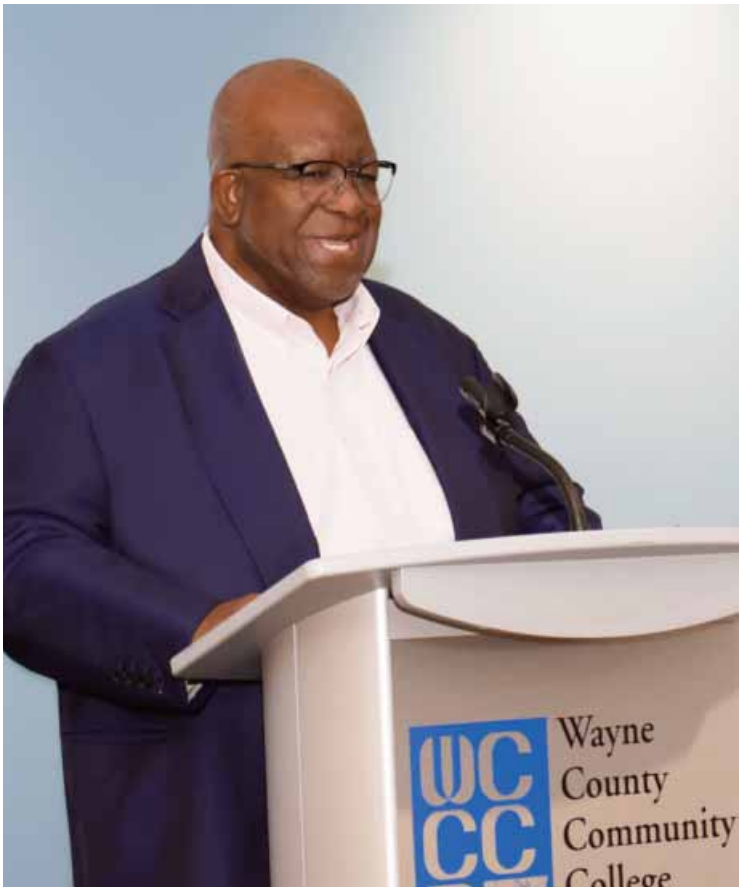
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ONE VISION, ONE DISTRICT, ONE COLLEGE



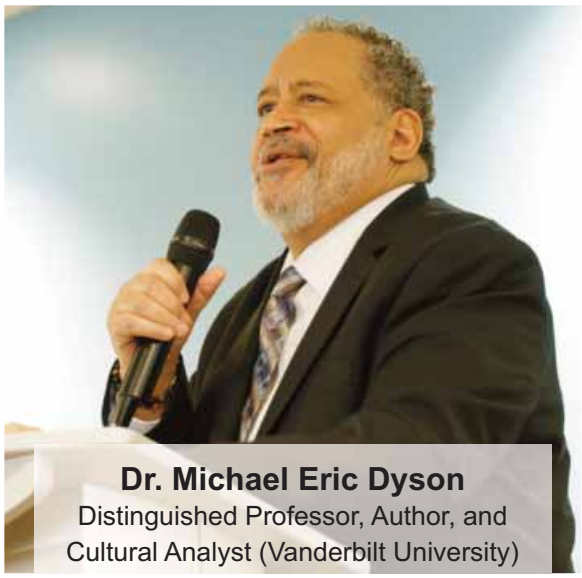
2026 District-wide Conference Day

I was pleased to welcome faculty and staff to our annual District-Wide Conference Day at the Northwest Campus. This year's theme, "Inspiring Minds, Shaping Futures," reflected our enduring commitment to academic excellence, lifelong learning, and investing in the people who are central to our institution's success.

The strength of our District lies in the dedication, expertise, and commitment of our faculty and staff. I extend my sincere appreciation for their exceptional contributions and unwavering dedication to student success. Together, we will continue to build upon our achievements, advance our mission, and shape a promising future for WCCCD and the communities we serve. Again, we commend the 1,000 faculty and staff members who attended.



