

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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July 11-17, 2026



Congratulations to our nursing deans, faculty, and students on achieving a

100% pass rate

across all three nursing programs:

Practical Nursing

LPN-to-RN Bridge

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

This outstanding achievement reflects their dedication to excellence and student success.



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Provost, Health Sciences



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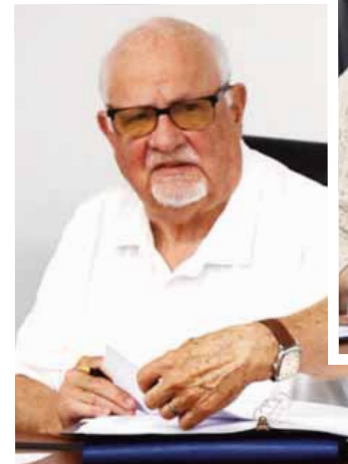
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Board of Trustees Meeting

July 15, 2026



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Stackable and Convertible Credit Model Discussion

This week, we continued discussing strategies to enhance our stackable and convertible credit model. This model enables students who begin in continuing education programs to use industry-based credentials as a foundation for earning advanced certifications or an associate degree as they continue their education and transition into credit programs.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

CAD 101 (AutoCAD) is off to a strong start!

Students from construction, engineering, skilled trades, and public service backgrounds are actively building AutoCAD skills that will enhance their current careers and open doors to opportunities in architecture, engineering, manufacturing, drafting, and construction.



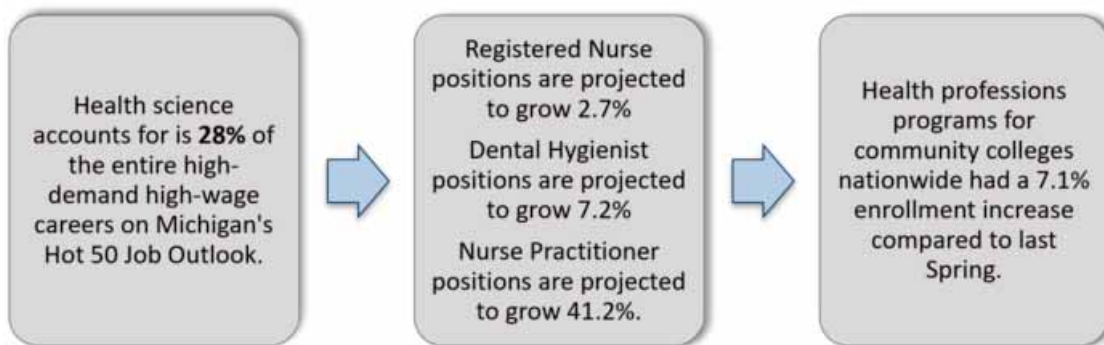


Division of Institutional Effectiveness

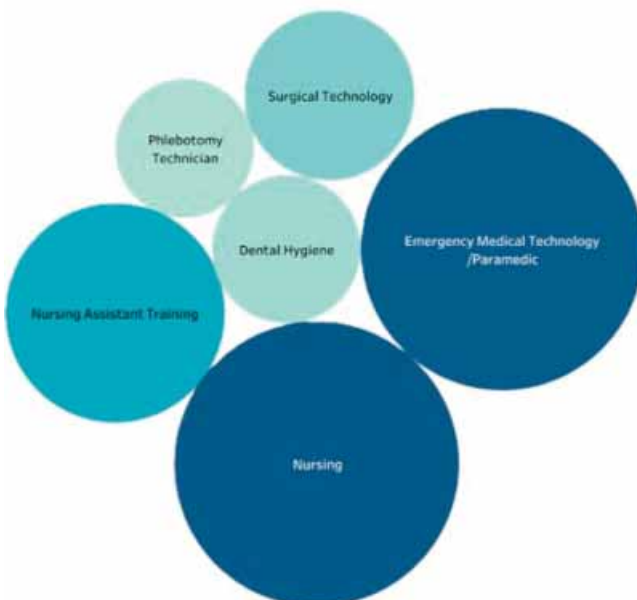
Certificate Programs are Growing and Community Colleges are Leading the Growth

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness and Research (IE) is currently analyzing graduate data to understand how well its completions align with Michigan's high-demand and high-wage career pathways. Reports are developed for the Divisions of Educational Affairs and Student Services to guide decision-making for program reviews, trend analysis, and benchmarking with peers.

