

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



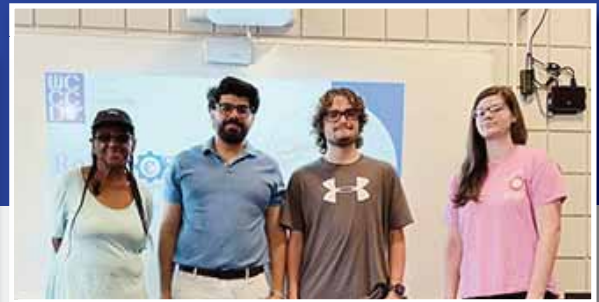
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Robotics

Students are learning about the fundamentals of industrial robotics with Professor Abdallah Wazne. They are exploring basic programming, sensors and movement, and real-world industrial applications.



AutoBody

Students in Ronald Trice's Autobody 203 class are practicing paint application techniques and gaining a closer look at how the process is performed in a professional paint booth.



Biology

The 2026 Summer Water Analysis Research Project continues as students are completing lab testing and recording their findings.





I participated in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Board Meeting at the Macomb Terminal in Clinton Township. Some of the agenda items included:

- Chairperson's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Nominating Committee Appointments
- Audit Committee Appointments
- New Business Items



Strengthening Partnerships

Members of my Senior Leadership Team met with leadership from the City of Detroit Mayor's office. The meeting informed of the Mayor's revitalization of town halls into community-focused neighborhood initiatives, creating opportunities to foster dialogue, improve communication, and connect residents with vital resources.





Community Partnerships

WCCCD joined the City of Hamtramck in welcoming more than 1,000 community members to enjoy food, fellowship, and family-centered activities, while learning more about WCCCD's academic programs, workforce pathways, student services, and community resources.



Pictured from left to right: Furquan Ahmed, Adam Alharbi, Mayor of the City of Hamtramck, Amer Ghalib, Senior Advisor for Strategic Partnerships at AmeriCorps, and Trustee Asm Rahman.



Northwest Campus



Dental Hygiene Bell Ringing Ceremony

The Dental Hygiene Program held a Bell Ringing Ceremony in the Health Science Center-Dental Clinic at the Northwest Campus. Dental Hygiene students, Emily Scheffler, Savanna Spangler, Nafisha Choundhury, Mariam Alaouie, and Hayla Majid rang the bell and celebrated with staff, faculty, family, and friends. The ceremony recognizes dental hygiene students who have successfully completed their clinical program requirements.





District-Wide Inventory Reconciliation

As part of the District's ongoing audit cycle, the Internal Audit Team is conducting a District-wide inventory reconciliation to enhance accountability, internal controls, and operational efficiency.



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER

Are You Fully Engaged?



Marcus Buckingham and Donald Clifton make their case that high achievers are those who spend their energies in the areas where they are most talented, not working on their weaknesses, as noted in *Now Discover Your Strengths*. Very often talented people pursue a career path for the wrong reasons: family expectations, pursuit of prestige, or for the money. The question that we all should be asking about our career choices and about our day-to-day work is whether or not our heart is in it.

We may have the education and intelligence to do a job, but we will not maximize our strengths and be truly happy if we are not fully engaged and passionate about our work. This is a difficult admission to make if you are not being true to yourself and following your heart. It could likely mean a change of jobs or even a change of locations. But taking that risk may be the healthiest and wisest decision you could make.

Full engagement means being in touch with who you are. It also may require you to step out of your comfort zone. If you are simply comfortable doing what you are doing and not wanting to make a change because of the disruption it would cause, is that the best course of action for you? Taking a risk may result in a better match of your strengths, gifts, and talents and allow you to be fully engaged in your new career path. It could also be the most important decision you will ever make and bring you the greatest happiness.



Building Community Relationships



Westland Taste of Christmas

Trustee Sharon P. Scott and staff attended the Westland Taste of Christmas fundraiser program.



Mana Scholarship Program

Staff attended the 2026 MANA de Metro Detroit Annual Brindis Luncheon. This celebratory event awarded educational scholarships to several Latina women in support of their post-secondary studies.



