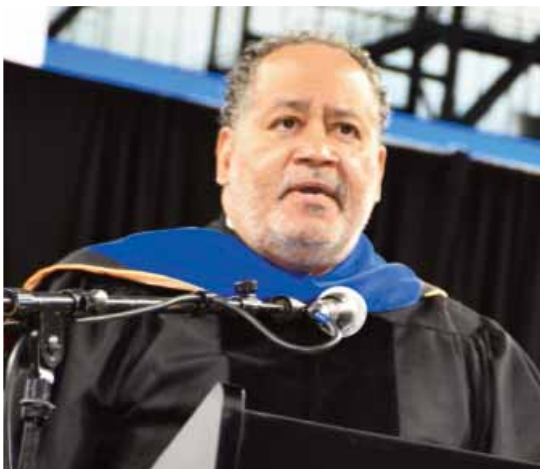


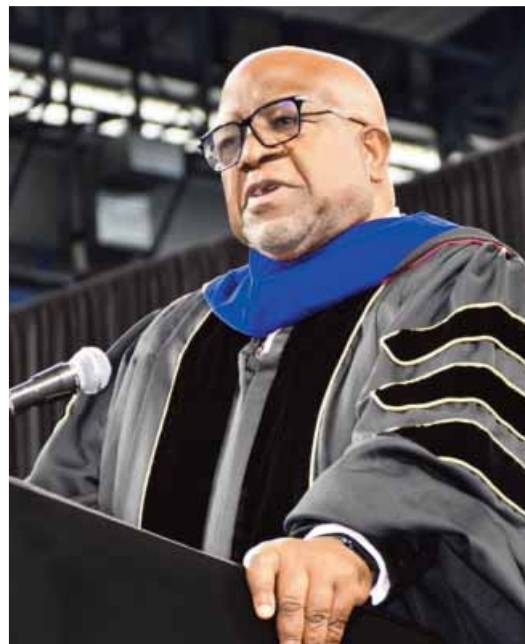
WCCCD's 56th Annual Commencement Ceremony

The 56th Annual Commencement Ceremony was a proud and inspiring celebration of the remarkable accomplishments of our graduates. As I watched our students cross the stage to receive their degrees and credentials, I was reminded of the transformative power of education and its ability to create opportunity and change lives. Please join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2026 and best wishes for continued success as they pursue their goals, serve their communities, and make a positive impact on the world.



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
Distinguished Professor, Author,
and Cultural Analyst (Vanderbilt University)

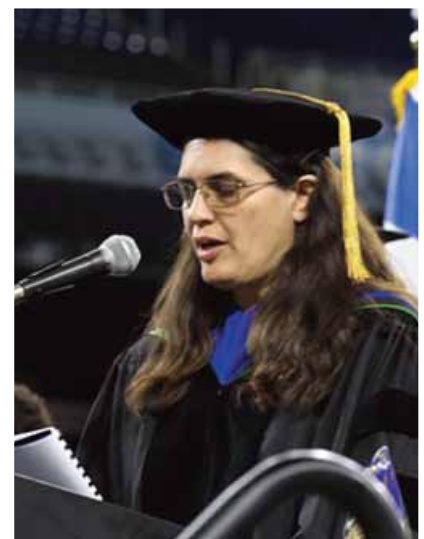
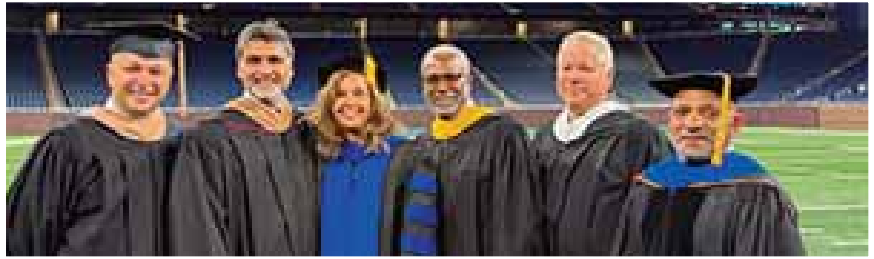


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"By celebrating our faculty who believe in our students and push them to succeed, we acknowledge the core values we strive to cultivate in ourselves. And finally, when we do this, we honor the best in ourselves."

~Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor

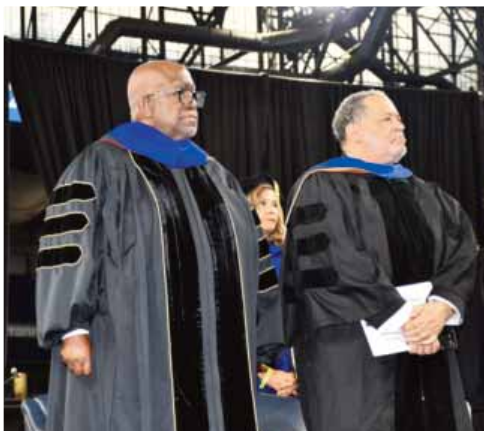
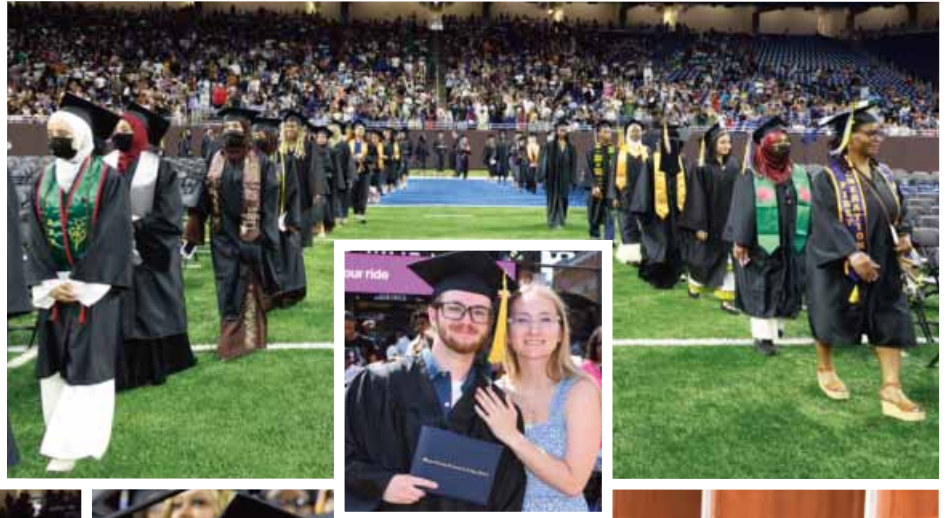


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One Vision, One District, One College

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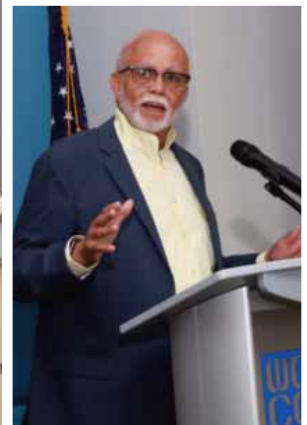


DWIHN Community Partnership Award

One of the greatest privileges of serving our community is the opportunity to work alongside dedicated partners who share a commitment to improving the lives of others. I was deeply humbled by the Community Partnership Award presented by the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) during its Annual Meeting and Community Reception at the Northwest Campus. This award reflects the collective efforts of the WCCCD family and our community partners to expand opportunity, strengthen communities, and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Wayne County.



James White
Director, DWIHN



Warren Evans
Wayne County Executive



2026 Civil Rights and Social Justice Award

I was deeply honored to receive the 2026 Civil Rights and Social Justice Award from the National Education and Empowerment Coalition during the National Civil Rights Conference held at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. I accept this recognition with gratitude, recognizing the many colleagues, community partners, and advocates whose shared commitment to opportunity and social justice makes this work possible. Dr. Brian Singleton accepted this award on my behalf.

