhibit, African Symbolism: Objet D'Art is on display at the Northwest Campus. Ms. Uresy discussed the evolution of her creative process in making painted furniture and decorative art. Sherry Washington, WCCCD Art Curator, stated "New patrons to the campus were ecstatic to hear Ms. Uresy reveal the genesis of her fine art and discuss her travels throughout Africa, Cuba, and America."



## Artist Talk with Charlene Uresy



## Spotlight on Continuing Education Instructor...

*Sandra Simmons*

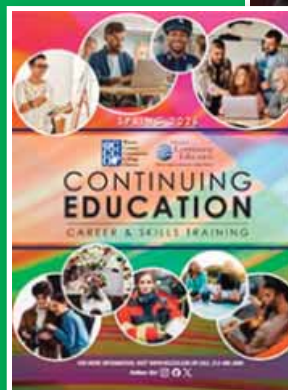


Sandra Simmons has been with the District since 2002 and she's had the pleasure of teaching a variety of courses like PowerPoint, Excel, Getting Started with Computers for Mature Learners in the Silver Circle Program, Keyboarding Basics, and Dual Enrollment for High School Students, just to name a few.

Ms. Simmons was instrumental in starting the Sewing Program at WCCCD in 2002. She started at the Eastern Campus with twenty machines and a room full of eager students. Ms. Simmons is a WCCCD alumna and understands the value of education. She feels honored and privileged to share her experience and education with the students.

## Offering a Variety of Continuing Education Classes

The Division of Student Services hosted Melodie Bunkley to provide updates and registration information on Continuing Education (CE) classes. The School of Continuing Education offers accessible, affordable, and flexible learning opportunities across Wayne County including senior programs, certificate programs, professional CE credits, junior programs and more.





## District Police Authority

### Safety Outreach and Community Engagement



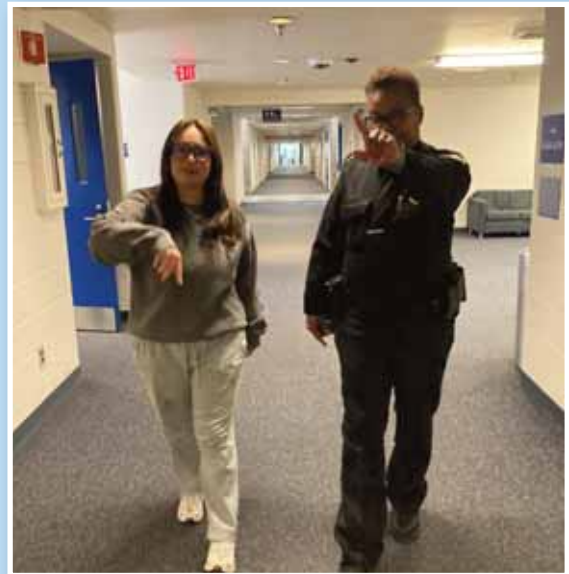
Police Authority Administrator Kimberly Castillo assisted students in understanding the use of blue emergency phones to ensure rapid access to assistance when needed.



Captain Tamika Townsel addressed strategies to enhance personal information security.



Captain Johnny Rodgers demonstrated the proper use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and other first aid equipment for emergency response.



As part of ongoing safety outreach efforts, Lieutenant Cynthia Brown provided guidance on safe travel routes throughout the District.

# Division of Student Services



## Global Conversations Speaker Series

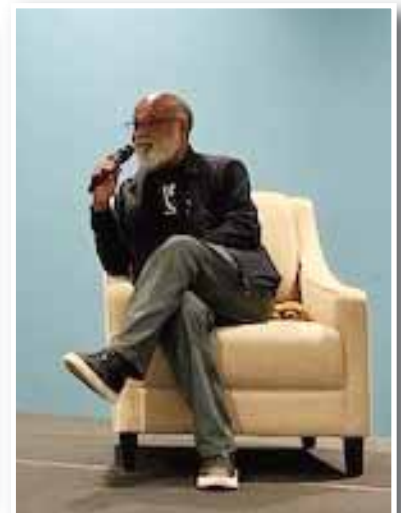
Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

The Division of Student Services presented Healthy Relationships with Tiffany Mensah. This session focused on healthy relationship education, relational impact, emotional safety, boundaries, and sustainability.



## Northwest Campus

The Global Conversations Speaker Series hosted Chester Higgins Jr. Mr. Higgins was staff photographer with *The New York Times* for more than four decades, and whose work has notably featured the life and culture of people of African descent. He joined us to speak on his more than 50 trips to the continent of Africa and presented his book *Sacred Nile*.





# Division of Student Services



## Records

Staff are assisting students with registering for the Summer semester.

