Special Events

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Eastern Campus - Passport to Africa February 2010
The Eastern Campus is continuing the tradition of hosting the Tuskegee Airman a group of approximately one thousand black military aviators who trained separately from other pilots due to racial segregation during World War II. The event will feature the Tuskegee Airman Inc., based in Detroit. The group was founded in 1972 and continues to honor the memories and achievements of the fearless pilots that have become a staple of Black history.

Northwest Campus - 3rd Annual International Book Fair April 2010
The International Book Fair will give book lovers an opportunity to attend readings, participate in discussions and book signings. The International Book Fair will feature a wide range of genres including fiction, non-fiction, Christian writing, poetry, and children’s books.

Western Campus - Optimist International Celebration February 2010
Participants attending this seminar will learn how important volunteerism is and how they could better serve the youth in every community. This program will also honor volunteer members for their years of dedication to youth advancement.

Campus Information

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Eastern Campus Hours of Operation:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WCCCD’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve their goals through excellent and accessible services, culturally diverse experiences, and globally competitive higher education and career advancement programs.

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor

Letter from the President

We are pleased to share with you this edition of the Wayne County Community College District Newsletter. Wayne County Community College District serves a diverse region of 32 cities and townships in the County of Wayne. The Eastern Campus provides unique programs and comprehensive services designed to meet the needs of those living and working in our service area, as well as access to the more than 90-degree and certificate offerings across the district.

During the past months, we have strengthened course offerings and added new opportunities for training in "green" and emerging technologies needed to move our region forward. As well, you will find that continuing education programs have been expanded and an increased schedule of distance learning classes that offer access and flexibility in meeting the demands of a fast-paced world.

While this newsletter can only provide a brief look at the people, programs and services that can be found within our learning community, I extend an invitation to you to visit the campus and see first-hand the exciting things that are taking place in the Wayne County Community College District.

Sincerely,
Dr. Robinson, President Eastern Campus

Corporate College at Eastern Campus: A stimulating force for a strong regional economy!

Dr. George Swan III, Executive Vice Chancellor for External Affairs

The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus is being transformed into an exceptional center for corporate and business training, advanced manufacturing technology, design technologies, digital media and film, and advanced technology center. The Eastern Campus is home to the District’s Entrepreneurship Institute and Resource Center as well as the C4V Regional Training Center. Partnerships with local agencies, associations and national organizations will lead to a new Leadership Institute, certified training in hospitality, retail management, public policy, and training in support of homeland security. The Corporate College will also support the capacity for videoconferencing making regional, national and international collaboration and the delivery of training accessible and affordable for a competitive advantage in a global economy.

There is much to be done in moving our region forward. Yet, given the resources and the opportunities presented through the Corporate College at the Eastern Campus, Wayne County is working to foster the relationships, collaboration and excitement to help make it possible.
Alternative Energy: Building Michigan’s Next Job Engine

Robert Kulick is clear about his mission: to teach Southeast Michigan residents the nuts-and-bolts skills they’ll need to participate in a quickly growing industry: alternative energy.

Kulick, President of Kulick Enterprises and President and Owner of Crest Energy Systems, both in Wyandotte, is leading instruction of WCCCD’s new alternative energy program at the Western Campus.

Alternative energy sources used to be dismissed as a cause for the “tree hugging” fringe. These days however, the alternative industry has grown into a buttoned-up industry, poised not only to improve our environment, but create jobs, new revenue and position Michigan as a national leader. “There’s a tremendous amount of potential out there,” Kulick said.

“So-called “green” jobs have become a national imperative. Here at home, Gov. Jennifer Granholm last October signed into law a bipartisan energy package that includes a mandate that 10 percent of the state’s energy comes from renewable sources by 2015; Granholm said she’d prefer that percentage grow to one-quarter, adding that renewable energy could create as many as 60,000 jobs by investing in solar, wind, biofuels and energy efficiency.

For Kulick, that means teaching students how to channel math, engineering and design skills in a new direction. It’s one thing to promote wind-generated electricity, he said, and quite another to get it built.

“There’s a lot to consider: harmonics and height for airplane safety, for example. Or basic equations; solar DG is calculated in watts. You need to be able to calculate that to function in the industry. That’s where the real-world education comes in.” Kulick said.

Study Abroad: WCCCD Students “go green” in Brazil

Wayne County Community College District’s Study Abroad program continues its worldwide adventure to Brazil this fall. This once in a lifetime opportunity offers the educational opportunity to explore the culture, language and expand student’s knowledge of the country’s global affairs. This trip coincides with the District’s efforts to bring awareness of alternative energy to its students, as participants will investigate Brazil’s “green approach” to energy.

Since 1970, Brazil has used sugarcane to produce an ethanol fuel program which has allowed the country to become the world’s largest exporter of this alternative fuel. Since 1970, Brazil has used sugarcane to produce an ethanol fuel program which has allowed the country to become the world’s largest exporter of this alternative fuel. Brazil is considered to have the world’s first sustainable bio-fuel economy and is also a bio-fuel industry leader. This exposure to a leading global force within alternative energy will give WCCCD students the advantage of returning home with knowledge on the global trend of alternative energy. “We look forward to taking our students on this educational and cultural experience. We are focused on developing well rounded and knowledgeable individuals to bestow onto our society”, said David Butty, Executive Director for International Studies.

“Green energy education is going to change the way education is delivered for future generations, and that means that WCCCD needs to change the way we teach so that our students will be successful,” said Dr. Stephanie Bulger, Vice Chancellor of Educational Affairs, who is leading this effort. “I am optimistic that when our students return from their study abroad trip to Brazil, they will be energized.”

Spotlight on: Christopher Satchell

A Personal Journey

How many times have you taken your vehicle in for costly repairs? How many times have you wished that you could do the repairs yourself and avoid high labor costs? If so you’re not alone. This was especially evident in the case of Christopher Satchell, Wayne County Community College District employee and student. After learning of the District’s exceptional automotive services certificate program he decided to take advantage of the educational and financial benefits. Unknowingly he began an educational voyage that would give him much more.

Christopher Satchell was hired at Wayne County Community College District’s Eastern Campus in the maintenance department. At the time he was content with just having a job. As each day passed he learned more and more about the wonderful things going on at WCCCD. New programs, multiple campuses, certificate and degree programs all made him proud to be part of such a needed and influential institution within the community. A year later, after being immersed in such a rich learning environment Satchell decided to take advantage of the opportunities that were all around him. “When I learned about the automotive services program I decided to pursue my certificate for educational purposes, as well for my personal finances” said Satchell. With the skills garnered from his classes he was also able to save money in auto repairs as he worked on his own car.

Once he completed a certificate program in automotive service technology he kept the momentum going, “I decided that continuing my education and pursuing a degree would be more beneficial for me.” This past June, Christopher Satchell graduated from Wayne County Community College District with honors. “Being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was very rewarding. As well as being recognized for my hard work and good grades, this made the graduation experience even more memorable” said Christopher.

Christopher plans to continue his education in another of WCCCD’s successful programs, the EMT program, “My goal is to have career options to ensure a good future for myself and my family.”