Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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ONE VISION, ONE DISTRICT, ONE COLLEGE

Administration and Finance Meetings

Meetings this week highlighted ongoing initiatives that enhance financial operations, efficiency, and advance operational excellence across the District.



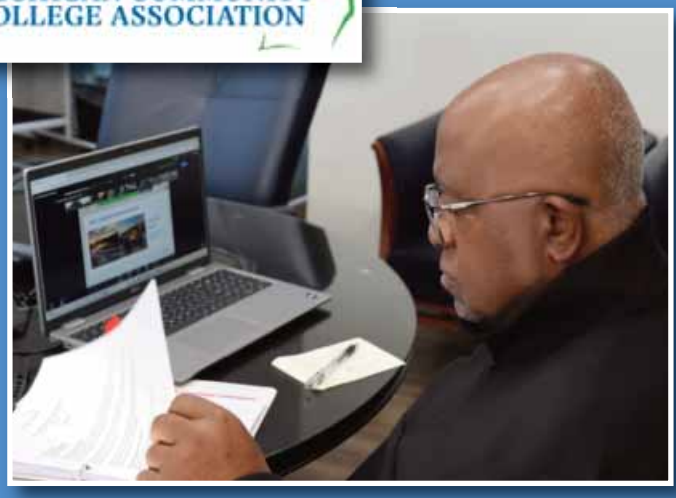




It was a pleasure to have Marcus McGrew stop by and visit us. Mr. McGrew, a former finance administrator at the District, has built a distinguished career in philanthropy, including leadership roles at The Kresge Foundation and the renowned William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Michigan Community College Association Student Success Committee

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION



I participated in the Michigan Community College Association's (MCCA) Student Success Committee Meeting. Some of the agenda items included:

- 2027-2031 MCCA Strategic Plan Overview: Student Success Leadership
- 2026-27 MCCA Student Success Committee Priorities
- 2026 Student Success Summit and 2027 Student Success Summit Preview
- Project Updates



Students Enjoying the College Experience

As part of WCCCD's ongoing commitment to student engagement, students enjoyed an exciting opportunity to attend a Detroit sporting event. Building on similar experiences from last year, the initiative provides students with opportunities to connect beyond the classroom, strengthen their sense of belonging, and enhance their overall college experience.

Thank you to our supporters for helping to make this happen!



Trustee Jim Wagner and staff from across the District attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's Meet the Candidates event. The event featured State House candidates representing Downriver and Southern Wayne County, providing an opportunity to connect with candidates and learn more about the issues impacting our communities.



Staff represented the District at the E.Y.E.S. (Empowering Youth for Everyday Success) Luncheon.

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Construction Trades Training Program Remodeling Project

Students that completed the Construction Trades Training Program (CTTP) participated in a bar remodeling project. Five of those six students plan to work on a porch project with *Just in Time Construction,* and are excited about the opportunity to further develop their skills.






Trustee Asm Rahman

Trustee Asm Rahman toured the HWEC and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.



Pink Wellness Day: Mind, Body, and Self-Care Workshop

Hosted by the School of Continuing Education, presenter Jamie Latendressee provided participants with information on daily wellness practices for caregivers, survivors, and the community.



Barre Class

Barre is perfect for a low-impact yet full-body workout that combines ballet, pilates, and strength training.

Culinary Arts Program





Wonderful Wednesdays

Our ***"Wonderful Wednesdays"*** program at the Northwest Campus brought together representatives from Piat Institute, information technology, real estate, nonprofit organizations, education, and small businesses to explore available resources, strengthen partnerships, and identify community outreach opportunities.

This weekly initiative continues to convene community leaders, business owners, professionals, and partners, fostering meaningful connections and collaboration while showcasing the talent, creativity, and culinary expertise of WCCCD students and professionals at the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.

















THINK Pink

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS













WCCCD Speaker Series Presents





OUR STORIES, OUR PLATFORMS: BUILDING COMMUNITY IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Friday, November 6, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Open to the public at no cost.

WCCCD Downriver Campus
Heinz C. Prechter Educational and
Performing Arts Center
21000 Northline Rd, Taylor, MI 48180

Register Here:

or call 313-496-2510

Join Author and Scholar
Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
and Actor and Voiceover Artist
Cynthia Kaye McWilliams
for a conversation about building deep community connection and positive change.

