

Fall 2026 Faculty Organization Day

Future Ready. Adopt, Innovate, Succeed



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

Distinguished Professor, Author, and
Cultural Analyst (Vanderbilt University)



"As we begin a new semester, I want to extend my sincere welcome and gratitude to our outstanding faculty. I am deeply proud of all that we have accomplished together and thankful for your continued commitment to our students."

Curtis L. Ivery
Chancellor



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

- Nominating Committee Report
- Chairperson's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Board Briefings
- New Business Items



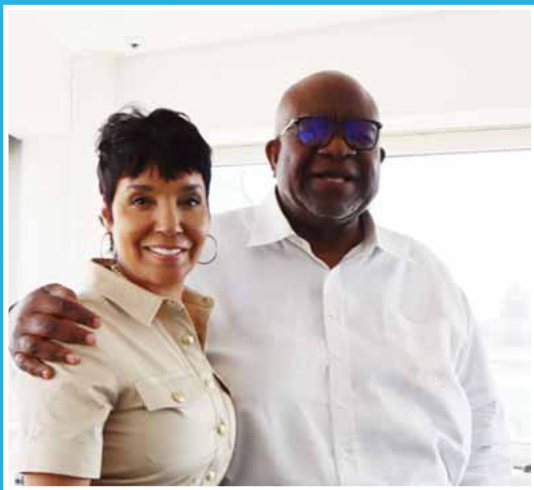
Michigan Community College Association

Student Success Committee Meeting



I also participated in the Michigan Community College Association's Student Success Committee Meeting. Some of the agenda items included:

- Welcome of New Members
- The 2026-27 Meeting Schedule
- Key Student Success Updates
- Discussion on Significant Changes to Federal and State Policy
- Data Minute



Engagement Initiatives

I met with Dr. Denise Mallett, author and leadership strategist, to discuss community engagement initiatives.

Meeting to Review Acalog and Curriculog Updates



Strategic Initiatives Budget Meeting

WCCCD Kicks Off an Exciting First Week of Fall Classes Across the District!

"Enrollment and recruitment are about everybody. Advising is about everybody. Customer service is about everybody. Financial aid is about everybody. Each of us has an important role to play in ensuring that our students are supported, connected, and positioned for success. As we move forward, I am excited about the opportunities before us and confident that, together, we will continue building an even stronger future for our students, our District, and the communities we serve."

~Dr. Curtis Ivery



The Fall 2026 Semester is in Full Swing!





Building Community Relationships



Trustee
James Wagner

Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber

Trustee James Wagner and staff from the Downriver and Ted Scott campuses attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Meet the Candidates program. State of Michigan Senate candidates for Downriver and southern Wayne County Areas were in attendance.



Informing the Community about WCCCD

Staff represented the District at the Wayne Concerts in Goudy Park. They disseminated information about our academic programs, admissions, and continuing education programs.





District Police Authority



Ongoing Safety and Response Readiness

I met with Chief Bahrija Livadic and members of the Police Authority to discuss strategies to enhance ongoing safety and response readiness across the District.

Campus Tour

Representatives from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department toured the Northwest Campus.



Supervisors Strategic Planning Meeting

Frontline supervisors met to discuss strategic planning focused on campus safety, officer readiness, and exceptional customer service. Discussions emphasized preparedness, teamwork, proactive safety measures, and collaboration to support a safe and welcoming college environment.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



Wildcats Summer Basketball Camps

I stopped by the HWEC to visit the students participating in the Summer Basketball Camp.



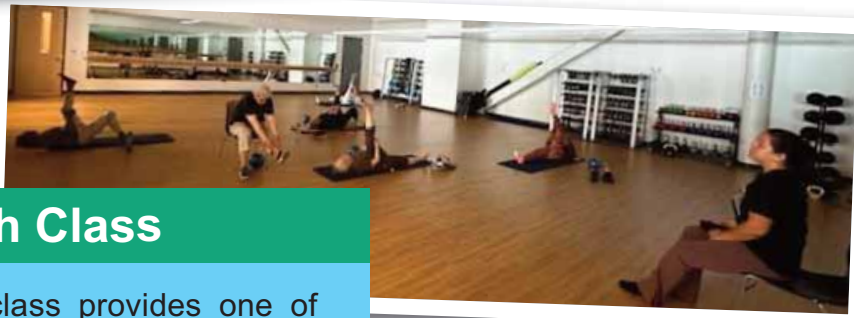
Wildcats Basketball

It was a pleasure to meet the 2026 Men's Wildcat Basketball Team.



Faculty Organization Day

Staff at the HWEC provided exercise classes at this year's Faculty Orientation Day.



