production, and a fully functioning video production studio is currently being developed. The CDL is designed to provide instructional technology and virtual learning across an array of courses and a wide range of disciplines.

While the CDL is a key resource for WCCCD students earning college credits, the Center has been designed to also aid teachers, nurses and other professionals who need continuing education credits, as well as businesses that want to offer training for employees.

“We have different leadership webinars and professional development options,” said Dr. Patrick J. McNally, Assistant Chancellor for Instructional and Student Success. “The idea is to add onto the ones we have and to create our own continuing education and workforce development programs in the Center for Distance Learning. We can take the programs out to local chambers of commerce and local businesses for their professional development options.”

**Detroit Girls Can Retreat at WCCCD Empowers Young Women with Education, Career and Mentoring**

On Saturday May 30, 2015, the first-ever Detroit Girls Can retreat delivered empowerment to young women with straight talk from Detroit-area leaders on self-esteem, career, education and financial management.

Nearly 100 young women attended the event at no cost at WCCCD offering young women between the ages of 14 and 18 the opportunity to create friendships, learn from local leaders and get insight on educational and career opportunities. Presentations and activities were centered on creating and projecting a positive self-image, connecting with higher educational opportunities during high school years, exploring a variety of career paths, and managing personal finance and communication skills.

“I really enjoyed learning about what the women do in their careers, they were so happy to share real information about themselves,” one of the participants said. Each young woman received a continental brunch, free t-shirts, gift bags, journals and concluded the day with a closing barbeque lunch.

“We were so pleased with the attendance for this event,” said President of the Eastern Campus Mawine Diggs.

“For this many young women to show up on Saturday really displays their commitment to excelling beyond the norm. I’m excited for the next event,” Diggs added.
WCCCD Job Fair Connects, Help Creates Opportunity

Each year, in April and October WCCCD holds job fairs that provide an opportunity for students and community members to directly connect with potential employers. Beyond simply connecting job seekers with employers, WCCCD prepares students to make the most of the opportunity. Students can access computers and printers to upload applications and print resumes; have their resumes critiqued and get advice on professional appearance and presentation; and students with disabilities have access to sign language interpreters and other support.

The April job fair at the Eastern Campus drew more than 800 participants and more than 50 employers across a wide variety of industries.

“Over 95 percent of the applications I received were (highly qualified) strong contenders for employment,” one participating employer said. “This is the best job fair I have ever been to – even better than the expos!”

The Eastern Campus will host another job fair in October.

WCCCD Center for Distance Learning Introduces Virtual Classrooms

WCCCD has one of the highest online enrollments in the state. To better serve the growing number of students who prefer to log on and learn as their schedule allows, the District’s Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center has reengineered their Center for Distance Learning (CDL).

Located in Harper Woods, the CDL is a 20,000 square-foot facility that features five classrooms, a computer lab, a Mac lab for digital media production, a media lab for video production, and a fully functioning video production studio is currently being developed. The CDL is designed to...

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