Wayne County Community College District

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BRAND, PARTNERSHIP, AND GROWTH IN THE AGE OF AI: Navigating Tech with Human Intelligence

Staff across the District participated in a workshop held at the Northwest Campus as part of the Pathways to Success Professional Development Series. Titled “Brand, Partnership, and Growth in the Age of AI: Navigating Tech with Human Intelligence,” the workshop explored strategies for leveraging artificial intelligence to enhance professional growth, innovation, and collaboration. The session featured Greg Dunmore and special guest speaker Rob Newson, Manager of Brand Partnerships and Growth at Pulsebeat Media.













PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BUG-MI 2026 Annual Conference

WCCCD participated in the Michigan Banner Users Group (BUG-MI) 2026 Annual Conference, which brought together Banner users from colleges and universities across the state. District Student Services attended sessions on Ellucian Banner, student systems, ghost student fraud prevention, and best practices. Representatives also connected with peers from other institutions to exchange ideas for supporting more efficient student services.







NACEP Dual Enrollment Conference

Dr. Yusef Sabree and Chauntel Nelson attended the NACEP Dual Enrollment Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, with educators from colleges and universities nationwide. The conference was a valuable opportunity to learn what other institutions are doing with dual enrollment, share ideas, and explore ways to strengthen WCCCD's program and create more opportunities for students.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND Performing Arts Center

Downriver Campus









West Middle School Choir Concert

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the West Middle School Choir Concert. Students performed a selection of choral pieces showcasing their musical growth and talent while entertaining families and community members.





Halloween Family Fun Day

Families came together to enjoy the annual Halloween Family Fun Day.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Diverse Learners Program Spotlight

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the School of Continuing Education Diverse Learners Program, in partnership with Michael B's, serves young adults with disabilities, helping to bridge the gap between high school and adulthood. Currently, students are taking courses in Simple Cooking, Reading Comprehension, Personal Finance, Digital Literacy, Art, Photography, and Construction. Each class fosters creativity, builds practical skills, and promotes independence, empowering students as they explore career possibilities at WCCCD in a supportive environment.







Distance Learning Tip of the Week

Share a Midsemester Progress Snapshot

Halfway through the term is a good time for students to see where they stand. Faculty are encouraged to make sure the gradebook Blackboard is current, and to remind students how to view their grades and instructor feedback. A brief announcement listing upcoming deadlines helps students make informed decisions and plan for a strong finish.



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS



This week's Virtual Intercultural Conversations highlighted German, Italian, and Polish American Heritage Months, along with the cultural celebrations of Dussehra, Durga Puja, and Navratri. Bruce Ewen and Shaily Dey explored Polish American contributions and Hamtramck's rich cultural history, while Nijhum Chakraborty shared insights into important South Asian traditions and celebrations. The session fostered cultural awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the diverse communities we serve.

Asian Cultural Meeting



The Asian Cultural Meeting on brought together discussions of the diverse cultures of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, China, Thailand, and Korea. A special focus of the meeting was the upcoming Fifth Annual Bangla Mela.

Division of Educational Affairs

AI and Cybersecurity: Protecting People, Data and Digital Trust

The AI and Cybersecurity: Protecting People, Data and Digital Trust workshop provided faculty, staff, students, and community members with valuable insights into today's evolving cybersecurity landscape. Participants learned to recognize AI-related threats, including phishing, deepfakes, identity theft, and online scams, while exploring practical strategies to protect personal and organizational information.







Career Education College Success Program

Faculty navigators met with staff from the Divisions of Educational Affairs and Student Services to discuss upcoming activities for the Career Education College Success Program (CECSP).

Students on the Move...



Professor Mary Ramsey's students recently visited the Fisher Theatre to attend a performance of *Maybe Happy Ending*. The field trip provided students with an opportunity to experience live theatre and engage with the performing arts beyond the classroom, enriching their educational experience through cultural exposure and artistic appreciation.

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

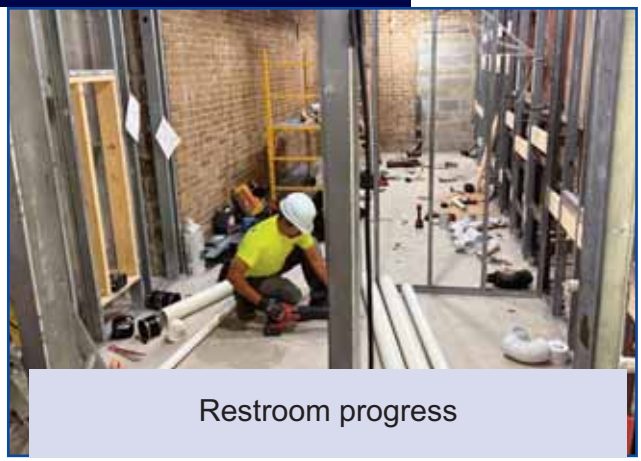


STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

District-wide Maintenance



Eastern Campus GLWA Utility Project update with Dr. Mark Sanford



Restroom progress



Denis Karic is communicating with our student interns and our construction team at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.



