

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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August 15-21, 2026

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HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Detroit Sports Commission Meeting

Mike Dotson met with staff from the Detroit Sports Commission to discuss possible future community partnership opportunities.

Athletics

Wildcat Women's and Men's Basketball teams prepare for the season with summer workouts.



Fall Preparation Staff Meeting

HWEC staff met to review procedures and checklists in final preparation for the start of the Fall 2026 semester.



Kettlebell Class

HWEC members in Kettlebell class, a high-intensity workout that helps to increase strength, cardiovascular endurance, and overall fitness.





Building Community Relationships



Victory Gym's 2nd Annual Mad Jacks Golf Outing

Staff from across the District participated in Victory Gym's 2nd Annual Mad Jacks Golf Outing. This program supports veterans and first responders suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.



Dr. Harvey Dorrah attended the Michigan Community College Association Summer Conference.



Staff represented the District at the Wayne Concerts in Goudy Park.

Honoring Our Retirees

You have dedicated your careers to education, service, and the mission of WCCCD, touching countless lives, strengthening our institution, and creating opportunities for generations of students.

As you begin this next chapter, I hope you carry with you the pride of knowing that your work has made a lasting difference. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our leadership team, your colleagues, and our students, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your years of dedicated service and the enduring legacy you leave behind.

– Curtis L. Ivery







I met with Rev. Horace L. Sheffield and Dr. Brian Singleton to discuss skilled trades and economic development.



Meeting to Discuss Police Authority Strategic Initiatives



Trustee
Roy Edmonds

Mary Ellen Stempfle University
Center Update Meeting



Featuring our Learning Resource Centers District-wide!

WCCCD's Learning Resource Centers continue connecting students with the tools, technology, research support, and academic resources they need to succeed. These learning spaces help students strengthen their skills, explore new ideas, and stay engaged throughout their academic journey.



Downriver Campus



Ted Scott Campus



Eastern Campus



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus





Division of Educational Affairs



Aviation Management Program Committee

Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met with the Aviation Management Program Committee to establish the foundation for course development, program implementation, and the creation of an advisory committee to support the program's goals and outcomes.



Division of Administration and Finance

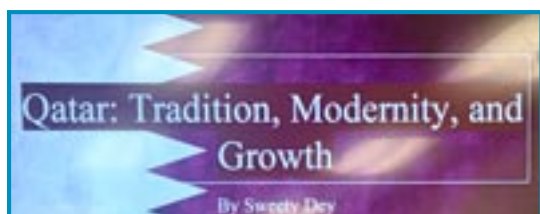
Team members from the Division of Administration and Finance met to discuss the District's Request for Requisitions. This meeting entailed reviewing each requisition entered in banner, prioritizing items and eliminating the duplication of entries. The team continues to identify and recommend ways to modify and improve the requisition process.





Exploring Qatar: Culture, History, and Traditions

This week, staff participated in an intercultural learning session focused on Qatar, a nation on the Arabian Peninsula known for its rich history, cultural traditions, and rapid modern development. Shaily Dey presented an overview of Qatar's heritage, society, and contemporary growth. The session also explored Bedouin communities and their enduring influence on the cultural traditions and history of the Middle East.



From Community Classrooms to the City: *The Scholar Advantage at WCCCD*



A new semester is underway at Wayne County Community College District expanding its academic palette for coursework across the visual, written and performing arts. WCCCD recognizes excellence through the work of Detroit-based, Houston, Texas-born visual artist and 2021 Kresge Artist Fellow Peter Daniel Bernal.



Mr. Bernal and Vice Chancellor
Dr. CharMaine Hines

Financial Aid Marathon

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

The Financial Aid Marathon provided students with an opportunity to finalize documents, receive personalized assistance, and have their questions answered by financial aid professionals.





Digital Certificate Programs



As technology continues to evolve, the School of Continuing Education is committed to offering innovative programs that meet the growing demands of today's digital community. Digital marketing and content creation are rapidly expanding fields, and we are proud to offer certificate programs in Digital Content Creation and Digital Marketing. Students gain valuable skills in interactive media, social media marketing, content creation tools, digital strategy, and more. These programs provide a strong foundation for individuals seeking careers in social media management, digital marketing, content creation, or entrepreneurial ventures in the digital economy.