District Police Authority

Interagency Collaboration





Wayne County Community College District

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The Downriver Campus hosted the opening reception for the Huron River Studio art exhibition featuring the artwork of Diane Matz.



Diane Matz





CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



Cultural Enrichment Meeting



This week, we held a Cultural Enrichment meeting. Diane Gonzalez discussed Puerto Rican culture, enriching participants' understanding of Puerto Rico's history and traditions. The program also featured Hispanic cuisine and cultural artifacts, along with discussions of Hispanic Heritage Month, Roberto Suro's *Strangers Among Us*, mariachi music, traditional Bolivian attire, and Guaraní, an Indigenous language of Paraguay.



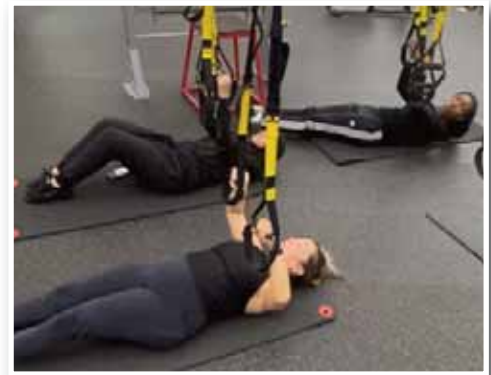


Division of Educational Affairs



Physical Therapist Assistant Field Trip

Students visited the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. They had the opportunity to experience how TRX training, dynamic stretching, cupping, instrumental soft tissue mobilization, dry needling, whirlpool/jacuzzi, steam room, and sauna can benefit patient recovery.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Eastern Campus

STUDENT SUCCESS!



Craig Hill, Construction Trades Training Program graduate, is currently contracted through his construction company to build a home. In addition, he has hired several graduates from one of our recent Construction Trades cohorts to assist with the project.

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**

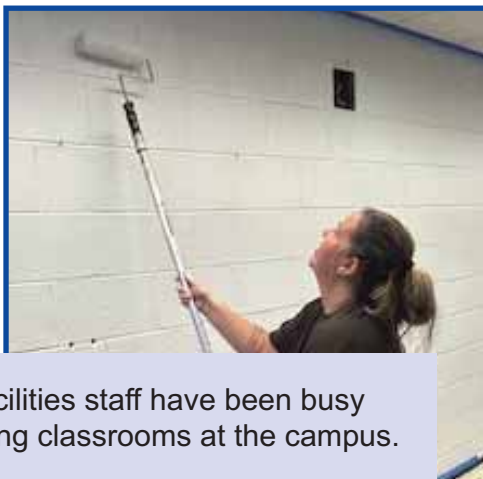
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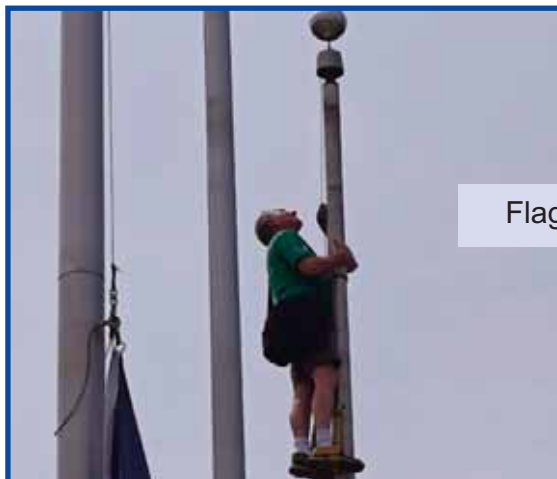
The Northwest Campus facilities team continued its campus beautification efforts by refreshing landscape beds with new mulch and maintaining the grounds, helping to preserve a safe, attractive, and welcoming environment.



Ted Scott Campus



Facilities staff have been busy painting classrooms at the campus.



Flagpole Repairs

Division of Student Services



Outreach and Recruitment



The YMCA Summer Discovery Program introduces students to dual enrollment and early college opportunities. Students are also participating in wellness activities, including yoga, to support overall well-being. The program promotes college readiness and healthy student development.