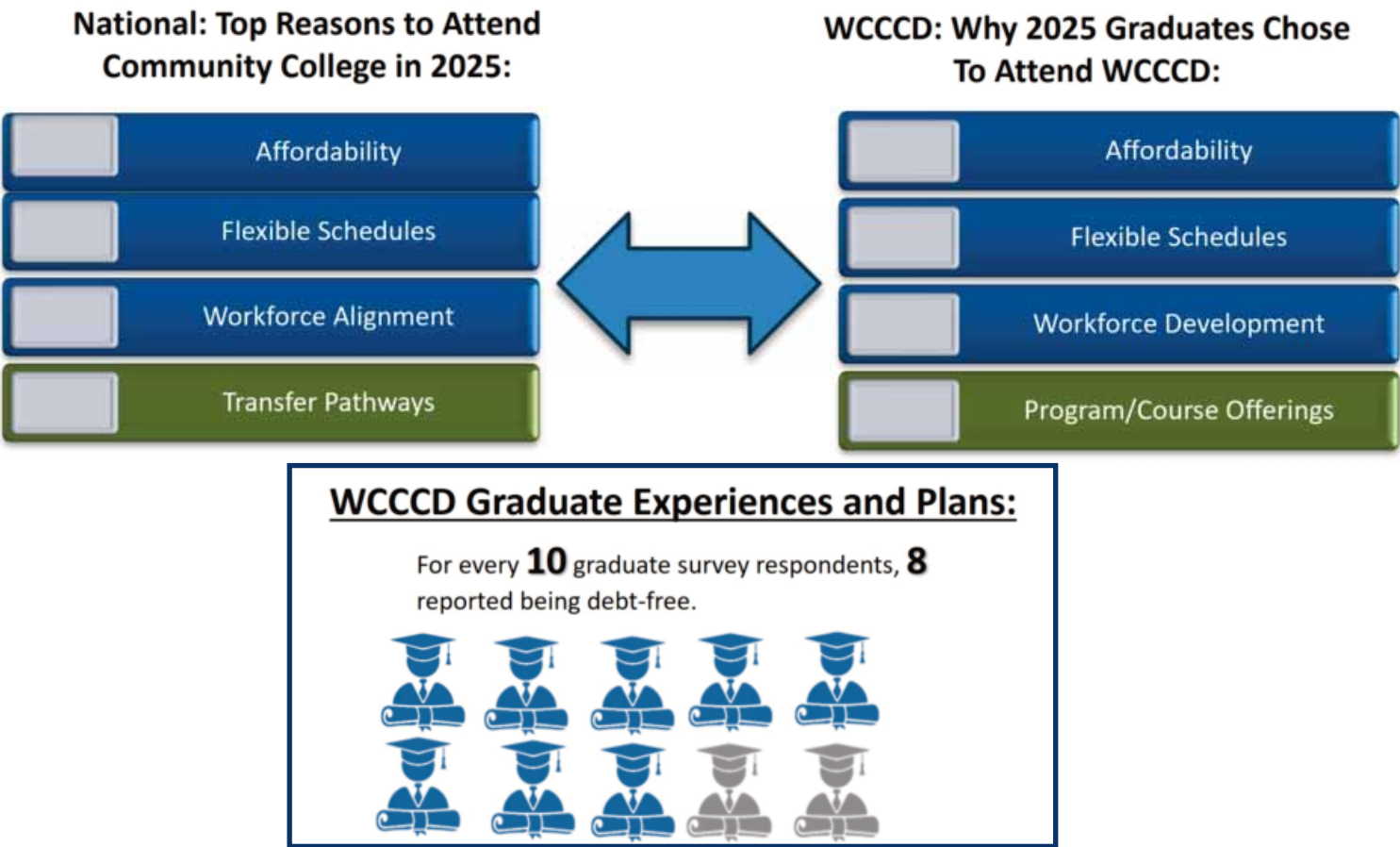




Division of Institutional Effectiveness

Institutional Effectiveness Supports Community Colleges' Mission

Community colleges provide an affordable pathway for individuals to advance their education and career goals. According to College and Tuition Education sources, a community college graduate can save nearly \$7,000 to \$14,000 a year in tuition alone to achieve educational goals. To ensure those goals are met, the Division of Institutional Effectiveness gathers student insight at key points in their journey from enrollment, first week on campus, to graduation. These surveys help identify student needs and guide campus leaders in strengthening support, resources, and initiatives that enhance the student experience and improve overall success.



Source: Why Attend Community College? – A 2025 Perspective Community College vs University Tuition: A Detailed Cost Comparison – College & Tuition

95% were working while in school
* combines full and part time workers



57% plan to use WCCCD Career Planning and Placement Office



Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The School of Continuing Education presented the opening reception for the Vignettes of Humanity and Our Environment: Photography Exhibition featuring the artwork of Jamie Feldman at the Northwest Campus. The exhibition features elegant portraits, captivating nature scenes, and depictions of cultural traditions that encourage viewers to gain a deeper appreciation of their environment and the people around them. Feldman remarked, *"Through my lens, I strive to show people in their best light—not by idealizing them, but by revealing their strength, beauty, and individuality."* Sherry Washington, WCCCD Art Curator, stated, *"Mr. Feldman's photography is an amalgamation of his reverence for nature, humanity, and history, woven together through compelling imagery. As a retired dentist, his personal history informs his artistic vision and enables him to capture and explore the nuances of humankind."*





The School of Continuing Education hosted the 2nd Annual Brewing Togetherness Tea Party at the Downriver Campus. The program provided attendees with an afternoon of tea, conversation, connection, and creative activities in a welcoming environment. Guests enjoyed a festive atmosphere with themed decor and tea attire.



