

Emergency Medical Technician Program

Students in the EMT program are gaining the knowledge and clinical judgment essential to emergency medical care. Through classroom instruction and hands-on training at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), students are developing the foundational skills needed to assess and assist patients in emergency situations.





Recognizing Academic Excellence in Nursing

I met with faculty and students from our Nursing Program to commend their continued commitment to academic excellence and to recognize the program's continued accreditation and 100% student pass rate.



District-wide Mystery Call Initiative

Our ongoing Mystery Call Initiative continued this week with calls conducted across the District to assess customer service, responsiveness, and the overall student experience.



District Creative and Performing Arts Council

I convened a meeting of the Creative and Performing Arts Council. Under the leadership of Dr. CharMaine Hines, this council consists of each campus president's administration and is charged with strategically advancing and expanding local and regional arts programming, cultural enhancement, and community development.

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery Downriver Campus

The School of Continuing Education presented the opening reception of the “FRAMED: 2026 Capstone Photography Exhibition” at the Downriver Campus. This exhibit represented photography of WCCCD students in Bill Sanders class.



Learning to Drywall and Tile

The Continuing Education Drywall and Tile classes at the Northwest Campus are among its most popular hands-on offerings, giving students and community members a fun and creative way to learn practical skills.



Building a Future with Short-term Certificates



Canva

Staff from the School of Continuing Education met with Denis Karic to discuss expanding innovative programs that respond to the growing needs of today's digital community. We are proud to offer certificate programs in Digital Content Creation and Digital Marketing, providing students with valuable skills in interactive media, social media marketing, content creation tools, digital strategy, and more.

IN THE **N@**WS

New semester starting for diverse learners at WCCCD: Offerings include two-year certification program

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August 27, 2026



We were recently featured in the Grosse Pointe News for our Diverse Learners Program, which reflects our continued commitment to inclusive education and student success. The program includes a two-year certificate pathway designed to support students' academic, career, and personal growth.

The full article is available here:

<https://www.grosecpointenews.com/articles/new-semester-starting-for-diverse-learners-at-wcccd-offerings-include-two-year-certification-program/>

Division of Student Services



Recruitment
and Outreach

Dual Enrollment Program

District Student Services met to finalize dual enrollment offerings.



Records

Staff continue to support students with guidance and assistance as they prepare for a successful semester.



Considine Center

Our GED Instructor Kola Hasanaj is setting up classroom laptops at the Considine Center, ensuring our students have access to the technology and digital resources needed for a productive learning experience.



Outreach

Staff participated in the Brightmoor Alliance Inc.'s Our Healthy, Wealthy and Whole Community Event.



Cross-Divisional Alignment for New Academic Programs

The Divisions of Educational Affairs and Student Services collaborated to strengthen the implementation of new academic programs, aligning Banner setup, enrollment processes, and financial aid eligibility to ensure students have a seamless pathway from program launch to student success.

Division of Student Services



Strengthening District-Wide Disability Services

Staff met disability services representatives from across all six locations to align practices, strengthen coordination, and ensure students have consistent access to accommodations and support throughout the District.

Student Services Training Session

Staff at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus participated in a Wildcat portal training session.



Strengthening Admissions and Records Operations

Staff met to strengthen application and enrollment integrity, reinforce verification and review processes, and ensure students receive timely assistance by phone and email as they navigate admissions and registration.

Division of Student Services

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program provides more than financial assistance, it gives students an opportunity to strengthen their resumes, build professional relationships, and gain real-world experience that can support their future academic and career success.



Financial Aid

WCCCD's Financial Aid Office Department partners with Student Connections to assist students with information on how to avoid loan default and increase their financial literacy.



Michigan College and University Partnership

Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP) scholar, Beverly Jackson, shares the results of her research. Ms. Jackson, along with two other WCCCD students, participated in a seven-week, research-based internship at Michigan Technological University (Michigan Tech). Following her graduation from WCCCD, Beverly Jackson plans to continue her studies at Michigan Tech.



Global Conversations Speaker Series

Exciting conversations are underway as the team plans for the upcoming academic year and the Global Conversations Speaker Series.



Athletics

The season is approaching, and the team is excited! The men's basketball team will play its first games of the season October 30–31 in Danville, Illinois, as part of a two-day tournament. Ryan Hatcher, sophomore guard and team captain, is coming off an impressive 2025–2026 season, earning Eastern All-Conference Third Team and Eastern All-Freshman Team honors.

