

# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



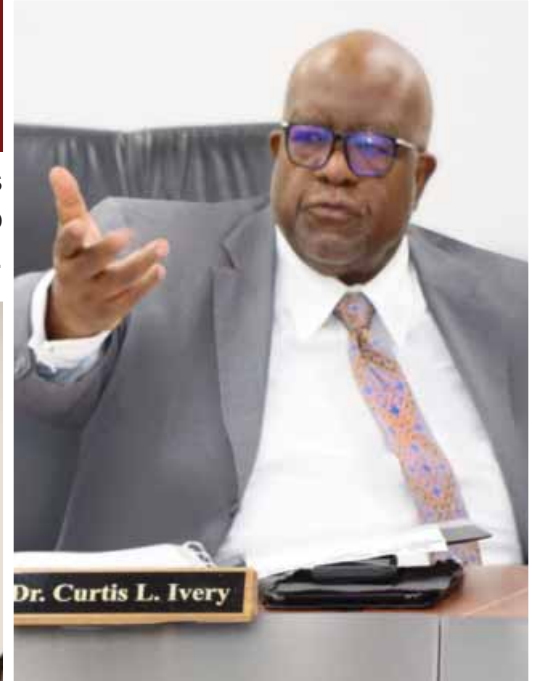
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May 16-22, 2026

## Board of Trustees Meeting

May 20, 2026

Everyone enjoyed returning to the newly renovated Dr. Charles E. Morton Board of Trustees Conference Room. Kudos to everyone for their outstanding presentations during the meetings.



Dr. Curtis L. Ivery



Marla J. Edwards-Wheeler



Dr. Curtis L. Ivery



Dr. Curtis L. Ivery

Dr. F. Scott

Site Study

# Board of Trustees Meeting

May 20, 2026



# Ted Scott Campus

## WCCCD's Early Middle College Students Celebrate Academic Success

Congratulations to the students who completed the WCCCD Early Middle College Program at Romulus High School. These students were recognized for their dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence during a celebration workshop. Their achievements reflect the strength of our partnership and our shared commitment to expanding educational opportunities and supporting future leaders.





# Division of Institutional Effectiveness

## Institutional Effectiveness Supports Career and Technical Education (CTE)

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) is currently administering the Student and Faculty Perceptions of Occupational Education (PROE) survey to gather feedback on career and technical education programs. This state-required survey supports data-driven decision-making and continuous improvement of career outcomes. The PROE evaluates key areas such as instructional delivery, support services, workforce alignment of program objectives, laboratory equipment, and post-graduation career planning and placement. With 88% of WCCCD graduates earning degrees or certificates in high-growth, high-wage, and high-demand fields, the results will help inform reports for vice chancellors, campus presidents, provosts, and program directors.

### Michigan's High Demand Careers:

1. Nurse Practitioner
2. Data Science
3. Information Security Analysts
4. Physical Therapy Assistant

### WCCCD Top 5 Career Pathways Awards:

1. Professional Truck Driver Training
2. CIS: Network+
3. Nursing & Nursing Assistant Training
4. Emergency Medical Technology
5. CIS: Certified Ethical Hacker

### Value of CTE



An alternative pathway for high school graduates to enter the workforce directly without pursuing a traditional college path.



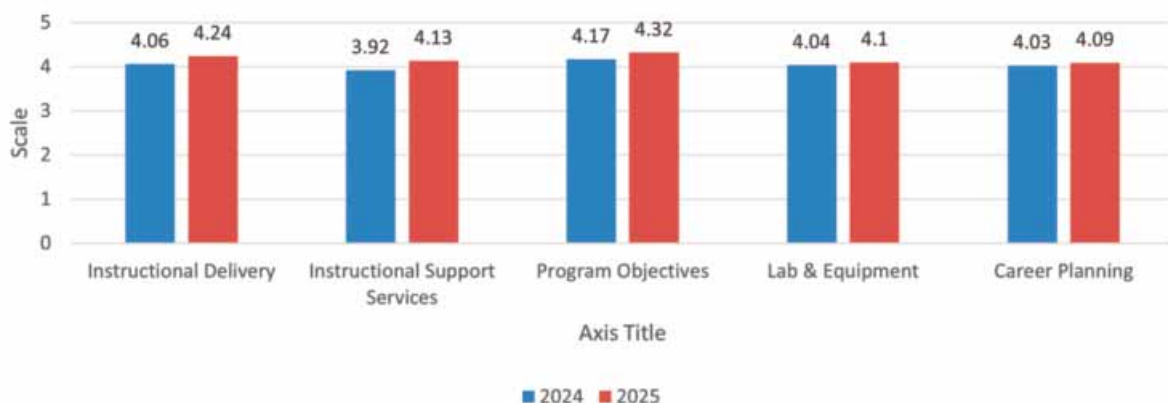
Opportunities to build skills, earn credentials, and advance or transition into new careers.



