



Board Retreat

Strategic Governance and Exploring the Anatomy of a High-Performing Transit Board

I participated in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Board Retreat. Some of the agenda items included:

- Reviewing the Transit Landscape
- Strategic Governance
- Reviewing the Board Effectiveness Formula
- Fiduciary Roles and Responsibilities
- Developing the SMART Board Post-Retreat Action Plan

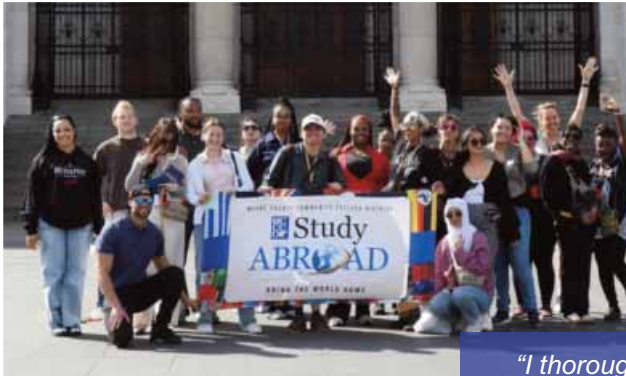


Students Return From Study Abroad Experience at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest

Our students recently completed a week-long educational study abroad program in Budapest, Hungary designed to provide high-quality academic experiences, promote cultural immersion, inspire lifelong service learning, and support character development.

Program highlights included:

- Participation in an intensive Hungarian language course
- Guided tours of the Hungarian capital and local historical museums
- Engagement in interactive workshops that fostered experiential learning



"I thoroughly appreciated the schedule of interactive cultural experiences mixed with classroom learning. 10/10 experience!"



"We went to ELTE University which is one of the oldest universities in the country, standing in the library you can't help but feel empowered."

"You don't know how lucky you are until you hear stories from women that escaped Ukraine. These women lost everything, and yet they made a new place a home."



"Budapest has given me the opportunity to expand my learning beyond the classroom."

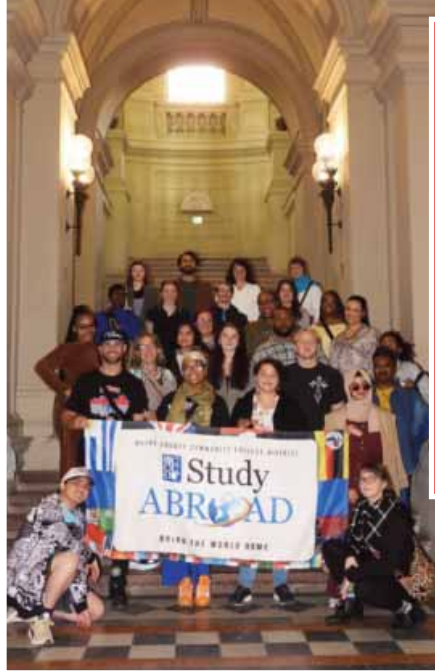


Study Abroad Program- Budapest

"Being in such a historical place reminds you to realize what we do today will affect the future."



"This experience has given me a greater appreciation for cultural diversity, the value of education, and the importance of stepping outside my comfort zone."

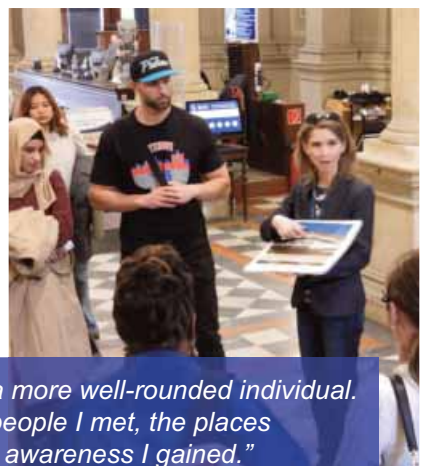


WCCCD's Study Abroad Program Goals

1. Provide quality academic experiences
2. Promote cultural immersion and exchange
3. Inspire lifelong service learning
4. Support character development



"Being able to recognize and use simple Hungarian phrases during our stay made everyday interactions more meaningful."



"This trip allowed me to become a more well-rounded individual. I am very grateful for the people I met, the places I visited, and the cultural awareness I gained."



