Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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ONE VISION, ONE DISTRICT, ONE COLLEGE

Manufacturing Day Inspires Future Career Pathways

Local high school students explored exciting career pathways during Manufacturing Day at our Downriver, Eastern, and Ted Scott campuses. Students toured the campuses and participated in hands-on activities designed to introduce them to opportunities across the manufacturing industry.

















Manufacturing Day

Downriver Campus~Eastern Campus~Ted Scott Campus



















City of Detroit
Mayor's Workforce Development Board

I participated in the City of Detroit Mayor's Workforce Development Board Executive Committee and Regular Board Meetings. Some of the agenda items included:

- Co-Chair's Report
- Executive Director's Report
- Presentations on the Alice Report, Statewide Workforce Plan, and Detroit at Work Updates

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Spring 2027 Preparation Meeting

I met with some members of my Leadership Team
to discuss preparations for the upcoming Spring 2027 semester.

On the move!

Building Community Relationships



Trustee James Wagner

Trustee James Wagner and staff attended the SEMCOG Workforce Economic Development Council meeting, which included a panel discussion exploring collaborative approaches to enhance Southeast Michigan's innovation ecosystem and economic competitiveness.



Staff from across the District attended the Southwest Detroit Business Association (SWCRC) Business Forum, featuring guest speakers Dwane Casey, Senior Advisor and former Head Coach of the Detroit Pistons, and Rodney Cole, President of the DTE Foundation.

The International Fashion Show at the Westland Multicultural Festival was a meaningful collaboration between the WCCCD's Cultural Enrichment Department and our partner, Refuge for Nations.



Protecting Institutional Integrity: EDUCAUSE 2026

A WCCCD team participated in the national EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, with a particular focus on emerging strategies to address application fraud, “ghost students,” identity verification, and cybersecurity threats impacting higher education. The team explored national best practices, emerging technologies, and cross-institutional approaches that can help strengthen safeguards while protecting access and the student experience.





CAPITOL UPDATE

Week Ending September 25, 2026

Committees and House Session This Week

After limited activity over the summer months, both the House and Senate held committees this past week. Further, the House held active session and passed several bills and bill packages, which can be found at the links below.

Notably, House Democrats made several plays at suspending the gas tax for 90 days if prices reach $5/gallon; in various committees, House Democrats offered tie-bar amendments that would have attached gas-tax suspension bills, House Bills 6146 and 6147, to other unrelated bills moving through the committee process. In addition, Democrats attempted to discharge those gas-tax suspension bills from Appropriations Committee to the Floor, but their motions failed.

In Election News

U.S. Senate candidates Abdul El-Sayed (D) and Mike Rogers (R) are scheduled for two October debates: October 8th and October 21st.

As of Aug. 24th, gubernatorial candidate John James (R) had about $1 million cash on hand compared to $5.9 million for Jocelyn Benson (D).

Former State Representative Pam Hornberger is selected to replace Rep. Jay DeBoyer on the ballot for the 63rd House race. DeBoyer stepped away from the House race to run alongside John James as the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor.

There are two state ballot proposals that will be decided on this election: Proposal 1 asks voters whether or not to hold a constitutional convention (con con) to update/rewrite Michigan's constitution, and Proposal 2 asks voters to prohibit specific organizations and individuals (such as electric and gas utilities, certain government contractors, and those connected with each) from making direct and indirect political contributions.

Absentee ballots are now available for Michigan voters. You can request an absentee ballot online until 5pm the Friday before Election Day and you can return your ballot to a drop box or by mail. The ballot must reach your clerk by 8pm on Election Day.

In Other News

- Governor Whitmer signs bills to support financing options for construction projects and renovation efforts at community colleges and public universities.
- Outgoing Senator Gary Peters claims that the Democrat Party has been wrong on border security and states that the party "should have been more aggressive" on the topic when they had control of the U.S. Senate.
- David Hollister, former state legislator, Lansing mayor, and state department director, dies at age 84.

Leadership Workshop

Dr. Randall Miller presented a session on leadership to staff members this week. He focused on the importance of character and ethics in effective leadership, and he emphasized the value of staff development in building a bench of effective leaders for the future.