## Wildcat Day Preparation Meeting

Staff met to prepare for WCCCD's Wildcat Day for local high school students.



## Tri Beta

Dr. Tammy Anderson and Eryne Jenkins met with Tri Beta's National Office, Director of Chapter and Member Success, Connie Terry, via zoom to discuss member registration and operations for chapter management.



# Division of Student Services



## New Student Experience

Staff from the Division of Student Services met with representatives from DABO to discuss new student outreach and registration strategies.



## Veteran Affairs

Truly honoring women Veterans begins with a culture that promotes equality and recognizes their contributions to our country. As we close out Women's History Month, we continue to celebrate over 2.1 million women service members.



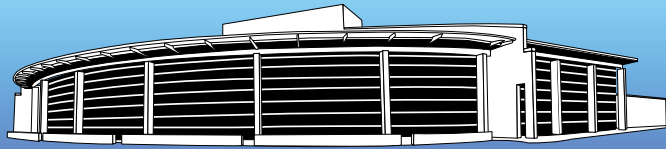
## AI in Advising

Dr. Mazharul Islam participated in The Chronicle of Higher Education's virtual event to discuss Generative AI in advising. The panelists highlighted how AI can automate transactional communications, enabling advisers to shift their focus back to personal, high-impact conversations with students.



## Student Organizations and Clubs

Dr. Tammy Anderson attended the student activities "Return on Investment" workshop, which discussed how to help students market their participation in organizations and clubs through their resume, LinkedIn and job interviews.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER  
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

## SOAR Dance Competition

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the SOAR Dance Competition, which welcomed dancers from dance studios, instructors and families across the region. The competition provided young dancers with the opportunity to showcase their talent, creativity and hard work in a supportive and energetic environment.



# Downriver Campus



## The Information Center

### Mending the Safety Net

The Downriver Campus hosted the annual Information Center Mending the Safety Net Program. The Healthy Downriver Community Team, a local community collaborative initiative, presented an exciting and stimulating resource sharing event, designed to provide up-to-date information about the ever-changing resources available to the community.



## Wayne RESA

### Pre-Kindergarten Reading Practices



Participants who joined this session gained practice in efficiently planning for these two read aloud times and observed both types of reading practices.

# DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



## *Shining the Light on...* **Matthew Green**

Matthew Green's personal mission statement speaks volumes about what motivates him and how he stays focused. It reads: "To provide leadership in education and emergency services so others may reach their potential." The "reach their potential" portion of that statement has deep roots with him.

When Mr. Green was in eighth grade, a school counselor told him he would be lucky to graduate high school, and that college was out of the question because of his learning disability, now termed 'neurodivergent'. He was made to feel different and incompetent. In truth, he had a different learning style than his peers, but he did not let that hold him back.

Carrying that 'learning disability' label with him into college, he leveraged his strengths through hard work and an insatiable appetite for knowledge. While still at Albion College, he enrolled in classes to earn a State of Michigan Emergency Medical Technician and EMT Specialist license. He continued his education and obtained his Paramedic license and Firefighting certificate following graduation.

Working as a paramedic in Wayne and Oakland County, Mr. Green quickly earned recognition for his compassion, clinical reasoning, and calmness under stress. This experience led to a job offer as a clinical coordinator in the EMT programs for WCCCD in 2003. Since that initial hiring, he has worked his way up through the organization serving as Associate Dean, Health Sciences; Dean, Health Sciences; Dean, Instruction for the Ted Scott Campus; and now as Campus President of the Ted Scott Campus.

He earned an MBA at Northwood University during his journey along with numerous awards including 2014 WCCCD Employee of the Year, 2013 Farmington Hills Firefighter of the Year, 2005 Optimist/American Legend Firefighter of the Year, and numerous life saving awards and unit citations. He has also earned numerous paramedic and firefighter certifications and licensures.

Through it all what has motivated Matthew Green has been his desire to help others overcome labels to reach their potential.

# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



The Language Institute hosted students in ESL courses to support and improve English skills utilizing hands-on games and Mango Languages software.





# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



## VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations focused on Women's History Month, Irish American Heritage Month, and St. Patrick's Day. Participants viewed a video presentation on Women's History Month that explained why it is important to celebrate women's history and recognized the contributions of women throughout society.

Staff attended Interfaith Unity Day held at the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Participants came together to collaborate and promote understanding.



# Division of Educational Affairs

## March Reading Month at West Village Academy

Dr. Wanda Hudson visited West Village Academy for Reading Month with Sarah Hudson and her second grade classroom. The book read was "Stone Soup" which focuses on strengthening your community.



## Student Ambassador Training

The Career Education College Success Program Grant held a Student Ambassador Training workshop.