Senior Strength Class

The Senior Strength class provides one of HWEC's largest populations with a fun, conditioning, and endurance-building workout.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Welcomes Executive Women International

This week, we were pleased to welcome Executive Women International to our Wonderful Wednesdays program at the Northwest Campus. This weekly program continues to bring community leaders, business owners, professionals, and partners together around the table—creating meaningful connections while showcasing the talent and creativity of our students and culinary professionals at WCCCD's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.



Continuing Education Instructor Orientation

The School of Continuing Education held the virtual Fall CE instructor orientation to prepare professors for the semester. They discussed the CE survey and evaluations, processes and procedures, classroom preparedness and how to register.

River Rouge High School Professional Development

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted River Rouge High School staff for a professional development session designed to inform participants of new processes for the 2026 – 2027 academic year. Topics included student demographics, enhancing customer service, goal-setting exercises, and personal assessments.



Community Service Meeting

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Sigma Phi Beta Chapter held a community service meeting at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to review the 2026 community service calendar. Topics discussed were improving quality of life, social issues, and fostering personal growth within the sorority.



The School of Continuing Education presented Back to School rallies at the Downriver and Northwest campuses, as well as the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center. Community members participated in youth and parent workshops and received free backpacks and school supplies.



Division of Administration and Finance

OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

The District continues to assess, monitor and provide the necessary general maintenance and repair to our HVAC systems through our HVAC Taskforce. The taskforce has initiated our preventative maintenance program in preparation for the winter season. Beginning August 31, 2026, the Downriver Campus HVAC system will be thoroughly reviewed for the start of the heating season.





Division of Administration and Finance

General Ledger Closing Review Meeting

The Division of Administration and Finance conducted a General Ledger Closing Review meeting to ensure accurate and proper expenditure coding within the general ledger. The meeting also reinforced the importance of maintaining accurate, reliable, and properly documented financial records.



District-Wide Inventory Reconciliation

As part of the District's ongoing audit cycle, staff met to discuss the District-wide inventory reconciliation initiative.





Division of Human Resources

Human Resources Open House



The Division of Human Resources (HR) hosted an Open House, providing participants with an opportunity to meet members of the HR Leadership Team and learn more about the District's various programs, services, and resources. The event also offered attendees a chance to ask questions, connect with HR representatives, and gain a better understanding of the support and opportunities available to District employees.

In the Mail...

We received this note from Greg Dunmore regarding the District's Retirement Celebration:

"Kudos on orchestrating one of the most outstanding retirement celebrations I have ever witnessed. It was an absolute honor to serve as the Emcee and a featured speaker for such a monumental occasion.

Every detail of the event at WCCCD's Northwest Campus Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center was world-class. The setting was resplendent, the cuisine was exquisite, and the live background music led by internationally renowned bassist Marion Hayden was exceptional. Additionally, Detroit's own nationally acclaimed comic great, Horace H.B. Sanders, delivered a spectacular performance filled with the priceless gift of laughter.

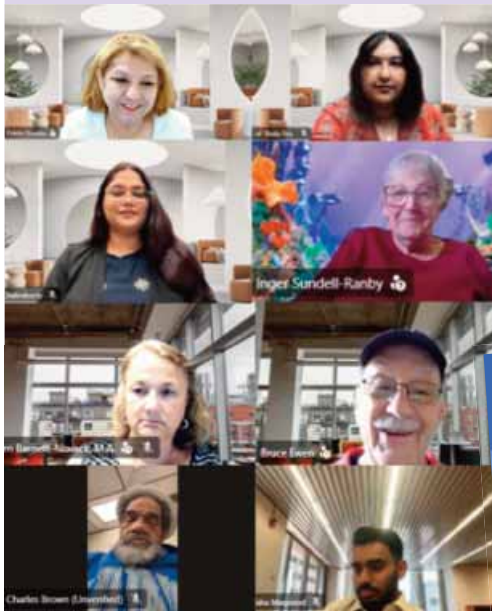
Congratulations again to you and the team for honoring these dedicated individuals with the unforgettable salute they deserve. Your hard work proved once more why Wayne County Community College District is truly the Harvard of community colleges. Bravo!!!"