School of Continuing Education
Wayne County Community College District

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

September 14-26, 2026

- Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus 661
- Downriver Campus 591
- Eastern Campus 423
- Northwest Campus 580
- Ted Scott Campus 499
- Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center 55

Silver Circle: Connecting, Engaging and Enriching Our Communities

The School of Continuing Education's Silver Circle Programs continue to strengthen partnerships that bring lifelong learning, enrichment, and meaningful engagement opportunities to older adults throughout the community. Through collaborations, we provide seniors with opportunities to learn, connect, and remain active and engaged.



Career and Skills Training: Learn Today, Advance Tomorrow

The School of Continuing Education offers practical training designed for today's workforce. Fall 2026 features opportunities in areas such as Human Resources, Digital Content Creation, Digital Marketing, Office Support, Grant Writing, Computer Technology, Case Management and Entrepreneurship. Many programs are designed to provide short-term, focused training that can help learners build new skills, enhance their resumes and pursue professional growth.





Distribution Center

The WCCCD Distribution Center supports District operations by coordinating the receipt, storage, and distribution of materials and supplies District-wide.









Northwest Campus



Allied Health Welcome Day



The Health Sciences team hosted a Welcome Day for allied health students at the Northwest Campus Health Science Center. The event provided students with an opportunity to connect with peers, faculty, and staff while participating in engaging activities, including karaoke, trivia, board games, and life-size Tic-Tac-Toe. Students also enjoyed light refreshments and received giveaways, creating a welcoming and engaging environment to celebrate the start of the academic year.











DISTRICT IT SERVICES

ITTP Information Technology Transformation Plan

Division of Information Technology



Faculty Selection Training

The Information Technology team is preparing to support the Spring 2027 Faculty Selection.

Technicians from each campus gathered together to setup discipline rooms prior to the event and provide on-site support during the selection process.

Charles E. Morton
Boardroom Upgrades



District-Wide Campus Technical Support







District Police Authority

End of Summer Outing

Members of the District Police Authority gathered at Hines Park for an end-of-summer outing, enjoying a shared meal and time to relax and connect with colleagues. The gathering strengthened team camaraderie and celebrated the relationships that support their work throughout the year.

























Division of Human Resources



THE PIVOT AND THE PRIZE:
Overcoming Challenges Without Losing Sight of The Goal



Staff from across the District gathered for an engaging professional development workshop led by consultant Greg Dunmore and guest speaker Emeritus Willie Burton, Detroit Police Commissioner (incoming Michigan State Representative). The dynamic, engaging, and insightful workshop connects leadership expertise with real-life tools. It shows staff and students how to turn unexpected obstacles into a roadmap for success on campus and off.



Eastern Campus

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Student Showcase

David Troupe, one of our many students, enrolled in both the Civil Tech and AutoCAD programs at WCCCD.



J&L Dispatching

J&L Dispatching met with students to discuss dispatching services for owner-operators and the opportunities available through their company.



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Developing Bench Strength

Viable organizations can only be sustainable if they are successful at developing a talented team to carry out their mission. Many things must be factored into the equation to develop that team. Ray Dalio, in his book *Principles*, writes about how he built his company, Bridgewater, into one of the largest and most successful private companies in the world from a fledgling beginning in a two-bedroom apartment. Carefully screening and adding people who "had great character, common sense, creativity, and were driven to achieve the shared mission," Dalio postulated "they would discover what it took to be successful if I gave them the freedom to figure out how to make the right decisions." Institutional culture and the ability to recognize one's strengths and weaknesses are also part of this formula. Taken together, these factors represent the fundamental elements required to be successful in developing your bench strength and more talented, independent thinkers on your team.

Book Recommendation

Principles (#1 New York Times Bestseller)
Written by Ray Dalio

Division of Student Services









Outreach and Recruitment

Staff represented the District at the HBCU College Fair. They spoke on the roles WCCCD can fulfill in meeting the four-year goal of college completion, increasing scholarship and transfer opportunities, affordability, accessibility and the multiple degree and certificate programs.

Dual Enrollment Program

Staff met to review the Fall 2026 semester timeline.





Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP)

Staff continues to share information with students regarding the MiCUP Program.The seven-week, research-based program is hosted by Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan.

Division of Student Services



Considine Outreach Center

The Considine Outreach Center's bi-weekly Forgotten Harvest Food Giveaway brought community members together for an impactful day of service and support. Alongside the distribution of fresh food resources, the team provided college program literature and information about enrollment services, workforce training, student support programs, and continuing education opportunities.

New Student Experience Team Serving Students with a S.M.I.L.E.

