Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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ONE VISION, ONE DISTRICT, ONE COLLEGE

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

- Election of Officers for SMART's Board of Directors 2026/2027
- Chairperson's Report
- General Manager's Report
- New Business Items
- Board Member Business





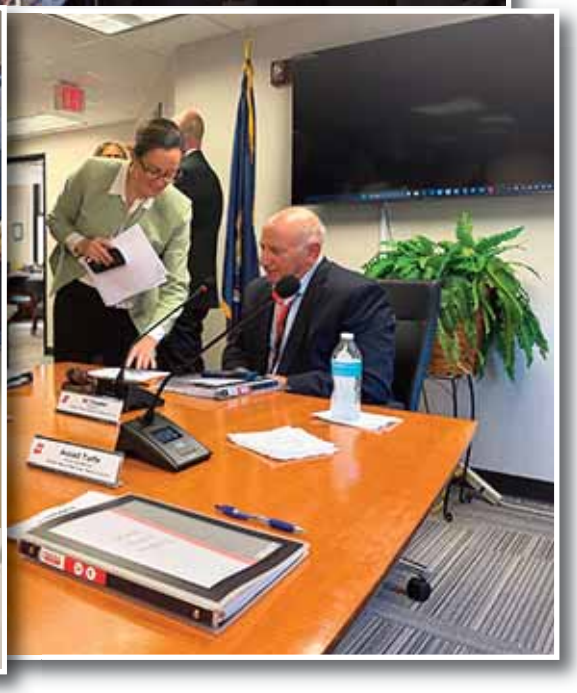








Tiffany J. Gunter
SMART General Manager and Chief Executive Officer



Enhancing Community Partnerships

I met with Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree to discuss strategies to enhance collaboration, strengthen community partnerships, and expand opportunities to support students and Wayne County residents.



Eric Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer



I participated in the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) Community College Presidents Virtual Monthly Meeting.

Health and Wellness Education Center Staff Meeting

I met with staff from the Health and Wellness Education Center to discuss ongoing initiatives, program enhancements, and opportunities to further advance health, wellness, and community engagement across the District.





District-wide Facilities Update Meeting



Meeting with Deputy Chancellor

College Fair Connects Students to Educational Opportunities

Our Ted Scott Campus welcomed prospective students and community members to a College Fair featuring representatives from more than 45 colleges and universities. Participants explored a wide range of academic program offerings and provided access to valuable resources to support their academic journeys and future success.