Professional Development
District-Wide Conference Day

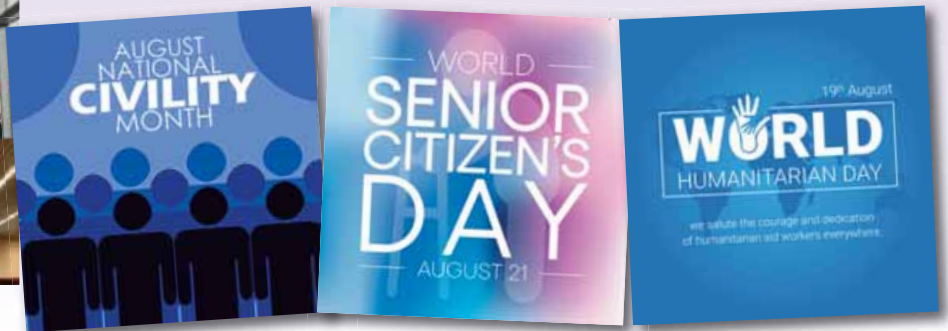
**Tuesday,
October 13, 2026**



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



The session began with a musical prelude featuring “Try a Little Kindness” by Glen Campbell and “Humble and Kind” by Tim McGraw. Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha introduced the three observances and discussed their significance. Nijhum Chakraborty then presented on National Civility Month, followed by Shaily Dey’s presentation on Senior Citizens’ Day and another presentation by Nijhum on World Humanitarian Day.



Exploring African Culture, Heritage and Traditions



Division of Student Services



Student Success

Staff are actively assisting students with Fall semester registration, providing support, and ensuring students have the resources needed for a successful start to the semester.



New Student Experience

The New Student Experience (NSE) team attended FOD to familiarize faculty with the NSE program and student resources they can share with and refer students to for support.

Supporting Student Success

Staff continue to assist students to ensure a successful start to the Fall Semester.



Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment Team met to discuss semester initiatives.



Division of Student Services

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Office continues to recruit students for the Fall 2026 semester, connecting eligible students with on-campus and nonprofit employment opportunities.



Michigan College and University Partnership

Staff shared information with students about the Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP), a research-based program that provides undergraduate students with hands-on research experience.



Considine

As the Fall semester begins, GED instructor Mr. Kola prepares his weekly lesson plans to ensure students are ready for a successful semester.



Outreach and Recruitment

Team members continue to visit high schools to share information about programs at the District.

Division of Student Services



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Theta Kappa

Alpha Upsilon Zeta Officers of Phi Theta Kappa met with members seeking financial aid and scholarship guidance; and further discussion on the HIA, College and upcoming service projects.

Student Services Teams Welcome Students

Student Services team members were busy across the campuses assisting students, providing guidance, connecting them with resources, and helping ensure a successful start to the new semester.



Division of Educational Affairs



Welcoming Faculty for the Start of the Fall Semester

Faculty across the District were greeted with a warm welcome that included resources and refreshments to kick off the fall semester.



Textbook Adoption Process

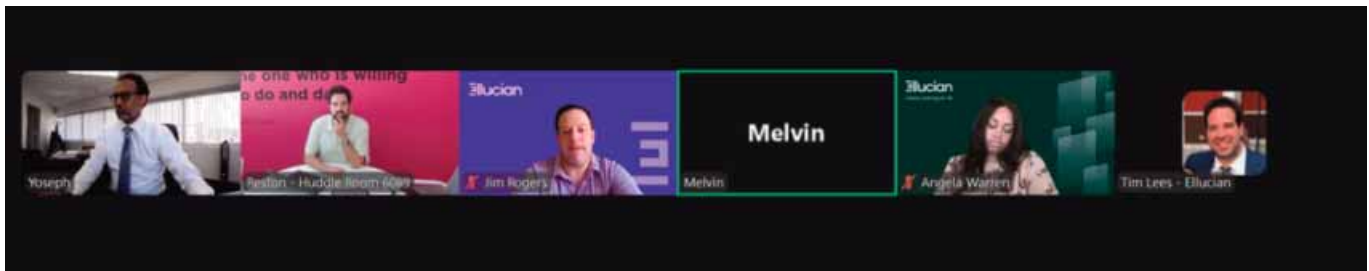
Dr. Wanda Hudson is meeting with faculty and discipline facilitators to discuss textbook selection, deadlines, and bookstore coordination.

Artificial Intelligence

Dr. Earl Robinson met with staff from the Division of Educational Affairs to share his thoughts and perspectives on WCCCD's Artificial Intelligence programming and its connection to cybersecurity courses. of today's workforce.



Division of Information Technology



Meeting with Ellucian

Staff from the Division of Information Technology met with representatives from Ellucian to discuss product review, service offerings, and overall product evaluation.

District-wide Campus Technical Support



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER

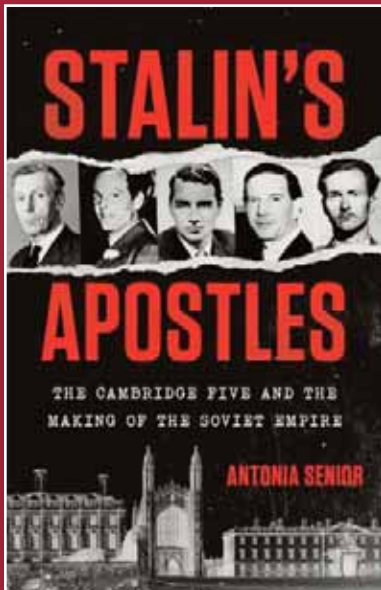


What Motivates You to Grow and Improve?

