ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Special Events

Eastern Campus - Tuskegee Airman Aviation March 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 - Optimal International Celebration February 2010

Participants attending this seminar will learn how important volunteerism is and how the could better serve the youth in every community. This program will also honor volunteer members for their years of dedication to youth advancement.

Downtown Campus - Passport to Africa February 2010

Passport to Africa provides educational and cultural enrichment activities for WCCCD students, area elementary, middle school, high school and community residents about the history, cultures, countries and diversity that exist in African continent.

Downriver Campus - Bridge to Asia April 2010

This culturally rich event is designed to educate community members about the diversity that exists in Asian culture, as well as promoting educational opportunities for the Asian community. Bridge to Asia will feature artwork, food, dance, and music that reflect Asian cultures.

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

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 (WCCCD) serves a diverse region of 32 cities and townships in the County of Wayne. The Northwest 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 happening at Wayne County Community College District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debraha Watson
President
Northwest Campus

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Health Sciences: Answering the Community Healthcare Call

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Housed in the Northwest Campus’ Health Science Center, the innovative Surgical Technology wing provides four surgical suites that parallel actual operating rooms in a hospital setting. The decision to locate this program in larger, more efficient spaces benefits students as the demand for Surgical Technicians is expected to grow 24 percent between 2006 and 2016. The Pharmacy Technology program was originally established at the Downtown campus in 1999. Under the leadership of Mr. William Matthews, the Pharmacy Technology program, as of Fall 2009, has been relocated to the Northwest Campus. Already a prevalent program of study at WCCCD, pharmacy Technology is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Students are able to obtain Pharmacy Technology Certifications and Certificates through various channels, including a two semester certificate curriculum, as well as pharmacy internship opportunities.

Comparable to the Surgical Technology program facilities, the Pharmacy Technology program provides participants with up-to-date Pharmacy Suite Laboratories that offer a hands-on perspective, as opposed to merely classroom-based courses.

With the addition of these two degree programs at the Northwest Campus, WCCCD is able to provide students with the expertise, facilities and technology required to complete their programs of study while continuing to set and achieve further educational goals!

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Alternative energy: 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 80,000 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 DC is calculated in watts. You need to be able to calculate that function in the industry. That’s where the real-world education comes in,” Kulick said.

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 Cresit 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 national leader. “There’s a tremendous amount of potential out there,” Kulick said.

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“ I work 12 hour days at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, except for the days I have late classes. Then, I just go to work later,” said Covington. In addition to her personal and professional demands, Covington is also a fulltime student in the WCCCD dental program. “I am a woman with many daily tasks. While all aspects of my life are important, my immediate goal is to become a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH).”

Covington has worked in some capacity of the health care field for the past 17 years. A former phlebotomist technician, Covington is currently a Patient Care Assistant (PCA) and works 30 hours in the Ambulatory Surgery Center, an outpatient unit of St. Joseph’s hospital. A couple of years ago, she decided to pursue a dental program, but had to find one that could accommodate her already demanding schedule.

“ The only school that met my needs was WCCCD – an accredited institution, highly reputable, diverse and marketable for gaining employment,” she said. She was also impressed and influenced by the school’s high graduation rate in the dental program. “The school was also accessible, affordable and came with knowledgeable and supportive instructors.”

Since starting WCCCD, Covington has obtained her Associate of Science degree, and continues on her path to becoming a RDH. “This has been one of the hardest but most rewarding things I have ever done – working, taking care of my family and going to school fulltime. But, with my personal commitment and the support of WCCCD, I am hanging in there and determined to realize my dream.”

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