Serve Warmly
Make Students a Priority
Inform Accurately
Listen with Empathy
Empower Student Success







Veteran Affairs



WCCCD recognized Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day by celebrating and honoring the mothers, fathers, and loved ones of fallen service members whose sacrifice and service to our nation will never be forgotten.



Student Success

Staff continue to assist students with admission questions, transcript requests and registration information.



Fall 2026 Virtual Federal Work-Study Job Fair

Student Organizations



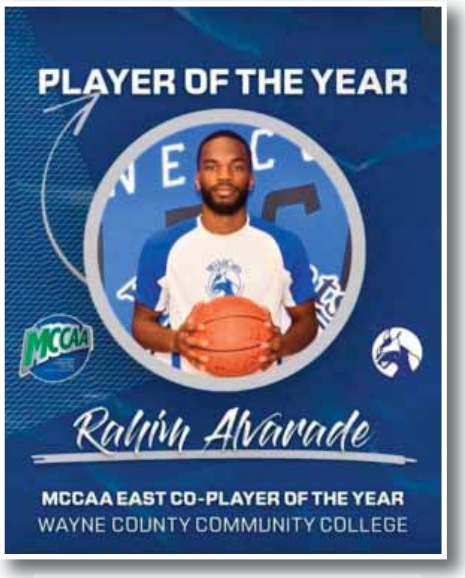
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

The Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) attended the Leadership and Officer Conference providing chapter officers with a valuable opportunity to develop their leadership skills, network with other PTK chapters, and learn new strategies for strengthening their chapter.



Student Executive Council

WCCCD students participated in the 2026 Michigan Student Vote Summit at Michigan State University, connecting with student leaders from across the state and exploring strategies to strengthen civic engagement, and voter education.

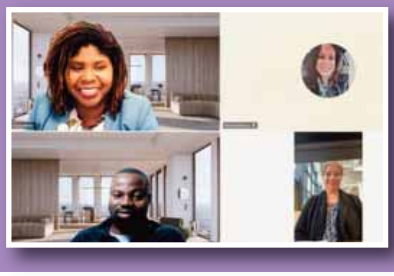




Rahim Alvarade

A Testament to Excellence

Hailing from the island of Saint Martin, Rahim Alvarade chose WCCCD to continue his athletic career. Since joining the Wildcats, Rahim has been named Player of the Year and has earned an athletic scholarship to Grand Valley State University.



The Division of Student Services presented the first Student Executive Council Workshop for the Fall 2026 semester titled “Understanding the Catalog.” Staff encouraged students to navigate the website to familiarize themselves with the various tools accessible for students.

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





95% of the work is completed at the Inkster Resource Center. We are only awaiting approval from the City of Inkster to approve the fire alarm and fire suppression system, which is why the ceiling tiles are exposed.

Downriver Campus



Campus Beautification – Lawn Maintenance

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



Campus Beautification – New Mums

Trustee Susan Steeby and Campus President Andy Steeby planted new mums as part of the campus beautification efforts.

Office of Facilities Planning and Management







Staff convened to review and reconcile the facilities and HVAC requisition processes, with a focus on enhancing operational efficiency, improving coordination, and ensuring ongoing timely execution of facility needs.



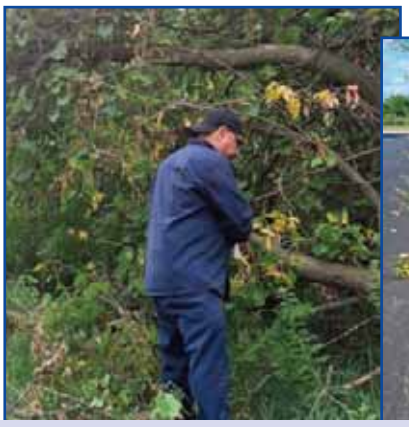




Ted Scott Campus









Facilities is working hard around the Ted Scott Campus.