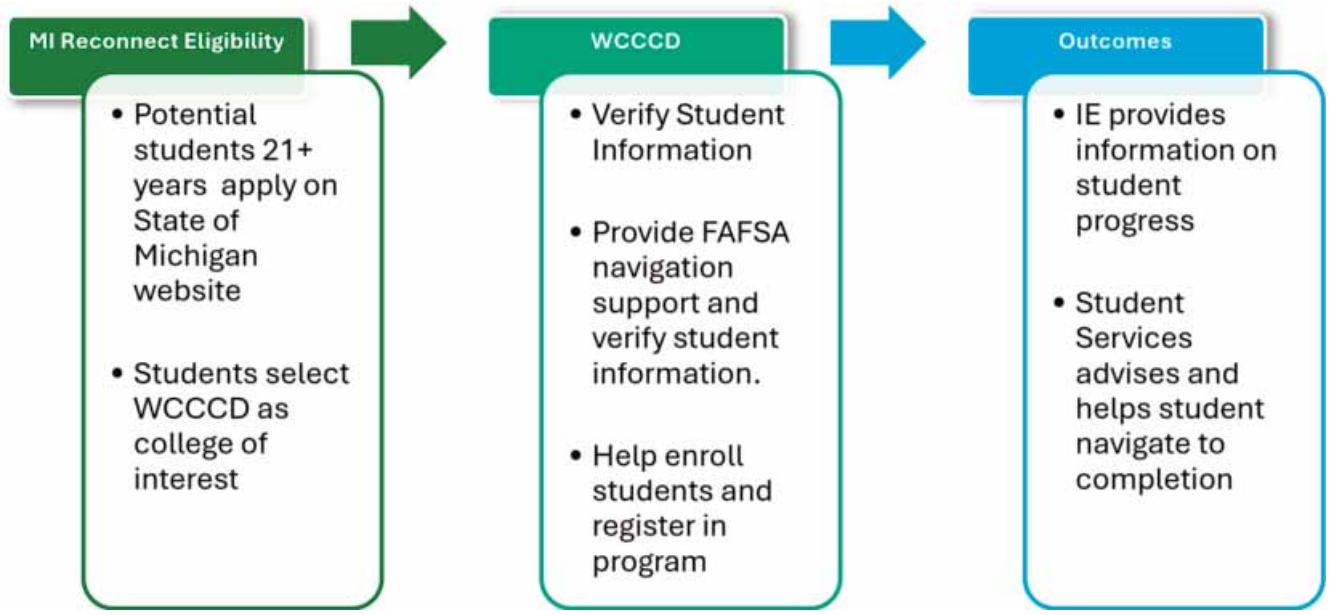




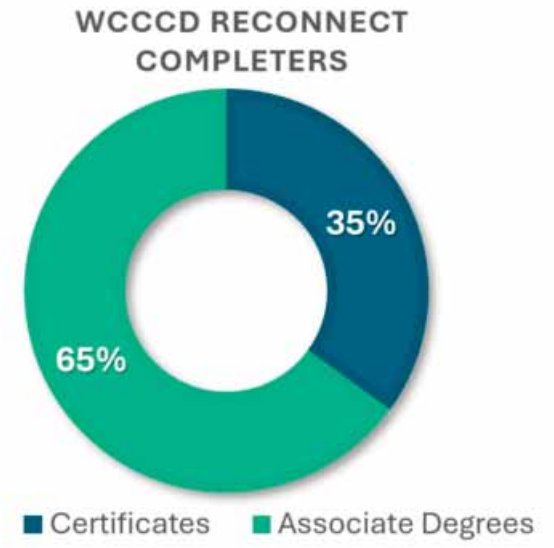


Institutional **Effectiveness**

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) partners with Student Services and Educational Affairs to track and report student outcomes for state-wide initiatives such as Reconnect. Michigan Reconnect is a higher education reform initiative that focuses on increasing the number of adult learners to complete college degrees and certificates with little to no tuition cost. IE analyzes data and report on key metrics to ensure WCCCD meets its benchmark each year. WCCCD continues to meet its benchmark for the last 3 years and creates career paths for Reconnect students. Below demonstrates WCCCD efforts and outcomes to support the initiative.



WCCCD Reconnect students receive free tuition if eligible to achieve their college goals. Below are interesting outcomes data for WCCCD Reconnect graduate majors to prepare them for future careers with little to no debt.



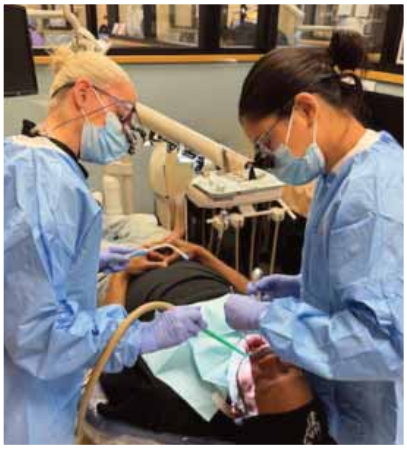
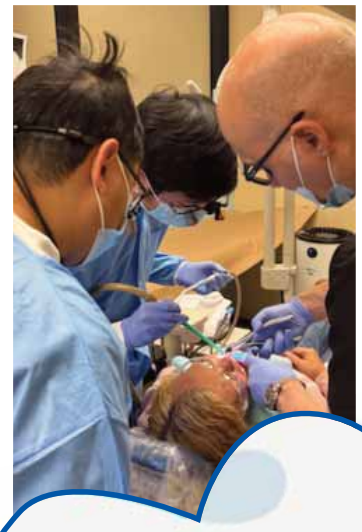
WCCCD Reconnect Top Majors

