

Future Thinking: Programs for a Future-Ready Workforce

The Division of Educational Affairs presented the Spring 2026 Advisory Breakfast Meeting at the Northwest Campus, bringing together industry partners and community members. Centered on the theme “Future Thinking: Programs for a Future-Ready Workforce,” the program focused on aligning academic programs with emerging workforce needs and strengthening pathways to student success. The featured speaker, Dennis Archer, Jr. talked about leadership, entrepreneurship, and preparing talent for the evolving demands of the future.



Dennis Archer, Jr.
Chairman and CEO
of Sixteen42 Ventures



Advisory Breakfast Meeting



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Health Science Center Updates

Dr. Abby Freeman provided an overview of recent developments in the health science programs.



I met with staff at the Northwest Campus to discuss initiatives for the upcoming Summer semester.



Future-Ready Workforce Expo

Northwest Campus

The Future-Ready Workforce Expo featured more than 20 vendors, including industry partners, employers, and community organizations. Representatives engaged with participants to showcase career pathways, emerging technologies, and workforce opportunities.



Developing Real-World Entrepreneurial Skills

Students continued exploring how to shape their entrepreneurial futures in a class led by Dennis Archer Jr. at the Northwest Campus. This week, guest speaker Robert Courtney Collins, Founder of RCA, The Social Media Store, BUILD Detroit, and Creator Con, shared his journey as an entrepreneur and digital marketing strategist. Mr. Collins provided students with tips on utilizing digital platforms to increase visibility, building trust with audiences, and converting opportunities into revenue.





WCCCD presents at the 2026 AACC Conference

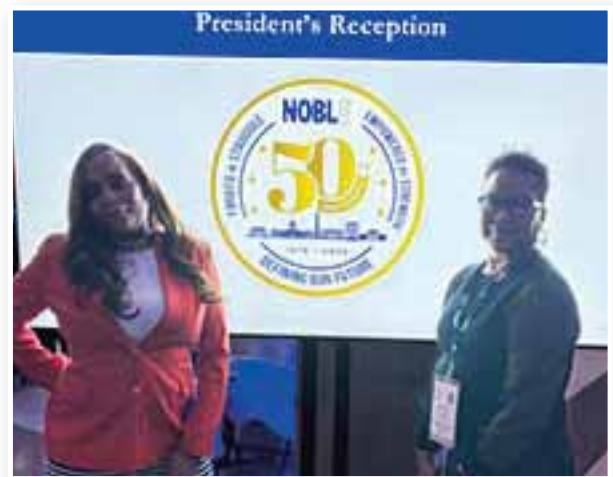
Members of the District presented a session titled *Disruptive Innovation Transformation: A Leadership Strategy for Higher Education's the VUCA Landscape* at the 2026 AACC Annual Conference.





District Police Authority

NOBLE Fall Symposium



The Police Authority Honor Guard presented the colors at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement (NOBLE) Fall Symposium, where they also had the opportunity to connect with agencies from across the country and around the world.



Ceremonies and Rituals Committee



The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee continues to meet to prepare for the upcoming Commencement season.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

Downriver Campus 6:00 p.m.
May 7, 2026

Allied Health Pinning Ceremony

Downriver Campus 6:00 p.m.
May 8, 2026

Honors Convocation

Downriver Campus 6:00 p.m.
June 10, 2026

Commencement Ceremony

Ford Field 2:00 p.m.
June 13, 2026



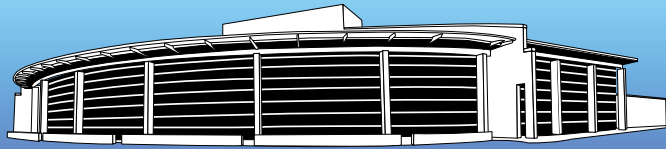
Graduation
Class
Meeting
Eastern Campus



Michigan Community College Association Capitol Day 2026

Staff participated in the Michigan Community College Association Capitol Day 2026. During the visit, staff met with State Representatives Tyrone Carter, Helena Scott, Regina Weiss, Donovan McKinney, and Stephanie Young, Chair of the Detroit Caucus, as well as State Senator Stephanie Chang.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

Dance Force Xpress

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the Dance Force Xpress dance competition.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital – Relationship-Based Care Training

The Downriver Campus hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for a relationship-based care training seminar. The seminar focused on reconnecting staff with their purpose and addressing burnout and moral distress.