Student interns at WCCCD's construction site



DISTRICT IT SERVICES

Happening Now!

ITTP Information Technology Transformation Plan



Network Upgrades

The District IT team reviewed network closet campuses infrastructure, switching equipment, and wiring across all to identify improvement and standardization needs. The discussion focused on prioritizing phased upgrades to enhance network performance, reliability, and connectivity while supporting the District's instructional and operational needs.



Working Session with Ellucian (Banner)

Staff from IT and the Financial Aid Office continue working sessions with an Ellucian consultant, focusing on financial aid processing, workflow optimization, system configuration, and automation to improve operational efficiency and support institutional requirements.



Ellucian Banner Application Implementation Discussion

The IT team met with Ellucian's Technical and Customer Success teams to review the implementation status of Banner applications, discuss technical requirements, address outstanding items, and coordinate next steps to ensure successful deployment and effective utilization of the systems

District-Wide Campus Technical Support









NurseTim Trauma-Informed Teaching

The Nursing Department conducted a three-part "NurseTim Faculty Development Training and Faculty Teach-Back." The training reinforced key concepts from the required NurseTim Trauma-Informed Teaching webinar series. Faculty participated in presentations, discussions, and reflections and shared at least one practical trauma-informed strategy applicable to the classroom, laboratory, simulation, or clinical setting.







WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Downriver Campus hosted the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary District 9, Division 18 for their Boat America course. Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate.



Wyandotte Fire Department Training

MIPSE hosted Wyandotte Fire Department for training. Their activities included using the forcible entry door and confidence maze. Attendees pictured are former Public Safety students, Conner Gotzfried from - Paramedic cohort Fall 2022-2023 and Brenden Bejster - Paramedic cohort Fall 2024-2025.



William D. Ford Technical Center Fire Protection Technology Practical

William D. Ford Technical Center FPT115 students participated in hands-on practical training. Students applied classroom instruction while practicing essential firefighting skills and procedures.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Site Visit – CoAEMSP

MIPSE hosted a site visit related to the Emergency Medical Technician program and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). The visit supported the review of the program's educational practices and training environment.



Fire Protection Technology Program

Students developed foundational firefighting knowledge, practiced essential skills related to fire service safety and operations, and applied their classroom instruction through hands-on exercises.







Division of Student Services

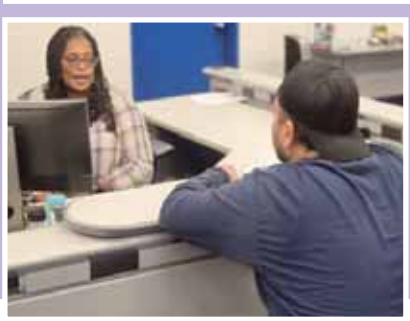
Weekly Information Session

During this week's Friday Information Session, Dr. Wanda Hudson shared updates on the Computer Information Systems and Business programs. WCCCD now offers new courses in Artificial Intelligence, including a certificate in Artificial Intelligence Prompt Engineering. With more than 30 certificates and degree pathways, students have many options to launch or advance their careers in Business and Computer Information Systems.













Student Success

The District Student Services team is visiting the Eastern and Northwest campuses for Spring 2027 early advising, offering students the chance to meet with advisors and plan their spring courses.



Student Success Center

Dr. Brian Singleton met with the District Student Services team to plan for the upcoming Spring 2027 semester. The discussion focused on customer service, student success, and campus visits, with a focus on ensuring the team is well prepared for a successful start to the term.



Staff Resource Guide Training

Dr. Brian Singleton met with staff from the Ted Scott, Downriver, and Curtis L. Ivery Downtown campuses to review customer service expectations, best practices, and the Student Services Resource Guide to ensure consistent, accurate information and quality service across the District. Campus staff also participated in hands-on My Wildcat Portal training led by divisional administrators to strengthen their ability to assist students.