New Student Experience



Kerriesha Franklyn is a recent graduate of WCCCD's GED program and plans to enroll in college-level courses in Fall 2026. She is now a member of the New Student Experience (NSE) Cohort, which will support her as she makes a smooth transition into college life. Ms. Franklyn also completed the MyMajors assessment to help her explore her career options, including pursuing a career in medical administration or following her passion for home improvement through a career in construction.

Phi Theta Kappa

The Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter conducted its annual Officer Orientation Meeting to provide newly elected and returning officers with a comprehensive overview of their leadership roles and responsibilities. The session emphasized the principles of servant leadership, organizational governance, effective communication, teamwork, event planning, membership engagement, and academic excellence.



Division of Student Services

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Office is proud to recognize FWS and PTK student, Jap Dexson DeTorres for winning the 2026 Oakland County Juneteenth Essay Contest in the Post-High School Category.

His outstanding essay distinguished itself among numerous submissions, demonstrating exceptional creativity, thoughtful reflection, and



Celebrating Academic Excellence, Achievement, and WCCCD Pride

a meaningful understanding of this year's Juneteenth theme. His achievement is a testament to his dedication, academic excellence, and ability to communicate the significance of history, culture, and community through his writing.

Congratulations Jap Dexson DeTorres on this remarkable accomplishment!

Considine Center

Staff engaged with the Considine Center community, answered questions, and provided information about programs and services available to students.



Fall 2026 Preparations Continue

Dr. Brian Singleton met with staff to plan for Fall 2026 registration and prepare for the final week of Summer 2026 close-out.

Veteran Affairs

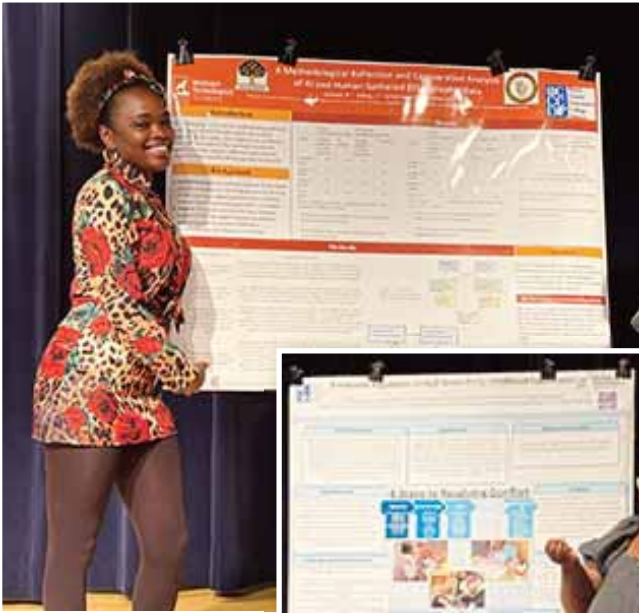
Veterans and service members have often developed leadership, discipline and deep technical experience to the workforce, but they often face difficulty translating those capabilities into credentials useful with civilian employers. WCCCD offers certificates, short-term certificates, as well as certificates of achievements to advance employment opportunities.



Division of Student Services

Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP)

MiCUP recipients Jada Hamilton, Adrianna Gregory, and Beverly Jackson presented the research projects they completed during their seven-week internships at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan.

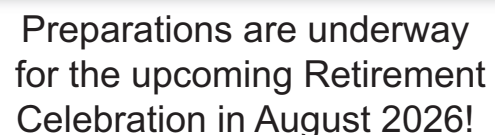




The Division of Human resources is continuously working to enhance its efforts District-wide to provide reliable project management through transparent, accessible and secure weekly reports to facilitate strategic decisions making processes.



The Finance Team attended the virtual Postsecondary Training Conference hosted by the Center for Educational Performance and Information. The conference provided valuable updates on postsecondary reporting requirements, submission timelines, application and legislative changes, and the responsibilities of IHE keyholders.