Supporting underrepresented individuals in entering the workforce.

Source: Michigan's Hot 50 Job Outlook through 2032

### WCCCD Student PROE Trend Fall 2024 - Fall 2025



Scale: 5= Strongly Agree 4=Agree 3=Neutral 2=Disagree 1=Strongly Disagree



**Culinary Arts Program Initiatives Meeting**



**Facilities Update Meeting**



## Schedule Development Meeting

Some of the agenda items included:

- Summer 2026 Semester Updates
- Preparations for the Fall 2026 Semester
- Learning Community Course Pairings
- Semester Promotions and Initiatives

The Wayne County Community College District Board of Trustees  
and Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor

# Invite you to the Groundbreaking Ceremony

**Friday, June 5, 2026 11 a.m. - Noon**

**WCCCD Mary Ellen Stempfle University Campus**  
19305 Vernier Road, Harper Woods, MI

**MARY ELLEN STEMPFLE  
UNIVERSITY  
CAMPUS**



# WILDCAT DAY 2026

Local high school graduating seniors participated in Wildcat Day at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and registered for the Fall 2026 semester. Students explored the diverse opportunities that WCCCD's six campus locations have to offer, completed registration, received academic advising and assistance with financial aid applications.





# Continuous Quality Improvement

## District Campus Support Services

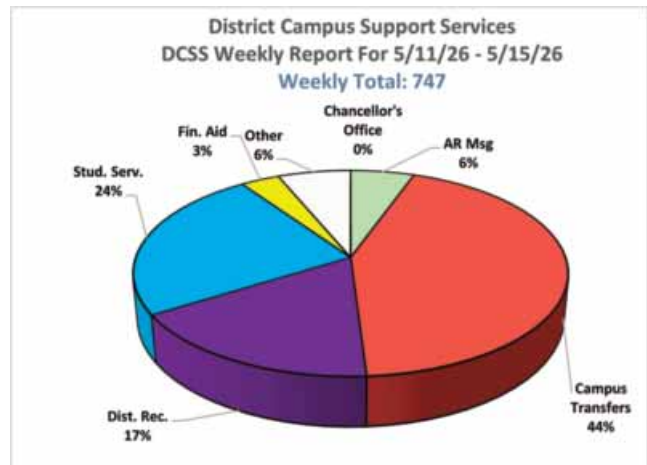


### HVAC General Maintenance

WCCCD maintenance staff provide ongoing general maintenance on our HVAC systems to maintain efficient operations across the District to ensure compliance with state law.

### HVAC Process Discussion

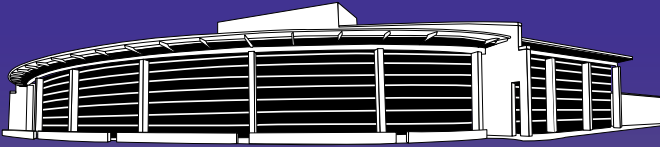
### District Communications Management Center



District Campus Support Services Tracking Report provides immediate data for improving services to our constituents.



Staff continue to address students questions and concerns through the District Campus Support Services Department.



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

# Downriver Campus

## Taylor High School Band Performance

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the Taylor High School Convocation, recognizing graduating seniors and their accomplishments. The event also honored American Red Cross volunteers, Career Center Honor Society students, and National Honor Society members.





# District Police Authority



## Police Academy Graduation Ceremony

Police Officer Sandro Saravija graduated from the Macomb Community College Police Academy, Criminal Justice Training Center. During his training, Officer Saravija earned the Top Driver Award and was also recognized as a runner-up for additional academy honors in accordance with Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) guidelines.