Certificate attainment is one of the fastest-growing segments of higher education, offering students a direct path to a new skill or a career advancement. The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center (NSC) revealed health professions and related clinical sciences are among the top two major field families nationally.



Top WCCCD Health Science Certificate Program Completions



18% of WCCCD graduates earned a degree or certificate in health science programs in the last year. These certificates are industry-recognized credentials that may lead to high demand jobs upon completion.

Program Highlight

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Studies Provides Pathways to Careers in Law, Corrections, and Security

Students in the Criminal Justice studies program are gaining a comprehensive understanding of the justice system. The District offers stackable pathways earning a Certificate of Achievement or College Certificate towards completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree and employment in the following career pathways, including:

- Criminal Justice Studies
- Corrections
- Law Enforcement Administration
- Paralegal Studies
- Public/Private Security



Wellness Beyond the Walls

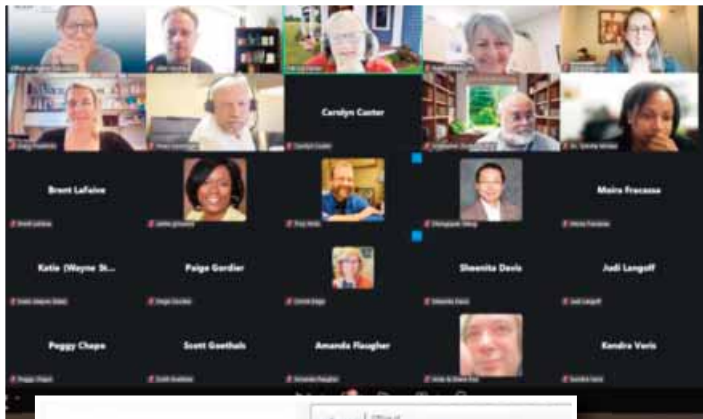
Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, The Center for Urban Youth and Family Development, and Corewell Health presented a "Wellness Beyond the Walls" program at the Downriver Campus, where participants received wellness resources, mental health information, and supportive services.



Division of Educational Affairs



Strengthening Transfer Pathways and Support



The Educational Affairs team participated in the MiTransfer Pathways Webinar, collaborating with MiLEAP and higher education partners across Michigan to strengthen transfer pathways and support seamless student transfer opportunities statewide.



Members of the Educational Affairs team also met with representatives from MiLEAP to discuss transfer pathways.

Learning Resource Center Council

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) Council convened for its monthly meeting, during which they reviewed key strategic initiatives and discussed the development of the Campus Needs Assessment.



Science Lab Meeting



Program Outcomes and Transfer Pathways Meeting

Detroit Fire Department Grow Detroit's Young Talent

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





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



French American Heritage Month and Bastille Day



The session began with a musical prelude featuring French music. Shaily Dey presented on French American Heritage Month, discussing the Cajun and Creole cultures and their French roots in the United States. The contributions of French Americans in various fields, demonstrating their lasting influence on American society. Nijhum Chakraborty presented on Bastille Day, explaining the history of the Bastille, the French Revolution, and the significance of July 14 as France's National Day.

Bengali Cultural Meeting



Division of Information Technology

Finance Self-Service Project



Staff from the Division of Information Technology met with representatives from the Division of Administration and Finance to review the status of the Finance Self-Service project.

District-wide Campus Technical Support





NEW Google IT Certificate Programs

The School of Continuing Education is pleased to introduce three new Google IT certificate programs. Students can now pursue certificates in Google Cybersecurity, Advanced Data Analytics, and Business Intelligence. The Google IT Certificate Program leads to an industry-recognized credential and prepares students for high-demand occupations.