"District-wide Conference Day was dynamic, relevant, and a powerful reminder that our greatest institutional strength isn't simply what we know, it's what we learn, share, and build together."
~Marc McGaffic



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
Distinguished Professor, Author, and Cultural Analyst (Vanderbilt University)



"District-wide Conference Day 2026 was well crafted and offered valuable content. I especially enjoyed listening to Dr. Michael Eric Dyson. He's such a dynamic speaker!" ~Marcina Mills Bowers

2026 District-wide Conference Day







"I commend WCCCD for recognizing that colleges and universities must be at the forefront of this consequential debate on the future of artificial intelligence."~ Bankole Thompson

"Yesterday was the best District-wide Conference Day ever since 1995.Food was very delicious. Well cooked, well served and warm! Both speakers were excellent. All the faculty that I have spoken with since yesterday had only positive things to say about the day. KUDOS to your outstanding leadership and great team work of your staff. Once again, CONGRATULATIONS. Keep up the quality leadership and continue to shine." ~Professor Rasheed







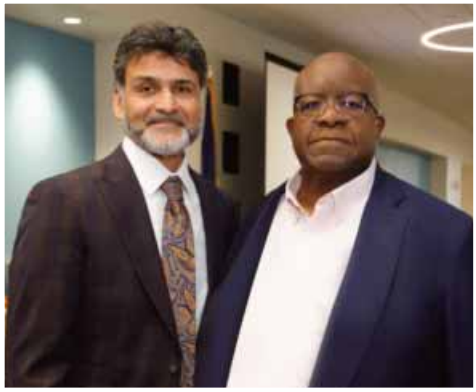






" District Conference Day 2026 was by far the best one that I have attended in my 22-year tenure as a history Instructor at WC3D. The college's rapport with the highly esteemed African American scholar, theologian, and hip-hop artist, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, is stupendous. We need more prodigious scholars like him who are passionate about higher education, especially the community colleges." ~Professor Peter Boykin

2026 District-wide Conference Day



"I truly enjoyed my first District Day at WCCCD! It was a pleasure connecting and interacting with staff and faculty from all six campuses. Hearing about the incredible accomplishments and impact of our Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, over the years was truly inspiring. I'm grateful to be part of such an amazing institution and look forward to being part of its continued success!

~Adrianna Gilday-Johnson

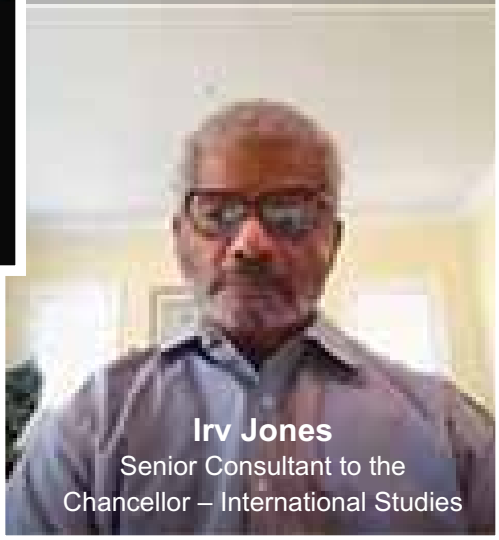






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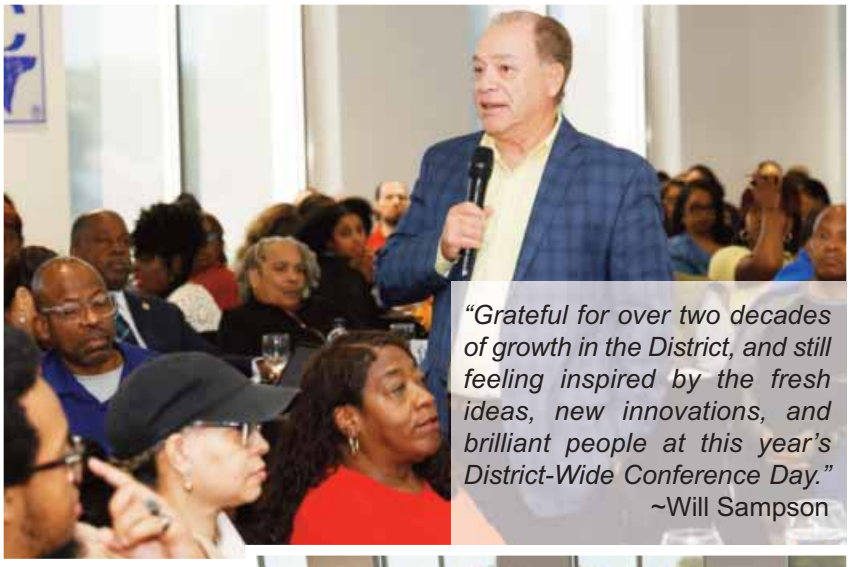








