

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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July 4-10, 2026

Summer 2026

Summer classes are in full swing!



DPD Community Service Award

It is truly an honor to be recognized by the Detroit Police Department (DPD) for community service. My sincere thanks to the DPD for this meaningful recognition and for its unwavering commitment to public safety and strengthening our neighborhoods. Together, we continue to build stronger communities, create opportunities, and improve the lives of those we serve.



Angelique
Peterson-Mayberry,
Wayne County
Commissioner

Todd Bettison,
Detroit Police
Department,
Chief of Police

Board Executive Committee Meeting

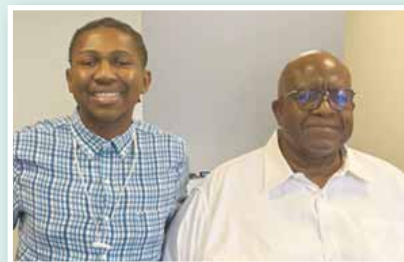
Earlier this week, I met with members of the Executive team and the Executive Committee of the Board to receive an update on development issues.



Visiting the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



I met with Denis Karic and the staff at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center to discuss strategies to expand university partnerships, and enhance student engagement.



Executive Leadership Meeting

I met with some members of my Executive Leadership Team to discuss planning for Fall semester initiatives.

Northwest Campus

CULINARY ARTS & HOSPITALITY CENTER
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
Where Detroit Meets.

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EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

A CURATED GOURMET EXPERIENCE FOR SIX
ONLY \$100

DINING. NETWORKING. COLLABORATING. LEADING.

NORTHWEST CAMPUS CULINARY ARTS & HOSPITALITY CENTER

I am pleased to highlight
President Furquan Ahmed's enhanced
Wonderful Wednesdays
at the Northwest Campus
Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.

Council Structure



Members of the administrative team met to discuss the effectiveness of the current District Councils structure, i.e., District Presidents Council, Instructional Council, Distance Learning Council, etc.; and the recently established AI Task Force per the Chancellor's discussion at the last Board of Trustees Meeting.



Faculty Promoting our Programs

CIS faculty represented the District at several community engagements promoting our academic and workforce programs.



Division of Educational Affairs



Virtual Biology Lab Discussion

Drs. Harvey Dorrah and Carolyn Custer met with Denis Karic to discuss virtual biology lab options.

Division of Student Services



Dual Enrollment Alignment

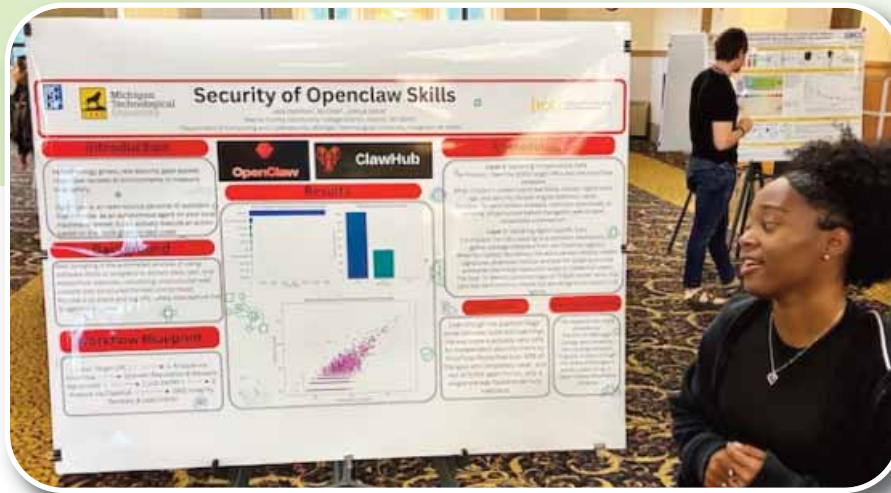


The District Dual Enrollment team met with staff from the Downriver and Ted Scott campuses to discuss the new electronic application process for registration. The group reviewed application requirements and key registration procedures. Participants shared updates and addressed questions related to the new process. The meeting helped ensure a smooth and consistent registration experience for students across all campuses.



Dr. Brian Singleton met with the Dual Enrollment team to discuss updates regarding additions and changes made to the dual enrollment application process.

