

Chancellor's Weekend Memo

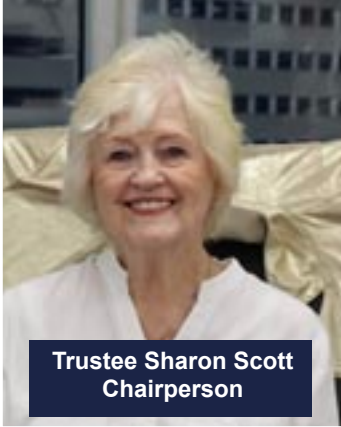
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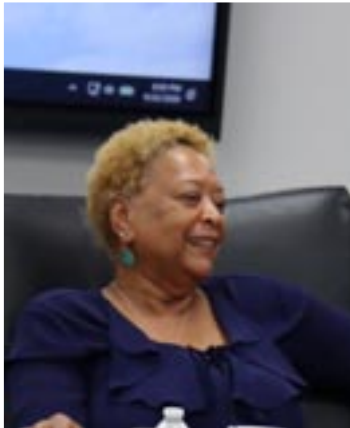
ONE VISION, ONE DISTRICT, ONE COLLEGE

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 16, 2026



Trustee Sharon Scott
Chairperson



During Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting, the District celebrated outstanding student and institutional achievements, including 100% pass rates in three Health Science programs, strong job placement outcomes, and continued program accreditation which include:

- 100% (National Council Licensure Examination) NCLEX Pass Rate for Nursing and Allied Health students
- 100% Job Placement Rate for program graduates
- 100% Program Accreditation maintained District-Wide

The Board also recognized the District's consecutive 10-year Higher Learning Commission accreditation reviews with zero findings. In addition, we welcomed Brandy Johnson, President of the Michigan Community College Association, as part of her statewide community college tour.



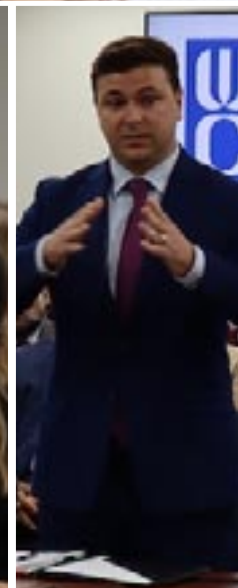
Brandy Johnson, President
Michigan Community College Association





Kudos to Dr. Abby Freeman, Provost of Health Sciences, along with the Health Sciences faculty, staff, and students, for their continued dedication to academic excellence.





Executive Leadership Team



I met with members of my Executive Leadership Team to discuss:

- Budget and Strategic Priorities
- Fall Semester Updates
- The District-Wide Employee Recognition Program
- Ongoing Mystery Call Initiative
- And More

Compliance and Integrity Committee

The Compliance and Integrity Committee continues to review and update the current safeguards and processes, including identity verification, document review, and ongoing monitoring, to protect the integrity of the institution.



Officer Arbo Commended for Exemplary Service

We received a congratulatory note from Judge William McConico recognizing WCCCD's Police Authority Officer Michael Arbo for his diligence and professionalism. Judge McConico commended his dedication, communication, and his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty and deserves recognition for his commitment to the safety and well-being of our college community.

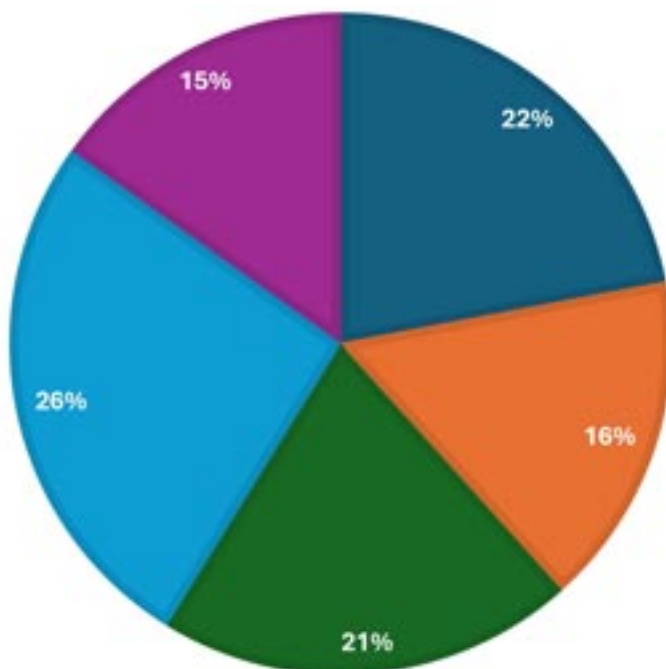
Annual Planning for Strategic Initiatives

At WCCCD, our annual budget process is closely aligned with our Strategic Plan to ensure we remain responsive to community needs while advancing institutional excellence. Strategic Initiatives submitted by campuses and administrative units play a vital role in driving growth, strengthening community connections, and supporting continuous improvement. These initiatives are designed to broaden the college impact and achievement of planned expenditures earmarked for the general fund. This year, 128 initiatives were submitted for review, reflecting the collective commitment of our college community to innovation and student success. These efforts expand planned General Fund expenditures aligned with strategic priorities to achieve meaningful impact for student success, learning support, and institutional efficiencies.