Associate of Science	Associate of Arts
Associate of General Studies	CIS Network +
Medical First Responder	CIS: Cybersecurity
Computer Information Sciences (CIS)	Practical Nurse Education
Business Administration	Nursing

EXTRACTION DAY

October 17, 2026






- 3 Deans
- 2 Staff
- 3 DHY Faculty
- 13 Dental Students
- 23 Doctors
- 86 Patients

The Largest One to Date!!!

516 extractions

5 radiographs (x-rays)/patient
13 sites of membrane placement (bone grafting)
Plus pharmaceuticals

Extraction Day provided more than $188,000 in free dental care to the community!

School of Continuing Education
Wayne County Community College District

Thursdays at the Museum

As part of our partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), seniors took a bus ride from the Ted Scott Campus to the DIA to enjoy a silent film featuring artwork through different periods. They were also able to view the current exhibits on display.

















On the move!

Building Community Relationships



Western Wayne Leadership Banquet

Trustee Sharon Scott, Matt Green, and staff from the Ted Scott Campus attended the 2026 Western Wayne Leadership Banquet.



COMTO Michigan Braintrust

Dr. Yvette Anderson attended the COMTO Michigan Braintrust, which brought together municipal and transportation leaders to discuss key stakeholders, desired outcomes, and future development opportunities for the region's transportation sector.



Belleville State of the Community Address

Matt Green and Amanda Consiglio participated in the Belleville State of the Community Address.

Detroit City Council Legislative Retreat

Dr. Brian Singleton served as a panelist for the annual Detroit City Council Retreat held in Port Huron, Michigan. The theme of this year's retreat was, "What does a thriving city look like?"













PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Diane Gonzalez and Drs. Tynisha McGee and CharMaine Hines attended the Michigan-ACE Institutional Representative Professional Development Leadership Institute, hosted by Western Michigan University. The event brought together top experts from across the state to tackle critical shifts in academia. Insightful plenary addresses were delivered by Dr. Beverly Griffea-Walker, Executive Director, MiLEAP and Dr. Connie Tingson Gatuz, The University of Michigan.



Dr. Allan Cosma attended the first segment of the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship alongside 38 other community college leaders from across the United States. This prestigious leadership experience focused on transformational leadership, institutional innovation, and strategies to advance student success, economic mobility, and lasting change within community colleges.



Division of Human Resources



District-wide Benefits Open Enrollment











The Division of Human Resources Team visited all six campuses this week to provide information and assistance during Open Enrollment.











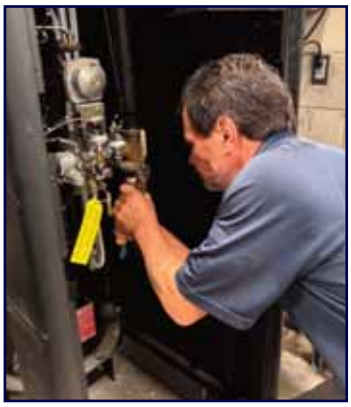
Office of Facilities Planning and Management



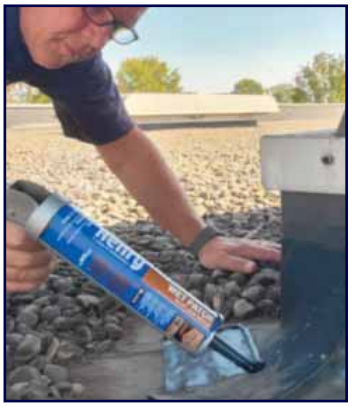
The District Facilities Team met with the campus facilities administrator for the Downriver and Ted Scott campuses to review and assess outstanding facility work orders, established priorities, and coordinate efforts to ensure timely and efficient completion of necessary repairs and maintenance.