Division of Student Services



Michigan College and University Partnership

WCCCD student Jada Hamilton shares her research findings at the 2026 STEM Symposium. Ms. Hamilton was one of three students who engaged in seven weeks of research while under the guidance of a professor/mentor at Michigan Technological University.

Student Support Services ~ Considine Little Rock

The Division of Student Services hosted a Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshop for ninth and tenth grade students attending the Considine Little Rock Family Life Center summer enrichment camp.



International Students

Staff continue to assist our first time students with class registration and orientation.





Program Highlight

Pharmacy Technology Program

Students in the Pharmacy Technology Program are receiving hands-on training in medication preparation, pharmacy operations, and patient care, building the skills and confidence needed for successful careers as pharmacy technicians.



Division of Student Services



New Student Experience

The New Student Experience Team met to discuss the new Student Success Workshop schedule and the end of the year celebration for all of the hard working, dedicated, and focused students for completing their first year of college here at WCCCD.

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Office extends its sincere appreciation to our offsite Federal Work-Study students for their continued dedication and professionalism. By serving at our community partner locations, these students are gaining valuable hands-on experience, developing career-ready skills, and making meaningful contributions.



Phi Theta Kappa

The Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter's 2026–2027 officers have begun strategic planning for an impactful academic year by initiating discussions on the chapter's Honors in Action and College Project initiatives.



Division of Human Resources

Fiscal Year-End Assignment

As part of the 2026 fiscal year-end process, the Division of Human Resources is collaborating with the Divisions of Information Technology and Payroll to ensure that all employee assignments are accurately transitioned into the new budgeted fiscal year.

The team is also conducting a comprehensive review of staff assignments, job descriptions, qualifications, training, and professional development.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. CharMaine Hines attended a professional development retreat on vision setting, hosted by Western Michigan University and sponsored by MI-ACE. The focus was on enhancing professional development programming for higher education institutions in the ACE network, which collectively educates two out of every three college students in the U.S.



DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

The Office of Facilities Planning and Management serves the District by developing and maintaining clean, safe, functional, and attractive campuses. This office has a diverse range of functions. Some include:



**PLANNING AND
CONSTRUCTION**



**MECHANICAL
SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE**



**PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT**



**MANAGEMENT OF
EXTERIOR AND
INTERIOR ASSETS**



**STUDENT
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**

District-wide Ground Maintenance Program



The grounds preventative maintenance program continues to monitor all locations to ensure our properties are looking their best for students and community.



HVAC-MIPSE Meeting

The HVAC-MIPSE Team met to review health and safety compliance strategies for the new fiscal year. Discussions were centered around updated supply needs for each campus location

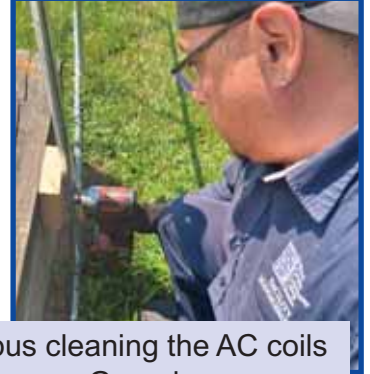




HVAC Task Force Meeting

Members of the HVAC Task Force met to discuss upcoming preparations for the heating season and recommendations for repair and/or replacement of HVAC equipment.

Ted Scott Campus



Facilities worked around the campus cleaning the AC coils and building the new Ted Scott Campus Greenhouse.

Downriver Campus



Landscaping was completed by installing fresh mulch and removing weeds throughout the Downriver Campus flower beds.



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



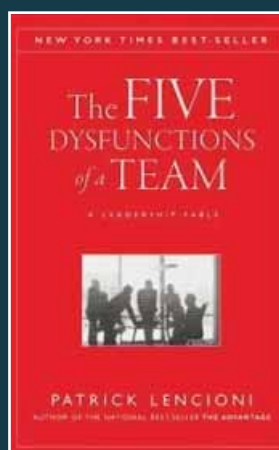
Resolving Conflicts

Conflicts can arise at every level and aspect of our lives: our extended families, our marriages, on the job, and even in our places of worship. Often those conflicts occur because people try to invalidate someone else's opinion or experience. Sadly, the people doing that often are not even aware they are doing something destructive. In fact, they sometimes believe they are being helpful.

