

WCCCD Nursing Program Secures Accreditation Through 2033 with Zero Findings!

WCCCD's Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program has secured continued accreditation through 2033 with zero findings—the highest standard of excellence—reflecting the program's exceptional quality and commitment to student success. Kudos to Drs. Abby Freeman and Joyce Russell, along with the Health Sciences Team, for their outstanding efforts and dedication.



Dr. Abby Freeman



Detroit Community Partner Award

I was truly humbled and honored to receive the Detroit Community Partner Award. This recognition reflects our shared commitment to empowering young women through opportunity, support, and access. I look forward to continuing this important work and supporting opportunities that help young women thrive.



Northwest Campus Honored at Annual Women's Resource Fair

The Northwest Campus was presented with a Resolution from the County of Wayne during the Fourth Annual Women's Resource Fair. Held in partnership with the Wayne County Commission, Spectrum Human Services and affiliated companies, the fair welcomed more than 600 participants and connected them with vital resources in healthcare, education, workforce development, and social services.



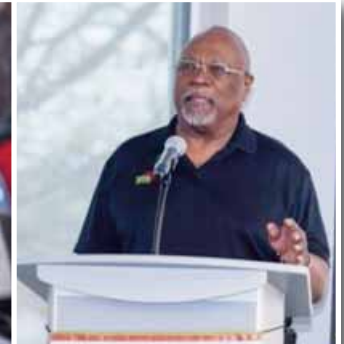
25th Anniversary Freedom Weekend

Northwest Campus

I had the opportunity to attend and was recognized by the Freedom Institute during its 25th Anniversary Weekend at the Northwest Campus. The program also featured Dr. Ron Walters National Town Hall, "The NAACP and Its Relevancy: For Such a Time as This," which brought together community members for meaningful dialogue and a celebration of legacy and leadership.



Dr. Curtis Ivery



Rev. Wendell Anthony



NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner

Staff represented the District at the 71st Annual NAACP Detroit Branch Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner. This year's theme was "Liberty or Oppression - The Choice Is Ours."



Health Science Program Meeting

I met with Dr. Abby Freeman, Denis Karic, and industry representatives to discuss and explore innovative program offerings and partnership opportunities within the health sciences field.



Facilities Update Meeting



Leadership Advisory Council

Congratulations to Dr. Yvette Anderson on her appointment to the Black Leadership Advisory Council by Governor Whitmer.



Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in Technology

The Girls Get IT program at the Ted Scott Campus recently provided an engaging, hands-on introduction to the world of technology for young participants. Through interactive activities and real-world applications, students explored a variety of technologies and gained practical insight into how IT is used across industries throughout Michigan. Held in partnership with the Michigan Council of Women in Technology, this program supports a shared mission to inspire and grow women in technology by fostering early interest and confidence.



Learning Financial Strategy for Entrepreneurial Success

Students are learning how to shape their entrepreneurial futures in a class taught by Dennis Archer, Jr., Chairman and CEO of Sixteen42 Ventures, at the Northwest Campus. This week, students focused on financial planning and funding strategies. Guest speaker Jeff Sarandrea, Senior Vice President at a Wall Street firm, shared insights on financial discipline while emphasizing mentorship and long-term success.



Ceremonies and Rituals



The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee continues to collaborate for the upcoming 2026 Commencement Ceremony.



Graduation Class Meeting

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus presented a graduation class meeting to provide information to graduates on upcoming commencement activities.



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

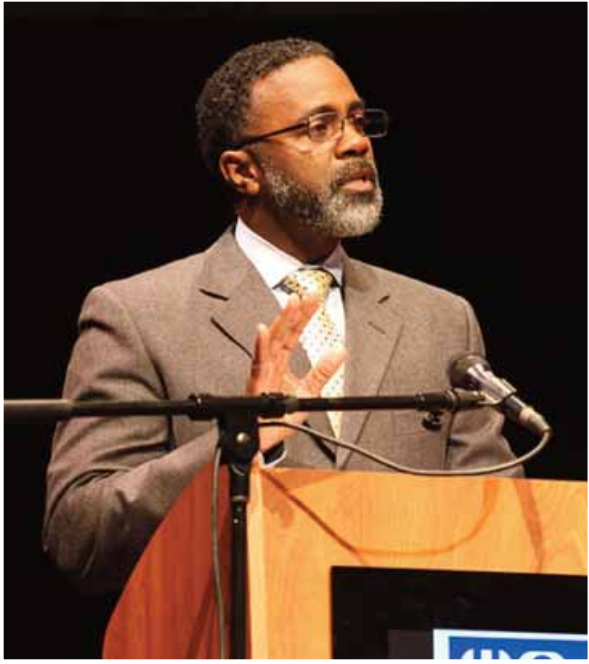
**Commencement
Ceremony**
Ford Field 2:00 p.m.
June 13, 2026

Ted Scott Campus



The School of Continuing Education hosted Earth Day 2026 at the Ted Scott Campus. Participants learned about environmental topics presented by the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. They also engaged in hands-on activities related to plants and the planet Earth.