I look forward to completing the review process and approving initiatives that align with our Institutional Action Priorities and the final year of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. Together, these efforts will help guide WCCCD's continued growth and impact in the year ahead.

Strategic Directions and Goals:

1. Expansion of the Student Success Initiatives and Opportunities
2. Strengthening Curriculum Development and Effectiveness
3. Promotion of Operational Systems
4. Development and Management of Institutional Resources
5. Advancement of Workforce Development, Community Partnerships, and Continuing Education



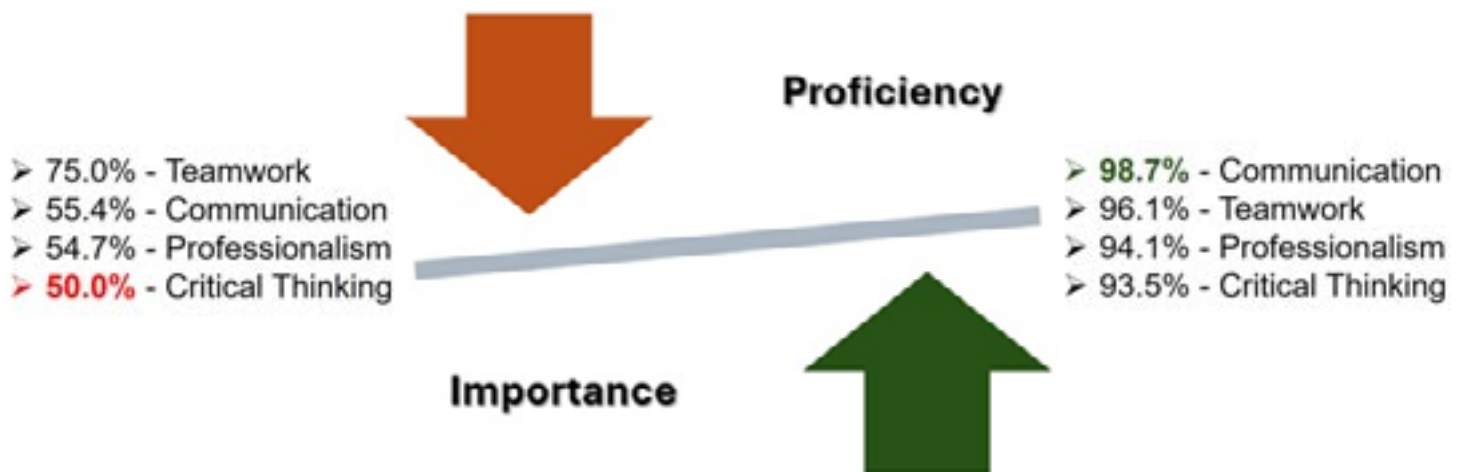
STRATEGIC GOALS & INITIATIVES

- #1 Student Success
- #2 Curriculum Development & Effectiveness
- #3 Promote Operational Systems
- #4 Development & Management Institutional Resources
- #5 Advancement of Workforce & Continuing Education