Dearborn Fire Department – Confined Space Training

Fire fighters from the Dearborn Fire Department participated in confined space training exercises.



Downriver Career Technology Center Fire Training

Students from Downriver Career Technology Center trained on incident command systems, foam application, and thermal imaging camera use.



Downriver Hazmat Team Training

MIPSE hosted the Downriver Hazardous Material Response Team for monthly proficiency training.



Fire Department Training

MIPSE also hosted a local fire department for team training that included vehicle driving courses and task-based drills.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Learn My Language – Arabic

The Language Institute hosted a Learn My Language – Arabic workshop. This hands-on workshop introduced students to the Arabic alphabet and writing system. Participants learned how letters connect, how the script flows right to left, read and write basic phrases, pronunciation exercises, and cultural insights.





Building Community Relationships



Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Black Tie Gala

Staff represented the District at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Black Tie Gala.



U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Training

Ron Hawkins, Greg Kowalski, Edward Heidelberg, and Mike Brandt were invited to attend a training session of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol at the Gordie Howe Bridge.



Mayor's Workforce Development Board



Dr. CharMaine Hines represented the District at the City of Detroit Mayor's Workforce Development Board Career and Education Advisory Council (CEAC) meeting.



Division of Student Services



Recruitment and Outreach

Staff continue meeting with local high schools to discuss partnership opportunities with our Dual Enrollment Program.

Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment Team visits local high school students to assist them in registering for the Dual Enrollment Program.



Student Athletics

The WCCCD women's basketball team is preparing for the upcoming season.



PTK Student Receives Scholarship

Phi Theta Kappa honor student Dean Hendricks has been selected as a recipient of the 2026 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship in Seattle, Washington, where he will represent the Michigan Region.



Division of Student Services

Global Conversations Speaker Series

Judge Kevin Robbins



The Division of Student Services hosted the Global Conversations Speaker Series with Judge Kevin Robbins at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Console Gaming Society

Student Clubs



Division of Student Services



Federal Work-Study Program

Federal Work-Study student Justine Donnelly has joined WCCCD's campus safety. She will be assisting in supporting a safe and welcoming environment while gaining valuable professional experience.



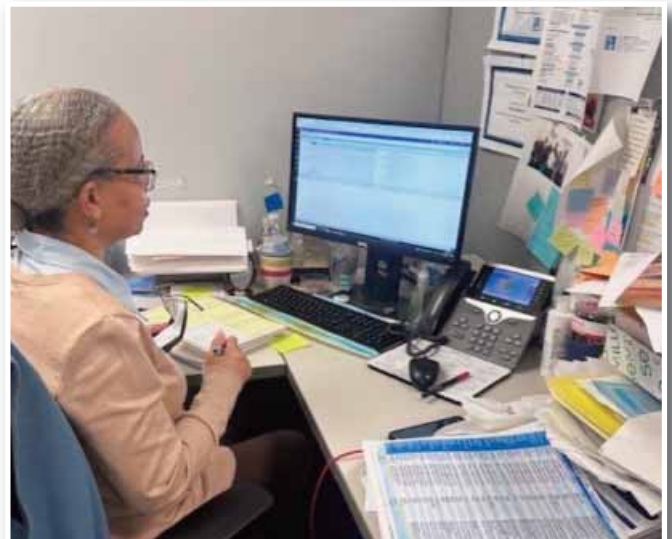
Michigan Reconnect

Staff continue to meet with students to inform them of the opportunities available in the Michigan Reconnect Program.



