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development leader in the region. Financial vigilance and rigorous planning allowed the District to maintain its services, programming and stability, and to emerge in a position to now add key supportive staff.

The District grew its offerings to respond to the emergent needs of the region during the

financial challenges of the last decade including career training and innovative workforce development programming with public and private partners. The District is proud of the dedication of the faculty.

New faculty began in the spring 2017 semester.

Nursing at WCCCD

The Wayne County Community College District continues to lead the community in developing healthcare workforce. Our Nursing Program continues to maintain NCLEX scores above the national level demonstrating our continued commitment to excellence. We applaud the hard work of the students and faculty and pledge continued support for the various programs. For more information on how to apply for the Nursing Program, please visit our website at www.wcccd.edu, or contact the program office at 313-943-4000 extension 4055 during regular business hours.



Information about all District events can be found at www.wcccd.edu.

Campus Information

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Northwest Campus Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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Letter from the President

Northwest Campus – Letter from the President
Welcome to the Northwest Campus of the Wayne County Community College District. The campus is home to the District's Information Technology Institute and the Health Sciences Center which is equipped with a virtual hospital and state-of-art technology. Together, these comprehensive educational offerings are providing the tools for tomorrow's career pathways.

As a District, our strength lies in our deeply-committed faculty and staff who work diligently to make sure you have an exceptional experience whenever you visit our campus. This above and beyond customer service is very important to us. This year, we look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary and we ask you join in the celebration of WCCCD providing quality education to the communities we serve.

We are very proud of the services we provide to our constituents. Our Larry K. Lewis Educational Center, which houses some of our instructional and student services functions, is the second building in the state of Michigan that was certified LEED Platinum; meaning that it is energy and resource-efficient. Our campus has strong partnerships with various agencies that form the core of the northwest corridor of Detroit and we work every day to strengthen this relationship for our students, faculty and the entire community.

Please visit us for a tour of our facilities!

Sincerely,

Dr. Letitia Uduma
President
Northwest Campus

WCCCD is Ramping up Programming with New Dual Enrollment Offerings



The latest addition to the growing dual enrollment roster is the new Step Into STEM! Program. The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) is a participating partner for Step Into STEM!, a specialized dual enrollment program available to high school juniors and seniors as well as recent high school graduates. This program introduces students to STEM careers and research opportunities in exciting fields fueled by science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Step Into STEM! is a one credit course that exposes participants to the vast world of STEM and related opportunities. The components of this course include mentoring, research orientation, career exploration, STEM applications, and a STEM symposium. The program provides students access to state of the art

facilities, and one-on-one sessions with experienced faculty from the University of Michigan.

Students who wish to get involved with Step Into STEM! simply need to be recommended by a parent, teacher, advisor or an adult. Once a student is recommended and goes through the application process, a course schedule will be provided.

Students who complete Step Into STEM! courses have direct access to multiple options, including additional courses, academic advising and transferrable credit to WCCCD and other higher learning institutions.

For more information on how to apply, call 313-496-2600 or visit the college's website at www.wcccd.edu.

WCCCD Graduates More Than 2,500 At Its 48th Commencement Ceremonies



June 10th marked the WCCCD's 48th commencement exercises; as the District celebrated its 50th Anniversary of providing quality education to the diverse population of southeast Michigan. This year, more than 2,500 graduates representing the class of 2017 advanced from one level of their educational journey to the next when they walked across the stage.

Although there are many stories of cancer survivors; and stories that cut across ethnicity and age group, the story of Omoyanjuola Ogunfiditimi, is heartwarming. Parenchymal Tumor of Intermediate Differentiation (PPTID)—Grade III, a rare form of brain cancer. She lives her daily life with hope for the future and the determination to survive. She often tells her friends and family that, "Although I have cancer, cancer does not have me."

According to her family, this kind of approach to a rare form of cancer, sums up her courage and determination to survive. "It was a devastating blow to the entire family, but we are dealing with it in a unique way," said her mother, Omobonike Odegbami.

Another student who stood out amongst the rest was Eugene M. Williams; who wore his regalia and was turning yet another page in his educational pursuit. The 80-year-old was the oldest graduate this year to receive his Associate of General Studies Degree.

Both Ogunfiditimi and Williams received their Associate in General Studies degrees. Ogunfiditimi graduated as a dual enrollment student.

Students Honored at Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

This spring, 159 students from WCCCD were honored during the annual Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) induction ceremony. The number of PTK inductees rose from 146 in the fall 2016 to 159 this spring 2017 bringing the total number of members to 1,840. From 2011-2016, PTK has inducted 1,681 members at WCCCD.

The Honors Program recognizes and cultivates academic excellence through active participation in coursework and seminars, study abroad opportunities, service learning projects, internships and mentoring. Participants selected for the program have the opportunity to present papers at local conferences and attend special events including those sponsored by the international honors society for two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa, Inc.



WCCCD Leads Region in Workforce Development Training and Programming



The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development continues to grow its training and programming with new partnerships, training facilities and courses.

The opening of the Regional Training Center (RTC) at the District's Eastern Campus has helped to provide both onsite and remote training opportunities for students and companies around the region. The RTC works to identify talent and fill employment and training gaps in the region by providing a space for the development of skilled trades, training capacity, local workforce preparedness, sustainability, credentialing, collaboration and economic opportunities.

The District has also facilitated a new program with the City of Detroit. Through this partnership, the RTC will be able to provide training to qualified participants to prepare for employment opportunities in commercial driving. The new Truck Driver Training Program will prepare residents to pass the licensing exam to receive a Class A Commercial Driver's License. The program will teach them

to drive a combination tractor-trailer, as well as passenger, van, delivery, school bus and double or triple trailers. The program began in March 2017.

The District is also proud of its Cyber Center which offers a virtual environment designed to enhance an individual's or organization's capability to implement strategies and test techniques for cyber security performance. Cyber professionals will be trained through active engagement with "live fire" exercises and simulations that will test the detection, reaction, and mitigation skills of participants in a variety of situations. WCCCD offers a short term, 1-year certificate and 2-year Associate Degree in Cybersecurity through the Wayne County Generation Cyber program. The curriculum is based on the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) framework.

In addition to these updates, several new programs have also been added to the District's catalog including Personal Fitness Training and Graphic InDesign. Students or emerging fitness professionals can now earn a certificate in Personal Fitness Training. The Personal Fitness training program is designed to provide both beginning and experienced students with theory-based training on building communication skills, adherence, self-efficacy and behavioral change in clients.

The Graphic InDesign Certificate program meets the current need for graphic design professionals in an array of career opportunities. The InDesign program was designed to help combine artistic and technical talents to develop practical skills that employers are demanding.

For more information on these new initiatives or additional courses offered by the School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, visit the college's website at www.wcccd.edu.

WCCCD Hires 23 Full-time Faculty Across STEM, General Education and Other Programs

The District is proud to announce the hiring of twenty-three key full-time faculty members adding valuable staff across its 500 square mile service area to support the full scope of its programming, services and operations. The new hires will help to bolster Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs, business management and general education programs at the District.

The 23 full-time faculty members were part of a District-wide initiative to hire 75 key personnel over the next two years as part of its 2015-2020 strategic planning process. The boost to personnel levels will help WCCCD recover important levels of operational support for its expanded role as a key education, workforce development and economic

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