Institutional Effectiveness

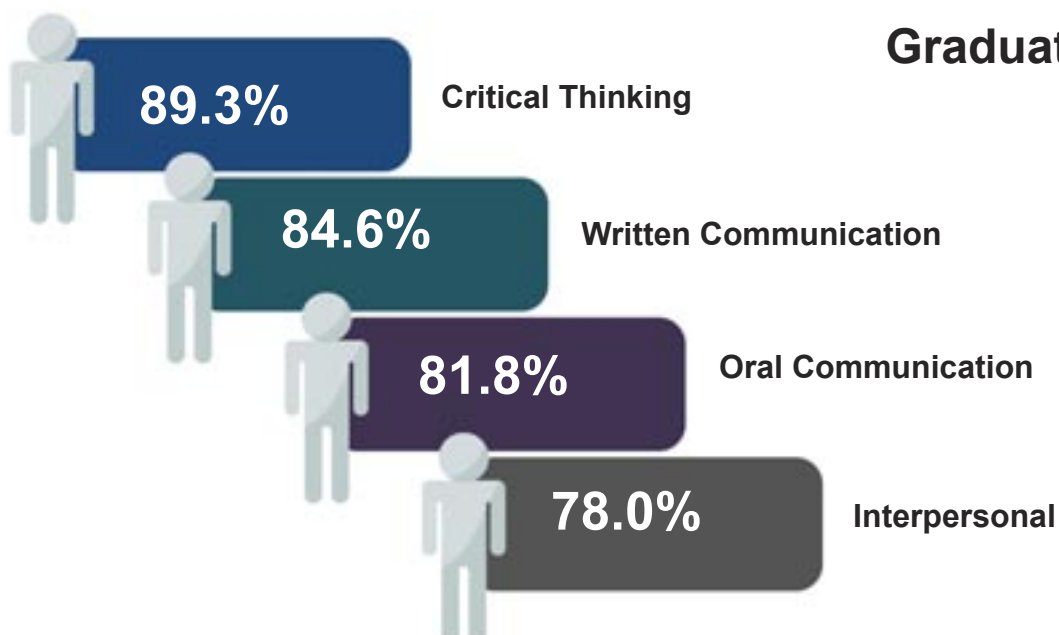
The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) is actively preparing for the development of the College's next strategic plan, with a strong focus on aligning institutional priorities with evolving workforce skill demands. IE is reviewing local, regional, and national workforce data to benchmark performance and assess how effectively WCCCD prepares graduates for career success. Workforce readiness remains a critical component of student success. Recent findings from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) indicate that employers consistently rate new graduates highly in their ability to work as part of a team. However, employers also report opportunities for improvement in several key professional competencies and soft skills that are increasingly important in today's workplace.



Source: <https://www.nacweb.org/career-readiness/trends-and-predictions/employers-say-new-grads-are-largely-prepared-for-work-with-room-to-improve>

As part of the Graduate Exit Survey, WCCCD asks new graduates to assess the extent to which their program has enhanced the following skills a great deal/quite a bit:

Graduate Exit Survey





Northwest Campus Hosts Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan Inaugural Court Retreat

The Northwest Campus welcomed nearly 600 members of the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan, including distinguished judges, court leadership, and employees, for its inaugural Court Retreat, themed “The Power of the Third: United to LEAD.”



Division of Educational Affairs



Expanding Certification and Workforce Pathways

Dr. Wanda Hudson, Jara Tekleab, and Dr. Sharon Lewis met with Al Nasturzio, from CompTIA, to discuss available CompTIA resources and opportunities to strengthen WCCCD's partnership. The conversation focused on expanding industry-aligned resources, certifications, and support that enhance student learning and workforce readiness.



Back To School Rally Celebrates Literacy and Creativity

Dr. Tynisha McGee and Dr. Charmaine Johnson, Discipline Lead for Early Childhood Education, supported The Twelve Days of Christmas Organization with its Back-to-School Rally at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.

Presented in partnership with WCCCD's Early Childhood Education Department, the rally celebrated the voices and contributions of Black authors while encouraging Detroit-area youth to embrace creativity as a powerful tool for learning and self-expression. Through storytelling and literacy-focused activities, the event helped inspire families and students as they prepared for a strong start to the 2026–2027 school year.



Career Pathways for Automotive Technology

The School of Continuing Education is expanding opportunities for individuals interested in building a career pathway in the growing field of Automotive Technology. Through Automotive Technology and Service and Small Engine Repair courses, students can develop valuable hands-on skills and foundational knowledge in vehicle maintenance, diagnostics, repair, engine systems, and mechanical troubleshooting. These courses are designed to introduce participants to the essential skills needed for entry-level employment while creating a pathway toward advanced training, industry certifications, apprenticeships, and career opportunities in the automotive and mechanical service industries.

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**DISTRICT-WIDE
CONFERENCE DAY**

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery Northwest Campus

The School of Continuing Education presented the opening reception of the Women of Power: Ceramics, Drawings and Paintings Exhibition featuring the artwork of Valarie Davis. Ms. Davis shared her philosophy of art and creativity, stating: "I paint and create art every day and believe that my purpose on earth is to share my gift with others and hope that they will learn the beauty of being a creative and innovative citizen. Making art is my breath, life, abiding existence!" WCCCD Art Curator Sherry Washington observed, "The students and community were enraptured by Ms. Davis's lecture and resilience to keep on working despite the obstacles of one's life. Her exhibition and lecture offered students, artists, and community members an inspiring opportunity to experience not only her exceptional body of work, but also the perseverance, discipline, and fortitude that have shaped her journey."