What is the New Student Experience?

The New Student Experience is designed for students who are new to WCCCD and have completed fewer than six credit hours. It introduces them to key services, resources, and incentives, helping ease their transition and setting them up for success in college.





Motor City Radio Club Communication Training

Members of the Motor City Radio Club participated in communication training at its monthly meeting.



FBI Detroit – ERT Forensic Skill Building

Members of FBI Detroit for ERT (Emergency Response Team) participated in forensic skill building, where evidence technicians refreshed skills such as alternate light source use, crime scene sketching, and scene processing.



Marathon Fire Extinguisher Training

MIPSE hosted Marathon Oil employees for fire extinguisher training covering fire safety knowledge, equipment features, and hands-on use with the car simulator.



William D. Ford Fire Practical

Students from William D. Ford Career-Technical Center focused on survival skills training, confined space navigation, window exits, and entanglement simulation.

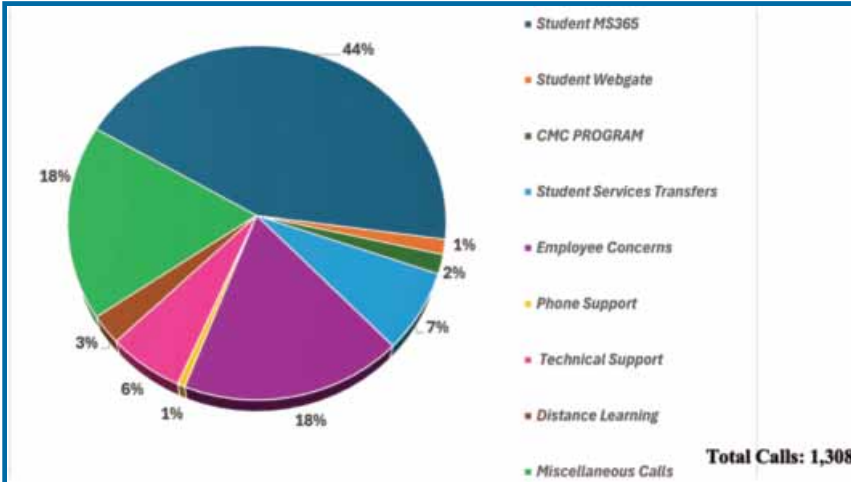


Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented the opening reception of the Annual K-12 Student Exhibition, Artarama at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. More than 200 students, parents, teachers, principals, and guests were astounded by the 230 artworks created by the young scholars. Sherry Washington, WCCCD Art Curator, stated, "Numerous students had never visited an art gallery and were in wonderment as they strolled through the gallery to view their art and that of their peers. The administrators and teachers were proud to have launched the artistic talents of their students."



IT Help Desk Support Dashboard – March 2026



Campus Technical Support Team Meeting



IT Staff Meeting



District-wide Technical Support



Celebrating Community College Month 2026

Bridging the Gap with Technology Forward Generative AI Education

April is Community College Month, centered on the theme: “The Smartest First Step. The Strongest Next Step.” At WCCCD, we support every student—from academic beginners to career advancers—while embracing generative AI to lead the way into the next era of education. Halo, an AI-powered humanoid robot designed by Detroit entrepreneur and founder Art Cartwright, brought interactive, futuristic technology education to students and faculty at the District.



Division of Human Resources

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Webinar

Staff from the Division of Human Resources (HR) participated in a webinar on Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Compliance. This webinar provided attendees with new laws and regulations regarding determining employee eligibility and managing FMLA leaves. The objective of the webinar was to provide an overview of the key changes in the FMLA and Military Family Leave.





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



Arab Cultural Meeting



Staff met to discuss preparations for the upcoming Arab American Heritage Day at the Northwest Campus. Program highlights will include cultural performances, authentic cuisine, and presentations that celebrate the rich history, traditions, and contributions of Arab American communities.