Division of Student Services



New Student Experience (NSE)

The NSE Program celebrated students who began at WCCCD in Fall 2025 and successfully completed their first year. Students enjoyed food, games, prizes, giveaways, and photos with the WildCat mascot, while celebrating with NSE staff, student program organizers, faculty, and WCCCD supporters.



New Podcast Available!

Tune in to the latest episode of WCCCD's Critical Conversations Podcast, featuring Jazmine Danci, Economic Development Administrator for the Downriver Community Conference. Learn about Ms. Danci's career journey, regional workforce initiatives, and the important role economic development plays in expanding opportunities and strengthening communities across Michigan.

The podcast is available on the District's website at <https://www.wcccd.edu/podcasts> and on other streaming platforms.

Wonderful Wednesdays

This week, staff from the Chancellor's Office participated in the Wonderful Wednesdays program at the Northwest Campus. Team members enjoyed an executive dining experience and participated in a workshop on "Building and Managing Your Personal Brand," facilitated by Martha Grier.





District Police Authority

Law Enforcement Collaboration

Members of the District Police Authority supported regional law enforcement partners through continued collaboration, coordination, and mutual aid. Our officers worked alongside the Hamtramck Police Department and the Wayne State University Police Department during community activities and special event operations. These partnerships strengthen regional cooperation, promote a unified approach to public safety, and enhance our collective ability to serve and support the community effectively.



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**

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



The Facilities Team in action.

Downriver Campus

Campus Beautification

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.



DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

HVAC Inspections District-wide Initiative

Boiler inspections continue to be a priority as we prepare for the upcoming winter season. Inspections at the Downriver Campus have been completed, while inspections at the Northwest Campus and the District Office are already underway. The HVAC Task Force remains committed to ensuring our facilities are prepared, safe, reliable, and have an efficient heating season.



Robert Stawkey
HVAC Health and Safety Compliance Officer





Building Community Relationships



Decision-Shaping Intelligence for an Evolving Higher Education Landscape

Dr. CharMaine Hines and Krupa Patel met with a representative from Hanover Research to explore advanced tools and insights that fuel our pedagogy, spark academic development, and shape future-ready institutional policies.



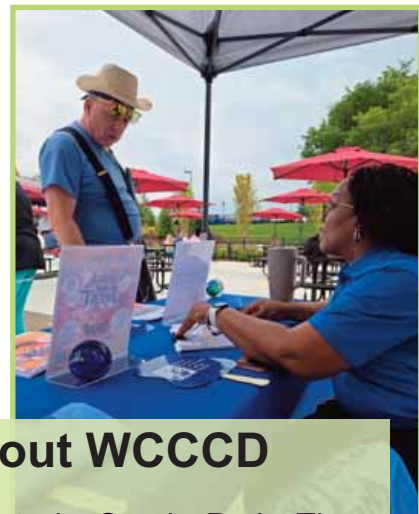
Community Resource Partnerships

Dr. Hines and Ms. Patel also met with the director at Swim Digital Group for a collaborative session on equity ecosystems, and transformative learning models aimed at disrupting the status quo to advance mission-driven cultures.



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.



Division of Educational Affairs

MiTransfer Program

WCCCD is participating in Michigan's statewide MiTransfer program pathway alignment initiative, designed to create clearer, more predictable transfer pathways between community colleges and four-year institutions. Thirty-two community colleges and 31 four-year institutions are participating in the effort. The mapping process also identified potential pathways supported by WCCCD's existing coursework. Evaluators have already provided positive feedback on three maps.



Robotics Lab Upgrade Evaluation



Dr. Allan Cosma met with robotics faculty and a representative from Integrated Systems Technologies to explore potential enhancements to the Robotics Lab, including advanced automation equipment, controls, and integrated manufacturing technologies to strengthen hands-on instruction in robotics and automated manufacturing.

Faculty Office Lounge Walk-through

Dr. Harvey Dorrah, Furquan Ahmed and faculty members, complete a walk-through of the designated spaces for the Faculty Office Lounge at the Northwest Campus.