*Congratulations  
Police Officer  
Sandro Saravija*



## DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



### *Shining the Light on...* Dr. Allan Cosma

Dr. Allan Cosma began his educational career as an elementary teacher for the Pontiac Public Schools, has worked at Detroit Public Schools Community District, and then made the transition to Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) in 2018. Starting at WCCCD as the District Associate Provost of Educational Affairs, he has served as the District Associate Vice Chancellor for Career and Technical Educational Affairs and Workforce since 2022.

What really stands out reviewing Dr. Cosma's career pathway is his commitment to excellence, his community involvement, and the high levels of his professional development. He was named Principal of the Year in 2017 at Detroit Public Schools Community District for innovation in fine arts and instructional program development. He has coached basketball and golf, and he has led a community walk for cancer for three years.

He earned his Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Gwynedd Mercy University, an M.S. in Education Leadership and School Administration from Grand Canyon University, and a B.A. in Elementary Education/Major in Mathematics from Oakland University. He was an international dissertation awardee, University of Limerick and Gwynedd Mercy University, and he was Student of the Year while at Oakland University.

He also conducted research in Ireland, comparing the European higher educational system to American Educational Pathways. Adding to these pursuits, he is currently writing a youth adventure and a Christian reflective narrative novel.

Dr. Cosma has an impressive list of professional development achievements including grant writing, cross curriculum development, branding, future thinkers AI Google Essentials, Google Project Management Certification, and numerous computer skills.

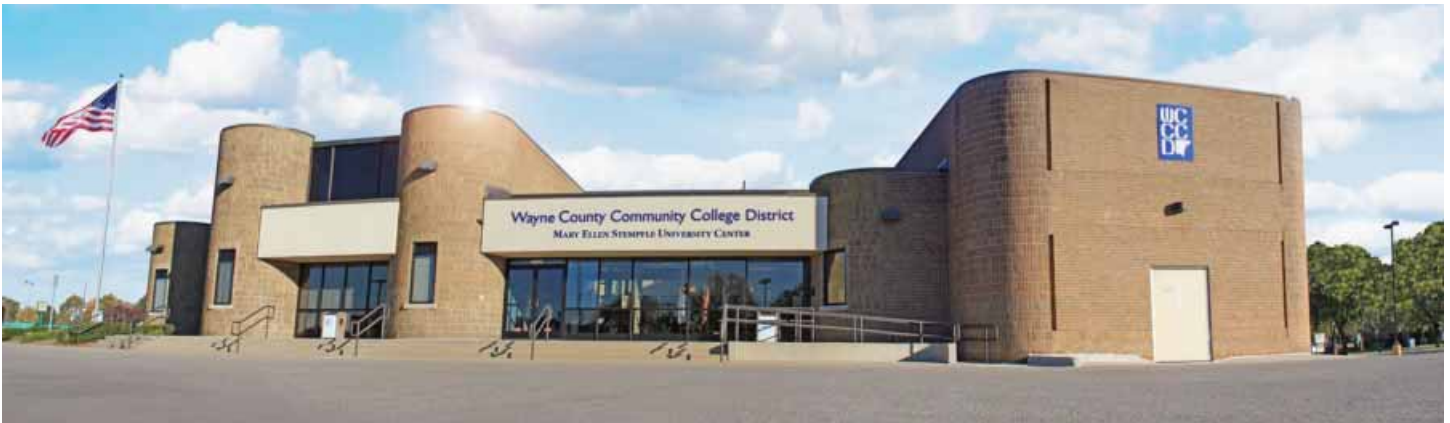
All of this background serves him well in his current role overseeing District-wide career programs, ensuring faculty staffing is maintained across six campuses, and creating and assembling professional development for staff and faculty to strengthen career programs.



## Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education welcomed 180 students from Detroit Public Schools Community District for a hands-on art workshop, artist discussion and tour of the Curtis L. Ivery Educational Complex. Sherry Washington, WCCCD Art Curator, stated: "For most of the students, this is the first time they have ever visited an art gallery or college campus, and their excitement was evident in their eyes as they embarked upon meaningful, unique cultural and educational experiences."





# Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

## University Partnerships



The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted Grand Valley State University's TRIO Upward Bound Math and Science Detroit Academic Achievement Awards and Senior Celebration.



Denis Karic met with Julius Moses, Ferris State University representative, to identify and develop strategic recruitment and marketing approaches that align course offerings with the evolving needs of WCCCD students.