Division of Information Technology

SARS Machines Upgrade Project

Staff from the Division of Information Technology discussed the deployment plan for replacing SARS machines at each campus. This initiative will help ensure the collection of accurate and relevant information to better support student needs and enhance service delivery.

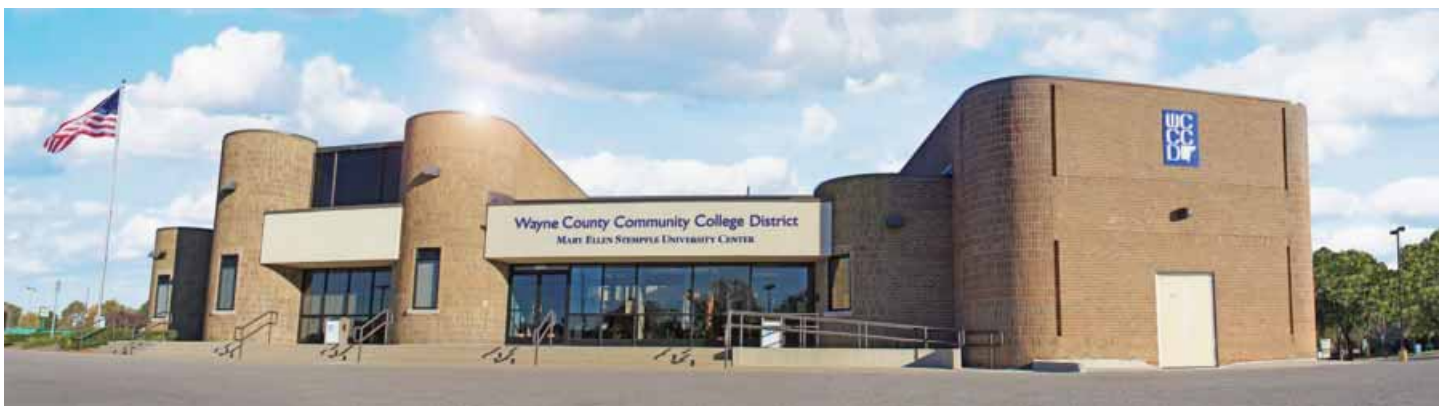


New Technology Implementation Team Meeting

The New Technology Implementation team met to evaluate submitted technology requests, discuss prioritization and funding, review procurement and implementation status, address District-wide technology standards, and determine next steps for pending and approved requests.

District-wide Campus Technical Support





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



ART at the University Center

Students at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center are mastering the art of form through precise shadow placement and gestural techniques.



Spotlight on Distance Learning Support

The Distance Learning support team is dedicated to helping students succeed in their online courses by assisting with technical issues, course navigation, and accessing online resources.



Summer Movie Night



Participants enjoyed an evening of family entertainment and educational activities during the showing of the movie *Minecraft*.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Wildcat Portal Training

Staff across the District are participating in Wildcat Portal training sessions. This week's sessions included information on registration and faculty services areas.

Wayne Metro Leadership Retreat

Wayne Metro held its Early Childhood Leadership and Family Advocates training workshop. Participants set goals and planned the academic year calendar.



Summer Interns Workshop

Each intern selected a professional development topic of personal interest and delivered an engaging presentation to their peers, demonstrating the knowledge, skills, and confidence they developed throughout their internship experience.

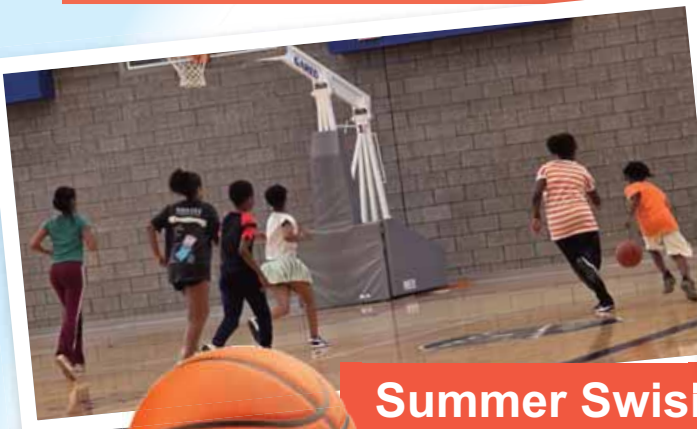
Learning Resource Center

Students participated in an orientation on the LRC's catalog, online databases, and academic support resources for coursework and research.



