

## 2026 Honors Convocation Celebrates Student Achievement and Excellence



### Keynote Speaker

Dr. Brian Singleton  
Vice Chancellor of Student Services and  
President of the Curtis L. Ivery  
Downtown Campus





I met with Trustee Scott Holiday, former Senator Adam Hollier, and Furquan Ahmed to discuss enhanced workforce training initiatives offered through WCCCD's Construction Building Institute and to plan for the upcoming Hometown Construction Summit in July. The discussion focused on developing innovative educational pathways that address both the growing demand for skilled trades professionals and the affordable housing needs in the community.

## Mayor's Workforce Development Board



I participated in the City of Detroit Mayor's Workforce Development Board Meeting. Some of the agenda items included:

- Co-Chair's Report
- Executive Director's Report
- Presentation on Thriving Cities



## MAC Legislative Update Meeting

I also participated in the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) Legislative Update Meeting. Members engaged in discussions on federal and state legislative issues, received updates on key legislative and regulatory developments, and had the opportunity to share their perspectives and policy priorities.

I would like to share a few excerpts from an article that will be published in an upcoming issue of the Michigan Chronicle, highlighting a unique learning experience that empowered our students to develop and present innovative business ideas to Detroit business leaders.

## From Classroom to Community: WCCCD Students Present Business Ideas to Detroit Leaders



Innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial ambition were on full display as Wayne County Community College District students presented their business concepts to a panel of Detroit business and community leaders during a special entrepreneurship capstone event hosted by Dennis Archer Jr., CEO of Ignition Media.

The event marked the culmination of a semester-long course in which students transformed their ideas into comprehensive business plans and gained valuable real-world experience presenting them to industry professionals. “What we built here goes far beyond a business plan,” Archer said. “These students walked in with ambition and walked out with a roadmap.”

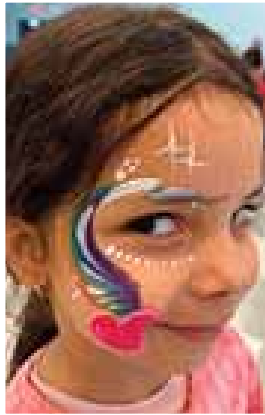


Leaders from banking, media, real estate, and other sectors provided practical guidance on launching and sustaining successful businesses while commending the students’ creativity, preparation, and vision. Their feedback highlighted the power of experiential learning and entrepreneurship in preparing students to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the economy.

**Read the full story in an upcoming issue of the *Michigan Chronicle*.**

# WCCCD's 2026 Literacy Day Inspires Young Readers

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and The Bookworm Club, in collaboration with WCCCD's School of Continuing Education, brought Literacy Day 2026 to students at Cesar Chavez Lower Elementary School. More than 500 pre-K through 6th-grade students participated in a variety of engaging activities, educational games, and literacy-focused experiences. The program was designed to inspire a love of reading, strengthen literacy skills, and encourage a lifelong passion for learning among young students.



Mrs. Ola Ivery

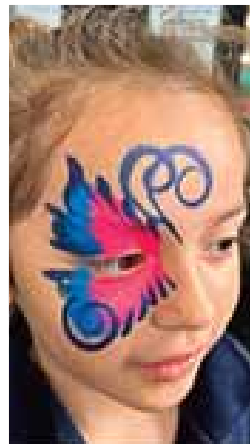
*"Our goal was to create a space where children could explore the joys of reading in a fun and supportive environment. When a child opens a book, they can follow their curiosity and their joy and discover entirely new worlds without leaving their own homes. Seeing their faces light up with excitement has been incredibly rewarding."*

~ Ola Ivery, WCCCD First Lady and Bookworm Club Founder



# WCCCD's 2026 Literacy Day

Cesar Chavez Academy Lower Elementary School



# Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented the opening reception for Horizons, a photography exhibition by Saadé L. Taylor at the Downriver Campus. Guests had the opportunity to view the collection, meet the artist, and celebrate the launch of the exhibit while exploring the artist's unique perspective and creative work.