Often the root cause of these conflicts is one person's failure to listen and understand what another person is experiencing and trying to communicate. Inherent in that conflict is a lack of connection. Mature leaders must seek to identify the sources of conflicts and to identify ways to establish connections between the conflicting parties. That kind of action will serve as a uniting force and will likely lower the temperature of the conflict in seeking a resolution.

Astute leaders at any level of an organization or in any human relationship are adept at connecting, at identifying the source of a disconnection; and they understand how to take proactive steps to repair the damage and achieve unity. Given the experiences of life, effective leaders must be able to negotiate the world of people by facilitating connectedness.

One of the best examples of successful connectedness, according to *Business Week*, November 3, 2003, was how Michael Dell helped establish one of the best-managed companies in technology. Early on, Dell had been impersonal and emotionally detached from his subordinates. Getting that painful feedback, he moved out of his comfort zone to talk with every manager in the company and listened to all the work teams. The Dell employees knew how hard he worked to connect, and they responded to make Dell a great company. Leadership is all about connecting!



Book Recommendation

The Five Dysfunctions of a Team
Written by Patrick Lencioni



Career Readiness and Training Meeting

This week, a meeting was held to discuss strategies for enhancing our stackable and convertible credit model, which allows students who begin in continuing education programs to use industry-based credentials as a foundation for earning a higher-level certification or associate degree if they continue their education and transition into credit programs.



New Continuing Education Programs!

BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE 60-HOUR PROGRAM

The Michigan 60-Hour Residential Builder Pre-License Course is a state-approved program required for individuals seeking a Residential Builder license in Michigan. This course fulfills the education requirement set by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

HOME INSPECTION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Home Inspection Certificate Program is designed to prepare individuals for a career as a professional home inspector. This comprehensive program provides students with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to perform residential home inspections in accordance with industry standards and state regulations. Through a blend of classroom instruction, real-world case studies, and hands-on practice, students will learn to assess the structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and roofing systems of residential properties. The program also covers key topics such as report writing, communication with clients, building codes, and ethical practices.

Program Highlight



Culinary Arts Program

Students in the Culinary Arts Program are enhancing their cooking skills and gaining comprehensive knowledge in food safety and preparation. The classes, held in our state-of-the-art kitchen located in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center at the Northwest Campus, provide hands-on experience with advanced equipment and techniques, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their careers in culinary arts and hospitality management.



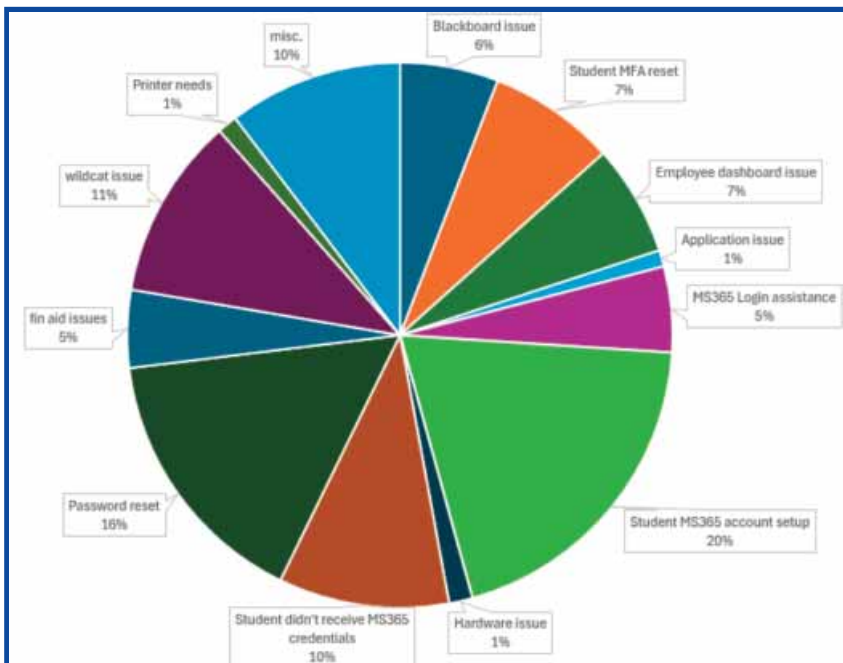
VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations explored French American Heritage Month, Disability Pride Month, and World Population Day. The session opened with a musical prelude featuring French classics performed by Monroe and Joe Dassin, followed by remarks from Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha on the significance of each observance. Presentations highlighted the influence of French heritage in Michigan and across the United States, as well as the global importance of World Population Day. Participants also engaged in a discussion on population growth, food insecurity, homelessness, and the role communities play in addressing these challenges.