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Health & Wellness
Education Center



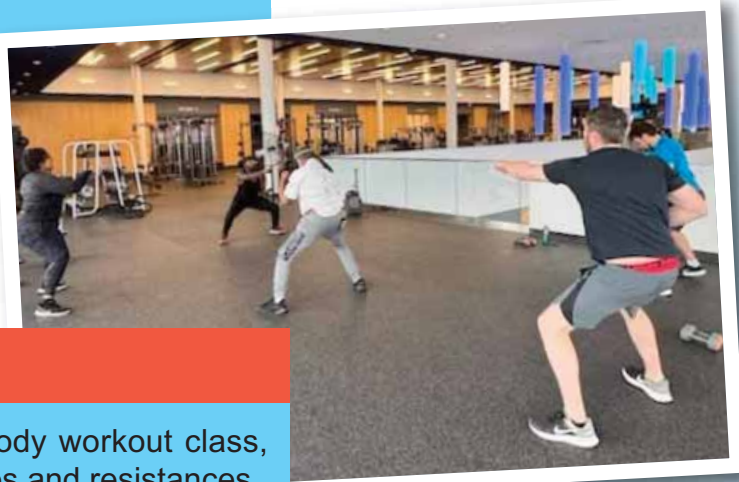
Summer Swish Youth Camps

The HWECC hosted the final week of the 2026 Summer Swish youth basketball and volleyball skills development camps.



2026 Vibrant Health Series Planning

Mike Dotson met with the community non-profit group, Heal Thy Self to make final selections for the Fall 2026 Vibrant Health Series workshops.



FitCamp

A high intensity full body workout class, using various exercises and resistances.

Downriver Campus

Student Success



Professors work closely with students to support their success as they continue striving to achieve their academic goals.



Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital held its Relationship-Based Care Training seminar. Re-Igniting the spirit of caring is a mindset that focuses on reconnecting health care staff with their purpose and expanding their capacity to care.



Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber

The Downriver Campus presented the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Master Mind series. This series is designed to equip entrepreneurs with the tools, connections and insights they need to succeed.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Henry Ford Wyandotte EMS Division and Medstar LifeFlight



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Henry Ford Wyandotte EMS Division and Medstar LifeFlight for landing zone training. Topics covered included landing zone selection and safety, safe loading procedures, helicopter operations, communications and emergency procedures.

Riverview Fire Department Training

Firefighters participated in a driving training course with various fire department vehicles.



Marathon Petroleum Emergency Response Team Training



This training course educated driver/operators of Marathon Petroleum's ERT who are responsible for operating apparatus equipped with fire pumps and flowing foam.



Eastern Campus



Product Development Prototyping – PDP 120

PDP120 students have recently been working with hue forged and lithophane light projects. Both techniques have the students take an image of their choice that they can manipulate in their computer software and then 3D print it. The tropical beach image involves glow in the dark materials. When it comes to the lithophane light projects, this technique requires a back light in order to see the image come alive.



Ted Scott Campus

Early Middle College

Staff visited with local high school students to discuss the Early Middle College at the Ted Scott Campus.



Northwest Campus

Continuing Education

Students stayed active, connected, and engaged through continuing education courses in hustle and ballroom dancing, combining fitness, skill development, and fun.



Homeownership Seminar

In partnership with the Detroit Home Buyers Club, the Northwest Campus hosted a HUD Certified Housing Counseling seminar. Attendees took part in a session focused on financial readiness, credit improvement, and homeownership opportunities.



Neighborhood Wellness Center

The Center continues to serve students, staff, and community members by providing free preventive health services, including blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes screenings.



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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