"WCCCD keeps knocking it out of the park."
~Daniel Baxter



"Grateful for over two decades of growth in the District, and still feeling inspired by the fresh ideas, new innovations, and brilliant people at this year's District-Wide Conference Day."
~Will Sampson













"Excellence was on full display at this outstanding conference. Dr. Dyson's inspiring keynote challenged us to think bigger, lead with purpose, and continue making a meaningful difference. Dr. Ivery and his leadership team at WC3-D continues to raise the bar. I'm proud to be a Wildcat."
~William R. Miller























"I was really impressed with how engaged the faculty and staff were. WCCCD remained true to its mission."
~Dr. Gunder Myran



"We live in a time when everything moves so quickly that we rarely pause, to enjoy ourselves. District–wide Conference Day was a chance to step away from our schedule, reconnect with colleagues, and celebrate that we are one District, and one team. We all know that Dr. Ivery is a visionary, but he still manages to surprise us every single time. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, was truly a breath of fresh air. Not only was he insightful and wise, but his sense of humor kept the audience focused from the very beginning to the very end of his presentation. It was a wonderful event, and working alongside these people makes being a part of a team so meaningful."
~Azra Livadic



"Health Science students enjoyed a successful District-wide Conference Day. The allied health students appreciated the opportunity to make up missed hours, earn community service credits, and showcase their knowledge, skills, and competencies within their respective healthcare fields. The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to engage in experiential learning, demonstrated professional readiness, and contributed to the college community while highlighting the diverse talents and capabilities as students." ~Dr. Nahla Baaqi























Nursing Accreditation

Zero Findings!



Dr. Abby Freeman
District Provost of
Health Sciences









Please join me in congratulating Dr. Abby Freeman, District Provost of Health Sciences; Dean Lois Theo; Associate Dean Bonita Dade; and our dedicated nursing faculty and staff on the successful ACEN initial site visit for the Practical Nursing Education (PNE) and LPN-to-RN Bridge Programs, which concluded with ***zero citations and zero findings***. This achievement reflects their dedication to excellence in nursing education and student success.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly



It was an honor to welcome distinguished regional leaders and deliver opening remarks at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) General Assembly, hosted at our Northwest Campus. Centered on the theme *"Closing the Gaps: Enhancing Regional Prosperity Together,"* this important gathering underscored the power of regional collaboration, strategic partnerships, and a shared vision for strengthening communities, expanding opportunities, and advancing economic growth throughout Southeast Michigan.



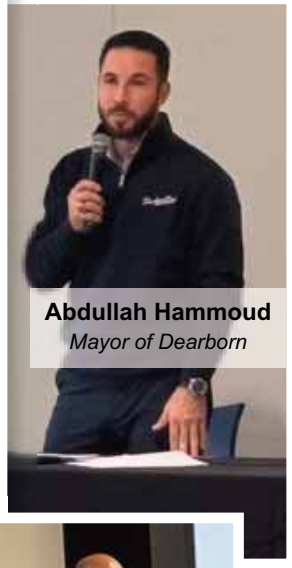
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Mayor of Dearborn



Valerie Kindle
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Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly















Southeast Michigan Council of Governments General Assembly







"Thank you for your hospitality and for welcoming us to WCCCD for today's SEMCOG meeting. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in such an important regional discussion and to learn more about the work taking place at your institution.

Opportunities like today's meeting reinforce the importance of bringing municipal leaders and educational institutions together to address shared challenges and create opportunities for future growth."

– Rock Abboud
Beverly Hills Village Council Member











Educational Opportunities

I met with Professor James Jackson and Judge William McConico to explore strategies for expanding educational opportunities and career pathways for students in our Criminal Justice Program.



Dr. Ivery takes a moment to chat with students at the Health and Wellness Education Center.