Think about what motivates you to grow and improve. It might be the possibility of taking on more responsibility at work that could lead to a promotion, or it may just be the desire for self-improvement to be a better human being. Perhaps someone is encouraging you and hinting that your 'star is rising.'

Acting on that motivation likely energizes you. But you need a template, you need some structure to help organize your efforts so they lead to a positive outcome. A coach or mentor can help provide the external force or fuel from the outside to push you beyond what you thought you were capable of doing.

Perhaps a training program in your organization or a new degree opportunity can provide the structure and shape the direction of your growth. Just as we provide a curriculum to lead our students towards a degree or certificate, we all need a set of principles and a structure to help guide and shape our personal growth.



Book Recommendation

Stalin's Apostles- The Cambridge
Five and the Making of
the Soviet Empire

Written by Antonia Senior



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partner Spotlight

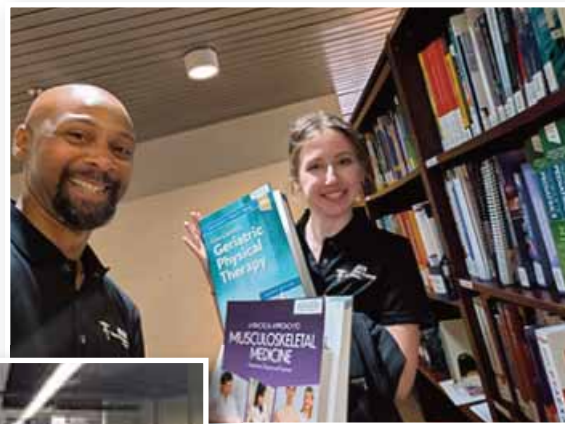
Ferris State University (FSU) is one of our valued university partners, helping our students continue their education and complete a bachelor's degree after earning their associate degree at WCCCD. Our partnership at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center is built around the Criminal Justice Program, combining WCCCD coursework with FSU's courses offered on site and online. Several hundred WCCCD students have graduated through this partnership, earning their bachelor's degree without needing to relocate or start over on credits.



Community Partnership Opportunities

Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with members of the community to discuss potential partnership opportunities.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Physical Therapist Assistant Cohort Meeting

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program proudly welcomed its newest cohort for the 2026 – 2027 academic year.

Pathways to Excellence

Dr. Jim Bridges hosted the Leadership Development for Career-Focused African American Males workshop. This session focused on leadership skills and fostering a strong sense of identity.



Program Recruitment

Faculty representing Physical Therapist Assistant, Criminal Justice Studies, and language courses are connecting with students to share information about programs and courses.



Downriver Campus



Starfish Family Services Welcome Back Orientation

The Downriver Campus hosted Starfish Family Services' Welcome Back Orientation, a three-day training for staff preparing for the upcoming school year.

Wayne RESA Professional Learning Series

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA Learning Care: GSRP Professional Learning Series 2026-27. Participants were able to build their knowledge and skills in early childhood support, effective instructional practices, supporting children with autism, and educator resilience.



Taylor Public Schools Health and Safety for Transportation Training

The training covered important protocols for assisting riders with seizures, asthma, diabetes, and tracheostomies, including emergency procedures, care plans, and when to contact EMS.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Confined Space and CPR Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted confined space and CPR training, providing participants with essential knowledge and hands-on instruction related to confined space safety and CPR procedures.



Marathon BURN Day

This training course provided instruction to ERT operators responsible for how to attack live fires.



Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training

The training provided instruction to ERT driver/operators responsible for operating fire apparatus equipped with fire pumps and flowing foam.



Eastern Campus



New Certificate Program Meeting

Staff at the Eastern Campus met to discuss new certificate programs being offered this Fall.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

SMART Program Site Visit

Staff met with Ann Rossi of the State of Michigan for the SMART Program site visit.



Northwest Campus



Educational Partnerships

Meeting with the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation to discuss strategies to expand future partnerships.

Northwest Campus Connects Students with Program Information

Staff presented the Health Science and Computer Information System programs to share requirements, career pathways, and educational opportunities with students.



Northwest Campus



First Week of Classes in the Health Science Center



Staff from Cengage held a workshop showing the new Medical Terminology book for allied health faculty.



Dr. Abby Freeman met with the HSC team to discuss preparation and upcoming programs for the fall 2026 semester.

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