Saadé L. Taylor



# Division of Student Services



## Outreach and Recruitment

### Dual Enrollment Program

Meet Nova Thomas, a Dual Enrollment graduate from Martin Luther King High School. Nova will represent her high school and DPSCD as one of the 130 dual enrollment graduates at our 2026 commencement.



### Considine Center

WCCCD's instructor, Professor Kola, fosters a dynamic and engaging learning environment, guiding students through foundational concepts with clarity and precision. The student's focused demeanor and active engagement reflect a strong commitment to academic growth and mastery.



### Professional Development

The Division of Student Services hosted Kenyatta Green for an informational session outlining the procedures for submitting positive attendance and grades through the new Wildcat Portal. The session provided step-by-step guidance on logging in to the My Wildcat Portal, accessing the Faculty Dashboard, and submitting attendance and final grades using the Grade Entry/Positive Attendance Entry feature within the Faculty Services card.

### Student Success Center

The Student Success Center is connecting with our 2026 graduates to confirm their readiness and ensure they are fully prepared to celebrate their achievements at the Commencement Ceremony on June 13, 2026.



# Division of Student Services

## New Student Experience SPOTLIGHT



**Ayesha Bryant**

*"I had the honor of being named the first-place recipient of the Soroptimist International Live Your Dream Award. One of the highlights of the evening was sharing my story and meeting other women who, like me, have faced challenges but refused to give up on their goals.*

*As I stood to give my speech, I reflected on the choices that brought me to where I am today. I attended Wayne State University right after high school in 2010, but when I learned I was pregnant with my daughter, school had to take a back seat. A few years later, my son was born and was eventually diagnosed with nonverbal autism. Between raising my children and working full-time (sometimes two jobs) to support my family, my education stayed on hold for many years. When I finally returned to school at WCCCD, I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. It was another unexpected obstacle, but I was determined not to let it stop me from continuing my education and building a better future for my family.*

*I first learned about the scholarship through an email from Yolanda Russell. After reading the description, I decided to apply because it felt like the scholarship was created for women with stories like mine. I honestly*

*didn't expect to be selected, so finding out I not only won, but was the first-place winner, was both surprising and incredibly meaningful. It was a reminder that the challenges I've overcome and the hard work I've put into my education truly matter.*

*My next step is to complete my Associate of Arts degree at WCCCD and transfer to Wayne State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration. I'm grateful for the support of my husband, family, professors, and everyone at WCCCD who has encouraged me along the way."*

# Division of Student Services

## Phi Theta Kappa



This week, Phi Theta Kappa members were provided access to several new scholarship opportunities, including nursing, and general PTK scholarships. Members were also encouraged to participate in PTK Edge. This professional and leadership development platform strengthens career readiness, transfer competitiveness, and scholarship eligibility. These efforts continue to advance student success by connecting members with financial resources, leadership training, digital credentials, and academic enrichment opportunities.

## Federal Work-Study

The Federal Work-Study Office would like to recognize and congratulate our Federal Work-Study student, Noori Khanom, for her outstanding contributions at the Detroit Parent Network. In recognition of her dedication, professionalism, and exceptional performance, Noori received a Certificate of Appreciation from our valued offsite partner.



## Student Success

Staff continue to assist new students with their Plan of Work for the Fall 2026 semester.



## MiCUP

Beverly Jackson is one of three WCCCD students selected to participate in the Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP). MiCUP scholars conduct seven weeks of research at Michigan Technological University over the summer. Beverly (right) is pictured with her mentors.





## Career Exploration

Students from New Dawn Academy visited the Northwest Campus for an engaging tour of the Health Sciences and Culinary programs. Students had the opportunity to explore each department and participate in hands-on experiences, giving them a firsthand look at the skills and training offered.