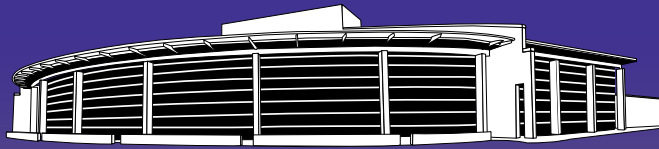
School of
Continuing
Education

Wayne County Community College District

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented the opening reception of the WCCCD Student Art Exhibit at the Downriver Campus. Students from our academic and continuing education art classes showcased a diverse range of mediums, from traditional painting (watercolors, acrylics, tempera) and drawing (colored pencils, charcoal, oil pastels) to 3D sculpture (clay, wood, foam) and digital art.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HEINZ C. PRECHTER
EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*



ACT 1 TALENT

ACT 1 Dance Competition

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the ACT 1 Dance Competition, a two-day event featuring performers from regional dance companies.

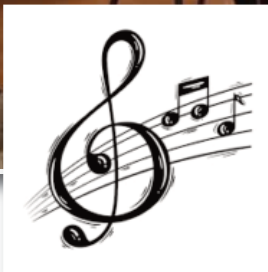




The School of Continuing Education is proud to offer a dynamic selection of music courses designed to inspire creativity, build technical skills, and connect learners through the universal language of music.

Music with Community Partners

This week, we featured "Sing Your Way to Happiness" and Guitar at The HELM at the Boll Life Center located in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Ceremonies and Rituals

Save the Date!

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



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Downriver Career Technology Center – Fire Practical

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted students from the Downriver Career Technology Center for a fire practical, where they trained on incident command systems, foam application, and the use of thermal imaging cameras.



WCCCD Paramedic Lab

The WCCCD Paramedic Lab provided students with hands-on training in a controlled learning environment.



Dearborn Fire Department – Confined Space Training

The Dearborn Fire Department convened for confined space training exercises.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Mobile Field Force Training

This training included lectures, formation introduction and practice, gas mask familiarization and certification with CS exposure, riot baton and shield familiarization and certification, and scenario-based exercises.





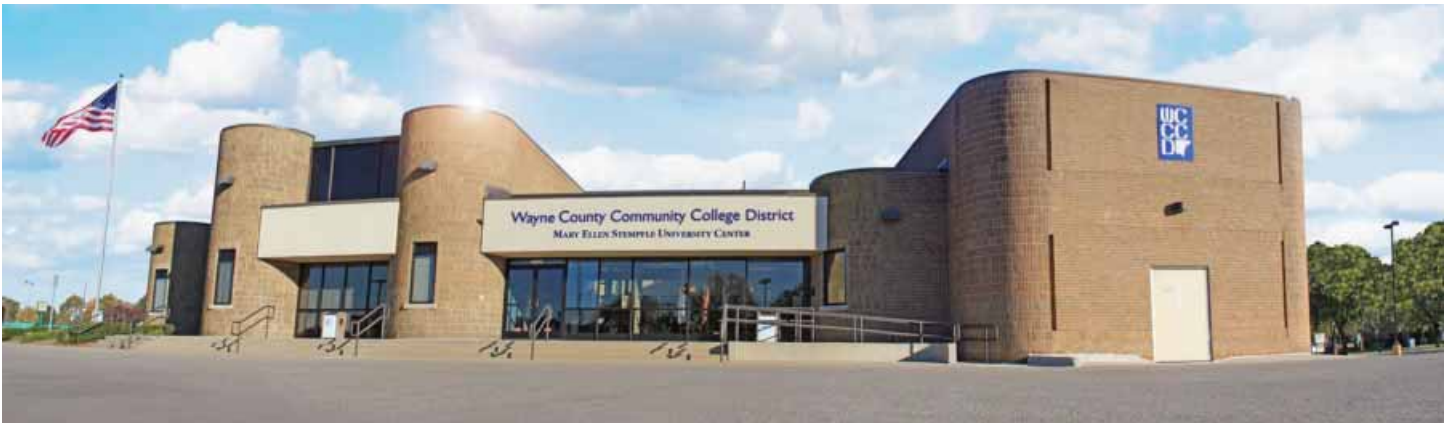
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Arab American Heritage Day



The Northwest Campus presented Arab American Heritage Day. The program brought together students, faculty, staff and community members to honor the rich contributions of Arab Americans through engaging activities, cultural displays, music, and traditional cuisine.