Juneteenth Celebration

In partnership with the City of Harper Woods, the School of Continuing Education presented a one-day workshop at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center designed to celebrate and educate the community on the history and origination of Juneteenth.



Mayor Valerie Kindie
Harper Woods



Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak
Grosse Pointe

Mayor Michelle Hodges
Grosse Pointe Park

Mayor Art Bryant
Grosse Pointe Woods





Division of Student Services

New Student Experience Spotlight

"After stepping away from higher education for several years, my husband encouraged me to continue pursuing my goals. In 2021, I enrolled at Wayne County Community College District through Michigan's Reconnect Program and earned my associate degree with honors in 2022. I was also inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. After paying off my remaining balance at Concordia University, I continued my studies and earned a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Liberty University in August 2025. Today, I am pursuing a master's degree through Concordia University's Education Program and working toward certification as a math teacher in Michigan. My journey has been long and filled with obstacles, but it has taught me perseverance, faith, and gratitude for every step along the way." ~Patrice Cranford



Dual Enrollment Program

Drs. Brian Singleton and Rachel McGuire met with representatives from WCCCD's newest dual enrollment partner, to discuss plans for the Fall 2026 semester.

Student Success Center

We continue to mentor our summer interns on the functions of the Division of Student Services and supporting student success initiatives across all campuses.



Division of Student Services

Federal Work-Study Program



The Division of Student Services proudly recognizes Joan Denise De Torres, a Federal Work-Study student and Phi Theta Kappa member, for her outstanding educational achievements. In July 2024, Joan enrolled at WCCCD's Eastern Campus at age 52. Through determination and support from WCCCD, she excelled academically, joined Phi Theta Kappa's Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter, and was nominated to the All-USA Academic Team. Today, Joan graduates with an Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration and a Business Supervisor Certificate, earning Summa Cum Laude honors as the first in her family to do so. Adding to this milestone, her daughter will graduate alongside her. Joan's story demonstrates that it is never too late to pursue your goals. Her perseverance, dedication, and academic excellence inspire the entire WCCCD community.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter held its annual officer election. The strong engagement and participation demonstrated our student leaders' commitment to advancing scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship during the 2026–2027 academic year.



Fall Continue Continues

Staff continue to assist students with processing applications and enrolling for the Fall 2026 semester.



Guest Students for the Summer

The District Records Office continues to process applications for guest students taking classes in the Summer II semester.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



The African Cultural Meeting explored the historical significance of Juneteenth and its enduring relevance to contemporary discussions of freedom and social justice. Presentations by Professor Nadir Muhsin and Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha fostered thoughtful dialogue and reflection among participants. The program also featured a discussion of Trevor Noah's book, *Born a Crime*.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Captain Keiara Younger was recently recognized for her outstanding volunteer service and dedication to supporting local public schools.



Staff from across the District attended the 2026 MI ACE Women's Network Conference, *ElevatED: Ascend and Transform Your World*. Participants were inspired to grow as leaders through engaging keynotes, practical breakout sessions, and curated mentorship opportunities.



Sergeant Christopher O'Harris successfully completed the LSU NCBRT training program, further strengthening his professional knowledge, skills, and emergency response capabilities.

ON THE MOVE...



Akam Jaigirdar represented the District at the MPPOA Reverse Trade Fair to network and build business connections.



Staff from the Ted Scott Campus attended the Livonia Westland Chamber's Data Centers: What's the Deal? Program.



Division of Educational Affairs



Educational Partnership Opportunities

Drs. Allan Cosma, Carolyn Custer, and Tynisha McGee met with faculty from Wayne State University's Department of Engineering to discuss a potential partnership opportunity.



Workforce Pell Application Planning Committee

Staff from the Divisions of Educational Affairs, Institutional Effectiveness, and Student Services met collaboratively to review and finalize the Workforce Pell application submissions. Through this joint effort, the teams ensured program eligibility, data accuracy, student support alignment, and compliance with Workforce Pell requirements prior to submission.



Division of Information Technology

IT Upgrades Meeting

Staff from the Division of Information Technology met to discuss the upgrade of hardware and software across the District to help streamline processes.



Internal Project
Update Meeting

District-wide Campus Technical Support



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus Summer 2026 Internship Program

During this week's intern professional development workshop, participants focused on the importance of soft skills in the workplace and their role in career success. The session explored the differences between hard skills, which are technical and job-specific abilities, and soft skills, which encompass interpersonal communication, teamwork, and problem-solving competencies. Interns also received professional headshot photos.