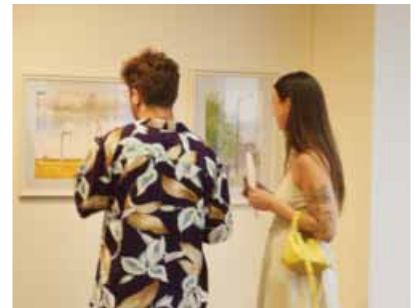


## Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented the opening reception of the exhibit, *Maestoso: Watercolour Moments* featuring the artwork of John K. Bunkley at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Sherry Washington, WCCCD's Art Curator, stated, "*John Bunkley's watercolors are exquisite painted reminiscences of his life in Detroit and throughout the world, in which he elevates the everyday occurrences to stately artwork.*"



John K. Bunkley



# WCCCD Faculty Members Attend the NISOD Conference



Stacha Floyd



Dr. Sharon Lewis  
at the NISOD  
Conference.

## NISOD Excellence Awards Faculty Recognition

Congratulations to Stacha Floyd and Martin Depowski for receiving the 2026 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. This recognition highlights dedication to student success, instructional excellence, and contributions to career and technical education.



Martin Depowski



# Division of Educational Affairs



## Educational Partnerships

Drs. Allan Cosma and Wanda Hudson met with Drs. Meina Zhu and D. Zhu, from Wayne State University, to discuss a potential partnership on an NSF-funded research proposal focused on artificial intelligence and data science.



## Culinary Arts Program

Drs. Harvey Dorrah and Carolyn Custer met with Furquan Ahmed to discuss the Culinary Arts Program scheduled to begin in Fall 2026.

## Career and Technical Programs



Dr. Carolyn Custer and Matthew Puwal met with representatives from Tooling U to discuss enhancing career and technical programs.



## Learning Resource Center

The Ted Scott Campus Learning Resource Center has established two dedicated areas specifically for allied health students. These spaces include a collection of resources available for student checkout, as well as a designated area where faculty can provide one-on-one support, tutoring, and instruction to enhance student success.



## Wildcat Portal Discussion

Members of the Divisions of Educational Affairs and Information Technology met with faculty to discuss the new Wildcat Portal.



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



## Downriver Campus

### WCCCD Public Safety Programs Awarding of Certificates

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted a ceremony for the Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 DCTC, DPSA, William D. Ford and Taylor High School EMT students, who were presented with Certificates of Achievement, Patch, and Challenge Coin.



*Congratulations!*



### U.S. Border Patrol – Desert Snow - 3-Day Criminal Interdiction Workshop

This three-day hands-on Criminal Interdiction Workshop training was an “All Crimes” approach to criminal interdiction. This continuum of events focuses on interrupting illegal drugs smuggled by air, sea, or land, and normally consists of several phases.



### Federal Reserve Police and U.S. Customs and Border Protection K-9 Unit Training

The dogs are trained to find narcotics, food or bomb related materials. Such items are strategically placed throughout the training grounds for the dogs to find. When they find the item, the dog is trained to sit down. These dogs go through weeks of training before they are placed in the field.



### MIPSE Meeting

Andy Steeby conducted a meeting to review operational procedures and clarify team members' roles and responsibilities.



# Northwest Campus



## 2026 State Summer Special Olympics

Sonya Taylor had the honor of participating in the 2026 State Summer Special Olympics in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, as part of the Special Smiles Program. During the event, she provided dental screenings to Special Olympics athletes, helping to promote oral health awareness and identify potential dental concerns. This volunteer opportunity allowed her to support the health and well-being of athletes while representing the WCCCD Dental Assisting Program and its commitment to community service and outreach.





## *Building Community Relationships*

### **Courageous Games**

Staff from the Northwest Campus attended the Courageous Games at Martin Luther King High School to promote WCCCD programs and connect with youth, families, and community members. The event celebrated K-12 athletes as they showcased their talent, dedication, and hard work through track and field competition.