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Diverse Learners Program

Students in the Diverse Learners Program recently completed a hands-on Construction Basics course at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center. Held in partnership with Michael B's, this program continues to expand opportunities for young adults with special needs, now introducing practical skills in the construction trades.



Planning Meeting

Denis Karic and Kimmet Hackworth met with the City of Harper Woods Mayor, Valerie Kindle and Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development, Irma Hayes, to discuss plans for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

Practical Nursing Education

Ted Scott Campus

Empowering the Next Generation of Practical Nurses

Students in the Practical Nursing Education Program are building the skills needed for today's healthcare workforce. Through hands-on learning, patient-care simulations, and real-world clinical experiences, students are gaining confidence in assessment, critical thinking, and compassionate care in state-of-the-art labs and healthcare settings. Guided by experienced faculty, students are preparing to provide high-quality patient care while pursuing a rewarding and in-demand career.





Building Community Relationships



Hope Academy Career Day

Staff from the Michigan Institute for Public Safety represented the District at Hope Academy's Career Day.

Books on the Lake

Staff represented the District at the annual Books on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Shores. This year's program featured nationally acclaimed authors Lily King, *Writers & Lovers*, and Virginia Evans, *The Correspondent*.



Capitol Hill Day

Dr. Sherry Sagers, Dean of the Physical Therapists Assistant Program visited Washington, D.C. to take part in APTA National's Capitol Hill Day. Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants from all 50 states came together to advocate for the profession. Dr. Sagers served as the representative for Wayne County on a three-person Michigan team, alongside colleagues representing Oakland and Huron counties.



HLC Peer Corps Service Award

Dr. CharMaine Hines received recognition for her 10 years of service award at the recent Higher Learning 2026: Leading the Way to Change Annual Conference.



Division of Student Services



Michigan College and University Partnership

WCCCD student Abdoul Kabere Olalekan Ayelara is one of four others chosen to participate in the MiCUP Scholars Program. The MiCUP scholars will spend seven weeks at Michigan Technological University (MTU) during the summer. They will engage in research with MTU faculty and other experts in their field of interest.



Outreach and Recruitment

Staff represented the District at "The Simmons Advantage" College and Career Fair.



Preparing for the Summer 2026 Semester

Staff continue to assist students in registering for the Summer 2026 semester.



Dual Enrollment Program

Staff conducted several Bridge to Success campus tours for local high school students. They provided information on program offerings, as well as admission information.

Division of Student Services



Global Conversations Speaker Series

Dr. Andre Johnson

The Division of Student Services presented Dr. Andre Johnson, Founder, President and CEO of Detroit Recovery Project Incorporated, at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. His organization has helped revolutionize behavioral health services being delivered in Michigan.



New Student Experience Receives Award



The local Flat Rock Chapter of Soroptimist International has announced that four students from WCCCD's New Student Experience Program will receive the 2026 "Live Your Dream" awards.

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards Program is a unique educational initiative that supports women who are the primary financial providers for their families. These awards offer resources to help recipients advance their education, strengthen their skills, and improve their employment opportunities. The 2026 Soroptimist Live Your Dream Scholarship recipients are:

- First Place** – Ayesha Bryant
- Second Place** – Dominique Burks
- Third Place** – Dena Kemp
- Fourth Place** – Rachel Coleman



Federal Work-Study Program

We continue to recruit and place Federal Work-Study students at both our onsite and offsite locations. Students are able to receive on the job training and earning while they learn.



District Police Authority

Police Authority Community Engagement and Initiatives

Members of the Police Authority remain actively engaged in community outreach and campus operations. Officers connected with students to provide information on careers in law enforcement and public safety. Personnel also demonstrated the department's use of technology and monitoring systems to support campus safety. These efforts reflect an ongoing commitment to service, mentorship, and maintaining a safe and secure campus environment.