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**



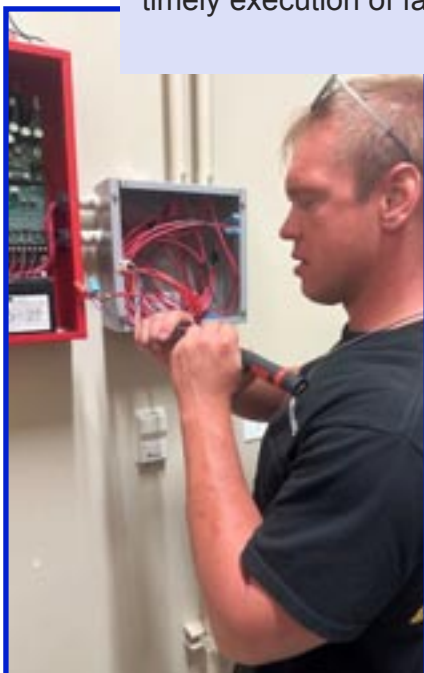
**MANAGEMENT OF
EXTERIOR AND
INTERIOR ASSETS**



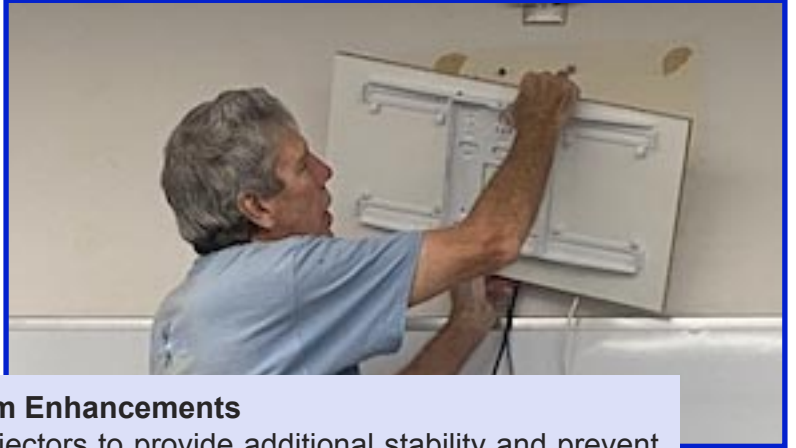
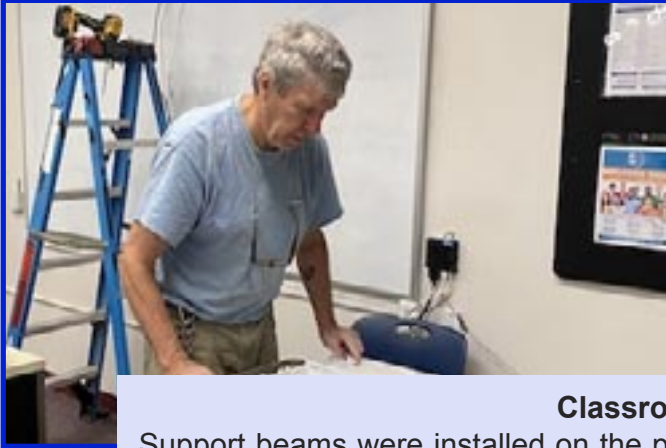
**STUDENT
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**



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.



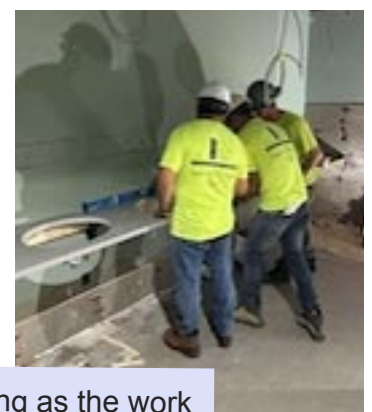
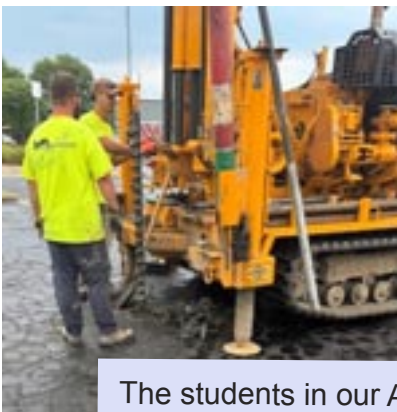
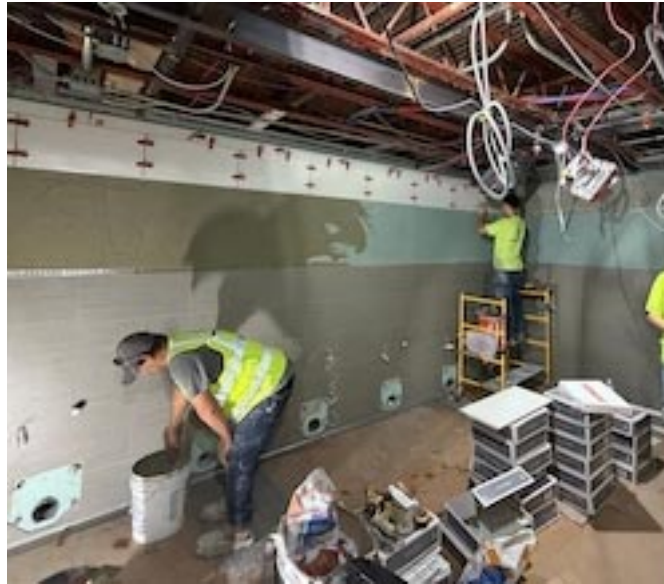
Downriver Campus