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

June 29 - July 11, 2026

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
684

Downriver Campus
251

Eastern Campus
62

Northwest Campus
624

Ted Scott Campus
25

Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
TBD




Your Community Showplace!





Thursday, July 9, 2026
6:00 P.M.

TED SCOTT CAMPUS
9555 HAGGERTY ROAD
VAN BUREN TWP., MI 48111

Brave rabbit cop Judy Hopps and her friend, the fox Nick Wilde, team up again to crack a new case, the most perilous and intricate of their careers.



Thursday, August 6, 2026
6:00 P.M.

TED SCOTT CAMPUS
9555 HAGGERTY ROAD
VAN BUREN TWP., MI 48111

"Moana 2" reunites Moana and Maui three years later for an expansive new voyage alongside a crew of unlikely seafarers. After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.

Bring your blankets, chairs and coolers!!

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

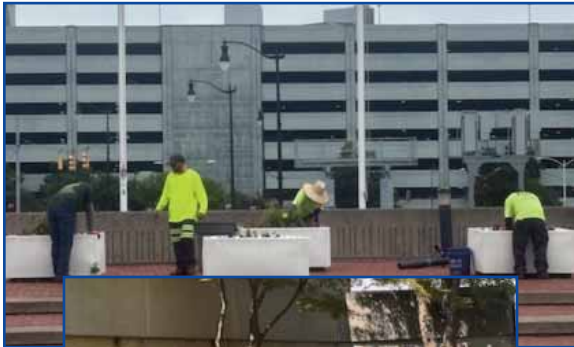
OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

The Office of Facilities Planning and Management serves the District by developing and maintaining clean, safe, functional, and attractive campuses.

Ted Scott Campus



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Eastern Campus



Fresh Mulch Application

Landscaping updates included a fresh covering layer.



Division of Student Services



Phi Theta Kappa

This week, our chapter proudly celebrated the recognition of our Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisor, Akindele Akinyemi, for five years of dedicated service to the Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter. This honor reflects a steadfast commitment to student success, academic excellence, servant leadership, and the values of PTK.



Outreach and Recruitment

Staff disseminated program and academic information at the 2026 African World Festival.



Considine Center

Students are learning the basics of piano.

Division of Student Services

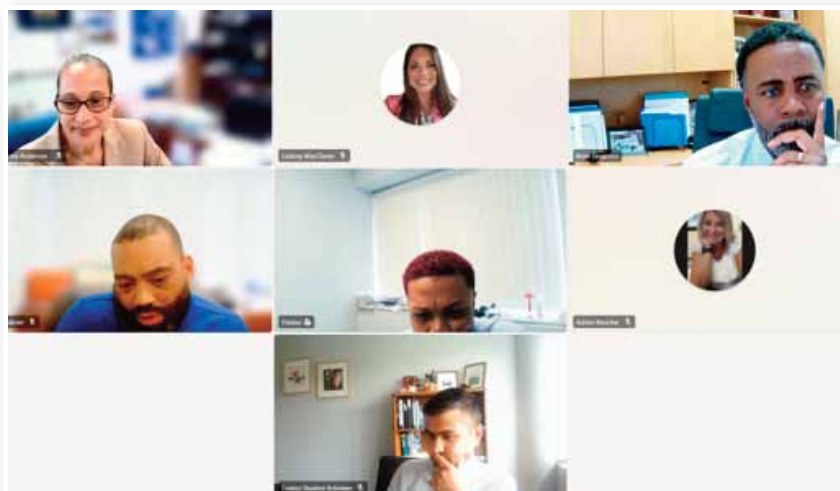


Students Receive Help in the Classroom with Microsoft 365

The Student Services Team visited students in their classrooms and provided an overview of the Wildcat Portal, highlighting available academic and student support resources. The team shared practical tips for using the portal, such as registering for classes, checking financial aid status, accessing student email, viewing important announcements, and contacting the Help Desk for technical support. These classroom visits reflect our ongoing commitment to ensuring every student can confidently access the tools and services that support their success.