District-wide Enhancements












Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Students spent the day navigating the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus in wheelchairs, gaining firsthand insight into wheelchair mobility while learning how to safely teach patients wheelchair use and maneuvering.













Cultural Enrichment



Day of the Girl Child 14th Anniversary

Staff celebrated the 14th anniversary of Day of the Girl Child with presentations, food, activities and handcrafted goods at the Downriver Campus.













VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations explored Hispanic Heritage Month, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot through educational presentations highlighting cultural heritage, historical perspectives, and religious traditions.





Participants engaged in a literary discussion featuring *Dawn of Detroit* by Viva Miles.

Division of Student Services

Dual Enrollment Program



The District Dual Enrollment team met to review current efforts and plan expanded recruitment, with a focus on strengthening partnerships with area high schools.



WCCCD participated in a College Fair, where staff engaged with prospective students, answered questions about program offerings and the application process, and highlighted pathways to transfer and career success.



The District Dual Enrollment Office held a planning meeting for the Spring 2027 semester, where staff coordinated admissions and registration to ensure a smooth start for dual enrollment students across the District.

Student Success

Staff continue to assist our international students with their Spring 2027 study plan, course selection and goals to shape the academic path for the upcoming semester.





Federal Work-Study Program



Federal Work-Study student Jap DeTorres, Vice President of Scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa's Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter, participated in the PTK Leadership Officer Conference (LOC). Jap benefits from both FWS and PTK—gaining workplace experience, leadership skills, scholarships, networking, and personal growth.



We are pleased to share that Shatoia Perry has been hired as a volunteer coordinator at St. Joseph's Helpers, one of WCCCD's off-site Federal Work-Study partner locations. Her new role highlights how the FWS program connects students with meaningful work experience and opportunities for professional growth.

Division of Student Services



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter hosted a family-friendly painting workshop to bring students, families, and community members together through creativity. PTK members painted while fostering an inclusive environment. The event allowed students to showcase leadership, service, teamwork, and community involvement, reflecting PTK values.

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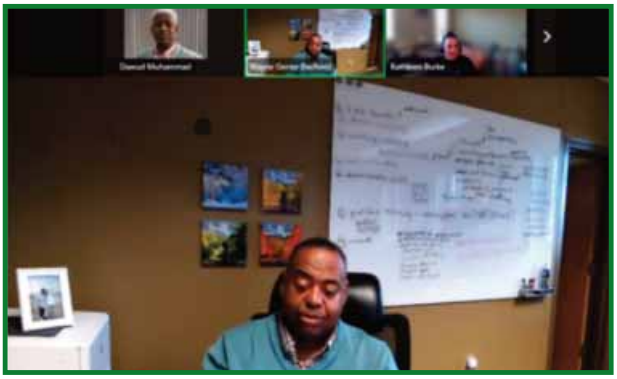


Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter Vice President of Fellowship Stephanie Onyemaeke, volunteered at the 4th Annual Backpack Giveaway, hosted by The Buzzbees and Boys to Men Maintenance LLC. Representing WCCCD and PTK, Ms, Onyemaeke exemplified the chapter's commitment to service and leadership. We commend her dedication to serving the community.



Student Executive Council

The Student Executive Council was invited to join the Michigan Department of State and college students across Michigan for a monthly discussion about the 2026 Midterm Elections.



MiCUP Program

Staff met with Michigan Technological University representatives to discuss preparations for the Summer 2027 MiCUP (Michigan College and University Partnership) research-based internship program and the ongoing partnership with WCCCD.



Considine

Joseph Kellem engaged participants at Considine in a hands-on music lesson, teaching them how to find a key through practical, interactive exercises.



Division of Administration and Finance

District Request for Requisitions Meeting

Team members from the Division of Administration and Finance met to discuss the District's Request for Requisitions. This meeting entailed reviewing requisitions entered in banner and prioritizing items. The team continues to identify and recommend ways to modify and improve the requisition process.