Classroom Enhancements

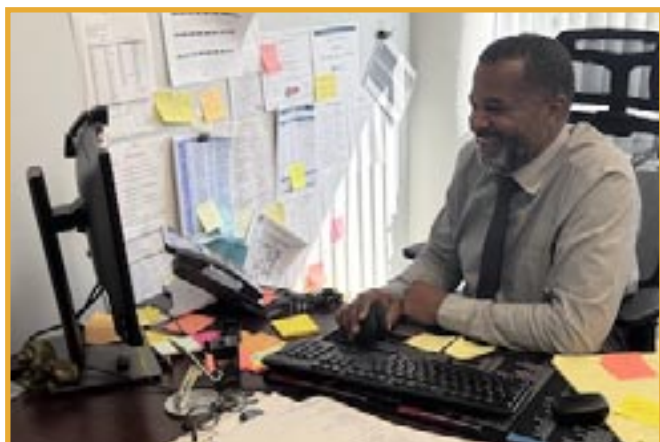
Support beams were installed on the projectors to provide additional stability and prevent the projectors from coming loose from the walls.

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



The students in our Apprenticeship Program are receiving hands-on-training as the work continues on the restrooms and exterior soil borings on the outside of the building.

Division of Student Services



Admissions and Records

Staff continue to ensure online student applications are processed accurately and efficiently to support a smooth enrollment experience.



Dual Enrollment

The Dual Enrollment Team met to discuss fall registration priorities.

Recruitment and Outreach

Students from various high schools are utilizing our digital application to apply for Fall dual enrollment courses.



Community Partnerships

Staff visited the Passion and Caring Home for the Elderly and met with Owner Gena Payne, for a tour of the facility and provided information about educational programs. We were proud to share WCCCD's educational opportunities and workshop series while building new community connections.

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Division of Student Services

New Student Experience Team

Congratulations to Tonya Harrison, a proud WCCCD graduate who is continuing her educational journey at Wayne State University. We celebrate Tonya's success and wish her continued achievement as she takes this exciting next step.



Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Office recently provided training to several FWS students on how to navigate and effectively use the My Wildcat Portal. The training was designed to help students become more familiar and confident with accessing the portal and its available features and resources.

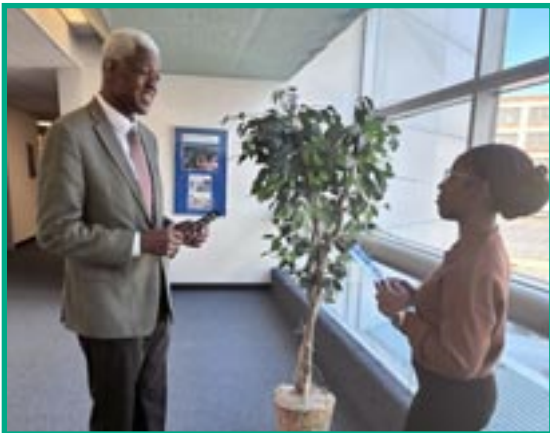
During the session, students received guidance on locating important information, accessing essential services, and using resources available to WCCCD students.

Division of Student Services



Congratulations to Our **Scholarship Recipients!**

The WCCCD Scholarship Committee held their Annual Meeting and scholar review process this week. After four days of intense review of over 210 applications, the Committee awarded 94 scholarships to WCCCD students. Congratulations to the scholarship winners!



Supporting Student Success Through MiCUP

District Student Services team member Dawud Muhammad encouraged student Mattison Dawson to apply for the Michigan College and University Partnership (MiCUP) Scholars Program. Through the program, participants complete seven weeks of research at Michigan Technological University in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Athletics

The WCCCD 2026–2027 Golf Team competed this past week at Grayling Country Club. Congratulations to our Wildcats on a strong performance and a great showing on the course. Go Wildcats!





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Hands-On Learning in Construction

Representatives from Sunset Realty met with students in the Construction Trades Training Program at the Regional Training Center. Students learned about the construction process, including blueprint reading, fabrication, city inspections, and other essential building skills.