Division of Educational Affairs

Discipline Leads Meeting

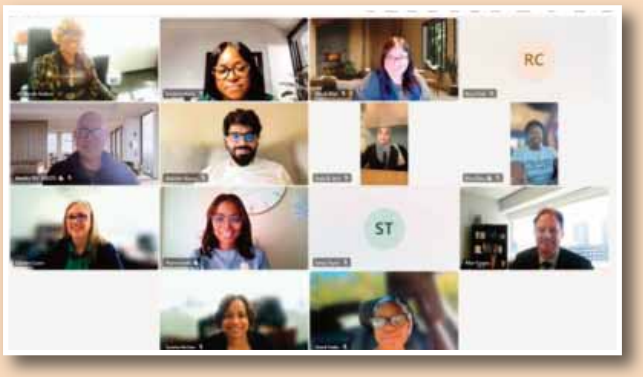
Staff from the Division of Educational Affairs met with the faculty discipline leads. Discussion focused on key academic priorities, including faculty preparation, schedule development, and upcoming career fairs, with an emphasis on collaboration and supporting student success across the District.





Career Education College Success Program

Members of Educational Affairs met with the Career Education College Success Program grant Faculty Navigators for their monthly meeting. The team discussed how to create sustainable pathways after the grant project ends.



Pharmacy Technology Program Meeting

The Curriculum Committee held its first meeting of the new academic year. Modifications to the Pharmacy Technology Program were also reviewed.



Cultural Enrichment

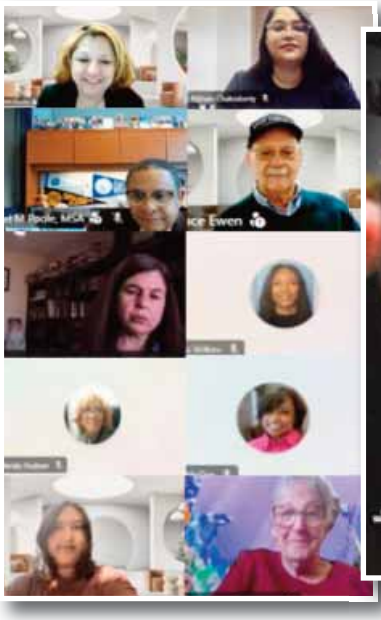






Eastern European Cultural Meeting

Professor Inger Sundell-Ranby provided a presentation about her experiences in Russia and Slovenia, including her appreciation for the architecture, food, and traditional clothing. Aida and Azra Livadic also shared information about Bosnian culture. The meeting provided an opportunity to learn about the diverse cultural experiences, traditions, and cuisines of Eastern Europe.





Virtual Documentary Film Viewing

The Virtual Documentary Film Viewing featured Pomegranate by Weam Namou. The film portrays the Muslim and Chaldean communities living together in Sterling Heights, Michigan, showing the friendly bond between two families from different cultural backgrounds. The story focuses on Niran, a young girl navigating her own struggles with self-identity while receiving support from her family and friends.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



University Partner Spotlight

Wayne State University (WSU) is one of our valued partners, helping 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 WSU's programs, saving time and reducing costs while avoiding repeated coursework.

Community Partnerships



The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Change in the Pointe's Educational Racial Justice Bus Tour.



Wayne County Democratic Black Caucus monthly community update meeting.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Global Conversations Speaker Series

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a session on the Underground Railroad in Detroit, presented by Dr. Carolyn Carter, a historian and genealogist. The session highlighted Detroit's role as a crucial hub for abolitionists and freedom seekers, exploring escape routes and safe houses from the early 19th century to the Civil War, showcasing the city's significance in helping enslaved individuals reach Canada.













Community Policy and Advocacy Fair

The Community Advocacy Fair increased community awareness of local and state policies. Participants received resources and engaged with community advocates regarding economic empowerment.