Strengthening Cybersecurity District-wide

The District IT team met with security engineering teams from CrowdStrike and Abnormal Security, both global cybersecurity leaders, to review system security features, including email security, identity threat protection, and additional advanced capabilities.



The network team assessed the wireless network coverage at the Ted Scott and Downriver campuses.



The Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant team met with our Federal Program Officer for a quarterly check-in.

District-wide Technical Support

Staff from the Division of Information Technology provide support for technical needs during Faculty Selection at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.





Division of Educational Affairs

Community Service Initiatives

Committed to service beyond the classroom, the Educational Affairs team provided meals to support individuals and families in need.



Future-Ready Workforce Expo

The Division of Educational Affairs kicked off the first Future-Ready Career Expo. The expo offered students meaningful connections with industry leaders, along with lunch and exciting raffle prizes.





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Construction Trades Training Program



Students in the Construction Trades Training Program (CTTP) had the opportunity to engage with representatives from Campbell Construction. They discussed employment opportunities within the construction trades field. Campbell Construction has a strong history of hiring CTTP completers from our program.

Division of Administration and Finance

Office of Facilities Planning and Management



PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS



Campus Improvements

The Downriver Campus is currently undergoing roof repairs to maintain and improve campus operations and safety.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Youth Summit

The Detroit Police Department held a youth summit that engaged high school students on building life and leadership skills, financial literacy, social media responsibility, team building and self-confidence.



Preparing for a Financial Emergency Workshop

PNC Bank held a “Preparing for a Financial Emergency” workshop that explained the importance of an emergency fund and how to be prepared for a financial emergency.



Detroit Fire Department Training

The Detroit Fire Department conducted a NIMS ICS 300 – 400 National Fire Academy training course. This training enhanced participants abilities to assist in fire suppression situations.



Empowering Young Ladies of Color in Foster Care

The Park West Foundation supports students in foster care by integrating workshops, stories and lifestyle skills to inspire.

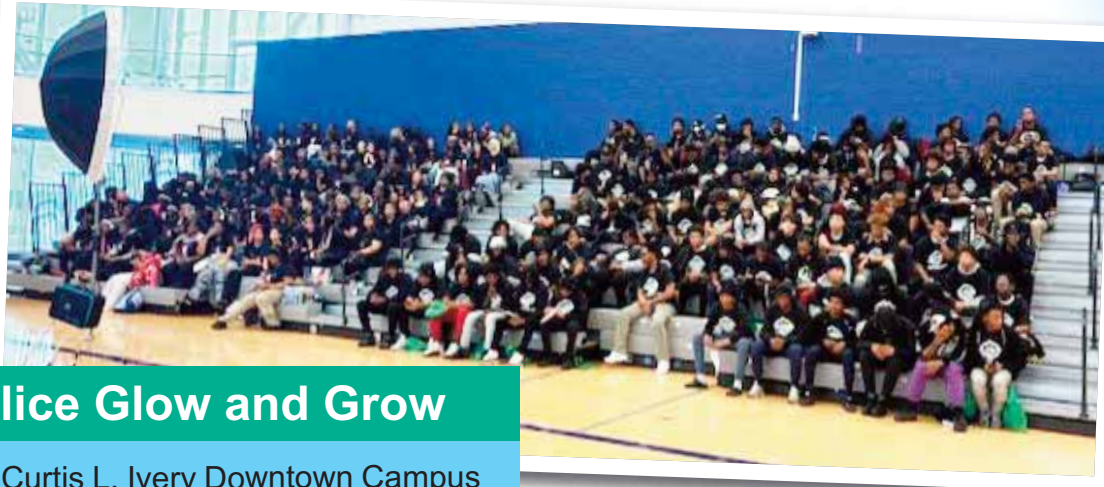


Civic Engagement and State Services Day

In partnership with Michigan Secretary of State’s Detroit Mobile Office, the campus offered the community a one-stop shop for essential state services, which included voter registration and driver’s license renewal to name a few.