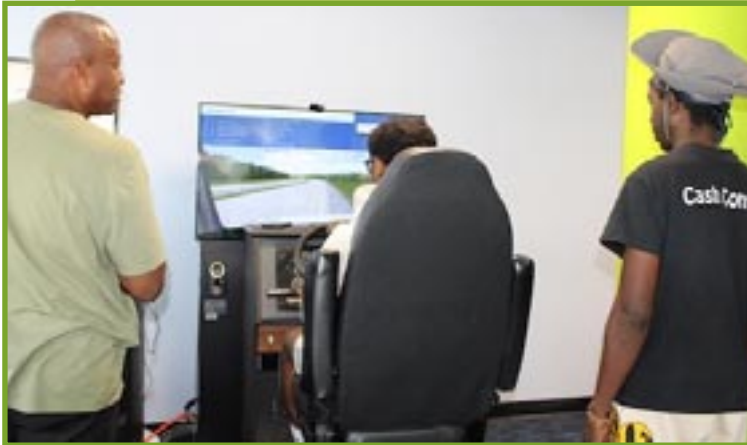


Civil Testing and Inspection Bootcamp

The Division of Workforce and Economic Development presented a Civil Testing and Inspection Bootcamp at the MDOT lab, where participants explored career opportunities, toured the facility, and viewed demonstrations of material testing and field equipment used to collect concrete and asphalt samples.



Division of Workforce and **Economic Development**



CDL Truck Simulator and First Aid Training

CDL students used simulation-based instruction to practice shifting through gears to better understand how a commercial truck responds during operation. The simulator provides a controlled environment where students can build confidence, improve coordination, and become more familiar with vehicle handling before applying those skills behind the wheel.

Simulation training also helps reduce unnecessary wear on the program's trucks by allowing students to practice shifting techniques without repeatedly placing stress on the clutch and transmission. This gives students valuable repetition while helping preserve training equipment for continued hands-on instruction.

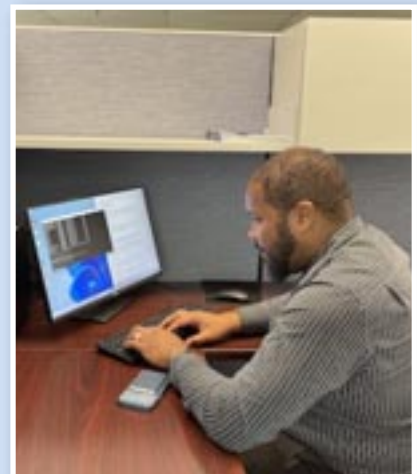
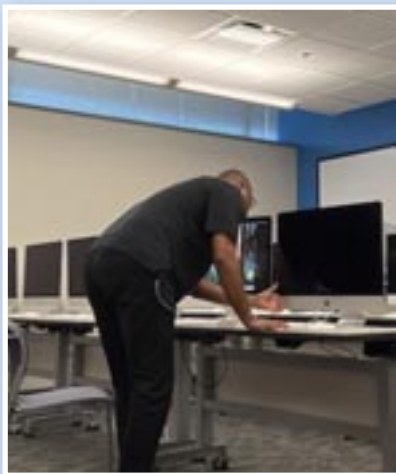
CPL students also underwent a First Aid training as a part in their program certification.

Division of Information Technology

District Administrative Building Upgrades



District-Wide Campus Technical Support



DR. RANDALL MILLER'S CORNER



Collaborations and Relationships

Events and happenings in life are noteworthy benchmarks along the way, but life's successes more often than not are the result of collaborations and relationships with others. The relationships and friendships we build create our individual networks that can serve us our entire lives.

Depending upon at what stage you are in life, you may be either on the giving or receiving end of the very special relationship of mentoring. The people I know who have had any degree of success in life willingly talk about how they have benefited from at least one mentor if not several. Those of us who have had mentors are most likely to return the favor by mentoring others. It is a form of 'paying forward' the special gift of caring.

The joy and satisfaction that comes from those mentor-mentee relationships are some of the richest that life can offer. They might result in some form of personal or professional collaboration that adds value to both participants. These are meaningful relationships that enrich our lives, give us something to look forward to, and make us better people.