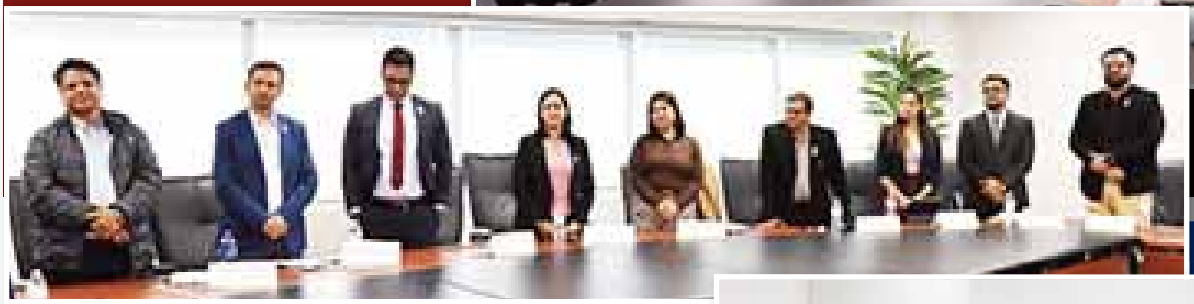
Strengthening Global Partnerships

We were pleased to welcome a delegation of higher education leaders from India through Global Ties Detroit, a nonprofit community partner of the U.S. Department of State that fosters international exchange, professional collaboration, and cross-cultural understanding. The visit provided an opportunity to share insights and explore shared priorities in higher education.











Institutional **Effectiveness**

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) is gathering feedback from students, faculty, staff, and community partners to help shape the College's strategic priorities. During District-wide Conference Day (DWCD), we launched the Strategic Planning Priorities Survey and shared key data, college facts, and student success outcomes to support the planning process. The survey will remain open to continue data collection and obtain an inclusive sample of the community. Below is a snapshot of the strategic planning process with preliminary data from the initial survey.



The Strategic Priorities survey engages the college community in sharing their vision and insight on student success and potential goals for the college for the next 2-5 years.

Responses

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Mostly faculty and staff with a modest number of community partners completed the survey during DWCD.



Top Proposed Priorities

- Multiple Campus Locations
- Affordability
- Community Involvement

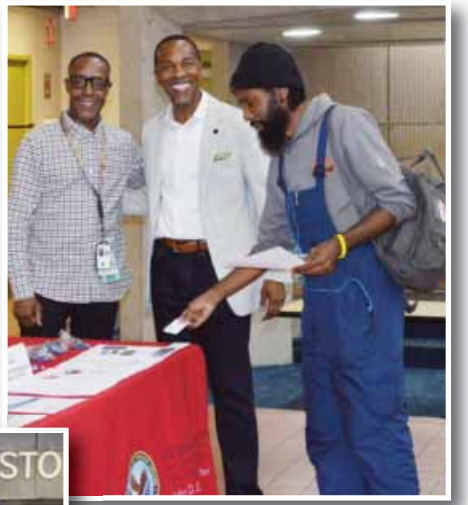
Top Unique College Traits

- Student Success
- Technology Advancement
- Workforce Development

Connecting Veterans to Resources and Opportunities

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a Community Resource Fair focused on supporting veterans and connecting them with essential services. In alignment with the mission of promoting civil rights, inclusion, and opportunity throughout the City of Detroit, the program brought together organizations dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans, students, and community members.