Law Symposium

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

The Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies Department hosted an informative law symposium. The discussion offered students a clear and practical overview of the law school journey.





Criminal Justice Recruitment and Career Fair

WCCCD's Criminal Justice Program hosted a recruitment and career fair at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Participants were able to speak to advisors regarding program offerings as well as various agencies regarding employment opportunities.





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



Virtual Intercultural Conversations

This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations highlighted key observances, including Arab American Heritage Month, Scottish American Heritage Month, World Autism Awareness Month, Diversity Month, and Earth Day. Participants engaged in discussions that promoted cultural awareness, environmental responsibility, and a deeper appreciation for diverse traditions and perspectives.

Experiential Learning Visit to Ackroyd's Scottish Bakery



As part of Scottish American Heritage Month, participants visited Ackroyd's Scottish Bakery to explore how cultural traditions are preserved within a modern business setting. The tour highlighted packaging and nationwide distribution processes while maintaining authenticity, as well as the preparation of traditional foods such as meat pies and haggis, demonstrating the intersection of cultural heritage and contemporary operations.

Division of Human Resources

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



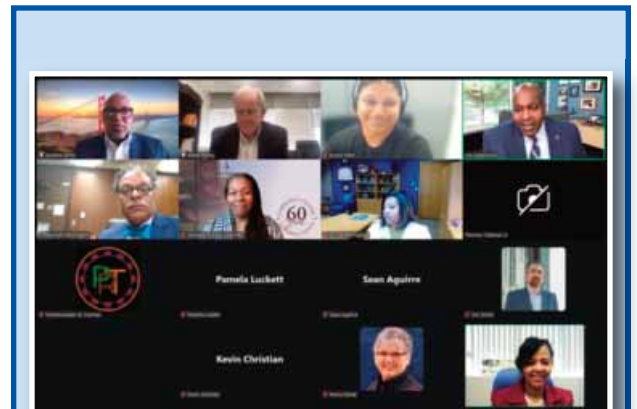
Greg Dunmore

BUILDING INTERGENERATIONAL HOPE: *Cultivating Wisdom and Resiliency Across the Lifespan*

Celebrating April as the National Month of Hope, staff from across the District gathered at the Northwest Campus for an engaging professional development workshop led by Greg Dunmore and Angela Gaye. The program was designed to connect research with real-life experiences, strengthening relationships across generations within the community college environment and beyond.



Angela Gaye



Ellucian Live 2026 Conference



Creating a Culture of Data-Informed Management

Dr. CharMaine Hines and Krupa Patel participated in informational sessions and a webinar sponsored by the President's Roundtable. The session focused on practical, how-to strategies for strengthening institutional agility, supporting continuous improvement, and building long-term resilience.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS PODCAST

WITH HOST ED CLEMENTE



Jazmine Danci Economic Development Administrator

We were pleased to have Jazmine Danci, Economic Development Administrator for the Downriver Community Conference, as a guest on WCCCD's Critical Conversations Podcast with host Ed Clemente. During the interview, Ms. Danci shared insights on her career journey, regional workforce initiatives, and the impact of economic development across Michigan.



Website Redesign Taskforce

Website Redesign Phase II



Athletic Page Web Updates

The Website Redesign Taskforce met with Dr. Brian Singleton, Coach Roger Turner, and members of the athletics team to explore strategies to enhance the athletics presence on the website. The discussion focused on improving user experience, increasing content visibility, and creating a more dynamic and engaging digital hub for student-athletes, fans, and the broader District community.

Division of Student Services



Recruitment and Outreach

WCCCD, DABO (Detroit Association for Black Organizations), and KISS 105.9 FM held their monthly collaboration to encourage the Detroit community to register for classes.

Dual Enrollment



High school students toured the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to learn about the District's program offerings.



Phi Theta Kappa

Please join us in celebrating and supporting our honor students as they are inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter. The ceremony will be held on May 7, 2026 at the Downriver Campus.