Book Recommendation

1493, Uncovering the New World Columbus Created
Written by Charles C. Mann

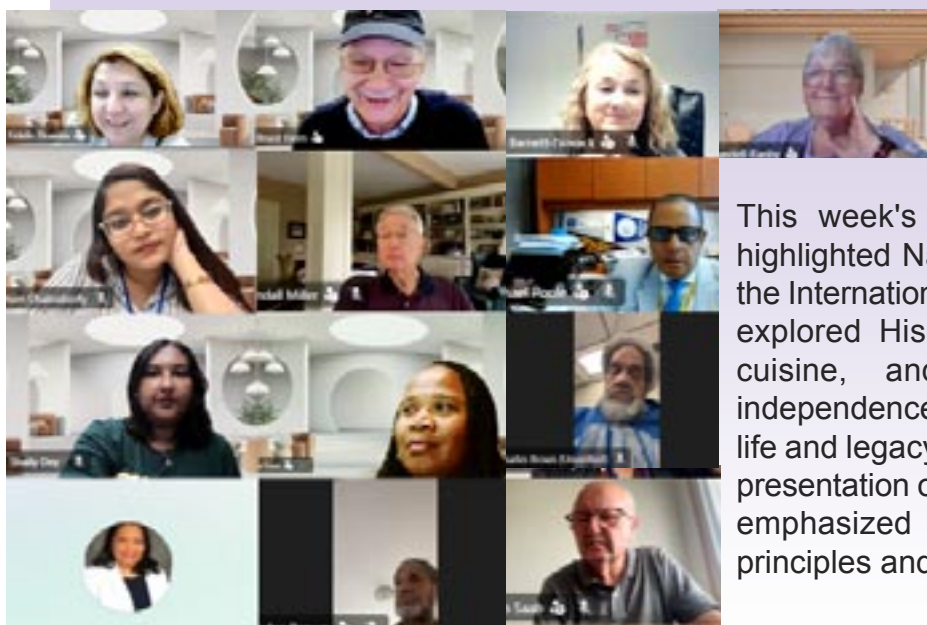


Visual Arts Education in the City - ft City Murals artist Nicole Macdonald

Celebrating Detroit's vibrant spirit—from its musical roots and renowned Albert Kahn architecture to a thriving street mural scene—artists have brought captivating visual storytelling to five People Mover stations. Located at the Fort and Cass People Mover Station near the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus, Nicole Macdonald's mural, "A Slice of Life in Detroit: Tribute to the Working Class," honors local history and community life.



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations highlighted National Hispanic Heritage Month and the International Day of Democracy. The discussion explored Hispanic language, culture, traditions, cuisine, and historical movements toward independence. Participants also learned about the life and legacy of acclaimed actress Rita Moreno. A presentation on the International Day of Democracy emphasized the importance of democratic principles and civic engagement in society.

Bengali Cultural Meeting



The Bengali Cultural Meeting provided participants with an opportunity to explore Bengali history, traditions, language, arts, and cultural heritage.

Northwest Campus



Community Partnerships

Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (F.A.R.M.) held its first orientation for the new cohort at the Northwest Campus. Through this partnership, we help connect fathers with resources and support services.

CNS Healthcare



CNS Healthcare held its annual staff meeting at the Northwest Campus, welcoming nearly 500 professionals who serve over 10,000 individuals each year, with clinicians and healthcare experts attending from across the state.



McNichols Business Association Now Expo Car Show



This was an opportunity for WCCCD to connect with and engage our community while celebrating local businesses, automotive culture, and the spirit of Detroit.

Northwest Campus



Health Science Students visit the Detroit Institute of Arts

The health science students, faculty, and staff participated in an educational field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). The tour centered around the theme of healing and empathy, offering participants a guided experience to observe and reflect on a curated selection of artworks.



Student Nurse Association Meeting



The Student Nurse Association (SNA) held a meeting at the Health Science Center to support students' professional development and expand their knowledge of nursing career pathways. Detroit Medical Center recruiters shared information about employment opportunities, internships, and the hiring process.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

University Partners Support Student Success During Welcome Week

This week, our university partners took part in Welcome Week activities across the District, setting up information tables to ensure students have access to the resources they need as they plan their path beyond their associate degree.



Dual Enrollment Orientation

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center welcomed parents and students for a dual enrollment orientation.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Mi-Leap Meeting

Dr. Brian Singleton and team met to discuss upcoming Mi-Leap program updates, student engagement strategies, and collaborative efforts to support program objectives and initiatives.



Game Time!

Helps Local Businesses Get Bid Ready

Game Time! Get Bid Ready for NCAA Final Four held a workshop that introduced Detroit-area businesses to opportunities to provide services and commodities during the March–April event period. Participants learned about submitting proposal materials, connecting with the NCAA Final Four Host Committee, and pursuing Detroit business certification for future procurement opportunities.



Selma Foot Soldiers Share Their Experiences

Participants learned about the three Selma marches, their role in advancing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the sisters' personal experiences.