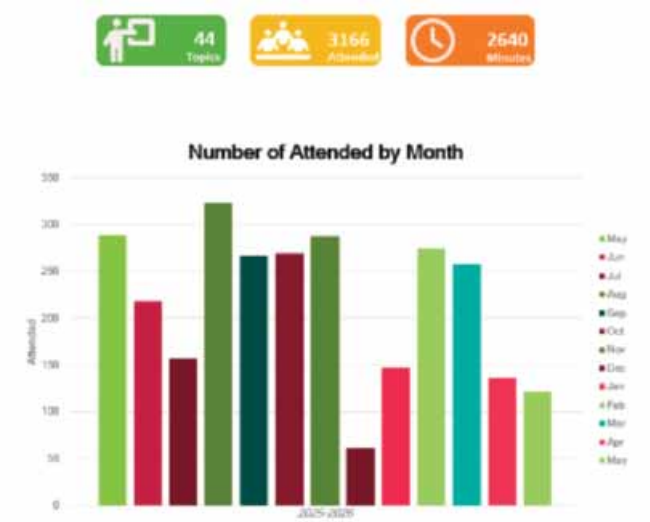




Division of Student Services

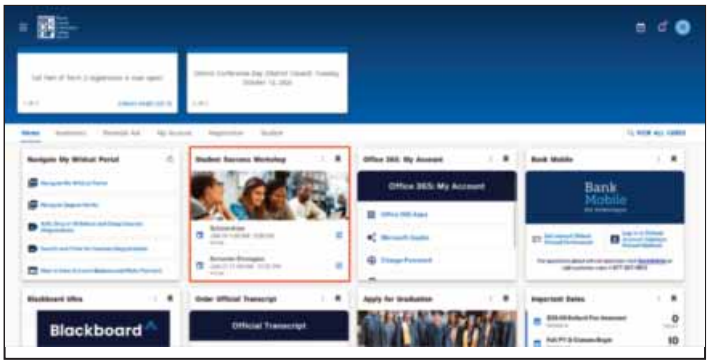
District Student Services Spotlight

District Student Services Information Sessions connect campus and District staff with current resources, program updates, and professional growth opportunities. Each invitation-only session runs 30–45 minutes on Microsoft Teams and includes time for questions and answers. The sessions will continue in 2026-27, keeping District staff informed, aligned, and ready to serve students.

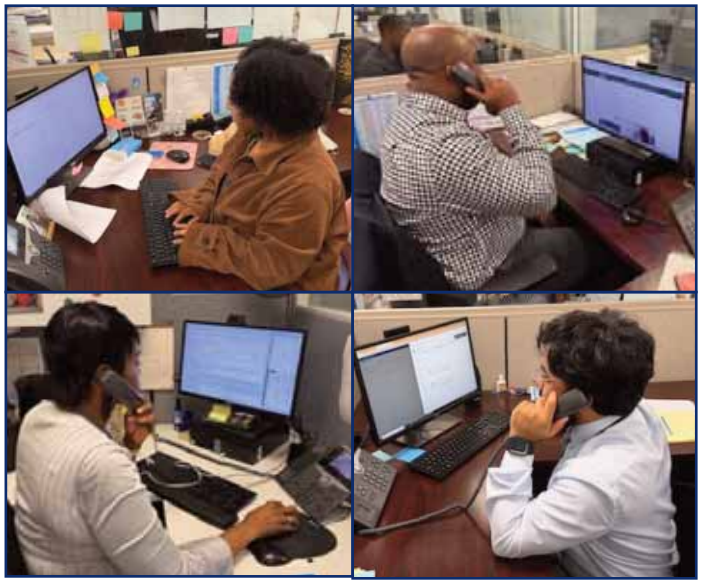


Student Success Center

My Wildcat Portal now includes a Student Success Workshop card that shows upcoming workshops, such as scholarships and semester strategies, with dates, times, and one-click access, making it easier for students to find support and stay on track.



The District Student Success Center team is making outreach calls to help students register for Fall 2026 Sub-Term 3, which begins October 15, 2026. The team is also supporting students as they prepare to register for Spring 2027.



Veteran Affairs

The WCCCD Veteran Affairs Office honors the U.S. Navy's founding on October 13, 1775, and recognizes the courage, dedication, sacrifice, and service of the sailors who have safeguarded our nation and upheld liberty throughout history.

Division of Student Services

Athletics: Cross Country Venue

WCCCD's Cross Country teams competed this weekend at Stony Creek Park. WCCCD women competed in the 5K event and our men in the 8K. Go WildCats!



Weekend Highlight:

WCCCD Men's and Women's Cross Country teams demonstrated resilience and teamwork at the conference championships meet.

Women:

Danyah Sadler led at 26:52.6. Anastasia Johnston (27:59.9), Mariya Plata (36:18.8), and Ayanna Love recorded personal bests.

Men:

Jeremiah Thurman led the team at 32:09.6. Da'Jon Haller posted a personal best of 41:10.0, and Kyle Reeves recorded a season best of 46:42.6.

Considine

The District Records team visited the Considine Center to share information with community members about WCCCD's Monthly Workshop Series, Skilled Trades Programs, and GED Program.





Recruitment and Outreach

Members of the Recruitment and Outreach team met with local high school students to introduce them to STEM-focused dual enrollment opportunities. The visit highlighted early college pathways and encouraged students to explore future educational and career opportunities in STEM.



HAPPENING NOW!

HLC Accreditation Meeting



Network Upgrade





RICOH Copier Upgrade

The Information Technology team met with representatives from RICOH, a provider of office imaging, printing, and document management solutions, to evaluate potential copier upgrade options.

Banner Enhancement Session

The IT and Finance teams met to review Banner Application enhancements aimed at streamlining requisitions, purchase orders, and invoice processing. Key areas included AppEnhancer, workflow automation, improved functionality, and greater operational efficiency.