## Diverse Learners Program

In partnership with the School of Continuing Education, the Diverse Learners Program held its first Shinrin Yoku class, offering students a unique wellness experience.

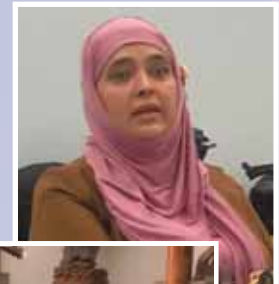




# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



## VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations highlighted Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, and Mental Health Awareness Month, complemented by musical selections from Nobuko Miyamoto and Wu Man that reflected Asian cultural contributions. Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha led a discussion emphasizing the importance of recognizing these observances. Guest speaker Rabbi Asher Lopatin shared insights on Jewish American history and notable figures, while Weam Namou presented on Chaldean American heritage, exploring Ancient Mesopotamia and the historical connections among Chaldeans, Jews, and Christians.





## Division of Educational Affairs

### Transfer Pathways for Cybersecurity

Representatives from the University of Detroit Mercy met with members of the Educational Affairs team to discuss transfer pathways for the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity.



### All About Technology

Dr. Wanda Hudson was joined by Professor Willie Brake (CIS/BUS) for a discussion centered on the real-world, hands-on professional experiences at All About Technology, a local technology company.



## Division of Workforce and Economic Development

### *Student Success*

Students successfully completed and received their ELDT (Entry-Level Driver Training) certificates.



# Division of Student Services



## Outreach and Recruitment



Congratulations to the Horizon Academy Seniors who will be attending WCCCD in the Fall 2026 semester.



Staff represented the District at the Black Tech



Dual Enrollment meeting with other departments planning for Wildcat Day.

## Student Success!



Congratulations to former WCCCD TRiO graduate Olabode Ajenifujah, Ph.D., who recently earned his doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University.

Following his time at WCCCD, he went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). After completing his

master's degree, Dr. Ajenifujah worked for Applied Materials in the semiconductor industry before pursuing his doctoral studies.

A first-generation college student, he is the fifth of six children and a devoted husband and father of three. His ultimate career goal is to become a college professor.



### MiCUP

WCCCD student Jayla Hamilton (upper right) is one of three WCCCD students chosen for the STEM based research program "MiCUP" - Michigan College and University Partnership. Along with the hands-on research, the students take a one credit university course. They also reside on the campus of Michigan Technological University for seven week and will take a one credit university course along with participating in hands-on research.

## Technology Intake Evaluation Team Meeting

To effectively manage the growing volume of technology requests and respond to the District's evolving technology needs, the Technology Intake Evaluation Team meets biweekly to review, prioritize, and address submitted Technology Request forms.



## Microsoft 365 Administrator Training



## Quarterly Review with Toshiba



## District-wide Technical Support



# Eastern Campus

## SER Metro Campus Tour

SER Metro, an organization focused on being a career resource for our local community, toured the Eastern Campus learning all about our Career and Technical Programs. During the tour, participants explored various areas of study, including Fashion Design, Welding, HVAC, Autobody, Robotics, Mechatronics Technology, Computer Numerical Control, and other hands-on training opportunities.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



## Downriver Campus



## Farmington Hills Fire Department Donation

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) received a generous donation of fire gear from the Farmington Hills Fire Department to support ongoing training and skill development for students and response teams.

## Detroit Police Department – Special Response Team Training

MIPSE hosted the Detroit Police Department Special Response Team for tactical and operational training exercises designed to enhance emergency preparedness, coordination, and response effectiveness in high-risk scenarios.



## Downriver Hazmat Team Training

The Downriver Hazardous Material Response Team held their monthly proficiency training and materials update, which included team physicals.



## BASF HAZWOPER Refresher Training

This training was designed to meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.120 (b)–(o) covering hazardous waste operations and emergency response. It supports compliance with OSHA, EPA, FEMA, and National Fire Academy standards.

The PolyWYR HAZWOPER refresher course focused on hazardous materials awareness and response protocols.



# Ceremonies and Rituals

The final graduation class meeting was held at the Northwest Campus. Graduates received all the necessary details and pertinent information to make their graduation day run smoothly.



## *Save the Date!*

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

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



Graduation Photo Day at the Northwest Campus



## Building Community Relationships



Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Business Forum with Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks



### Women's Retreat

Dr. CharMaine Hines was a keynote speaker at Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University's women's retreat with the theme "Mindset to Mastery."