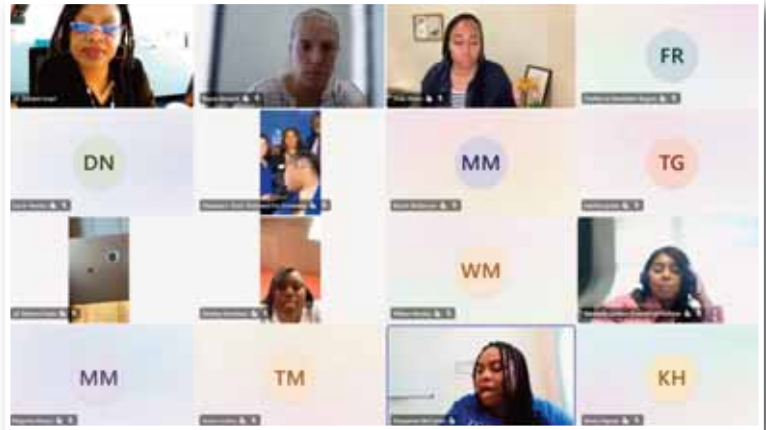


Division of Student Services



Student Success

WCCCD Women basketball signee from Luthern Westland High School.



Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Office hosted its Spring 2026 FWS Job Fair, providing students with the opportunity to speak with and interview directly with offsite partners.



Planning Meeting

Staff met to discuss WCCCD's 2026-27 strategic initiatives.

Michigan College and University Partnership

Three WCCCD students were chosen for the Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP). The students will spend seven weeks on the campus of Michigan Technological University, engaged in STEM based research. The MiCUP scholars met to prepare for their internship and received WCCCD gear to sport!



Poetry Night

In partnership with the Black Convergence Student Association at Wayne State University (WSU), the School of Continuing Education held a Poetry Slam event at the Northwest Campus. The night was filled with spoken word, poetry, songs and unmatched vibes. Participants included students from WCCCD, WSU, and community members.





Building Community Relationships



Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber
Staff from across the District attended the SWCRC Business Forum, with Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State.



Grosse Pointe Community Luncheon
Denis Karic had the honor of representing the District as a featured speaker.

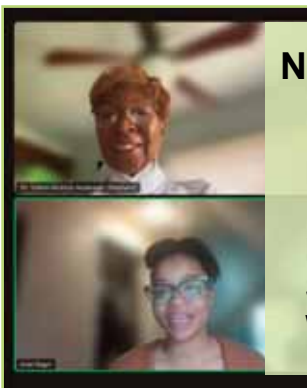


Trustee
Jim Wagner

Gordie Howe New Bridge Meeting
Trustee Jim Wagner and staff from across the District attended the Gordie Howe New Bridge, New Opportunities meeting hosted by the Livonia-Westland, Romulus, and Southern Wayne County Regional Chambers of Commerce.

ACCESS

Staff attended the 55th Annual ACCESS Dinner to celebrate the local and national achievements of Arab Americans.



Neighborhood Wellness Center Partnership

Dr. Yvette Anderson participated in a 1:1 Check-in with Ariel Ragin, our MDHHS Community Engagement Specialist regarding the Neighborhood Wellness Center partnership.



College Night
Denis Karic and Kemal Kurtovic represented the District at the Grosse Pointe Public School System College Night.

Northwest Campus



Family Wellness Resources Fair

Dental hygiene students volunteered at the Family Wellness Resources Fair.



Health Science Center Tour

Members of the Mary Mahoney Professional Nurses of Detroit organization toured the Health Science Center.





The Educational Affairs Team conducted its post-Faculty Selection meeting to determine Fall 2026 instructional needs.



Drs. Harvey Dorrah and Wanda Hudson along with Jara Tekleab met with a representative from Follett.



Educational Field Trip

Students in ENG 119 and 1190 attended a performance of Juliet. This contemporary reimagining of Shakespeare's classic invites audiences to consider an alternative ending: *What if Juliet chose life instead of tragedy after Romeo?*



Division of Information Technology



Banner Self-Service Meeting

Staff from the Division of Information Technology met with Administration and Finance, General Accounting and Distribution Center teams to review and discuss the procurement process for receiving and transporting goods from Curtis L. Ivery District Office. Meetings will be conducted weekly to continue the self-service requirements.



IT and StarTech Solutions

Staff met with representatives from StarTech Solutions to review support maintenance contract renewals for the new fiscal year.