Technology Request Review Meeting

The IT team conducted a technology request review meeting to evaluate instructional and administrative technology requests submitted District-wide. The discussion focused on ensuring alignment with established technology standards and requirements while addressing the operational needs of the District.



Division of Human Resources Benefits Open Enrollment

CURTIS L. IVERY DISTRICT OFFICE
801 West Fort St.
Detroit, MI 48226
October 19, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

CURTIS L. IVERY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
1001 West Fort St.
Detroit, MI 48226
October 19, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TED SCOTT CAMPUS
9555 Haggerty Road
Belleville, MI 48111
October 20, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 Noon.

DOWNRIVER CAMPUS
21000 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180
October 20, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NORTHWEST CAMPUS
8200 W. Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48219
October 21, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

EASTERN CAMPUS
5901 Conner St.
Detroit, MI 48213
October 22, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MARY ELLEN STEMPFLE UNIVERSITY CENTER
19305 Vernier Rd.
Harper Woods, MI 48225
October 22, 2026
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BREAST CANCER Awareness Month







BUSINESS INSTITUTE: BUILDING KNOWLEDGE, CONFIDENCE AND OPPORTUNITY



with
Jamie Latendresse

The School of Continuing Education Business Institute provides learners with practical opportunities to develop entrepreneurial, professional and financial skills. Fall 2026 offerings include *Ethics—How Ethical Am I?*, *Entrepreneurship (Is for You?)*, and *I, Inc.—The Business of Me*, helping participants explore ethical decision-making, entrepreneurship and the fundamentals of building and managing their own business. *Stock Trading 101, Leveraging Your Community Resources, and Building Communities Through an Entrepreneurship Approach*, provide additional pathways to explore financial literacy, community resources and entrepreneurship as a tool for personal and community growth.









Clothing Construction Certificate

The School of Continuing Education offers multiple sewing classes, which have grown into full certificate programs. These programs enhance participants' knowledge in clothing construction and fashion using sewing techniques. Students can learn techniques designed to build essential sewing skills and analyze the fit of apparel. The programs include courses such as Fabric Studies, Pattern Fitting, Adjustment, and Sewing Essentials.

District Police Authority

Multi-Agency Crisis Response and First Aid Training

Personnel from several public safety agencies participated in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Mental Health First Aid, and Emergency First Aid training. The program strengthened participants' skills in crisis response, de-escalation, recognizing mental health concerns, and providing immediate assistance during medical emergencies. It also reinforced interagency partnerships and coordination to support effective responses during critical incidents.









Northwest Campus



Labor and Delivery Birthing Simulation for Students





Staff from the Nursing Department conducted a labor and delivery birthing simulation for students participating in the S.H.I.N.E. and F.A.R.M. programs. The interactive experience provided participants with an opportunity to gain insight into the childbirth process while learning practical parenting strategies. Nursing faculty discussed newborn care, safe sleep practices, feeding and nutrition, diapering, bathing, infant soothing techniques, recognizing signs of illness, establishing healthy routines, and the importance of regular pediatric appointments and immunizations. S.H.I.N.E., a women's empowerment initiative operated by Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (F.A.R.M.), provides a nurturing and accountable community designed to help women transform personal challenges into purpose, healing, and resilience.

Annual Oral Cancer Walk





Dental Assisting Instructor Rosa Clark and student Angelica Payne participated in the Annual Oral Cancer Walk at Kensington Park. Their participation reflects the Dental Assisting Program's commitment to community involvement and raising awareness about the importance of oral cancer prevention, early detection, and overall oral health.



Student Success

WCCCD celebrates former student Asma Nasrallah, who graduated with honors and now works as an anesthesia technician at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Ms. Nasrallah credited Safa Saaidi's guidance and encouragement with helping her strengthen her English skills and achieve her goals.

On the move!

Building Community Relationships





Leadership Development Institute

Dr. Brian Singleton was invited to serve as distinguished faculty and presenter at the Leadership Development Institute in collaboration with the Lakin Institute, a national initiative dedicated to preparing emerging leaders for executive roles in community college education.



Shining Light Awards

Staff attended the Shining Light Awards to honor leaders in the Metro Detroit community.

Dr. CharMaine Hines attended the City of Detroit Mayor's Workforce Development Board Career and Education Advisory Council as an appointed Higher Education representative on the council.