Considine Center

Staff shared information about the District's Community Engagement Workshop Series and WCCCD's educational, support, and career services. This outreach connects residents with valuable resources and strengthens community partnerships.



Division of Student Services

New Student Experience

The New Student Experience (NSE) team is planning exciting opportunities to help students prepare for professional success. Upcoming activities will include professional headshot sessions to help students build their professional image, a Dress for Success workshop featuring tips on workplace attire and interview preparation, and a mini fashion show showcasing professional clothing available through the Professional Closet.







Student Success

Staff continue to assist our international students with course planning, registration and support services.

Athletics

The WCCCD Women's Basketball Team went undefeated, finishing 3–0 at the Erie Community College Jamboree in Buffalo, New York. The team also enjoyed the magnificent views of Niagara Falls.





3rd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Bake-Off

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Professional Etiquette in Your Presence

Students participated in the Professional Etiquette in Your Presence workshop, exploring essential skills for professional success. Topics included workplace professionalism, networking strategies, and business dining etiquette. Participants gained practical tools to build confidence, make positive impressions, and navigate professional environments.

Pathways to Excellence

The Pathways to Excellence Program provided an engaging leadership development experience focused on empowering young African American males through personal growth, career exploration, and leadership development.



Language Institute







Students are learning a variety of academic resources to strengthen their language-learning skills. The Institute continues to support students studying Japanese, German, Spanish, Arabic, and English as a Second Language.

Downriver Campus



Student Success

Students in the Continuing Education Beginner Wig Making class were introduced to techniques and explored the creative process of wig construction and styling while viewing examples of the instructor's work.





Wyandotte Special Education Campus Tour

The Downriver Campus welcomed students from Wyandotte Special Education for a campus tour. Participants learned about admissions, registration, academic programs, short-term certificates, and financial aid opportunities. Students also toured the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education.



Continuing Education Spring 2027 Planning Meeting



Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Training

The training focused on understanding odor-related air quality concerns, identifying potential odor sources, and learning procedures.

WAYNE RESA
Leading... Learning for All

SERVICE
LEADERSHIP
COLLABORATION
EXCELLENCE

Downriver Campus

Long time community partner, Wayne RESA hosted several workshops and training opportunities for educators this week at the Downriver Campus.



Mindset Safety Management Training for Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Staff

The training focused on preventing and managing aggressive behaviors while promoting safe, respectful, and positive outcomes for students.





Cottage Acquisition Scales for Listening, Language, and Speech (CASLLS) Training

The session provided an overview of the CASLLS framework for professionals working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.



Learning Care: Professional Learning Series 2026–2027

This series trains teaching teams on effective instructional practices, supporting children with autism, and educator resilience.

Prekindergarten Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy Training

Prekindergarten educators participated in sessions focused on strengthening their knowledge and application of effective early literacy strategies.



Eastern Campus



Commercial Property Tax Symposium

The Eastern Campus hosted a Detroit Business Tax and Resolution Workshop Series led by a collaborative initiative organized by Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, in partnership with the City of Detroit and Wayne County departments. The program helped business owners understand, manage, and resolve property tax, assessment, water billing, and delinquency issues before they become barriers to business growth.

Fashion Design Program



Fashion students are utilizing their design software to bring to life their designs in a visual format. This step is done before producing the physical product, keeping in mind all measurements and layout forms to ensure what they have designed will work out in its physical shape.



Civic Engagement

The Sigma Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. visited the Eastern Campus to motivate voter registration and participation.

Northwest Campus





F.A.R.M. (Family Assistance for Renaissance Men)

NFL player Anthony Pittman visited participants in the F.A.R.M. program to offer encouragement and discuss opportunities for student success and community engagement.

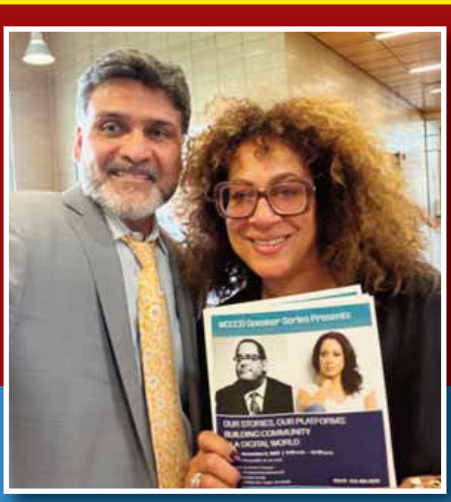






Community Engagement

AARP of Michigan and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.hosted a program to promote civic engagement, encourage voter participation, and connect the community with valuable resources and information.