District Police Authority

Welcoming Officer Paula Redmond to the WCCCD Police Authority

Chief Bahrija Livadic recently administered the oath of office to Officer Paula Redmond, who brings extensive patrol experience from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Detroit Police Department. A proud WCCCD alumna, she holds an Associate Degree in Police Administration and a Master's Degree in Disaster and Emergency Management and Homeland Security from American Military University. She is currently completing the Field Training Program.



Eastern Campus

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Federal Workforce Pell Grant Approval

WCCCD is pleased to announce that the Business Administration: Business Supervisor ACERT and HVAC: Advanced ACERT have received State approval for participation in the Federal Workforce Pell Grant Program. These programs met federal and state eligibility requirements, including strong completion and job-placement outcomes and alignment with in-demand careers. This approval expands opportunities for students to access short-term workforce training that leads to employment and stackable credentials.





Recruitment and Outreach

WCCCD participated in Manufacturing Day at the LM Manufacturing Center, connecting with prospective students about career pathways in manufacturing and skilled trades.

Celebrating Fall 2026 Carpentry Program Graduates



Congratulations to our students on successfully completing the Carpentry Program. This achievement reflects their hard work, dedication, and commitment to developing the skills needed to pursue rewarding careers in the skilled trades.

Commercial Driver's License Program

Commercial Driver's (CDL) students at the Regional Training Center have demonstrated tremendous dedication, perseverance, and hard work in pursuing this important milestone toward a new career in the transportation industry.



Construction Trades Training Program





Students Received Hands-on Experience at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

As renovations continue at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, students in our Construction Trades and Facilities Management program are gaining valuable hands-on experience through job shadowing opportunities that strengthen their skills and prepare them for future careers.









Students also gained hands-on experience by constructing small sheds as part of their training.

Hispanic Heritage Month
Downriver Campus



Celebrating Hispanic History Month
"The Past, Present and Future."











The Downriver Campus presented a Hispanic Heritage Month program featuring a presentation titled "The Past, Present, and Future," highlighting the historical and contemporary contributions of Latino communities. Participants gained insights into cultural heritage, community engagement, and the importance of empowering future generations to foster a more inclusive society.





Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Student Success

Retired Colonel Tadarial Sturdivant was inducted into the Jack Hall Michigan State Police Retirees Ring of Honor, recognizing his contributions to public service, servant leadership, integrity, and diversity. During the ceremony, two WCCCD students each received a $1,000 scholarship to support their academic pursuits.



George W. Crockett, Jr. Community Law School

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the George W. Crockett, Jr. Community Law School, providing community members with foundational knowledge of the legal system and legal issues affecting historically marginalized communities.

City of Detroit Office of Inspector General Interview Training

The City of Detroit Office of the Inspector General Interview Training provided participants with valuable skills and strategies for conducting effective, professional, and ethical interviews.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Students Connect Through Peer Mentorship

Physical Therapist Assistant graduates and students who had completed the course returned to support current students through mentorship and hands-on skills practice.



Expanding College Access

Dr. Brian Singleton and his team met with DPSCD Adult Education representatives to plan Financial Frenzy. Supported by a DPSCD grant, the upcoming event will help recent Adult Basic Education and GED graduates complete the FAFSA and explore college opportunities.



Mental Health, Wellness, and Stress Management

Participants explored mindfulness and emotional intelligence strategies to support mental wellness, manage stress and strengthen communication. The workshop emphasized thoughtful responses, intentional decision-making and effective leadership.



Detroit Urban League: Advancing Career Readiness

The Detroit Urban League connected participants with résumé assistance, interview guidance and career exploration resources.