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

August 3 - August 15, 2026

Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
1,300

Eastern Campus
50

Ted Scott Campus
201

Downriver Campus
364

Northwest Campus
2,309

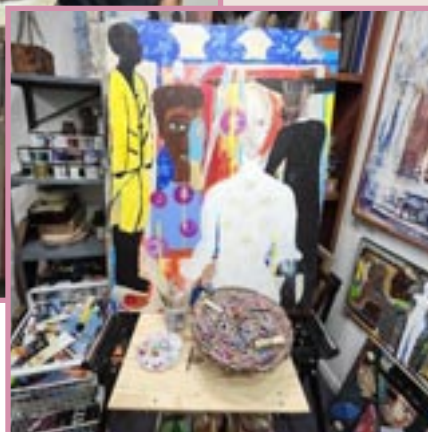
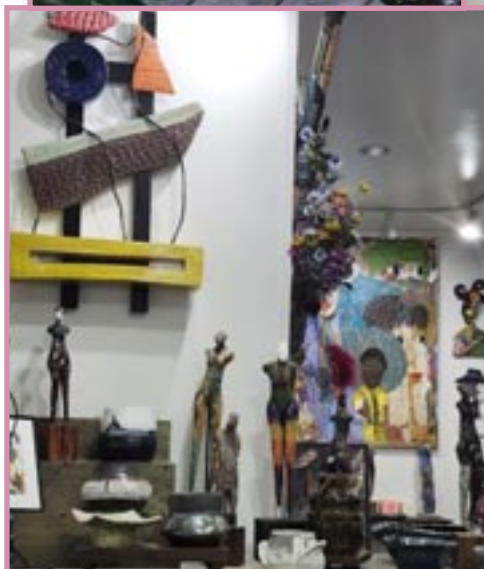
Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center
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WCCCD's Inside the Artist's Studio: **VALARIE DAVIS**

WCCCD is delighted to highlight the brilliant artist Valarie Davis, a renowned mixed-media artist whose work explores complex relationships among cultures, societal perceptions and socioeconomic circumstances. Davis's work presents diverse narratives that invite greater understanding, tolerance, and respect for others. Engaging with her subjects and exploring her artistic processes are central to her practice. She incorporates paint, clay, drawing, and other media to address themes that resonate deeply with her personal experiences, observations, and values.

WCCCD Art Curator Sherry Washington describes Davis's work as a celebration of the strength and complexity of the human experience: "Davis's art is about people power, resiliency, struggles; however, there is a richness of the love of the human landscape resplendent in all the forms and shapes beautifully articulated on canvas, clay, drawing, and various media."

Davis is a graduate of the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. She further expanded her artistic practice by studying ceramics and sculpture in Florence, Italy. Her diverse educational and cultural experiences continue to form a body of work that challenges viewers to look beyond differences and recognize the shared humanity that connects us all.



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**



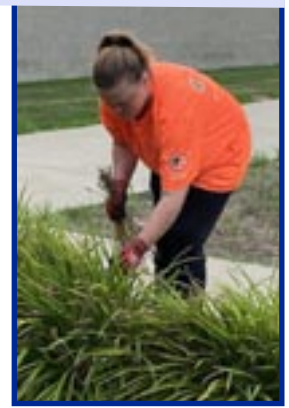
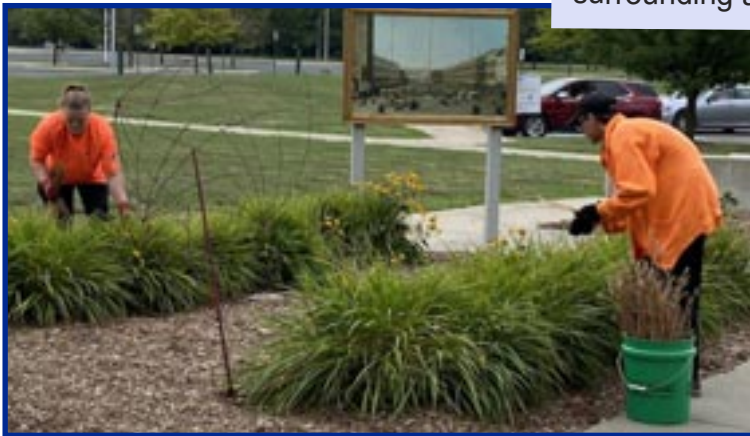
**MANAGEMENT OF
EXTERIOR AND
INTERIOR ASSETS**