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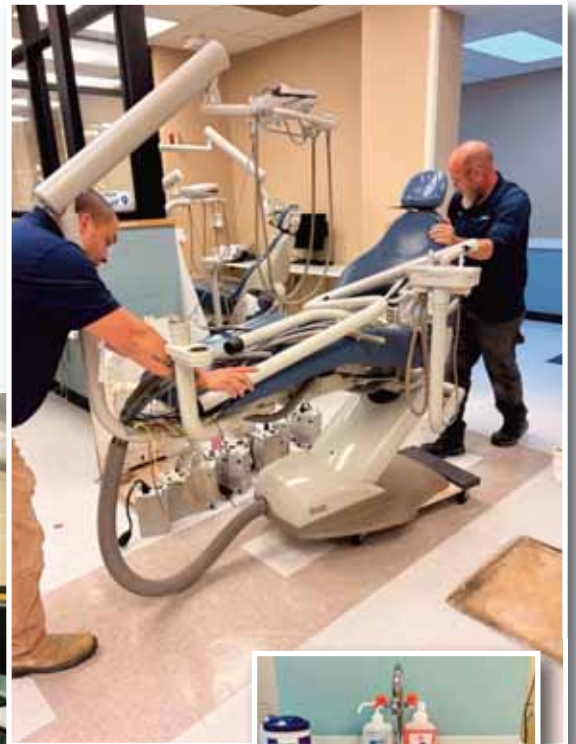
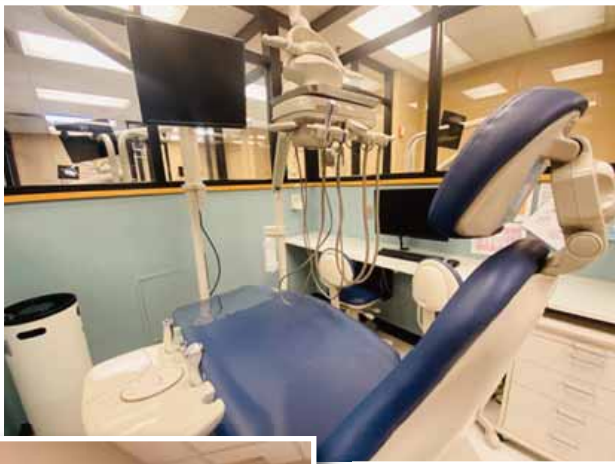
Division of Administration and Finance

The Procurement team met to review District-wide strategic initiatives, audit and discuss best practices.



Dental Clinic Upgrades

The Dental Clinic has been upgraded with new dental chairs, sinks, and cabinets to enhance the quality and efficiency of services provided to the community.



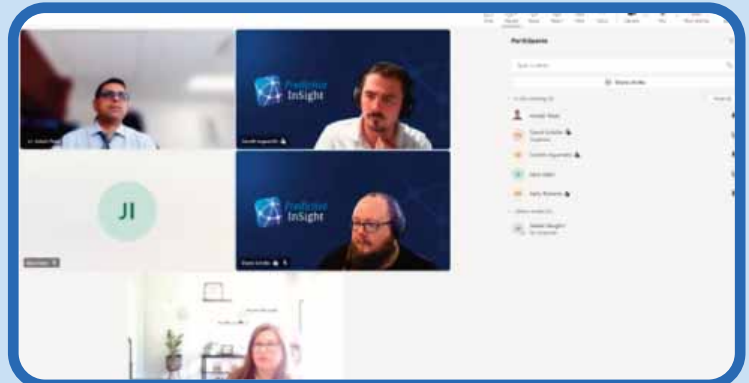
Banner Self-Service Finance Upgrade



Staff from the Divisions of Information Technology and Administration and Finance met as part of the Finance Self-Service project, to review the Banner/ApplicationXtender document management solution. The discussion focused on how documents will be stored and accessed across Finance processes, potential workflow improvements, and next steps for testing and implementation.

IT Insight Digital Initiative Meeting

The Managed Printer Services (MPS) team met with ImageOne, to transition the Enterprise Key Management (EKM) service to a newer, faster, and more efficient server. This upgrade is designed to improve performance and reliability while reducing downtime.



District-wide Campus Technical Support





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partnerships

District staff met with representatives from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to discuss the partnership and strengthen transfer pathways for students. The meeting centered on reviewing the current articulation agreement, as well as discussing a new articulation agreement that would create a seamless pathway for WCCCD students to earn a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Cybersecurity at GVSU.



Diverse Learners Program

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center welcomed community members, prospective students, and families for an open house for the Diverse Learners Program, offered through our School of Continuing Education. Attendees learned about upcoming fall semester offerings and toured the Center for Learning Technology.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Faculty from the Physical Therapist Assistant, Criminal Justice and language programs spoke to students regarding their programs and courses.



During the first week of the semester, students utilized a variety of academic and language-learning resources, including ESL academic support, Mango Languages software, and instructional materials.