### **MCWT Executive Connection Summit**

Dr. Wanda Hudson, Terrell Thomas, Matt Green, and Asia Browner attended the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation Executive Connection Summit, building connections and strengthening partnerships that support technology education, leadership, and student success.



### **Michigan Alliance of Greater Mobility Advancement**

Matt Green also attended the Michigan Alliance of Greater Mobility Advancement advisory meeting. The keynote presentation focused on the growth of drones in the economy and the development of a workforce.

## Division of Information Technology

### Charles E. Morton Board of Trustees Conference Room Technology Upgrade

The IT team conducted a walkthrough to evaluate the Charles E. Morton Board of Trustees Conference Room modernization plans. The group focused on assessing current audiovisual capabilities, identifying areas for improvement, and reviewing options for interactive displays, conferencing solutions, sound systems, projectors, and display screens.



### Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center Event Support



### Ted Scott Campus Security Camera Installation



### District-wide Campus Technical Support



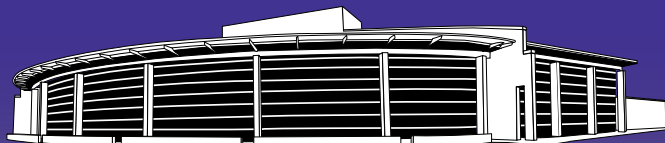


# Campus Beautification

Staff from WCCCD's Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and District Offices actively beautified the open courtyard by planting vibrant flowers, enhancing the campus environment for everyone to enjoy.



# Downriver Campus



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

## Taylor West Middle School Band Concert

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center (EPAC) hosted the Taylor West Middle School Band Concert. Students performed a variety of concert music selections for an audience of parents, family members, and school staff.





# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



## Educational Partners

The Refuge for Nations Graduation Ceremony was held this week at the Eastern Campus. The ceremony celebrated those students who completed the Sewing Course as well as ESL Level 1 and Level 2 programs.



## The Shades of Success Program

In partnership with Risonna Perkins, Author of the book, *Meet the BuzzBees*, the Cultural Enrichment Department presented the Shades of Success Program. The program was designed to recognize successful women professionals, entrepreneurs, and community leaders while providing opportunities for networking, learning, and inspiration.



# Continuous Quality Improvement

## District Campus Support Services

### District HVAC Prioritization and Recommendation Meeting

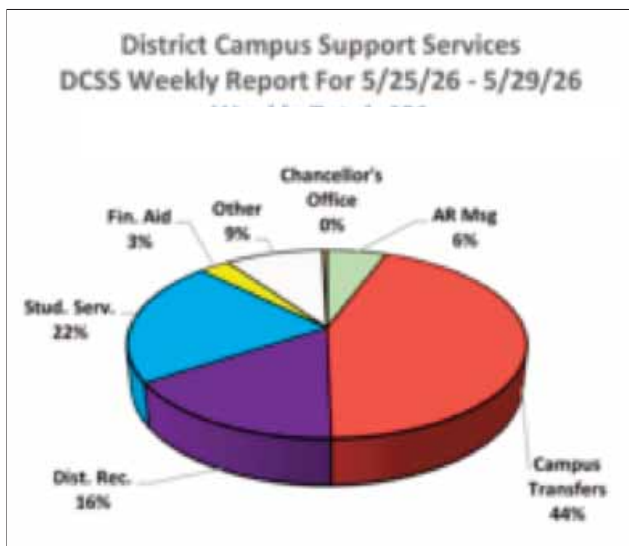
The team met to discuss HVAC recommendations and timelines to take back for further discussions with the HVAC Taskforce. Current discussions were centered around our A/C operations.