**STUDENT
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**

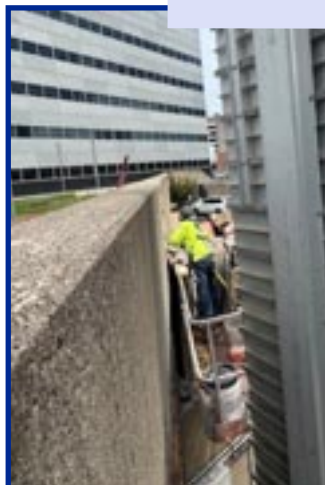
Downriver Campus

The grounds crew at the Downriver Campus worked diligently to maintain and beautify the campus grounds, ensuring the lawn and surrounding areas remain clean, well-maintained, and welcoming.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Repairs to the concrete wall above the freeway continue.



Northwest Campus



New Nursing Student Orientation

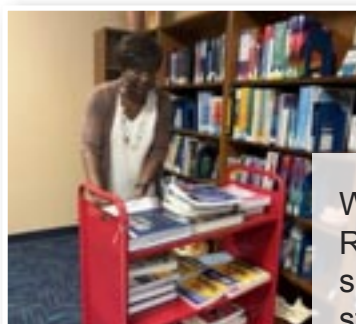
The Nursing Department held new student orientation for the incoming students in the Fall 2026 cohort.



Health Sciences Resource Center



Stephanie Jones attended the Health Sciences Deans' Meeting to discuss and coordinate health science resources for the Fall 2026 semester.



We continue to enhance the Health Science Resource Center by adding new resources to support student learning and provide the tools students need to achieve academic success.

Northwest Campus



Metro Detroit Youth Day at Belle Isle

Staff and students from the Dental Department participated in Metro Detroit Youth Day at Belle Isle State Park, a day of learning, recreation, and community engagement. The event featured outdoor activities, career exploration, technology simulations, arts and cultural programming, and other youth-focused activities. WCCCD's dental team engaged attendees while promoting the District's dental and allied health programs.



CPR Training

The Northwest Campus Nursing Department held CPR training for their incoming Fall 2026 cohort.



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Shining the Light on...

Dr. Tynisha McGee



Dr. Tynisha McGee joined Wayne County Community College District in 2016 and has served as an Academic Associate, District Dean of Career Education and District Dean of General Education during the past decade. She has provided leadership in curriculum development, faculty engagement and development, transfer and articulation agreements, and student success initiatives.

Some of her more important instructional roles have included the development and review of curricula and syllabi, serving on curriculum committees, and facilitating articulation agreements with four-year institutions to name a few. She also helped advance Guided Pathways initiatives designed to improve student completion and transfer success.

Dr. McGee earned a Doctor of Education in Community College Leadership from Kansas State University. Her dissertation, "Perspectives of the California Community Colleges

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Transfer Guarantee Program," explored strategies that streamline transfer pathways and expand educational opportunities for students. Her research and professional interests focus on transfer and articulation agreements, faculty engagement, workforce development, student success, and professional development for faculty and staff.

Dr. McGee participated in the 2026 MI-ACE Women's Network Senior-Level Leadership Job Shadow Program, a prestigious initiative that prepares emerging women leaders for executive leadership roles in higher education. She also expanded her global educational perspective by teaching English in Tongxiang, Zhejiang Province, China. These experiences underscore her commitment to lifelong learning, leadership development, and advancing educational excellence at both local and global levels.