Campus Technical Support Team Meeting



Continuous Quality Improvement District Campus Support Services

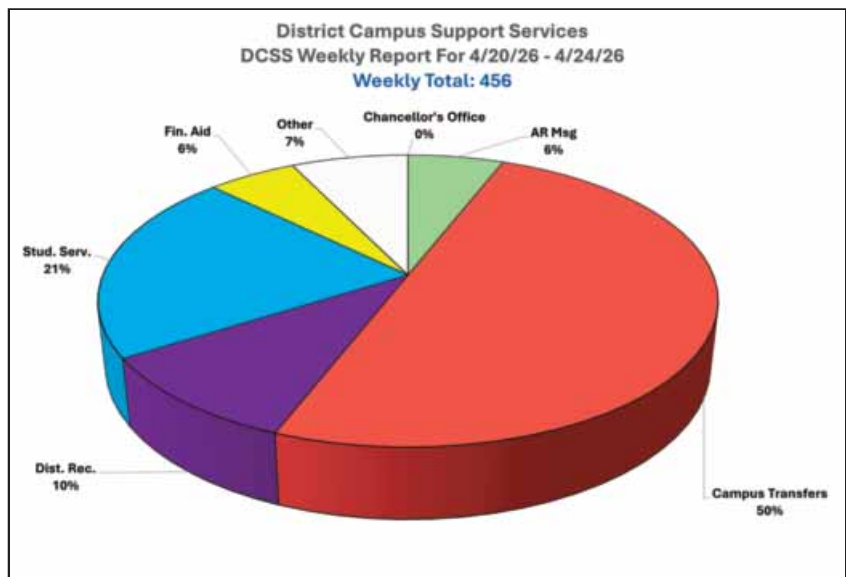
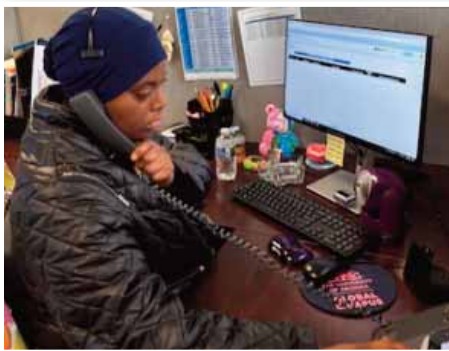
Facilities-HVAC Compliance Team meet with DTE

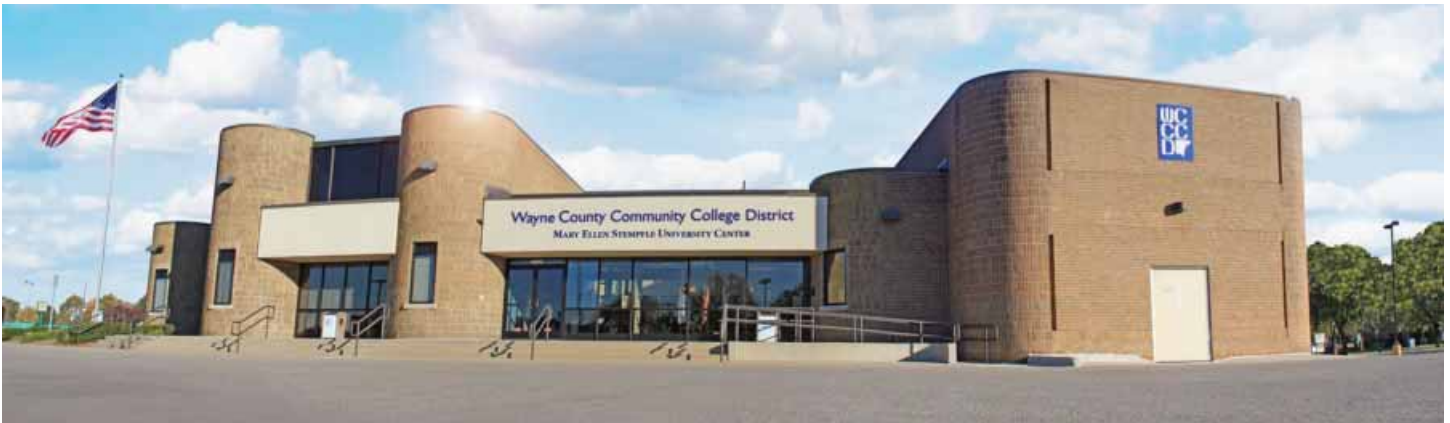
The Facilities-HVAC Compliance Team met with DTE to begin conversations on updating gas main connections to the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and the Health and Wellness Education Center. DTE is updating the main gas lines and meters to ensure compliance with state law.



District Communications Management Center

Staff of the District Campus Support Services continue to track District and campus calls. This initiative provides essential data analysis to support services within the District.