Author Talk

Staff attended a presentation given by Maria Bouroncle, Swedish Author of the book, *Murder, War, and Emigration*.



Virtual Book Discussion

Lessons in Persistence

During this week's Virtual Book Discussion, participants discussed the book, *Find a Way* by Diana Nyad, focusing on her determination to complete the swim across the Straits of Florida. The conversation highlighted her multiple attempts, the lessons gained from each effort, and the role of preparation, discipline, and mental strength in her journey. The session concluded with a video presentation showcasing Ms. Nyad's successful fifth attempt and her arrival in Florida, reinforcing the significance of her achievement.

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ACE Mentor Program

The ACE Mentor Program of Southeast Michigan continues to provide free mentoring for students interested in STEM fields.

Community Partnerships



Motor City Contractor Fund

Participants were empowered to foster advanced business knowledge, technical, and operational skills to grow.



National Motorsports Association

Discussions included using the SMART objective model.



PNC Credit Scores Workshop

This session explained what credit scores are, how they are calculated and why they matter.



Riverfront Conservancy

Active volunteers were given updates before the busy season begins at the Ralph Wilson Park.

CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

As part of an on-going partnership with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, the HWEC hosted a New Volunteer Training Workshop.



Corktown Neighborhood Association

The HWEC hosted the April meeting of the Corktown Neighborhood Association.



Personal Training for Couples

Personal training for couples has been a popular new option for members.

Downriver Campus

Student Services

Staff continue to assist students with registration for the upcoming Summer 2026 semester.



Community Partners

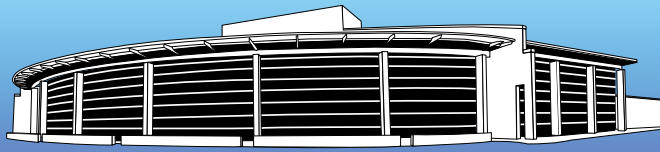
The Downriver Campus hosted the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for a study measuring chemical exposure levels during pregnancy, comparing findings to state and national data.



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®**

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The Boy Scouts of America Mahican, Michigan Crossroads Council Great Lakes District Commissioner Workshop was held at the Downriver Campus. Executive board members discussed reports from council leadership and committee chairs.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

Arts Media Works Film Screenings

The Downriver Campus hosted the YMCA Y Arts Media Works film screenings at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center, where students presented short films followed by a panel discussion with creators and educators.



Eastern Campus



Student Success!

WCCCD students Georga Tuma and Wilhelmina Giblin's artwork is on display for the "Artists of Colour -The Stories We Tell" Exhibition at Mackenzie Hall Cultural Center and the Common Ground Gallery in Windsor, Ontario. The opening reception will be held on May 1, 2026 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.



Microbiology

Students are completing the "Differential Plating" experiment to observe how the cultures react to different mediums.



2026-2027

Budget Development Meeting



Student Activities Planning Meeting

Northwest Campus

College Exploration

More than 70 students from Chandler Park Academy toured the Health Sciences and Culinary Arts Programs.



Community Partners

The Michigan 12th Congressional District held its member meeting.



The Northwest Campus hosted CNS Healthcare, a non-profit that provides mental health services such as, therapy, psychiatry, and case management to support recovery and independence.



City of Detroit
Ready! Set! Action!
Health Fair

Ted Scott Campus



Michigan Fly Fishing Club

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. Participants learned about casting, fly tying, rod building, places to fish and fly fishing-related art and literature.

Cognitive Coaching Workshop

The Ted Scott Campus presented Wayne RESA's Cognitive Coaching for Adaptive Schools Workshop. Participants learned how to behave in groups and how to lead the group.



Community Partnerships

The Ted Scott Campus also hosted an appliance recycling event in conjunction with SEEL LLC.



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