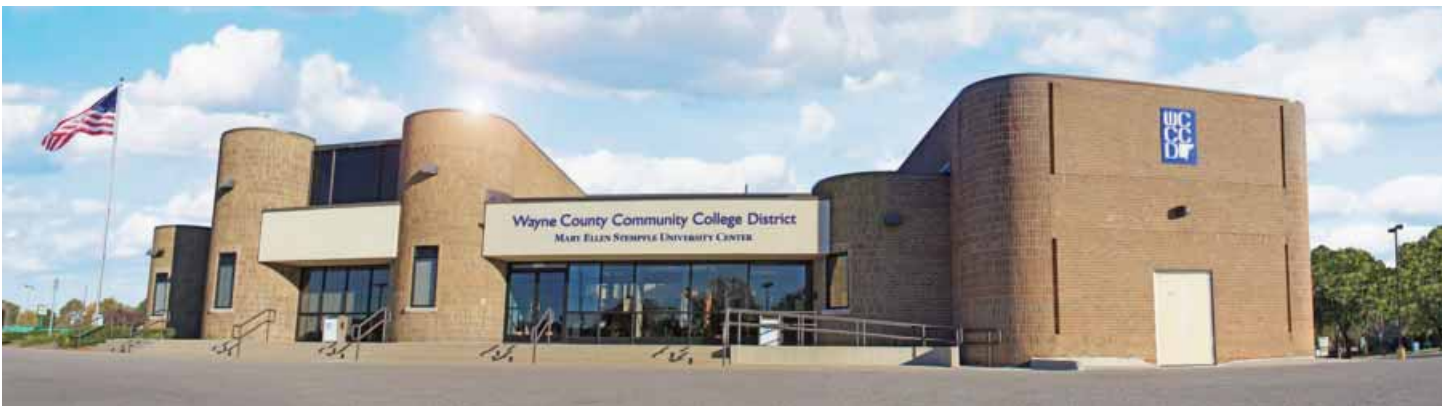
Application Verification Process

Staff from the Division of Student Services met with LightleapAI representative Katan Cheti to discuss updates and additional security measures regarding the application verification process.



Staff Meeting

Dr. Brian Singleton met with team members to review and update District Student Services faculty and staff guide to assist students at the campus level.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Partnership Opportunities

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



Course Shells

Course shells for the upcoming Fall 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.

Textbook Links

The Distance Learning Department is diligently working on enhancing the student educational experience for the Fall 2026 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.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Summer Intern Professional Development Workshop

This week's professional development workshops focused on strengthening interns' resume writing and interview skills. Through hands-on activities and practical feedback, interns gained valuable career-readiness skills to help them successfully navigate the job search and interview process.



Opioid and Narcan Training

Through our partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus held a training to equip students with essential knowledge about opioid overdose prevention, recognition, response, and the proper administration of Narcan, helping to promote awareness, preparedness, and community health.



Language Institute



These individualized sessions allowed students to improve their understanding of coursework, homework, Mango Languages platform, as well as Language Institute learning materials to support language development and academic success.

CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Summer Swish Youth Camps

Coach Kylei is hands-on with young athletes participating in our Summer Swish Basketball Development Camp. Skills and drills are just a few of the main focuses, as they aide to help participants increase confidence and performance.

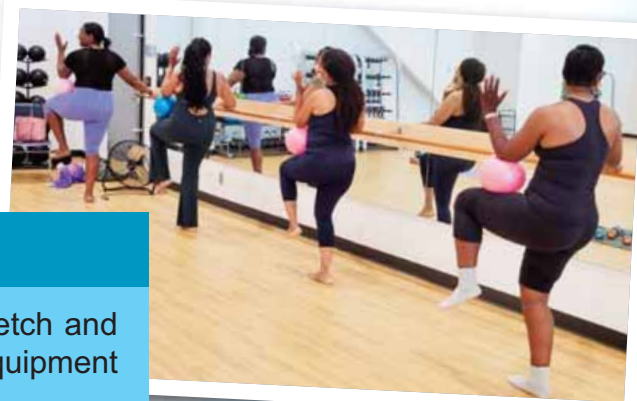


Corktown Neighborhood Association

The HWEC hosted a meeting and a tour of our facility for the Corktown Neighborhood Association.