Division of Information Technology

IT Help Desk Support Dashboard - June 2026

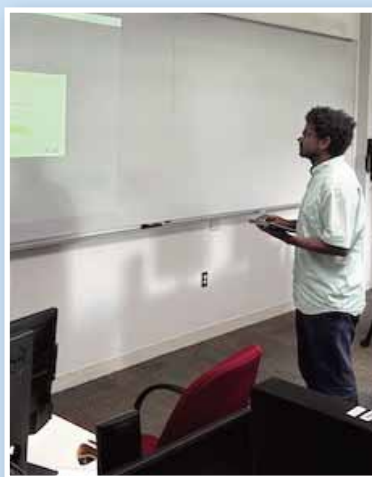


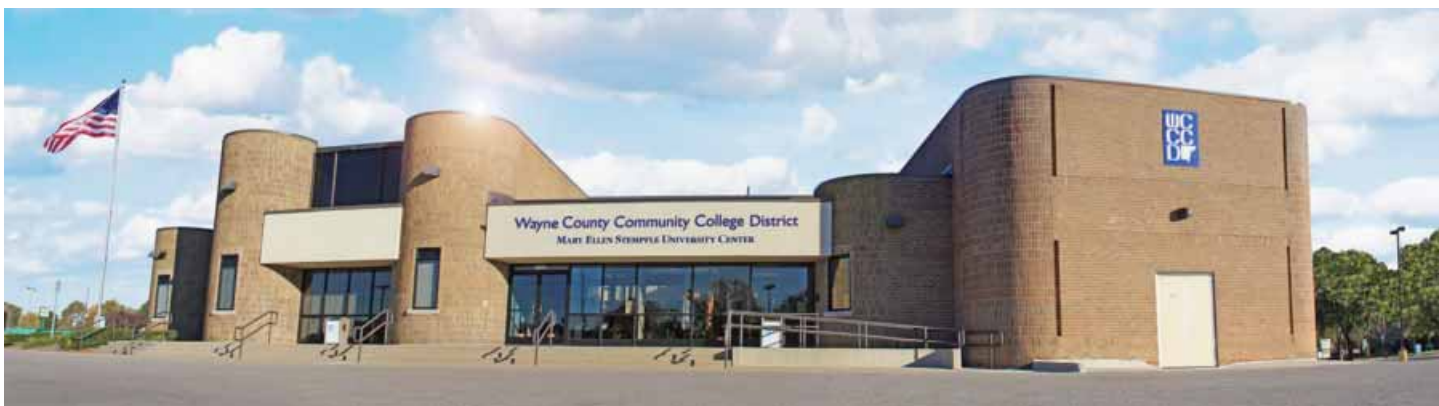
District-wide Technical Support Team Meeting



IT Infrastructure Team Meeting

District-wide Campus Technical Support





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Diverse Learners Program

As part of our summer course offerings, students in the Diverse Learners Program are experiencing hands-on learning on the beautiful grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.



University Partnerships

Denis Karic met with representatives from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to discuss articulation agreements and scheduling information visits to WCCCD's campuses. As part of our partnership with GVSU, they now have a dedicated office space at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center to better serve WCCCD students exploring transfer opportunities and bachelor's degree pathways.



On the Move...

Denis Karic represented the District at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Shoreline Restoration Project at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Summer Water Research Program

The 2026 Summer Water Analysis Research Project continues as students prepare water samples for testing and recording.



YMCA Summer Discovery

The YMCA Summer Discovery Camp provided structured and engaging experiences for high school students.

Detroit Fire Department Grow Detroit's Young Talent

The Detroit Fire Department held the Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) program at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Participants were introduced to first-time work and career opportunities through community service, team projects, and job shadowing.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWECC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Summer Swish Youth Camps

The HWECC hosted the second week of the Summer Swish Youth Basketball and Volleyball Skills Development camps.

Cardio Conditioning at the Park

In partnership with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, staff from the HWECC presented a new cardio conditioning class to community members at the new Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park.