A dedicated servant leader, Dr. McGee has a long list of organizational affiliations including the United Negro College Fund, Detroit Inter-Alumni Council; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated; Ronald McDonald House; and the Lawrence Technological University Collegiate Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Division of Information Technology



WildCat Portal Self Service

District Student Services staff conducted an informational session for IT staff on the Faculty Self-Service features within the Wildcat Portal. The session was intended to familiarize IT staff with the available tools and functionality, promote a consistent understanding across the team, and provide an



Faculty Organization Day Preparation Meeting

Team members met with relevant stakeholders to prepare for Faculty Organization Day and ensure all logistical and technical needs were addressed in advance. Discussion topics included technology setup and support requirements, faculty system access, technical support needs, and coordination of day-of-event support to help ensure a smooth and successful experience for all participants.



IT High-Priority Project Updates

The team reviewed key updates on high-priority IT projects and initiatives, including infrastructure and network upgrades, cybersecurity enhancements, enterprise systems, and academic technology efforts. The discussion highlighted recent progress, upcoming milestones, and support activities to ensure continued alignment with district goals and operational priorities.

District-wide Campus Technical Support



Division of Student Services



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter, proudly participated in the New Student Experience End-of-First-Year Celebration at WCCCD. The chapter shared information about PTK membership eligibility, scholarships, leadership development, transfer resources, and academic excellence. PTK's participation helped connect students with valuable campus resources while promoting engagement, leadership, belonging, student retention, and continued academic success throughout their educational journey at WCCCD.

Recruitment and Outreach

The Division of Student Services and Recruitment and Outreach Team met with representatives from the Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) to discuss continued key academic and community outreach initiatives.



Considine

Staff provided information on new workshops for seniors at Considine Little Rock Family Life Center for the upcoming Fall semester.



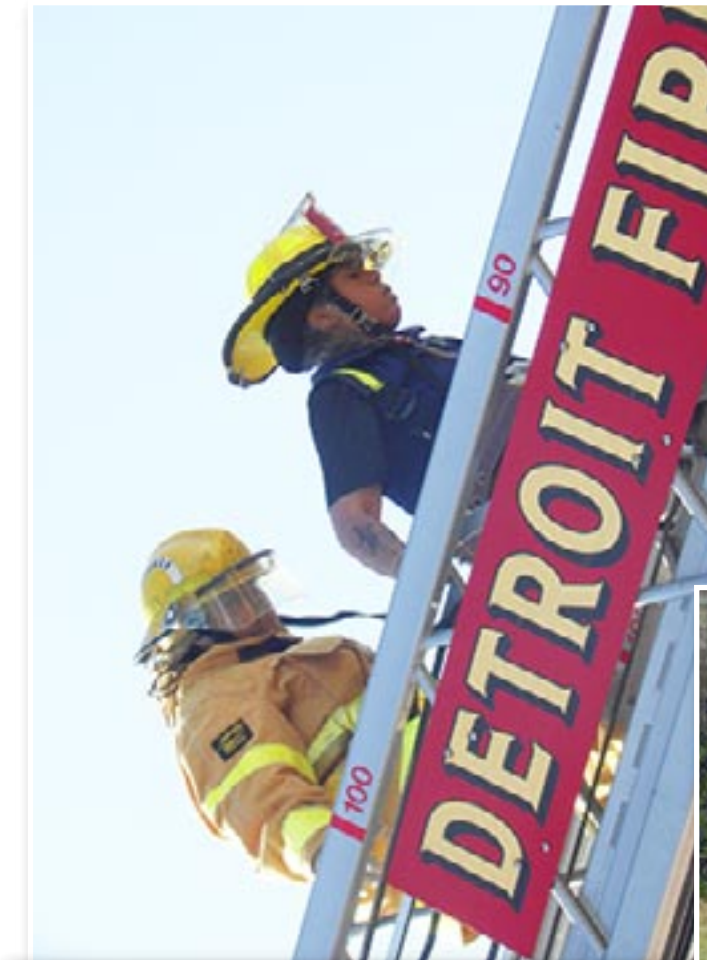
Back to School Open House

WCCCD attended Martin Luther King High School's back-to-school open house for recruitment and outreach opportunities.



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. Students participated in hands-on activities that gave them firsthand insight into the skills, training, and abilities required of firefighters.



Northwest Campus



APCA Pakistan Independence Day Mela

The Northwest Campus welcomed community members to the Association Pakistani Community Alliance Independence Day Mela, a lively celebration of Pakistani culture, unity, and community. A highlight of the event was the awards presentation, which recognized individuals for their service, leadership, and contributions to the community.





