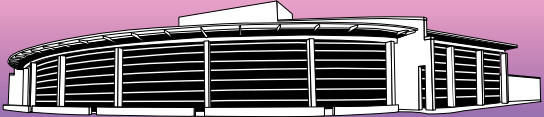


Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1539 March 28- April 2, 2026



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
HEINZ C. PRECHTER
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

Promoting Cultural Pride

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center was pleased to present Prime 7 Production, a group focused on uplifting Filipino talent in Michigan and promoting cultural pride through engaging performances.





Schedule Development Meeting

Executive team members met to discuss the Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 course schedules. Some of the topics discussed included:

- Planning for new programs to expand student options and opportunities
- Coordination between the Divisions of Student Services, Educational Affairs, and Human Resources to ensure readiness for the upcoming terms
- Alignment of course offerings with student interest and enrollment needs
- Reviewed staffing and faculty needs to support both semesters

Wayne County Community College District Economic and Workforce Impact



Dr. Johnesa Hodge is reviewing planning priorities and strategic direction to assess WCCCD's efforts toward strengthening workforce development and supporting student success across the region. As part of the 2027–2030 Strategic Plan development, Dr. Hodge is completing a new economic impact study to build on findings from the previous analysis. This future study will evaluate how WCCCD's programs align with workforce needs, support curriculum relevance, and improve student outcomes—highlighting WCCCD's role in preparing learners for sustainable employment and economic mobility. As the higher education landscape continues to evolve, WCCCD remains focused on forward-looking strategies that respond to employer demand.

Key Components of Economic Impact Study

Economic Impact~Alumni Impact~Investment Impact



Ted Scott Campus

LPN to RN Bridge Program Orientation

The Ted Scott Campus hosted a Bridge Orientation and Registration Seminar. Participants were providing an overview and update of different aspects of the Bridge program and career opportunities.



Northwest Campus



Educational Opportunities

Furquan Ahmed met with Raihan Akther, Principal of Bridge Academy West, to explore educational partnership opportunities.



Promoting Youth Leadership

The Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Detroit Chapter held a workshop to promote youth leadership, education, and community involvement.

Awarding Young Athletes

The Figure Skating in Detroit Award Ceremony celebrates achievement, discipline, and perseverance among young athletes.





PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Theta Kappa Catalyst Conference

Our PTK students participated in the s PTK Catalyst Conference, gaining valuable insights, networking opportunities, and inspiration to advance their academic and leadership goals.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Confined Space Training

In partnership with the Dearborn Fire Department, the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Confined Space Training Program. The training focused on advanced techniques for confined space entry, hazard assessment, and rescue operations, utilizing realistic, scenario-based simulators.



MIPSE also hosted the Fire Fighter I Practical Training, which is designed to equip students with the psychomotor skills required for entry-level positions in the fire service. Students practiced how to work in the snow in fire gear and hazmat operations training.

Dual Enrollment Fire Fighter Practical



Northwest Campus

Developing Real-World Entrepreneurial Skills

Students are learning how to shape their entrepreneurial futures in a class taught by Dennis Archer Jr., Chairman and CEO of Sixteen42 Ventures. This week, guest speaker Jason McGuire, CEO of Riverside Marina, shared insights with students about entrepreneurship, leadership, and strategies for building and sustaining a successful business.



Ted Scott Campus

Partnership Opportunities

Matt Green held a robotics and AI walkthrough with Dr. Wanda Hudson and Art Cartwright.





District Police Authority

National Reading Month Event

Members of the District Police Authority participated in a National Reading Month program at University Preparatory Academy, sponsored by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). During the event, Police Authority staff donated books to support ongoing literacy and learning efforts.



Microsoft 365



Staff met this week to review Microsoft 365 system updates.

IT Security Quarterly Review



The Security Team convened with CrowdStrike for a quarterly review to evaluate current threat trends and assess the effectiveness of our existing security posture.

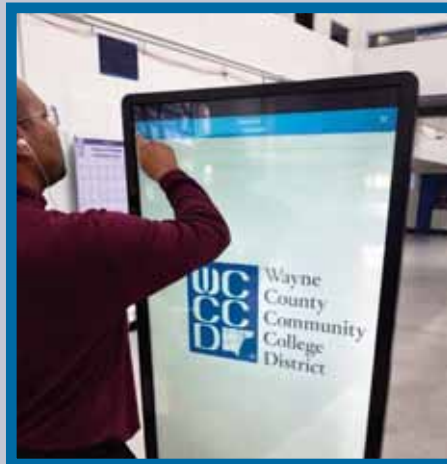


IT Tech Talk

The IT Department is excited to share that our ongoing Tech Talk series featured a presentation on AI.