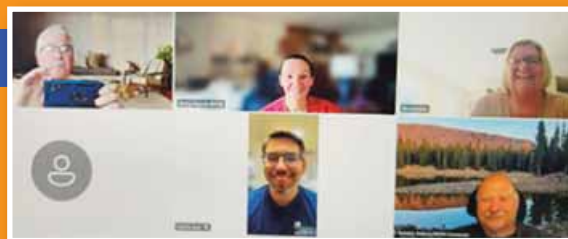
BARRE Class

HWECC members participated in a new section of BARRE class, a muscle toning class that uses ballet methods to target muscles in a different way.

NAACP-Western Wayne County Red Cross Blood Drive



Downriver Campus



Emergency Medical Instructor Coordinator Work Group

Andy Steeby participated in an Instructor Coordinator (IC) work group, which is part of the Education Subcommittee. The work group has been tasked to enhance the IC curriculum and licensing exam.

Eastern Campus

Art Class – Drawing

A look into one of the art classes as a student displays her finished work. It was her own interpretation of a Diana Ross photograph via the medium of sketch pencil and colored pencil.



Generating Revenue Through Your Network Workshop

Community partner, Next Up 313, held a hands-on activity-based workshop for employers that focused on their hiring process.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Taylor Fire Department Driver Training



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted the Taylor Fire Department for hands-on driving training. The session included operation of the Taylor Fire Department ambulance.



District Police Authority

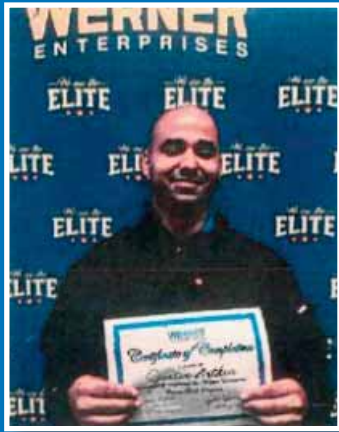
Meet and Greet



Officer Bonita Powers welcomed students to the Police Authority Department for refreshments and an informal meet-and-greet. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in open dialogue.

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Eastern Campus



Student Success!

A thank you note from Werner Enterprises regarding Justin Arthur, CDL Graduate

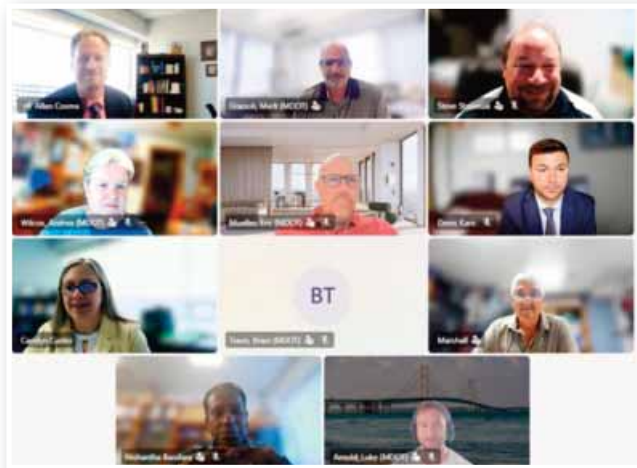
"Werner Enterprises is extremely proud to put the safest and most productive professional drivers on the road year after year, and we wouldn't be able to do that without your help."

We appreciate everything that you and your staff do to prepare students to become professional drivers and begin their career with Werner."

This letter is just a token of our appreciation to you and your staff for the outstanding job you did in helping prepare one of your former students to become a Werner Enterprises team member."

We are confident that your school will continue to provide the trucking industry and Werner with high-quality and well-trained students."

~Greg Hamm
Vice President, Field and
Government Recruiting



Civil Testing and Inspection Advisory Committee

Staff met with the Civil Testing and Inspection Advisory Committee to discuss the continued growth of the program.



Student Success

Jonathan Gunther is a graduate of the Construction Trades Training Program and now owns his own home improvement company. Mr. Gunther recently enrolled in CAD 101, so he can create professional drawings and designs for clients, enhancing his project presentations and growing his business.

Northwest Campus

Camp Infinity

The Northwest Campus welcomed Camp Infinity students for an interactive electric vehicle display by Ford Motor Company. This camp provided participants with a hands-on opportunity to explore emerging automotive technologies and learn about innovation, sustainability, and future career pathways in the evolving transportation industry.



Northwest Campus



Art of Dental Lunch and Learn



The Dental Program hosted a lunch and learn with the Art of Dental for their second-year students, who received tips on resume preparation.



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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