Melvindale High School Career Fair



# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

## Student Services



Staff continue to assist students with Summer and Fall registration, sequencing courses, and advising.



### Adult Education

WCCCD's Adult Education Program hosted an informational orientation for recent GED graduates to support their transition into college.



### Detroit Fire Department

The Local Detroit Firefighters Commission NIMS ICS – 400 National Fire Academy Course continues training in essential high-level skills.



### Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. held its monthly membership meeting.

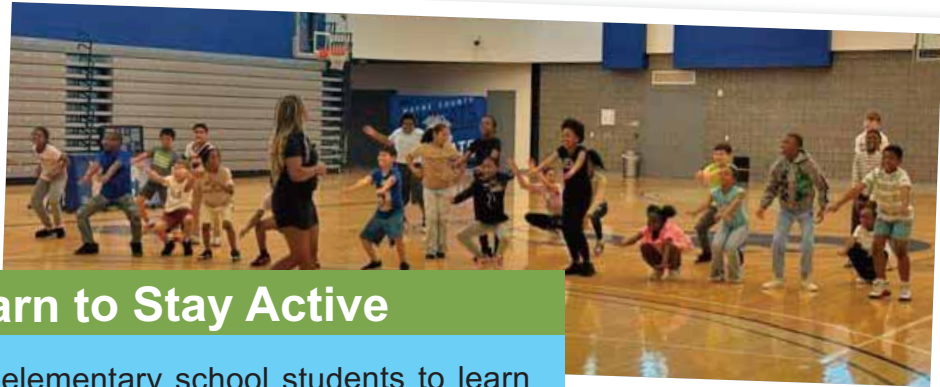
## AKA Mental Health Awareness Impact Day



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. hosted a Mental Health Awareness Impact Day. This session increased overall mental health awareness, provided education on depression, anxiety, and trauma through breakout sessions and a panel discussion.

# CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center



## Students Learn to Stay Active

The HWECC hosted elementary school students to learn about the importance of staying active over the summer months.



## Al-Ikhlās Training Academy

The HWECC welcomed students from Al-Ikhlās Training Academy to learn about the many resources available at the HWECC.

## Kettlebell Class

Members participated in a kettlebell class, a high-intensity workout that helps to increase strength, cardiovascular endurance, and overall fitness.



# Eastern Campus

## Summer Semester Begins

Staff have been busy assisting new students on campus to find their way around the building and to their classes.



# Downriver Campus



## First Day of Fall 2026 Walk-in Registration

Staff continues to assist prospective and returning students with enrollment, course selection, and access to campus resources to support a successful semester.



## SEMCA All Staff Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the SEMCA All Staff Meeting, which included members of the Workforce Development Board from both the public and private sectors.



## Wayne RESA Pre-K Literacy Essentials Workshop

Participants discussed strategies to ensure students have access to abundant reading materials and meaningful literacy experiences in the classroom.



## The Guidance Center Job Fair

Attendees explored employment opportunities, networked with business representatives, and received information to support their career goals.



## Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network Board Study Session and SUD Oversight Policy Board Meeting

# Northwest Campus

## Final Summer Registration



## Administrative Meeting

Staff convened to discuss summer and fall semester initiatives.



# Northwest Campus



## The Traveling Dental Museum



Dental students participated in the Traveling Dental Museum sponsored by Wayne County Oral Health Coalition and Detroit District Dental Society. The museum will travel to all Detroit Public high schools. Students engaged with 12th graders at Denby High School and shared information about dental careers.

Dental students also received accolades for their participation from Velisa L. Perry, Executive Director for United Health Organization and Facilitator for Wayne County Oral Health Coalition.



# Ted Scott Campus



## Nursing Program

The Nursing Program held an end-of-semester faculty retreat.

**Wayne  
RESA**



The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne RESA's OpenSciEd Middle School Curriculum Launch Workshop.

## Maximizing Social Security Workshop

Safe Haven Wealth Management presented a Maximizing Social Security Workshop. Participants gained access to information that will address the complexities of navigating the system, the potential cost of planning mistakes, and common benefit decision scenarios.



## Community Coffee Hour

Community Coffee Hour with Commissioner Allen Wilson to discuss issues in the surrounding District 11 community.

# 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