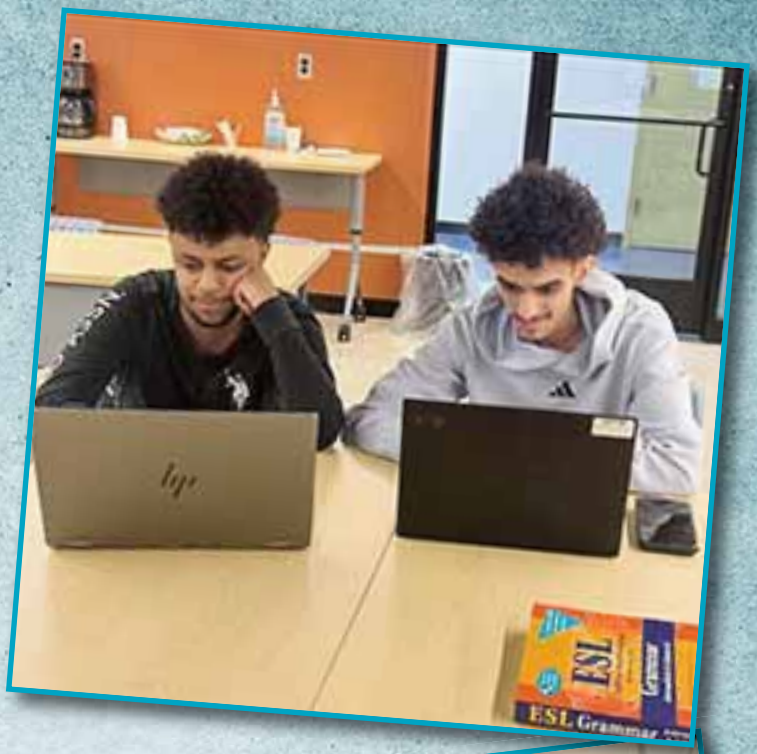
Jack & Jill

The Detroit Chapter of Jack and Jill met to discuss community involvement, educational youth programs, and cultural activities.

Language Institute

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Students continued their German, French, and Chinese language classes, while our ESL students received academic support and assistance to strengthen their English and succeed in their college studies. The Language Institute also continues to connect students with additional learning resources, including Mango Languages, books, and other language-learning materials, giving students more opportunities to practice and strengthen their language and communication skills.







CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC
Health & Wellness Education Center



Recruitment

Staff provided information to students, staff, and the community about the many benefits and features at the HWEC.



Basketball Operations Meeting

HWEC staff met to review operational procedures and protocols in preparation for the start of the Men's and Women's 2026-27 basketball season.



Yoga Class

Yoga allows members to learn a gentle form of movement and flexibility.

Downriver Campus



Student Success

Tutoring

Tammy Atwood, a Downriver Campus tutor, provided tutoring support to students as part of the campus's ongoing commitment to student success.

Wayne RESA Supporting Beginning Writers in Prekindergarten

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA Supporting Beginning Writers in Prekindergarten, a session focused on how motor development, crossing the midline, and hands-on experiences help build a strong foundation for early writing.





Danielson 2013 New Administrator Training

The Downriver Campus also hosted Danielson 2013 New Administrator Training, designed to strengthen observation and feedback skills.



Wayne RESA

Preschool teachers attended Wayne RESA's Teaching Expectations for Early Childhood Classrooms session, which supported teachers in intentionally teaching behavioral expectations.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

Downriver Campus

Student Success!

Fire Protection Technology

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Fire Protection Technology class.



Accreditation Meeting

Staff met to discuss accreditation requirements, current program status, and upcoming accreditation-related activities.



Burn Instructor Training

MIPSE instructors participated in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 live burn training.



Detroit Fire Paramedic Class

Andy Steeby, Dr. Satheesh Gunaga, and Jeff Moore visited the WCCCD Detroit Fire Department Paramedic class.



Eastern Campus

Chandler Park High School Tour

Students from Chandler Park High School toured the Eastern Campus and received information on our trade and technical education programs.










Wildcat Portal Info Session

Faculty members participated in an information session for hands-on navigation within the Wildcat Portal, specifically within the Faculty Services Dashboard.



Northwest Campus



Detroit Food Symposium

In collaboration with the Detroit Food Policy Council's "All Hands In for Detroit Food" initiative, the Northwest Campus hosted the Detroit Food Symposium. This symposium focused on increasing awareness of Detroit's food system and developing strategies to build a healthier and more sustainable future.



"She Shines" Women's Leadership

Figure Skating in Detroit held its "She Shines" Women's Leadership Breakfast, where women who make a difference were honored. The panel was moderated by Dr. Mayowa Lisa Reynolds, Principal, Detroit School of Arts.



Detroit's Elite Early Childhood Conference

The Northwest Campus presented Detroit's Elite Early Childhood Conference, bringing together early childhood educators.

Ted Scott Campus



Music on the Terrace Series

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Music on the Terrace Series. Participants were able to enjoy a variety of music from different backgrounds and genre. This week's performance was Lonesome Skeleton Band.







Electrical Electronics Engineering Technology



Professor Basharat instructing his Electrical Electronics Engineering Technology class.





Student Services

Dr. Brian Singleton met with the Student Services team to reinforce District-wide direction, expectations, and alignment. The visit emphasized the District Student Services model, with centralized coordination providing consistent guidance and support to campus-based teams serving students.