The “AI: Discovery and Alignment” Tech Talk focused on responsible AI use, emphasizing structured prompting, iteration, and validation to ensure reliable results.

District-wide Technical Support



Eastern Campus

Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Construction Trades Training Program

Students have successfully completed their OSHA training and have now transitioned into the building phase of the program.



Website Review *Scholar's Corner for Adjunct Faculty*

Dr. CharMaine Hines led a review of updates to the website with resources, tools and information for instructional faculty at the District.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center

AKA Mental Health Walk

The HWEC hosted Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Rho Omega Chapter for their annual Mental Health Walk. Speakers explored new tactics to reduce stress/anxiety, improve sleep, and boost energy for greater focus.



Women's Networking Luncheon

Honoring Women's Month, the WCCCD District Collaborative of American Council of Education (ACE) Women's Network gathered for a networking luncheon at the HWEC. The guest speaker, Melanie Bowers, focused on inclusion and the power of uniqueness.

Barre Class

The Barre class is not just a full-body workout but also a toning experience that incorporates ballet and endurance-building.





Division of Human Resources

HR Compliance: Comprehensive Staffing Plan

In preparation for staffing alignment for the fiscal year 2026-27, the Division of Human Resources (HR) is currently reviewing its comprehensive staffing plan. As part of this process, the Division is assessing its current staffing structure and requirements to ensure alignment with organizational priorities and operational needs.

As part of this review, HR is focusing on the following priorities:

- Evaluating District Staffing Needs
- Performance Evaluations
- Simplifying Processes
- Implementation and Technology
- Measuring Outcomes
- Job Description
- Staff Training and Professional Development
- Verification of Payroll and Accounting





Division of Student Services

Outreach and Recruitment

Staff attended a Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) MiTransfer Pathway Workshop hosted at Delta College. The Office of Higher Education (OHE) is working with community colleges and universities statewide to facilitate student transfer and credit acceptance.



Physical Therapist Assistant Program

The Division of Student Services presented the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at this week's Information Session. The PTA program is a 72-credit, two-year associate of applied science degree program designed to develop the knowledge and competencies necessary for entering the field of physical therapy.



Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment Team continues to visit local high schools to provide information on the Dual Enrollment Program.



The team also met to discuss high school transportation logistics.



Division of Student Services

Student Support

Staff continue to assist students with registering for the Summer semester.



Student Executive Council

Members of the Student Executive Council participated in a time management workshop to assist them in becoming more efficient with their time managing skills.



Study Abroad Program

The final orientation meeting was held to prepare students for their educational experience to Budapest. Students will be learning about the language, history and culture.



New Student Orientation LPN to RN Program

Staff provided a presentation on the special features in Brainfuse Online Tutoring designed to provide academic support for nursing and allied health students. They also shared updates on the My Wildcat Portal and demonstrated navigation of Blackboard Ultra service.



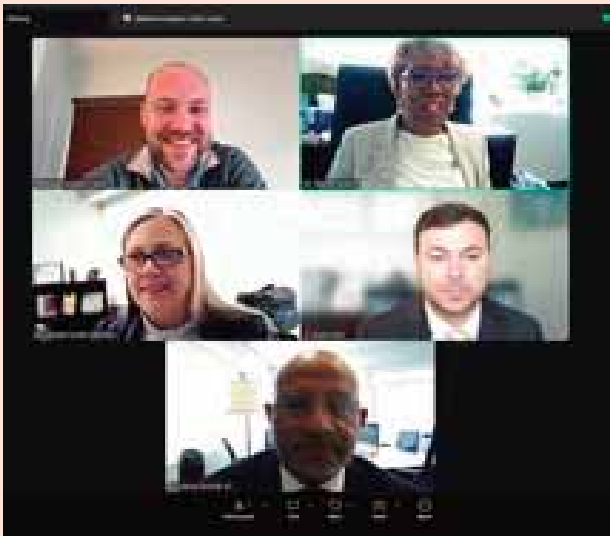
Division of Educational Affairs

Strategic Plan Discussion



Drs. Harvey Dorrah and Johnesa Hodge met to discuss the Strategic Plan.

Simple University Meeting



Dr. Wanda Hudson, Dr. Carolyn Custer, Dr. Harvey Dorrah, and Denis Karic met with Matthew Compton-Clark of Simple University to discuss improving and streamlining syllabus processing. This will support our faculty and student success.

Summer Schedule Review



The Educational Affairs Team met to continue planning for the Summer semester.

Faculty Selection Audit



They also met to discuss the Summer 2026 Faculty Selection Audit.