Stretch and Recovery Class

Members participated in a session of the Stretch and Recovery class using different methods and equipment to improve flexibility and range of motion.





Corina Vinueva, of Radiant Lotus Women's Qi Gong, practiced Chi Gong meditation outdoors at the Downriver Campus.

Downriver Campus



Student Success

Students in the Emergency Medical Technician Program participated in a hands-on lab session, practicing essential emergency medical skills in a simulated clinical environment.



Learning Resource Center

Students gathered in the Downriver Campus Learning Resource Center (LRC) to study for their summer classes. The LRC continues to provide students with a supportive learning environment and academic resources to help them achieve success.



SEMCA All Staff Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted SEMCA's All Staff Meeting. This meeting included the Workforce Development Board which is composed of members from the public and private sectors who work to ensure that the system works for everyone.



The Downriver Campus hosted Scouting America Popcorn Kickoff, which focused on this year's goals.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

FPT125 Practical

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Fire Protection Technology 125 practical examination. Students demonstrated essential firefighting skills through hands-on exercises designed to assess their knowledge, technique, and readiness for emergency response.



Fire Department Training – Taylor Fire Department

Participants completed hands-on exercises that included search and rescue, confidence maze, and forcible entry scenarios while strengthening their emergency response skills.



Marathon Petroleum Emergency Response Team Training

The course provided instruction for drivers responsible for operating fire apparatus equipped with fire pumps. The training focused on the safe operation of equipment and the application of firefighting foam.



Safety Team Training

MIPSE hosted Open Arms Lutheran Church and St. Michael Lutheran Church for a safety team training session. Participants received instruction from Homeland Security investigators, firearms instructors and medics, and safety team leaders while training in close-quarters response and active shooter scenarios.



Eastern Campus



WLT102
Arc
Welding



WLT 102 students are creating metal roses. Images showcase each student at a different step in the process.

WCCCD Partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts

Staff and students have been admiring the newest installment of artwork, as part of our partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts. We have received many comments from admirers on how much they enjoy the artwork.



Northwest Campus

Students Enjoy Visual Arts in the Gallery

Students visited the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery to view Jamie Feldman's *Vignettes of Humanity and Our Environment* photography exhibition.



Building Stronger Partnerships Through Strategic Planning

The Northwest Campus team met with representatives from the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan to coordinate logistics for the upcoming court retreat.

Women's Retreat and Workshop

The Northwest Campus welcomed BM & E for a women's retreat. The retreat focused on financial, mental, and physical wellness.

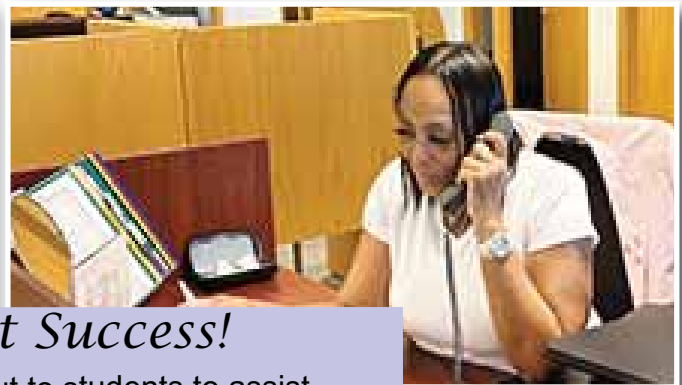


Ted Scott Campus

College Experience



Middle and high school students in the Prevention Youth Program toured the Ted Scott Campus to learn about degree programs, certifications, the Dual Enrollment Program and Early Middle College.



Student Success!

Staff is reaching out to students to assist them with registering for the Fall 2026 semester.

Continuing Education

The Ted Scott Campus showed the movie Zootopia at it's Movie Fest. In addition to the movie, attendees were provided with the opportunity to tour the campus and receive information about upcoming continuing education programs.



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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