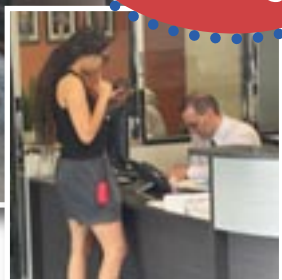
Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

University Partner Spotlight



Grand Valley State University (GVSU) is one of our valued university partners, helping our students continue their education and complete a bachelor's degree after earning their associate degree at WCCCD. Through our partnership, students benefit from clear course equivalencies and a smooth transfer pathway into GVSU's programs, saving time and reducing costs while avoiding repeated coursework.

GVSU also keeps a dedicated office at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, staffed by a GVSU representative. Students can stop by during walk-in hours to ask questions about transferring, program requirements, or what to expect as a GVSU student, without needing to visit GVSU's campus.



Student
Success!



The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the MiSide teacher Pre-Service Training.

Northwest Campus



Home Counseling Program

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



Administration Meeting



Campus Signage Meeting



Northwest Campus



Wonderful Wednesdays

Where Community and Culinary
Excellence Come Together

Wonderful Wednesdays continue to bring community leaders, business owners, professionals, and partners around the table—creating meaningful connections while experiencing the talent and creativity of WCCCD's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.

More than a dining experience, *Wonderful Wednesdays* connects the college with the community while highlighting the exceptional skills being developed by our students and culinary professionals.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Summer Intern Final Project Presentation

Summer Interns presented their final project on potential continuing education programs.



Program Showcase

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus Program Showcase connected attendees with career program information and resources, while providing an opportunity to engage directly with program faculty.



Order of the Fisherman Headstart Training

The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Head Start held a Professional Development Day designed to create a learning environment for teaching staff.



Entrepreneurial Resource Center

Students interested in turning their business ideas into successful ventures gained access to valuable information, guidance, and resources focused on business startup and entrepreneurship.

Preparing Students for the Fall Semester



Continuing Education Meeting

Planning continues for an upcoming continuing education activity focused on civil rights history, civic engagement, and voter registration.

Downriver Campus



Wayne Metro CAA Quarterly Leadership Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne Metro CAA Quarterly Leadership Meeting. The event brought together leadership department teams for their quarterly meeting, providing an opportunity to evaluate performance, refocus efforts, and establish priorities for the next 90 days.



Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit Training

The Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit dogs are trained to find either narcotics or bomb related materials. Such items were strategically placed throughout the training grounds, and the dogs had to find them. When they find the substance, the dog is trained to sit down. These dogs go through weeks of training before they are placed in the field. This training helps them to maintain their skills.



Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training

Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team (ERT) training course on Fire Tactics. This training course consisted of instruction to educate driver/operators of Marathon Petroleum's ERT who are responsible for operating apparatus equipped with fire pumps and on flowing foam.



Eastern Campus



Student Success

The Eastern Campus team is busy preparing students for the first day of Fall 2026 classes.

Division of Workforce and Economic Development



Eastern Campus Walk-through

The Eastern Campus conducted a campus walk-through in preparation for the Fall Construction Trades Training Program cohort.

Ted Scott Campus



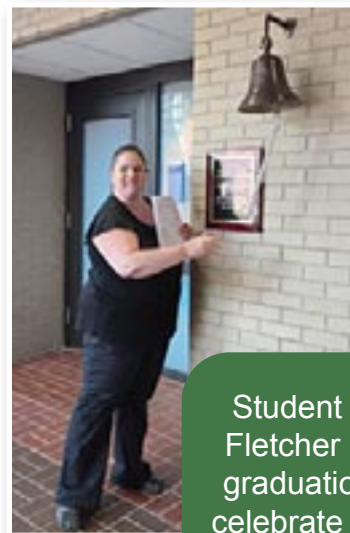
Community Partnership

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Westwood Community School's Opening Day and Professional Development workshop. Staff focused on designing learning goals for students.



Dual Enrollment Program

Staff met with local high school representatives to discuss the Dual Enrollment Program for Fall 2026.



Student Success

Student Melissa Fletcher rang the graduation bell to celebrate her class completion and 4.0 grade point average.

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