Learning Resource Center Meeting

- Reviewed LRC acquisitions for the new acquisition cycle.
- Identifying resources needed to support District programs.
- Discussed new resources for upcoming accreditation.

Northwest Campus



Students Practice Procedures



Dental Hygiene students practiced dental impressions with Dr. Karen Dozier-Gunn in the dental lab.



Dr. Sagers and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program students practiced bedside assessments in the Northwest Campus Interventional Lab.



Dr. Freeman met with Willie Bell from the F.A.R.M. and S.H.I.N.E. program, Dr. Crystal Jackson, and Anne McPherson to discuss future programs and collaboration.

Student Success!



Terri Hawkins, Central Sterile Processing Program 2007 graduate is now a clinical preceptor and the department manager at DMC Sinai-Grace.

Ms. Hawkins provided the following statement to HSC regarding her experience as a former Central Sterile Processing student.

"The Central Sterile Processing Program provided a strong foundation in infection prevention, instrumentation handling, and industry standards that prepared me for challenges all CSPD departments deal with daily. As a graduate who has advanced into a management role, I can confidently say the program emphasized both technical competency and critical thinking skills essential for leading a successful department. It not only equipped me to ensure patient safety and regulatory compliance but also inspired me to continuously improve processes and support my team's professional growth."

Kudos to Terri Hawkins on her continued success in her career!



Marilyn McGee, Surgical Technology faculty helps students at Fraser High School prepare for the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) competition.

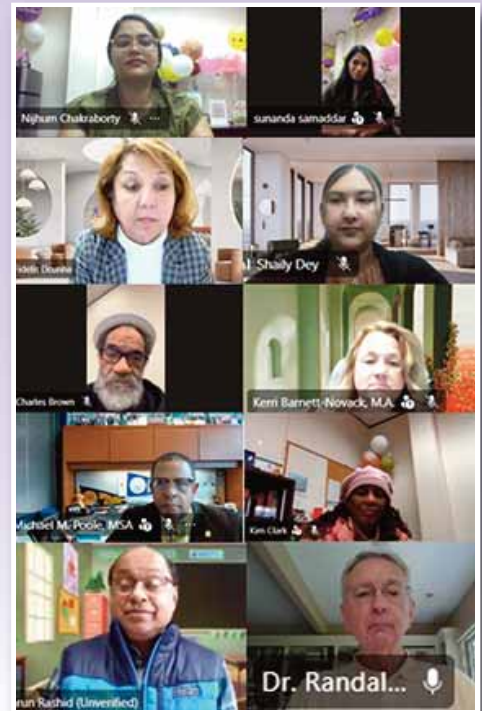


CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations focused on the cultural and historical significance of Women's History Month, Irish American Heritage Month, and Eid al-Fitr. The discussion provided participants with an opportunity to explore the historical contexts, and cultural traditions of these observances while fostering intercultural awareness and dialogue.



Bengali Cultural Meeting



Participants in the Bengali Cultural Meeting celebrated and discussed the significance of Pohela Boishakh, the Bengali New Year. Highlights included a presentation on the festival's cultural significance, traditions, and historical background as well as a classical dance performance to the song "Esho Hey Boishakh."

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented an Artist Talk with Matt Corbin at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Mr. Corbin lectured on the origins and influences of his art. He shared an aphorism about investing in the youth through education and exposure to good choices in life, while nurturing their creative gifts and vision. Sherry Washington, WCCCD Art Curator, remarked, "Matt Corbin, at 80 years old, still imbues the energy of a street fighter ready to lead the American Cultural Renaissance by conveying the importance of art education and cultural enrichment to empower the community."





Fall 2026 Planning Session



Staff met to explore new course ideas, review emerging trends, and strengthen pathways that support lifelong learning, professional development, and personal enrichment. The session emphasized creativity, accessibility, and responsiveness to community needs, ensuring that upcoming offerings reflect both student interests and industry demands.

Road to Credentials

The School of Continuing Education provides services to organizations, professionals and the community offering professional licensing preparation, administration of national certification, measurement services, and professional certifications.

This week the following credentials were awarded:

- **60 Hour Residential Builder's License**
- **State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH'S) – Using the Internet in the Classroom**

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment March 16 - March 28, 2026	Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus 1,105	Eastern Campus 426	Ted Scott Campus 747
	Downriver Campus 481	Northwest Campus 1,158	Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center 22



Division of Administration and Finance

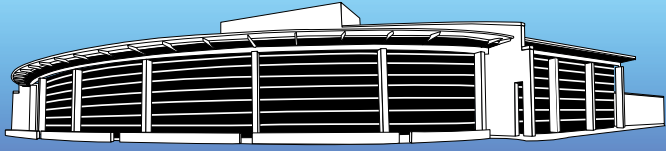
Multi-Campus Budget Development Process



The Finance and Administration Team met to review and discuss our Annual Budget Development Process. In conjunction with Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning, our team is distributing the annual fiscal year budget planning worksheets to vice chancellors, campus presidents, and cost center managers for participatory input. This collaboration is essential in building a comprehensive budget that addresses unique campus needs, ensures alignment with strategic planning initiatives, and allocates budget resources District-wide to best align the Annual Budget to fulfill our mission, serve students, and our communities.