Each One Teach One Explores Everyday Legal Issues

The Each One Teach One–George Crockett Law School program provided participants with a basic understanding of the legal system.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



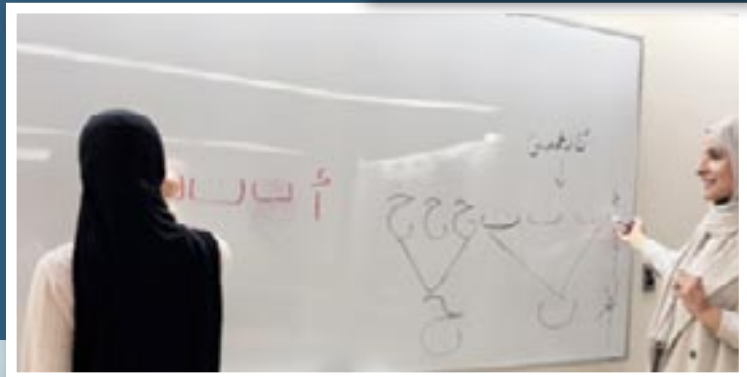
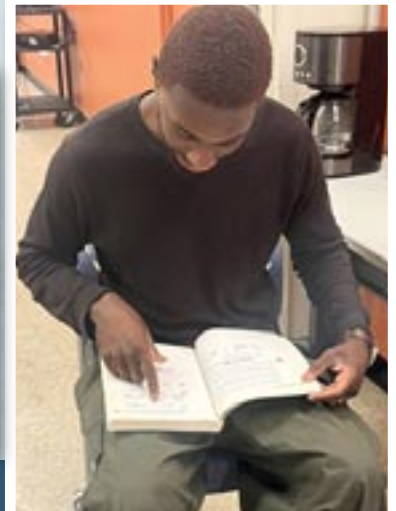
Campus Staff Meeting

Dr. Brian Singleton met with campus staff to discuss Fall Semester priorities and strategies for enhancing customer service and strengthening telephone etiquette.



Language Institute Students Prepare for Their First Exam

Students at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus Language Institute continued building their language skills through focused instruction, academic practice, and collaborative learning. With support from faculty and staff, research materials, and Mango Languages, students strengthened their communication skills and reviewed key concepts in preparation for their first exam.



What our members are saying about the HWECC:

Friendly staff, super clean facility, great instructors and an engaging community clientele. Highly knowledgeable, highly tuned observation skills, focuses on my personal goals and gives helpful feedback. - Dorothea P.



HWECC Tour

Mike Dotson and the HWECC staff hosted staff from Hfit for a tour of the HWECC to discuss the many resources and opportunities available for the community at the center.



Chair Yoga

For members who need a full body workout that increases mobility and decreases the chances of a fall, Chair Yoga is the perfect group fitness class.

Downriver Campus

Student Success

Students are taking advantage of the resources and staff available in the Learning Resource Center.



Wayne County Sheriff Jailer Training Graduation

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Jailer Training Graduation.



Auto Accreditation Meeting



Wayne RESA Supporting Secondary Reading Instruction Meeting



EMT Students Build Patient Transport Skills

The Emergency Medical Technology (EMT 114) class participated in hands-on stair training, practicing how to safely transport a patient in a wheelchair up and downstairs using a training mannequin.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Downriver Campus

9/11 Memorial Service

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted a 9/11 Memorial Service. The memorial service provided an opportunity to reflect on the events of 9/11 and recognize the courage and sacrifice of the first responders and others who served that day.



Taylor Career Center EMT 114 Orientation

MIPSE hosted The Taylor Career Center EMT 114 orientation, providing an introduction to the program, course expectations, and hands-on emergency medical training.

Student Fire Protection Technology First Day of Class

Students in Fire Protection Technology began their first day of class, marking the start of hands-on learning and preparation for careers in fire protection and emergency services.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



**MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
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Downriver Campus



Fire Department Training - Trenton FD

Employees participated in a driving course with various Fire Department vehicles.

Downriver Hazmat Team Training

MIPSE hosted the Downriver Hazardous Material Response Team for their monthly proficiency training and material update.



Marathon Petroleum's Emergency Response Team Training

The course trained Marathon Petroleum ERT driver/operators in operating fire apparatus, pumps, and foam systems.

ERT operators learned how to attack live fires.



Eastern Campus

Art 101

Building a Foundation for Still Life

ART 101 students are exploring basic shapes as they prepare for their first still-life project. By practicing how to recognize, draw, and arrange simple geometric forms, students begin developing the skills needed to break more complex objects into manageable shapes.



Continuing Education Drawing and More for Seniors

Students practiced Zentangle-inspired designs, while others explored shapes and forms, enjoying an opportunity to learn, create, and express themselves through art.



Ted Scott Campus



Music on the Terrace

Participants enjoyed an evening of performances by the Detroit Social Club Band. Trustee Sharon P. Scott also was in attendance.



Trustee Sharon P. Scott



Robotics

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the McBride Robotics Informational Workshop for parents to learn about the upcoming season including what is expected from participants.



Students in Action

Microbiology students are hard at work.



Staff updated the mental health board and resource table.

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