## Partnership Opportunities



Drs. Wanda Hudson and Allan Cosma toured the Eastern Campus exploring a potential partnership with Art Cartwright to develop Humanoid and Robotics Repair courses, advancing innovative workforce training opportunities.

# Division of Educational Affairs

## Learning Outside the Classroom

Exceptional learning thrives beyond the classroom when dedicated faculty meet curious minds. Professor Dr. Joanne Wittbrodt and a student engaged on campus in the open commons. These personal connections offer a synergy that defines our community and one that AI and virtual learning simply cannot replicate.



## Humanities 101 Field Trip



Humanities students visited the Detroit Institute of Arts in preparation for their mid-term essay. Students visited specific galleries and exhibits and discussed their adventures during follow-up class sessions.

## Ceremonies and Rituals Committee Meeting

The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee met this week to continue preparations for the upcoming Commencement Ceremony scheduled for June 13, 2026.



# CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center



## Karate Championship

The HWECC, in partnership with Alkebu-Lan Village, hosted the 48th annual Motor City Nationals Children's Karate Championship.



## Sound Bowl Meditation

The HWECC hosted a Sound Bowl Meditation workshop where participants explored how sound and stillness can support relaxation, stress reduction and nervous system regulation.



## Active Recovery Class

HWECC members take time in the Active Recovery class to help their bodies recover from strenuous work outs through stretching and focused movements.





## Building Community Relationships



### **Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Luncheon**

Staff represented the District at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Luncheon. The guest speaker was Tom Leonard, former Michigan Speaker of the House and candidate for Governor.



### **Pancakes and Politics Forum**

WCCCD staff and community members attended the 2026 Pancakes and Politics Forum *Moving Our Region Forward*. The discussion centered around accomplishments and initiatives for building strong regional cooperation. We had the honor of being joined by two students from Davis Aerospace High School.



### **Women of Wisdom Award Ceremony**

Dr. Yvette Anderson represented the District at the 2026 Women of Wisdom Award Ceremony that was hosted by Councilwomen Mary Waters and Renata Miller. This ceremony recognized extraordinary women whose leadership continues to strengthen the City of Detroit.

## Banner Self-Service Project Update



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

This week, the project team continued current-state process review, including discussion of the purchase order process and mapping the payment/AP workflow.

### Infrastructure Team Meeting



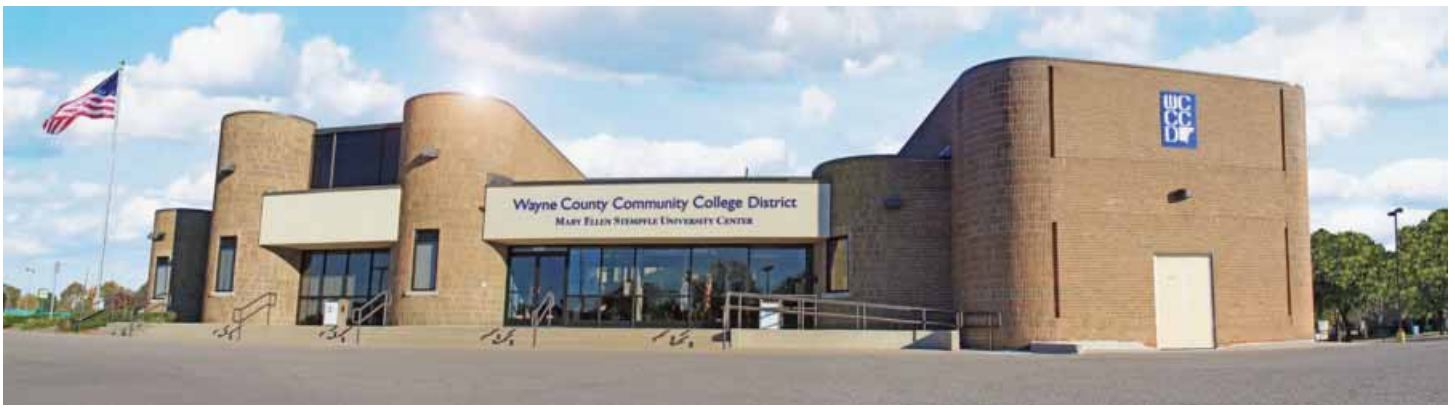
### IT Staff Meeting



### District-wide Technical Support







## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



### March is Reading Month

Denis Karic spent time at Maire Elementary School reading to students and sharing a love of literacy with the next generation of learners in our community.

### Leadership Meeting

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center leadership team met to discuss the campus experience survey results, upcoming Summer semester and review the Fall 2026 rollover.



### Distance Learning

Denis Karic met with Blackboard representatives to discuss Blackboard Ally. The meeting focused on Ally's accessibility features, which help faculty identify and remediate accessibility barriers in course materials.