Community Partners

The Zeta's Renaissance Chapter hosted an end-of-year meeting and promotion celebration. The program provided an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the academic achievements, personal growth, and successful grade-level advancement of participating students throughout the academic year.

CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center

Classes for Personal Trainers

HWEC personal trainers are enrolled in special training classes through the Gray Institute. These classes teach the Applied Functional Science approach, blending concepts of physics, biology and behavioral sciences to help people improve their health and fitness.



HWEC Opportunities

Staff at the HWEC took advantage of the good weather to present information to students, faculty, staff and community members about the many features and opportunities available at the HWEC.



Fit Camp

HWEC members feel the burn using a variety of weights and tools for a full body workout in Fit Camp.



Downriver Campus



Dual Enrollment Testing

Dual enrollment students participated in enrollment testing.



Community Puzzle Completion

The Learning Resource Center celebrated the completion of its fourth community puzzle, completed by student Emily Weimer. This initiative provided students, staff, and faculty with an opportunity to take a break from studying, coursework, and daily routines.

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital Leadership Training



The Downriver Campus hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for a three-day Relationship-Based Care Training seminar.

Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPAC)

The ALPAC Annual Meeting included discussions on police and community relations, including topics such as equitable enforcement, and community partnerships.





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Downriver Campus

Downriver Career Tech Consortium Orientation Meeting

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the DCTC for an orientation meeting with parents and students interested in the EMT and Fire Protection Technology programs. Information was shared with attendees by the Dual Enrollment and MIPSE departments.



Industrial Applied Technologies – CPR and Confined Space Training

The Basic Life Support (BLS) and First Aid training courses provide students with comprehensive emergency response instruction, including CPR, AED usage, recognizing emergencies, Good Samaritan Laws, Heimlich Maneuver techniques, and cardiovascular emergencies.



Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training

The course provided instruction to educate Marathon Petroleum ERT driver/operators who were responsible for operating apparatus equipped with fire pumps and flowing foam.



Motor City Radio Club Monthly Meeting

The meeting included monthly business discussions, communication training, and material updates.



Eastern Campus

Student Success!



"Dear Dr. Bridges and the WCCCD Eastern Campus Instruction Office,

As I graduate with my first associate degree with Latin Honors, earning all A's in my Business Supervisor Certificate, and being named to the All-Michigan Academic Team of Phi Theta Kappa, "thank you" is not enough words for believing in me.

I still remember the warmth of your welcome on my first day of Federal Work-Study, February 25, 2025. Being named to the All-Michigan Academic Team was an honor I owe in part to your support. Your confidence gave me courage to keep striving forward.

From day one, you modeled what WCCCD stands for. I created an acrostic from the example set by this office:

W – Warmth of Welcome
C – Commitment to Service
C – Consistency
C – Confidence
D – Determined to Succeed

Thank you for patiently training me, for entrusting me with real responsibility, and for leading with both warmth and high standards. Being away from my home country is not always easy, but you made Room 316 my second home. You helped me see that growth, in wisdom and in life, is possible."

With deep gratitude, Joan Gutierrez Hudson

Freshwater Future The Water Collaborative Flooding Exchange

The Eastern Campus hosted Freshwater Future and The Water Collaborative for a Flooding Exchange workshop that focused on flood resilience, community-led environmental efforts, and collaborative learning.



STUDENT SUCCESS



Former WCCCD CDL student and owner of C&J Transportation, provides employment opportunities in operating combination vehicles and vehicle hauling.



We continue to assist our students with registering for the Skilled Trades Programs.

ABT 131 – Voltmeter Testing in Introduction to Electrical/Mechanical Repair



ABT 131 students participated in a hands-on lesson using a digital multimeter as a voltmeter to test a vehicle battery. Students found the battery measured approximately two volts instead of the 12 volts needed for proper function, helping them determine that the vehicle needed a new battery.

Northwest Campus

Career Exploration

Students from Darul Wahi House of Revelation visited the Northwest Campus for an engaging tour of the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program. K–12 students took part in hands-on activities, gaining first hand insight into the skills and training offered in the career field.



The Northwest Campus hosted the Mayor's Workforce Development Board Career Education and Advisory Committee Strategic Retreat.

Ted Scott Campus



Painting Students Inspired by the Outdoors

Instructor Donna Gonzalez took her art class on a field trip to paint in nature. Teaching painting in nature blends artistic instruction with sensory outdoor exploration. This approach connects students deeply with their environment while teaching fundamental art skills.



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