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Health & Wellness Education Center



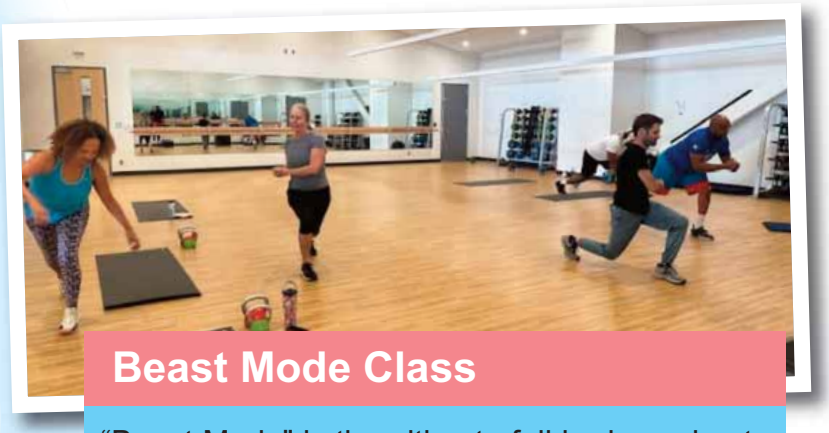
Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

HWEC members took to the indoor walking/running track in their favorite pink attire for a special Breast Cancer Awareness walk.



Vibrant Health Series

The Vibrant Health Series returned with clinical social worker/therapist Kevyn Monier, discussing evidence-based tools for better sleep and better living.



Beast Mode Class

"Beast Mode" is the ultimate full body workout. This high intensity group fitness class challenges members with a blend of cardio, strength and power movements.

What our members are saying about the HWEC...

Great atmosphere and has a lot of equipment for seniors and people who want to hit the gym.

Student Success

Judith Toth's ART 121 students worked on painting projects as part of their coursework.















Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY

University Partner Spotlight

Northwood University is one of our valued university partners, helping our students continue their education and complete a bachelor's degree after earning their associate degree at WCCCD. Through our partnership, students benefit from clear course equivalencies and a smooth transfer pathway into Davenport's programs, saving time and reducing costs while avoiding repeated coursework.



American Sign Language

The American Sign Language Program at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center gives students hands-on, interactive lessons in ASL and Deaf culture.





University Partnerships

Representatives from Central Michigan University provided Student Service staff and advisors with information on transfer opportunities for students during a virtual session. They highlighted clear pathways and resources to help WCCCD graduates seamlessly continue their education at Central Michigan University after earning their associate degree.

Downriver Campus



The Learning Tree Workshop

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne RESA for "The Learning Tree Workshop." The Early Childhood Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports series equipped participants with strategies to promote the social and emotional development of children from birth through age five.



SEMCA All-Staff Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) All-Staff Meeting. The meeting brought staff together to discuss workforce development initiatives, regional collaboration, and strategies to support workforce services and community needs.



Valuing Math in the Early Childhood Classroom

Educators participated in interactive activities focused on strengthening early mathematics instruction and applying research-based practices to support equitable, high-quality learning experiences for young children.

Wayne County Executive Team Tours the Downriver Campus

The Downriver Campus welcomed representatives from the Wayne County Executive's Office for a campus walk-through. The visit provided an opportunity to tour conference rooms and the theatre.

















Eastern Campus



Phi Theta Kappa

Staff shared information with students on membership, community involvement and scholarship opportunities with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



Wayne RESA Training Workshop

The Eastern Campus hosted community partner, Wayne RESA, for a day of professional development training.

Northwest Campus



Empowering Young Women in Technology

Girls Rock IT empowered young women to explore technology, build digital skills, and discover future opportunities in information technology through hands-on learning and career exploration.



Connecting Businesses to Support Growth

Wayne County Building Bridges connected businesses with certification opportunities, contracting resources, and financial guidance to support business growth.



Homeownership Workshop

HUD conducted a Housing Counseling workshop providing participants with resources and guidance on homeownership, housing options, and housing stability.

Ted Scott Campus

Community Partnerships

The Ted Scott Campus hosted Wayne RESA's Rethinking Secondary Scheduling: Middle and High School Structures for Intervention and Enrichment.