The Chancellor and members of the Executive Team will meet with cost center managers to discuss allocations and accountability before final approval.





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West Middle School and Taylor Middle School Choir Concert

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center (EPAC) hosted West and Taylor Middle School Choir Concerts, where students performed a selection of choral pieces showcasing their musical growth and engaging families and community members.



Taylor High School Band Performance

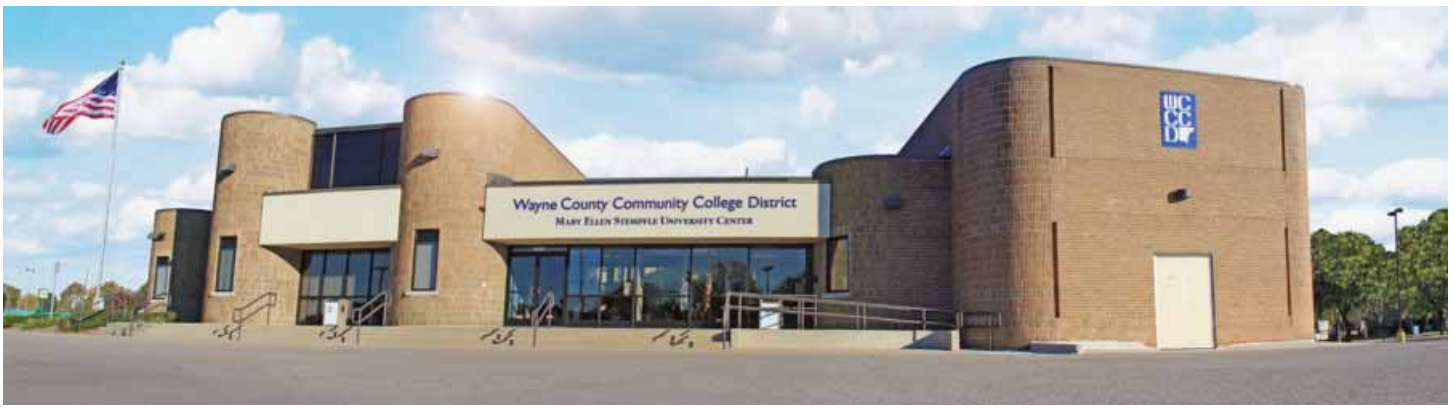
The Taylor High School Band concert featured a captivating performance by the students.



West Middle School Band Performance

EPAC presented the West Middle School Band concert, showcasing the talented young musicians.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Partnership Opportunities

Denis Karic and Dr. Brian Singleton met with administrators from the Grosse Pointe Public School System 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. The group reviewed WCCCD's academic program catalog to identify courses that would align with high school graduation requirements while providing meaningful college credit that transfers effectively to four-year institutions.



AKA - Alpha Gamma Lambda Omega Chapter held its monthly meeting.

The Detroit Black Deaf Advocates held a workshop at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.



Community Partners

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



PepsiCo Scholarship Foundation Workshop

Staff conducted the PepsiCo Professional Development Post-Support Workshop. This workshop aimed to give students hands-on feedback on their resumes, cover letters, and experience letters.

Professional Development Day

The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Head Start (TOFMHS) held its Professional Development Day at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The program provided an opportunity for participants to develop adult-child relations for students.



Pathways to Excellence

Dr. Jim Bridges held an orientation to enhance leadership development for career focused African American males.



Park West Foundation College Prep Workshop

The Park West Foundation hosted a session to support students in the foster care system.



Faculty Meeting



“Build an App with AI” Workshop

Downriver Campus

Wayne County Sheriff Jailer Training Graduation



The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Jailer Graduation. Students that have successfully completed the Jailer Training Program will now be able to become jailors at the county's two jails.



SEMCA WayneLINC Program Celebration

The Downriver Campus hosted SEMCA's WayneLINC Program Celebration. This program celebrates graduates who have completed rigorous hands-on training programs. These programs prepare individuals for strong employment opportunities in high-demand fields.

Eastern Campus



Continuing Education

Students in the Art of Makeup continuing education class are learning different techniques for applying makeup.



Eastern Campus Student Activities Planning Meeting



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