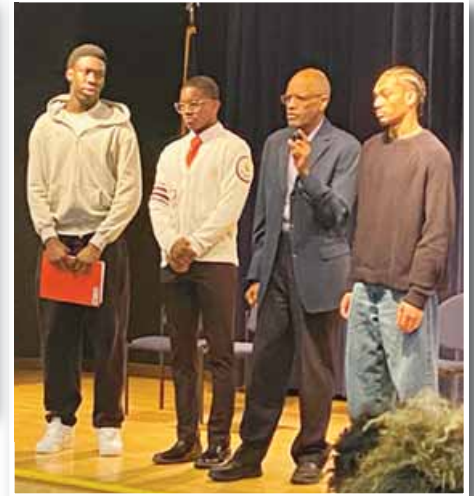


# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



## Pathways to Excellence

Dr. Jim Bridges held an orientation for the Leadership Development for Career Focused African American Males organization. Workshops will enhance participants' self-awareness by exploring personal values, cultural heritage, and leadership styles.



## PepsiCo Scholarship Foundation

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus held a PepsiCo Uplift Scholarship Foundation session. Professional development coaches gave participants resources aimed at defining career learning objectives, how to set specific measurable goals that are attainable and relevant to ensure professional workplace readiness.



## Mid-Day Master Class

Seeing Yourself in the Future

This interactive workshop was designed to support students as they transition from college into professional environments by helping them understand how everyday behaviors shape opportunities over time.

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## Detroit Urban League

The Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan meeting provided urban seniors the opportunity to learn more about available employment focusing on seniors and job readiness.

# Eastern Campus

## *Coffee and Conversations*



In this week's Coffee and Conversations with Dr. Angela May, faculty explored practical strategies for strengthening faculty-student engagement, while cultivating deeper critical thinking skills in our classrooms. Dr. May is a Forensic Psychologist, Psychology Professor, Author, and Public Speaker.



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## Microbiology Students

Students performed the "Gram Staining" experiment, to show the cultures morphology.

## Phi Theta Kappa Information Table

Staff assisted students with questions, application requirements, and expectations to join the PTK Honor Society.





## Division of Workforce and Economic Development

### Construction Trades Career Presentation

MUST Careers and Local 58 recently visited the Regional Training Center to deliver a presentation highlighting career opportunities within the construction trades, including an overview of all associated career pathways.

Additionally, representatives from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) attended and extended an invitation to students for an upcoming women's conference.

These engagements provided valuable exposure and networking opportunities for our students as they explore career options in the skilled trades.



### Lawn Academy Youth Group Tour

The Eastern Campus hosted the Lawn Academy youth group for a tour of the Automotive Technology Center. The tour was designed to build a summer school program for 260 youth in career planning and workforce development. This program will blend learning and early career exploration to help young people grow into confident, capable future leaders.





## Northwest Campus

### Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program

Representatives from Family Assistance for Renaissance Men participated in a hands-on culinary experience with Chef Lorenzo Spratling, gaining essential cooking skills.



### UMMA Eid Celebration

The Northwest Campus hosted the UMMA Eid Celebration. The program fostered connection, cultural appreciation, and a strong sense of unity while celebrating the spirit of Eid through shared traditions and togetherness.



### Southfield Public Schools National Honor Society



Southfield Public Schools held its National Honor Society's third Annual Induction Ceremony, celebrating the academic excellence, leadership, and achievements of outstanding students.

# Northwest Campus



## Durfee-Central 313 Career Day

Staff from the Health Sciences team attended the Durfee-Central 313 Career Day. They provided students with information about various allied health program opportunities at WCCCD.



# Ted Scott Campus

## Continuing Education

Students are working on engines in the Small Engine Repair class.



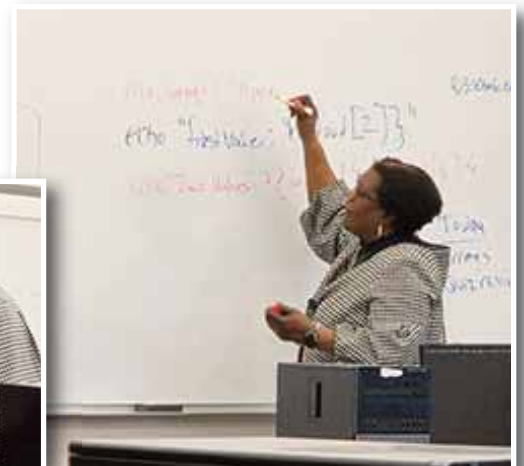
## Art Students

Students are reviewing drawing assignments in class.



## CIS Students

Students participated in hands-on instruction.



# 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