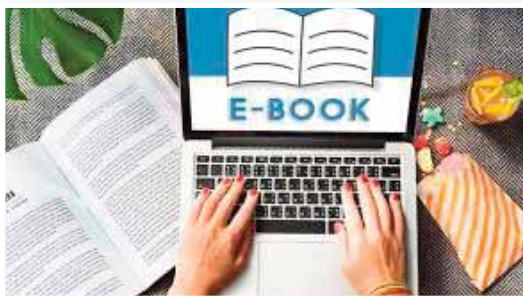


Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Partnership Opportunities

Denis Karic met with community members to discuss potential partnerships in Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointe communities.



Textbook Links

Distance Learning is diligently working on enhancing the student educational experience for the upcoming Summer semester. As part of our commitment to accessibility and convenience, we are in the process of integrating textbook links directly into the Blackboard course shells for courses that are part of the Access program. With the textbook links embedded within the Blackboard course shells, students can easily navigate to the required readings and materials.



Course Shells

Course shells for the Summer semester are now available in Blackboard. This early access to course shells allows faculty to prepare their materials in advance, ensuring a smooth and organized start to the semester.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



ACE Mentor Program

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



PepsiCo Scholarship Post Support Workshop

Staff equipped the PepsiCo scholars with essential tools to cultivate their self-management skills and navigate the various management levels within the business sector. Additionally, they will gain valuable insights into crafting a compelling experience letter that highlights their achievements.

Ignite Opportunity Fair

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Ignite Opportunity Fair. Participants learned how to connect Detroit contractors to practical opportunities, funding relationships, and business support resources.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Grief Workshop

The HWEC, in partnership with the School of Continuing Education presented a special Grief Workshop for individuals struggling with the emotional and physical challenges of losing a loved one.



Bootcamp Class

Bootcamp continues to be a popular class for HWEC members that combines both cardio and strength training for a complete body challenge.

HWEC Student Opportunities

HWEC staff were at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to share information about the HWEC and the many opportunities and options available for students.



Downriver Campus



Art of the Arc Closing Reception

The Downriver Campus hosted the Art of the Arc closing reception, in partnership with The Arc Downriver, an organization dedicated to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Sheriff Cadets

We continue to partner with local Sheriff Cadets, providing students with exposure to careers in law enforcement and public safety.



Student Success

Students in the Botany class receive hands-on learning through exploration.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Career Expo



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Career Expo, welcoming middle school students for an interactive experience. Students participated in hands-on activities and explored a variety of programs.



Detroit Public Safety Academy and Downriver Career Technology Center – Dual Enrollment Fire Practical

In this hands-on practical session, students practiced Incident Command Systems (ICS), foam application, and the use of a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC), building critical skills for real-world emergency response.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Class

The EMT students practiced Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).



Annual Ladder Truck Inspection – Marathon Petroleum



The Annual Ladder Truck Inspection for Marathon Petroleum, supported routine safety and equipment readiness standards. This inspection helps ensure that all ladder trucks are functioning properly and prepared for emergency response when needed.

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

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



Eastern Campus



Coffee and Conversations

Dr. Lourie Davis talked with fellow instructors about engaging through creative pedagogies discussing learning assignments that expand emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and social skills through discovery learning.



MI LEAD Abatement Exam

MI LEAD abatement exams are held at the Eastern Campus. The Environmental Protection Agency requires individuals and firms who perform abatement projects in pre-1978 target housing and child occupied facilities to be certified and follow specific work practices.



Wayne Metro Staff Wellness

Wayne Metro Community Action Agency held a Head Start Professional Development Day at the Eastern Campus. Attendees participated in training sessions centered around staff wellness and safety.



Northwest Campus

Affordable Homeownership and Community Wealth Expo

In partnership with WCCCD, NAREB presented an Affordable Homeownership and Community Wealth Expo, that focused on building wealth through homeownership. Attendees learned about credit, access to lending, and the path from renting to owning.



Northwest Campus



Parliamentarian Meeting

Parliamentarians gathered at the Northwest Campus for their monthly meeting, engaging in discussion, collaboration, and continued learning.

Educational Partnership Opportunities

Furquan Ahmed met with Lonnie Peek to discuss future partnerships focused on supporting returning citizens through education, resources, and community opportunities.



Aviation Camp Discussion

Mr. Ahmed and Dr. Andrew McQueen met with Dr. Briant Smith and Captain Stephanie Johnson of the Aviation Career Education and Maintenance Academy, to discuss aviation camp opportunities for students.

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