Community Outreach

Furquan Ahmed met with Monica Anthony to discuss community outreach and engagement initiatives.

Ted Scott Campus









Belleville Middle School Robotics Club

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Belleville Middle School Robotics Club. Teams of students designed and built a robot that can compete against opponents in a series of specific challenges.



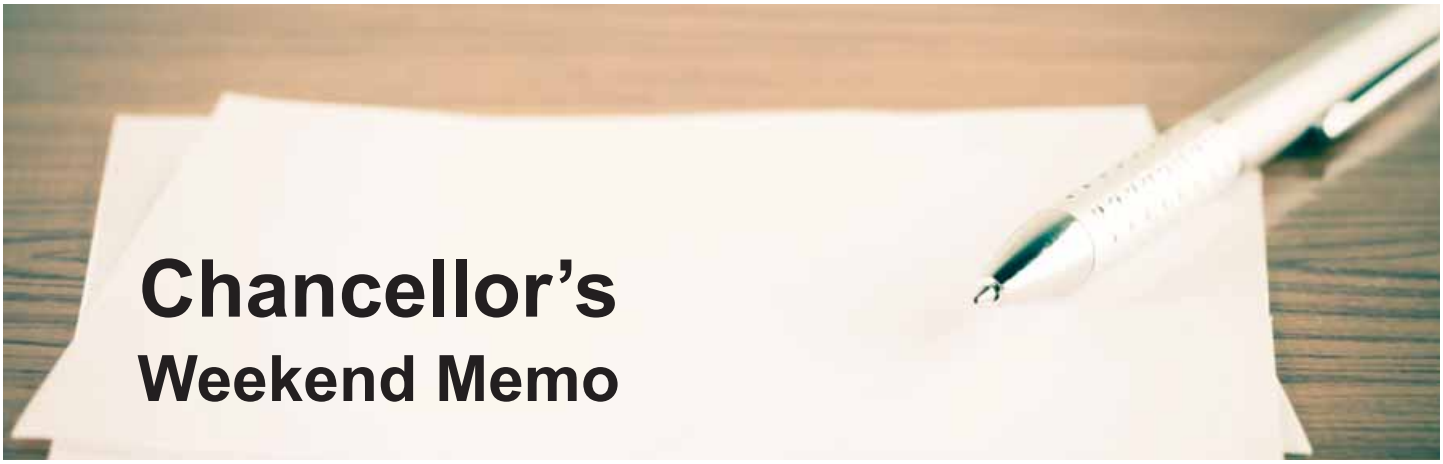


Medical Math Class

Chemistry Class

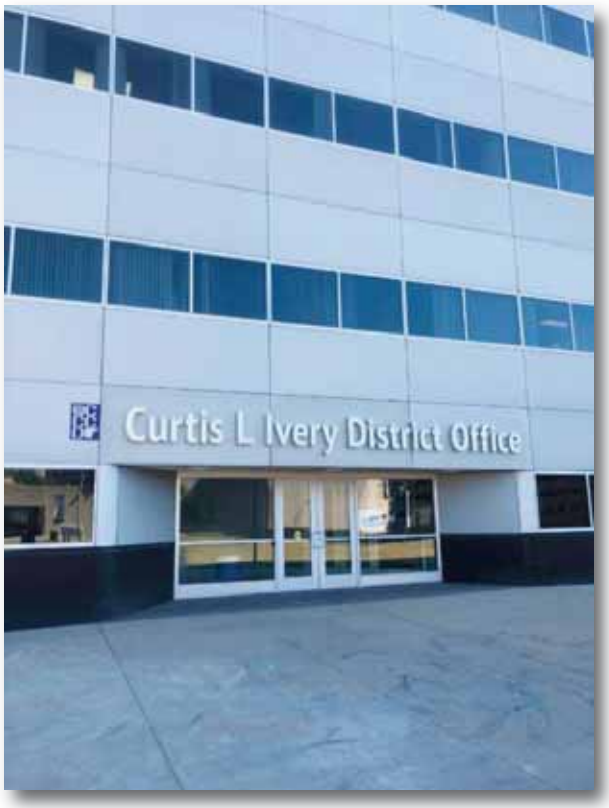



Family Fun Night
Ted Scott Campus



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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