Brittani Posh was the winner of the Ted Scott Campus's Student Services raffle.

Family STEM Day at the Ted Scott Campus

Family STEM Day was a free community event that brought Google Data Center employees and Discovery Education together to provide families with immersive, hands-on STEM learning experiences. The goal was to spark curiosity and awareness of STEM fields through collaborative, technology-based activities — showing students how innovation connects to real-world opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.







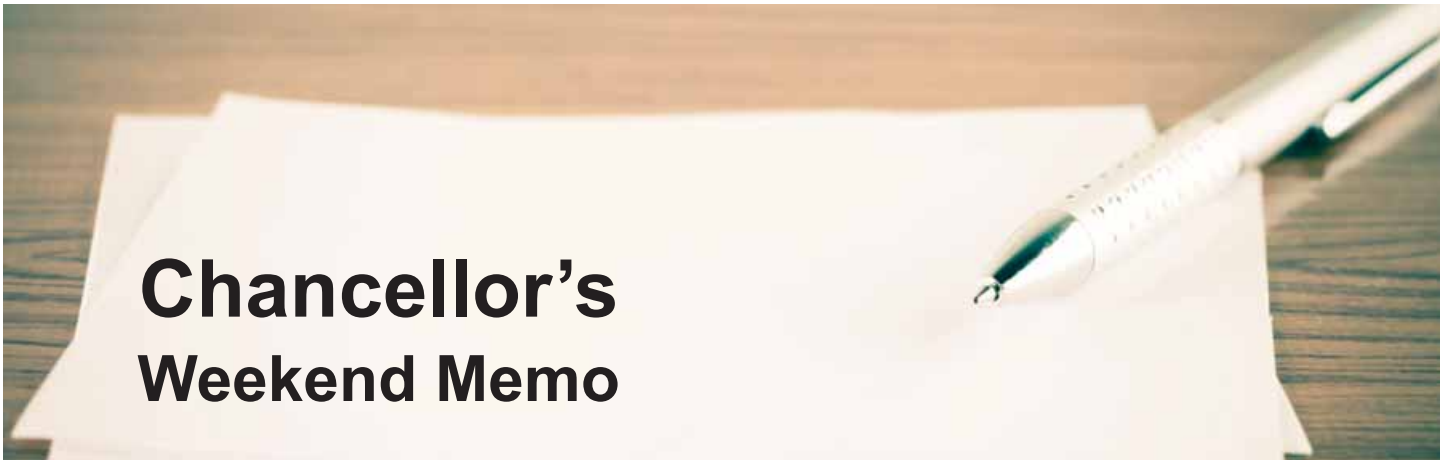






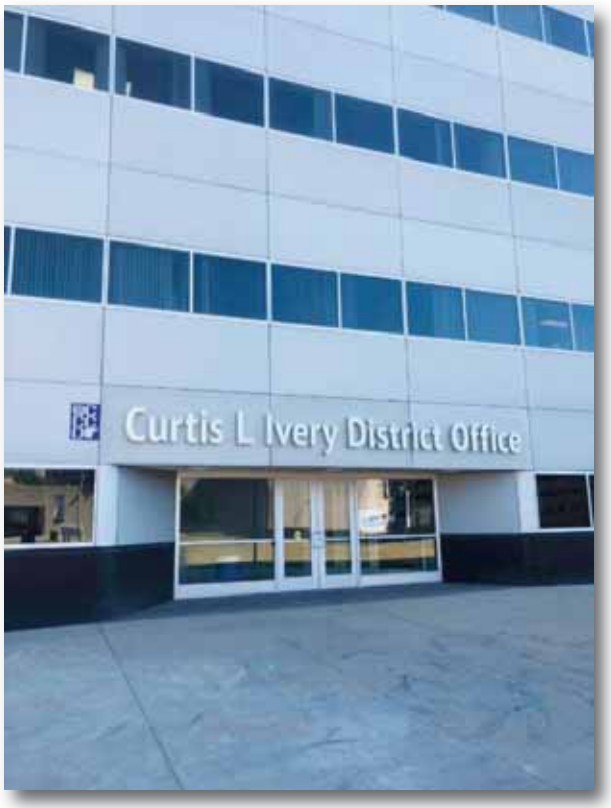






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Wayne County Community College District



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