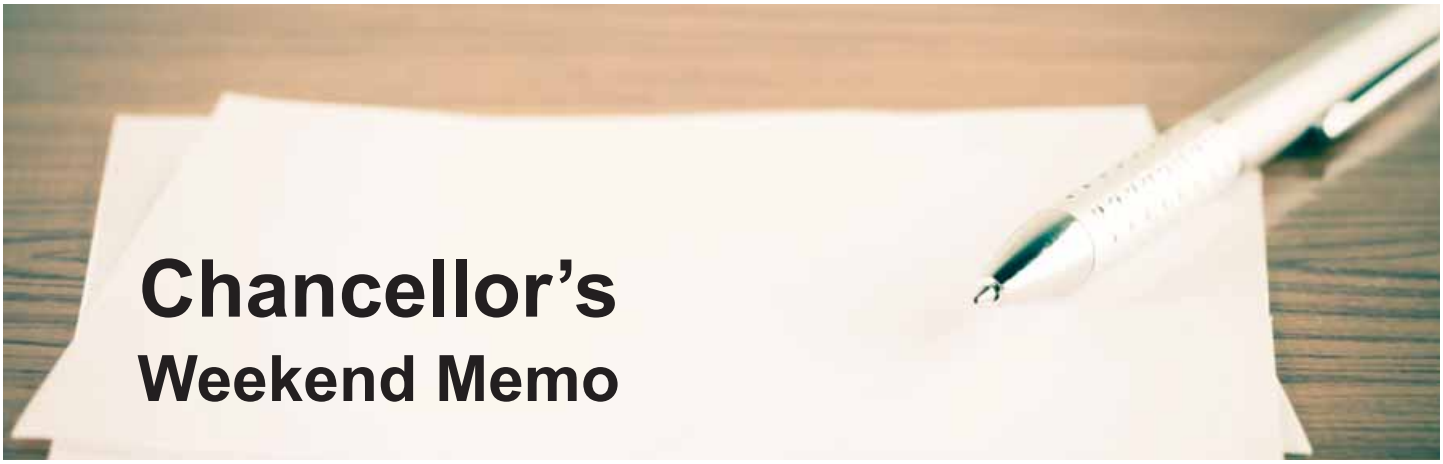


The Ted Scott Campus also hosted Wayne RESA's Special Education Coordinating Council and Finance Group Workshop.



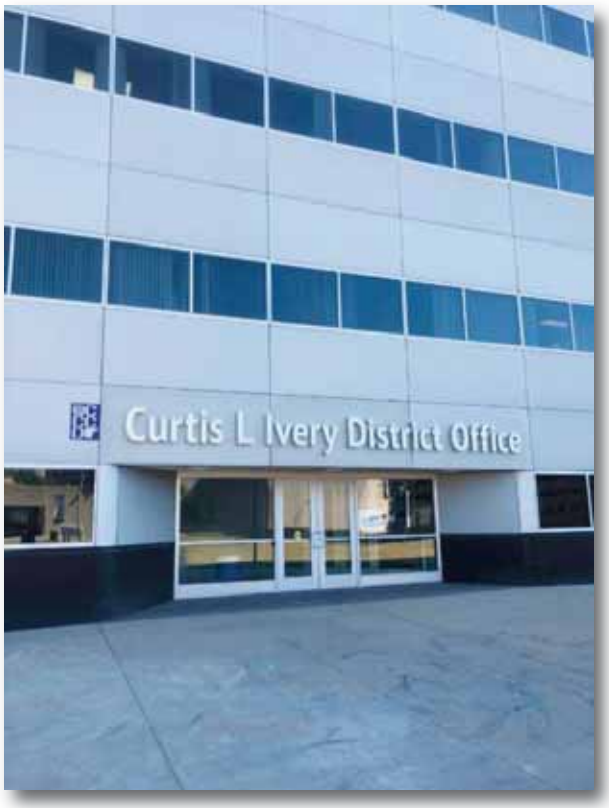
Student Success!

Congratulations to student Alicia Burnton for winning the Ted Scott Campus Student Services raffle.



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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