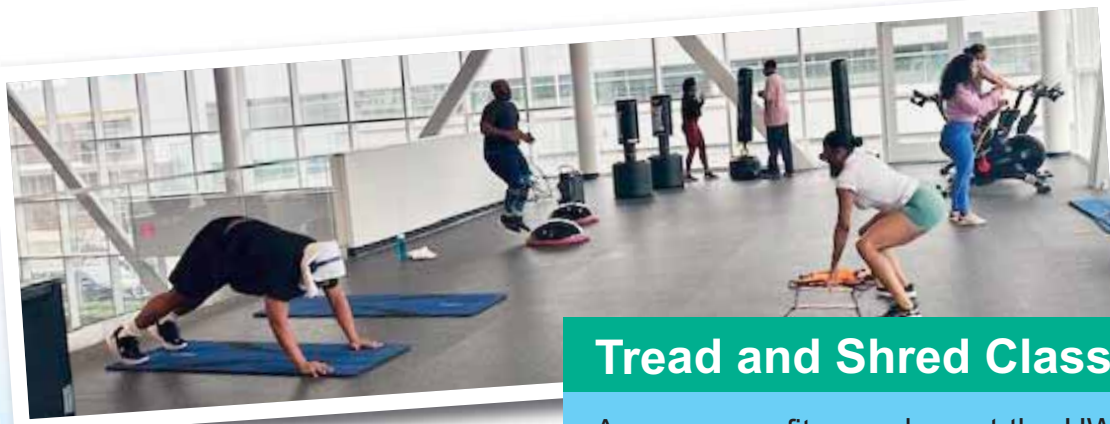
CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Detroit Police Glow and Grow

The HWEC and Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Detroit Police Glow and Grow Experience Summit for high school students.



Tread and Shred Class

A new group fitness class at the HWEC is the perfect full body workout to help members target specific fitness goals.

CPR and AED Training

HWEC staff completed CPR and AED certification training with help from MIPSE instructors.



Downriver Campus

Student Success

The Downriver Campus offers a variety of courses and support resources that help promote student learning, persistence and completion. Students in the Botany class are engaging in hands-on learning experiences and practical applications.



Western Wayne Family Health Center

Western Wayne Family Health Center held a workshop to discuss budget updates, employee engagement, facility projects, as well as community and economic development.

Wayne RESA New Teacher Academy

This workshop was designed to provide high quality professional development and an opportunity to add continuing education units to teachers' professional portfolios.



Wayne RESA Family and Community Engagement Meeting

This network provided opportunities to connect, learn, and collaborate with others dedicated to family engagement from Pre-K through high school.



Eastern Campus



Student Success

Instructor McDaniels highlighted art student Emerald Ortiz-Kehoe who is from the Philippines. Ms. Ortiz-Kehoe is displaying her creative art pieces with bold and bright colors. She is eagerly waiting to start Design II this summer.

Eastern Campus Annual Strategic Budget Meeting



Monthly Planning Meeting



The Fashion Design Programs present their "Fashion Design Showcase"

Friday, May 1, 2026 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at the Eastern Campus

This is a great opportunity to come out and support our fashion design students!

Northwest Campus

CPR Training

Staff participated in an engaging CPR training presentation focused on life-saving skills and emergency response. The session provided hands-on instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including proper chest compression techniques, rescue breathing, and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).



Old Redford Academy

The Old Redford Academy Board convened to explore strategic, AI-informed collaborations focused on strengthening student success and advancing workforce-ready career pathways.



Public Speaking for Youth

The 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit hosted its 26th Annual Oratorical Contest bringing together talented youth from across the region to showcase their public speaking skills.



Homeownership Workshop

Participants were provided valuable resources and guidance to community members seeking housing stability and financial empowerment.

Northwest Campus



College/Career Readiness Interventionist Fair

The Allied Health team attended the College/Career Readiness Interventionist Fair at Academy for Business and Technology High School and promoted our health sciences programs. Participants received program information and the team provided demonstrations.



Ted Scott Campus



Wayne County Airport Authority

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne County Airport Authority for a seminar focused on concessions opportunities for local small businesses in food and beverage or retail at the airport.



Van Buren Fire Department

The Ted Scott Campus presented the Van Buren Fire Training Workshop, where participants learned how to read smoke in regard to the type of fire.



Literacy Seminar

Wayne RESA held its Engaging Secondary Newcomers in Content Area Literacy Seminar. Attendees learned ways to create supportive and rigorous literacy learning environments for secondary newcomers in any program model.

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