SER Metro Business Luncheon

Staff attended the Amigos de SER Metro Detroit Luncheon to recognize and honor youth development.



Eastern Michigan University Advisors Meeting

Kerri Novak attended the EMU advisors update meeting at EMU.



Gibraltar Fall Fest

Staff shared information about WCCCD programs to festival attendees.



Romulus High School

An information table was provided for students at Romulus High School.



SWCRC Women of Achievement Award

Staff attended to support womens achievement in the community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT





Dr. CharMaine Hines participated in a webinar on four areas community colleges are positioning for what's next in adapting for the future:

- **Structuring Career Programs:** to meet expanding success metrics for career programs and workforce readiness.
- **Navigating Demographic Shifts:** addressing a shrinking pool of high school graduates who are increasingly trending below average college readiness benchmarks in English, reading, math, and science.
- **What's Trending:** a declining nationwide K-12 to college enrollment pipeline and consumption rate.
- **AI's Impact on Generational Dynamics:** integrating multiple generations in both the college and workforce, including consumers shaped by socially disruptive technology adapting to professional environments.



Dr. Wanda Hudson successfully completed "AI Whisperer: A Micro course in Crafting AI Prompts" through the University of South Florida's Innovative Education Program.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Detroit Fire Department- Emergency Medical Services Function in ICS

The Detroit Fire Department conducted a NIMS ICS 300 – 400 National Fire Academy Course. This workshop provided essential training to local firefighters to enhance their abilities to assist in fire suppression from a management standpoint.



The Social Media Content Creation for Beginners Workshop

The Social Media Content Creation for Beginners workshop taught students how to use AI tools and various social media platforms for business and personal branding.



Information Literacy Month

Students received practical strategies for finding reliable information, evaluating credible sources, and recognizing misinformation. With the information provided, students strengthen their research skills and become more confident and informed users of information.



Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Community members received training on how to recognize, de-escalate, and respond safely to behavioral health and safety emergencies.

Downriver Campus



Teaching Expectations for Early Childhood Classrooms

Wayne RESA held its Teaching Expectations for Early Childhood Classrooms workshop. This session supports preschool teachers to intentionally teach behavioral expectations.



Wayne RESA also held its “The Connection Phonological Awareness and Prekindergarten Daily Routine” workshop.



Aviation Task Force Meeting

Members of the Aviation Task Force met to discuss aviation initiatives, the Aviation Management Program, and drone piloting.



The Leona Group Focal Point K-12 Training

The session provided Michigan teachers with an introduction to the Focal Point K-12 Assessment Platform and its educational technology and assessment tools.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training – BURN DAY

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team (ERT) training course on fire tactics.



MIPSE Tour with JB Learning

JB Learning representatives Joy Knobbe and Devin Beckworth visited the Downriver Campus and MIPSE for a tour.



Republic Services - ROAD-EO Business Unit Competition

The Downriver Campus hosted Republic Services for their Annual ROAD-EO Business Unit Competition. The Road-EO events consist of multiple skills/safety tasks related to commercial motor vehicles, forklift and technicians.













Eastern Campus

Ready, Set, Work! Training

Representatives from Michigan Works! met with participants to discuss programs and resources designed to support working adults. Topics included assistance with navigating workplace conflicts, training and skill-development opportunities, and the Michigan Reconnect Program.



Detroit at Work Innovation Center Meeting

Staff met with representatives from Detroit at Work to review our current partnership.



Wayne Metro Training

The Eastern Campus hosted Wayne Metro for its professional development training. This training provided targeted training for their Head Start staff based on their roles and responsibilities.



Prepping Students for Success

Students received information on resume preparation, interviewing, job search techniques, completing applications, goal setting and much more.

Northwest Campus



HUM 101 Art Gallery Visit

Professor Adwoa Muweza took her HUM 101 class to the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery for a hands-on learning experience, connecting classroom lessons with art and culture.

Girls Rock IT



WCCCD hosted the Girls Rock IT program, welcoming girls in grades 4th–10th and their parents for an engaging day of technology and learning.



Student-Centered Customer Service Training



The Northwest Campus conducted student-centered customer service training for staff, focusing on effective communication, professionalism, and responsive service.



Detroit Association of Fundraising Professionals

The Detroit Association of Fundraising Professionals brought together fundraising professionals for an opportunity to connect, learn, and grow.