Spring 2027 Preparations

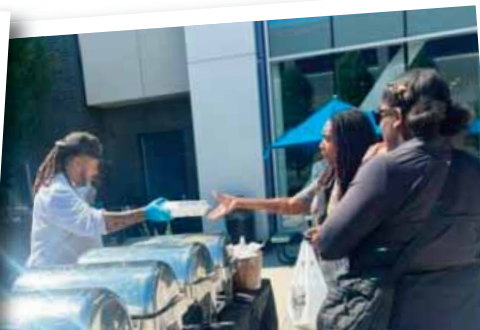
Staff met with faculty to discuss the Spring 2027 schedule, recruitment strategies, program support/ improvements and campus recommendations.

Campus Life



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Health & Wellness
Education Center



Summer BBQ-Cafe

The HWEC cafe celebrated the beginning of the semester with a Summer BBQ. Students, faculty, staff and community members enjoyed nourishing summer treats from the grill.



Ongoing Compliance

Mike Dotson met with District staff at the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center for ongoing Compliance Review.



Riverfront Conservancy

The HWEC, in partnership with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy hosted a volunteer training session in preparation for the upcoming Fall season of activities and programming.

Fit Camp

HWEC members enjoy the intensity of Fit Camp for a fun, upbeat workout that helps to focus on long term wellness goals.



Downriver Campus



Accuplacer Testing

The Downriver Campus hosted Accuplacer testing for students preparing to begin their academic journey.



Taylor Schools Back to School Professional Development

These workshops offered educators a variety of sessions and resources to prepare for the upcoming school year.



Campus Life

Students in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) participated in a puzzle activity, providing an opportunity to relax, engage with others, and enjoy some downtime on campus.



Continuing Education Planning Meeting

Staff met to discuss upcoming programs and brainstorm on program offerings for the Spring 2027 semester.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

Downriver Career and Technical Consortium Fire Class - Gear Fitting



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted DCTC Fire Class Orientation, where students were introduced to the program and prepared for their upcoming training. Students also participated in fire gear fittings to ensure they were properly equipped for hands-on fire training activities.

Wayne County Sheriff Jailor Training – Fire Safety Day

The training focused on fire safety, emergency procedures, and response techniques to help prepare jail staff to effectively respond to fire-related emergencies.



Taylor Fire Department Training – Driving Rodeo

Taylor Fire Department's Driving Rodeo, provides firefighters with an opportunity to strengthen their emergency vehicle driving skills. The training focused on vehicle handling, maneuvering, and safe driving techniques in emergency response situations.

Marathon Emergency Response Team Training

The training provided ERT driver/operators with instruction on operating fire apparatus equipped with fire pumps and properly flowing foam during emergency response situations.



Marathon Hose Testing

The testing provided an opportunity to inspect and evaluate fire hoses to ensure they are in proper working condition and ready for use during emergency response operations.



Eastern Campus



Detroit Police Commissioners Meeting

The Eastern Campus hosted the Board of Police Commissioner's Monthly Community Meeting. These meetings help community members learn about police accountability and participate in civilian oversight of the Detroit Police Department.



Learning Resource Center Meeting

Staff met to review the new textbooks and laptop computers for the Eastern Campus.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

DTE Linesman Presentation

WCCCD Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and Construction Trades students attended a DTE linesman presentation, where they learned about career paths at DTE and navigated the company's hiring process.



Skilled Trades Orientation



Students participated in an orientation as they begin their Commercial Driver's License and Construction Trades Training programs.

Skilled Trades Apprenticeships

The skilled trades training cohorts attended a presentation by Prudence Rose of Must Careers. Ms. Rose explained all 22 trades associated with construction and the process of achieving an apprenticeship.



Northwest Campus

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

Participants enjoyed a presentation on the current photography exhibit by Jamie Feldman.



The Northwest Campus continues to encourage faculty to strengthen advising and build meaningful connections with students. Faculty advising provides students with guidance, support, and resources as they navigate their academic and career goals.



Detroit Police Academy

We welcomed a new group of cadets as they begin their journey toward careers in law enforcement.



Learning Resource Center



Northwest Campus



16th Annual *Celebrating a Healthier Detroit* Expo



The Dental Department attended the McKinney Foundation's 16th Annual *Celebrating a Healthier Detroit* Expo. The dental team engaged participants by promoting WCCCD's allied health programs and provided free youth dental screenings. The purpose of the Expo is to close the knowledge gap and reduce health disparities in metro Detroit, especially for residents who are uninsured and underinsured.



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