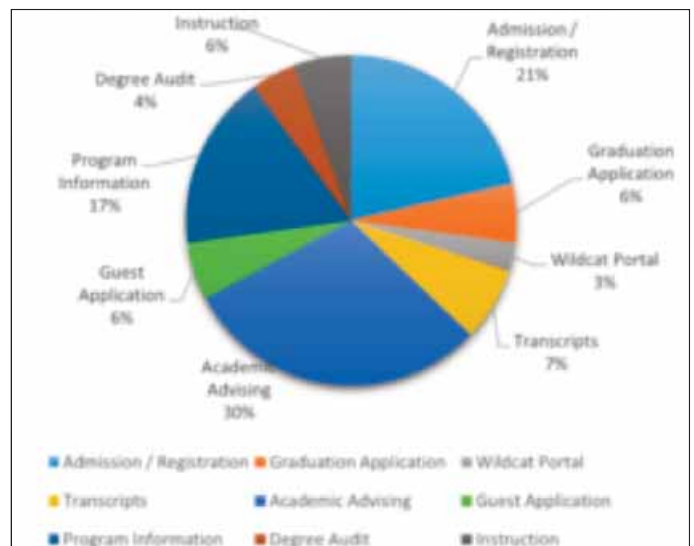
### District Call Management Center

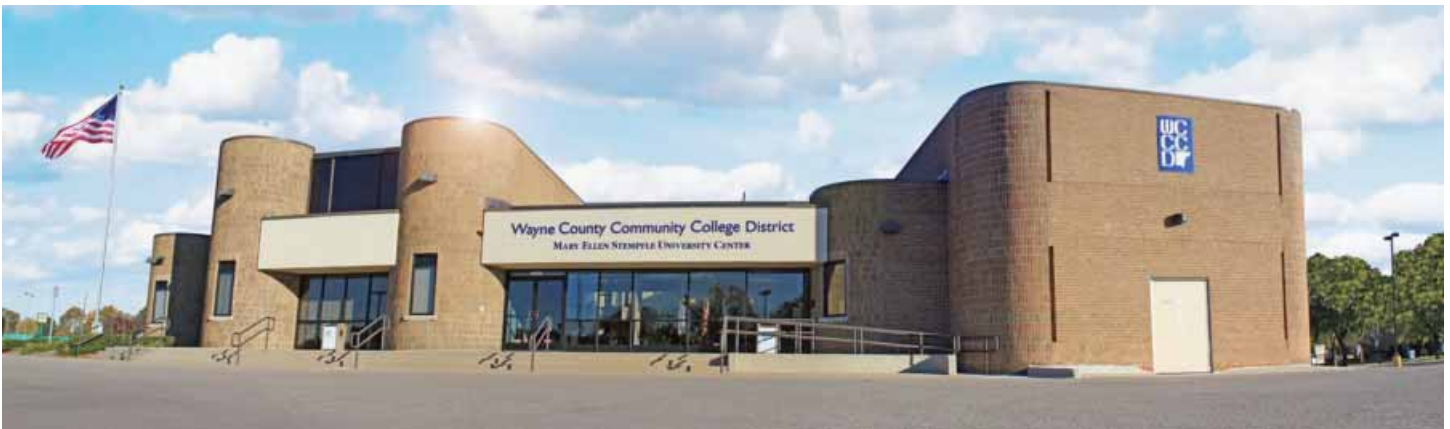
#### Call and Support Services Data Tracking

Weekly Call Center Data Tracking



Monthly Support Services Data Tracking





## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

### Diverse Learners Program

Students in the Diverse Learners Program are experiencing a Shinrin Yoku course on the beautiful grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.



### Partnerships in Action

Through WCCCD's dual enrollment partnership with Chandler Park Academy, 14 high school seniors will walk across the commencement stage earning their associate degree.



### WCCCD in the Community

A WCCCD staff member spotted a child in the drop-off line at Maire Elementary in Grosse Pointe proudly wearing a WCCCD backpack. It's a reminder that WCCCD's presence goes way beyond campus walls. We're showing up in the community in the best ways!

# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

## Summer Interns on Campus

Some of our summer interns were introduced to the onboarding process and expectations for success. They created a vision board and aligned their vision with an action plan.



### *Professional Closet*

The Professional Closet is available for students that need attire for interviews and corporate jobs.



Campus Executive Team Meeting



Athletic Meeting



## Ignite Detroit Contractors Program

The Ignite Detroit Contractors Program held its quarterly orientation. Participants were introduced to this year's upcoming goals, expectations, and available resources.

# CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center



## Senior Strength Training

Senior strength training is an HWEC member favorite when it comes to conditioning and endurance building at your own pace.



## HWEC Tour

The HWEC hosted the 2026 Summer interns for a tour of the HWEC and discussion about the many resources available at the center.



## Personal Trainers

Personal trainers at the HWEC help members to design a customized fitness plan and help to guide them through specific focused movements.

# Downriver Campus

## Automotive Testing



Automotive students completed the Automotive Service Excellence testing this week, demonstrating their knowledge and skills in automotive service and repair.

## Downriver Career and Technical Consortium

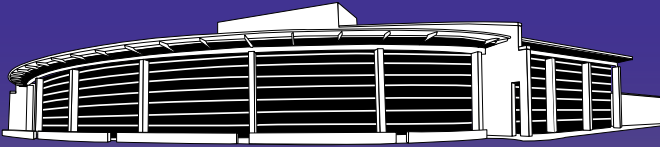
The DCTC held its application meeting for firefighters and paramedics at the Downriver Campus.



## The Guidance Center Head Start Staff Appreciation Program

This program boosted employee morale, as well as team-building activities.





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

# Downriver Campus



## Taylor Preparatory High School Graduation

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center (EPAC) hosted the Taylor Preparatory High School Graduation Ceremony, celebrating the achievements of its graduating class.

## Wayne County Sheriff's Jailer Graduation

The Wayne County Sheriff's Jailer Graduation Ceremony, recognizing the successful completion of training by the graduating class of jailers.



# Eastern Campus

## Artist of Tomorrow Scholarship Program

The Eastern Campus hosted community partner, Artist of Tomorrow, to put on a special program designed to recognize outstanding youth for their hard work, leadership, academic dedication, and commitment to their future goals through scholarship opportunities that help invest in the next generation of leaders.



## Professors Promoting Programs

Professor William Elliot spent some time this week speaking with students about our Robotics and Mechatronics Program.



## Division of Workforce and Economic Development Eastern Campus



The Workforce Pell interdepartmental team continues to review programs that may qualify under the new Workforce Pell initiative and assess institutional readiness for implementation. This work will help expand access to short-term workforce training programs, allowing eligible students to utilize Pell Grant funding for programs that lead to industry-recognized credentials and employment in high-demand fields.

Members of the Division of Workforce and Economic Development met to discuss future programming for the Regional Training Center.



# Northwest Campus



## Celebrating Seniors

Southfield High School held its Senior Breakfast at the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center, bringing graduates together for a memorable celebration. The event provided students with an opportunity to reflect on their achievements, connect with peers and staff, and mark an important milestone in their academic journey.



## Community Partnerships

The 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit organization held its Project SUCCESS graduation and open house at the Northwest Campus. The event celebrated 12 graduating seniors each being awarded a scholarship.



## Bookstore Renovation Discussion

Staff met with a representative from the bookstore at the Northwest Campus to discuss future renovations.

# Ted Scott Campus

## New Traditions for Student Success

The Ted Scott Campus has started a tradition of ringing a bell when a student completes their graduation application. The bell signifies recognition that the student has completed their coursework and the start of a new beginning.



## Dual Enrollment Program

Students from various local high schools were provided a tour of the Ted Scott Campus that focused on mechatronics.

One Vision, One District, One College

## Bright Futures

Congratulations to our new dual enrollment students from Redford Union High School who will be starting this fall.



# 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