Culinary Arts Program

Chef Lorenzo Spratling engaged Culinary Arts students in hands-on cooking and food preparation. They also gained practical experience while developing culinary techniques and essential kitchen skills.









Ted Scott Campus



Student Success

Dr. Cynthia Herald is taking time to tutor students outside of class hours.

Basic Drawing Class

Professor Melissa Machnee is teaching her Basic Drawing Class how to make flip books.

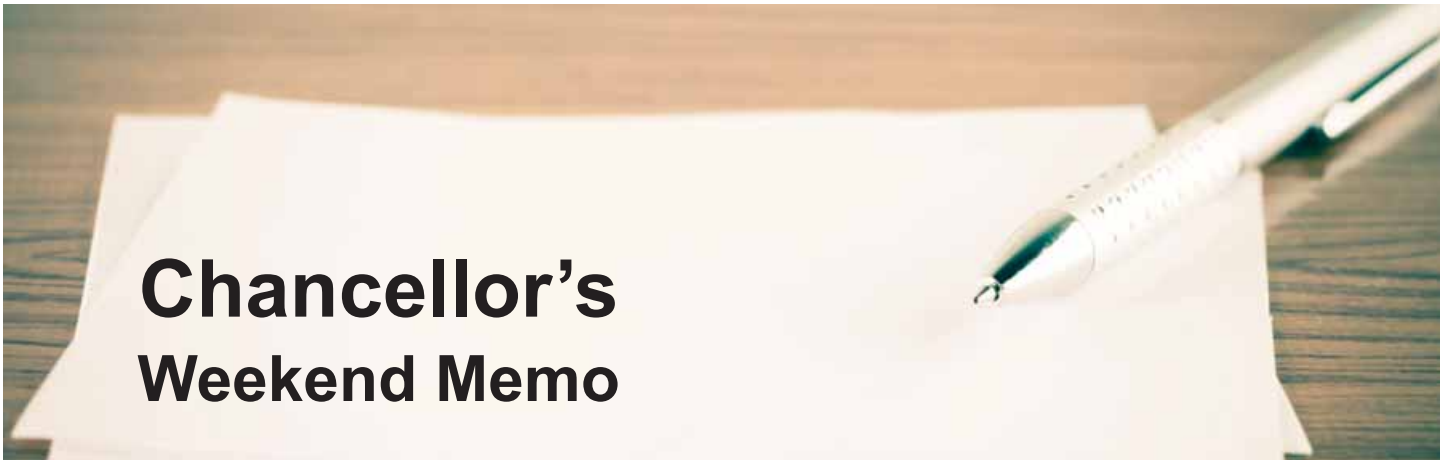


Phi Theta Kappa Orientation

Staff assisted students with information regarding membership, scholarships, leadership opportunities, and career support.

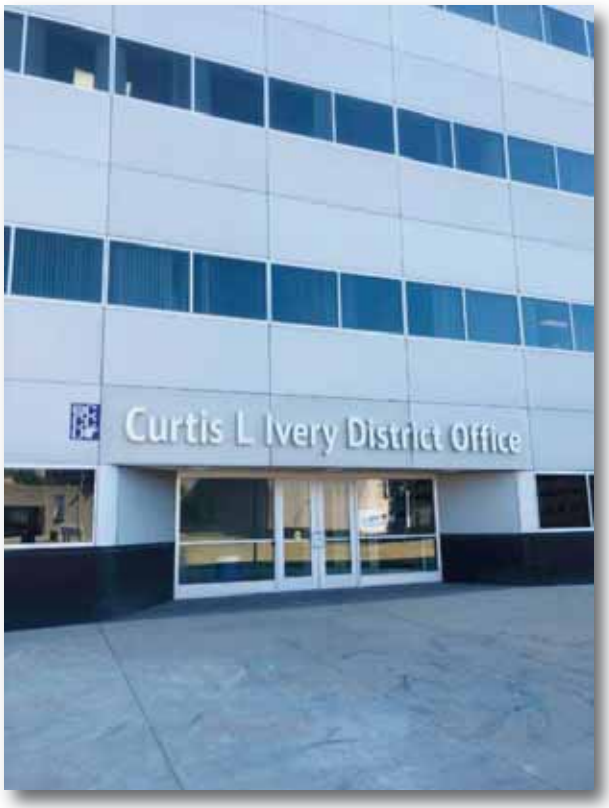






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Wayne County Community College District



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











