WCCCD Announces Registered Apprentice Program

The Workforce Development Division is pleased to announce its membership to the Registered Apprenticeship Consortium. The Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium is an effort announced last year by Vice-President Joe Biden. The consortium will allow graduates of Registered Apprenticeship programs to turn years of on-the-job and classroom training into college credits toward an associate or bachelor degree.

“This is a substantial advancement for our workforce development students,” said Vice Chancellor of the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Shawna Forbes. We want our students to be motivated and to continue putting forth effort in their professional fields while receiving a world class education here at WCCCD,” Forbes continued.

A registered apprenticeship is an “earn while you learn” model that provides a combination of on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly-skilled occupation. Graduates of the program are connected to thousands of potential employers upon completion.

“We want to encourage more WCCCD students to consider entering the Workforce Development department and we think this partnership with a national program will be a great incentive, said Forbes.”

For more information on the Workforce Development Division and the RACC, please visit wcccd.edu.

Michigan Board of Nursing Scholarship Fund Grants WCCCD Nursing Students Scholarship

Eight WCCCD Nursing Students have been awarded an annual scholarship disbursed to eligible nursing programs throughout the state. The Michigan Board of Nursing Scholarship Fund awarded Wayne County Community College District’s Nursing Program a $6,145.00 academic scholarship to help eligible nurses complete their education.

Each year, the Scholarship funding is provided to colleges and universities that offer qualified Nursing programs. This year eight students were selected to receive $788.12, equal shares of the scholarship awarded to WCCCD Nursing Program.

“We’re delighted to accept this award from the Michigan Board of Nursing,” said Northwestern Campus President Dr. Letitia Uduma. “We’re particularly excited that these are dollars that will help our students complete their education and put their valuable skills to practice in the real world.”

The WCCCD Nursing Program focuses on instruction with the latest training technologies and equipment. WCCCD nursing students have surpassed the average state and national passage rates for the Nursing National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for the past several years. Most WCCCD nursing program graduates stay in the state and work at area hospitals upon completion of their studies.

Information about all District events can be found at www.wcccd.edu.
WCCCD Provides New Tech Center for Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan’s NFL-YET Detroit Club

The Boys & Girls of Southeastern Michigan received a significant technology upgrade to its NFL-YET Detroit Club at the Dauch Campus thanks to funding by Wayne County Community College District provided through CBS EcoMedia’s EducationAd program. More than 1,700 club members will now have access to a newly outfitted technology lab, with upgrades, including 12 new computer stations, printers, computer accessories, digital microscope kits and one year of Internet access.

“The existing technology at the Dauch Campus was eight years old. Thanks to WCCCD’s funding, the newly acquired state-of-the-art educational tools will support education in information technology and enhance college readiness. The upgraded equipment allows members to complete homework assignments after school while helping to develop computer and time management skills.

“Access to technology is an integral part of preparing our youth for college and career success,” said Paul Polizzotto, President and Founder of CBS EcoMedia. “With the support of WCCCD, Club members at Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan will continue to build the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.”

Second Annual Tech Nite Returns to Northwest Campus

College representatives and industry leaders will be on site to teach students about careers in the high tech field of Information Technology.

Students can learn about certificate and degree programs in Information Technology and Computer Information Systems fields. Prospective students are encouraged to attend to learn more about industry trends and mobile app development.

Students are encouraged to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served as well as free giveaways and contests.

More information can be found at www.wcccd.edu

Pardon Our Dust! Student Services Division Launches New Full Service Suite

Construction of the new Student Services Suite has been completed. The space is approximately 2,500-square-feet. The suite features a lounge area, study carrels and laptop charging stations.

“We hope to duplicate this facility across the District,” said Assistant to the Chancellor for Student Success Brian Singleton. “We want to offer not only a more visually appealing space but one that is fully functional for our students who are learning and working in such an advance, digital generation,” Singleton continued.

Students who have viewed the new space throughout construction are thrilled to have access to advisors and technology in a comfortable space. “This new space is so cool, I love it already said a student as she browsed through the class window. It gives the building a fresh look and will be great for recruitment”.

The Student Services Division hopes to incorporate the principles of first class customer service standards set across the District with the implementation of this new suite. The latest edition to the Student Services Division is now open. For more information on the Student Services Suite, please visit wcccd.edu.

WCCCD Breaks Barriers on Breast Cancer Awareness

WCCCD participated in various activities to help raise awareness and funds for breast cancer awareness during the fall semester. The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, in partnership with St. John Providence Health System, presented “Breaking the Barriers on Cancer Awareness” at the Eastern Campus. The half-day seminar was designed to provide information on screening, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Participants also had the opportunity to have interactive discussion with renowned breast surgeon Dr. Cheryl Wesen of St. John Providence Health System.

During the seminar, participants gained insight on care options for loved ones and preventative measures. The District offered a mobile mammography machine at each of the campuses throughout the month of October.

As featured in the St. John Providence newsletter, The WCCCD Think Pink Volleyball Tournament fundraiser raised $2,774. Additional funds raised by WCCCD were delivered to St. John Providence Hospital’s “Because We Care” Program to help women receive exams through the mobile mammography unit at St. John Providence Hospital. The college District credits the teamwork of administrators, staff and students for the tremendous support to the hospital and the fight against Breast Cancer.