Special Events

WESTERN CAMPUS

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Springtime Delights
March 1, 2008
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

A Wealthier You!
April 9, 2008
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Springtime Delights

The Western Campus’ annual Springtime Delights event got community members in the mood to shrug off winter and look towards warmer weather and outdoor fun. Local greenhouse representatives, landscapers and outdoor furniture dealers joined community residents to discuss the latest trends in porch and patio design at the Springtime Delights event held on the WCCCD campus March 1, 2008. What’s particularly hot for garden and patio design this year? Organic vegetable gardens, bright, colorful flowers in creative, expressive patterns, and patios built to function as outdoor “rooms” for the whole family to enjoy.

WCCCD Presents Resources For A “Wealthier You”

Employment opportunities as well as advice on how to protect financial resources in turbulent times were offered to Western Wayne county students and residents at no charge at the WCCCD’s “Wealthier You” event. Employers were on hand to interview and offer employment opportunities, and financial experts were on hand to offer advice. WCCCD prepared students and community members to participate in the event through a series of resume creation and mock interview work sessions.

Campus Information

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Western 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.

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Campus News

Designs On The Future: Henry Dryovage
Professor, Video Game Designing

Henry Dryovage sees big potential in what many perceive as child’s play. Dryovage, a professional computer animator and designer, is building WCCCD’s video game design program at the Western Campus.

The program has the potential to not only create an entrepreneurial group of skilled high-tech workers in Southeast Michigan, he said, but help to make Western Wayne a high-tech design hub, creating new opportunity for the region.

“When you say ‘games’ you’re really talking about designing interactive-driven software,” that can be used to create any number of business or personal applications, Dryovage said.

For example, a game platform could be used to teach nurses new procedures based on the latest medical evidence, or it could be used to create virtual environments to train everyone from surgeons to manufacturing workers to police officers. “The opportunity is huge,” Dryovage said.

Dryovage is working to engage more women in the technology driven field and is also reaching out to other academic and gardening organizations to tie the WCCCD program to the broader high-tech and design community in Southeast Michigan.

Ultimately, Dryovage said, the goal is to create highly skilled students prepared to operate in next-generation technologies and promising emerging sector industries, “Whatever is happening in the employment environment these days is not happening in [high tech industries],” he said. “There are high-paying positions and lots of opportunities. We need to train students for an industry that’s ever expanding.”

Five Things To Know About Henry Dryovage:

1. Henry Dryovage is an internationally known 3D animation developer. His work has appeared in numerous including nationally broadcast football games, General Motors’ advertising campaigns and Apple Computer’s roll-out of a new line of laptops.

2. Dryovage’s work is integral to the production of the “World Beyond War,” a documentary that was released with the help of Dr. Prince of satellite.

3. Dryovage began his career in the San Francisco Bay area, producing miniatures of that city’s financial district.

4. Dryovage is an adjunct professor at the College for Creative Studies and IT Technical Institute.

5. Dryovage is helping to build a student “gaming room” on the Western campus that will also promote the design program.

In the Community:

Event Commemorates Martin Luther King, Jr.; non-violence

Martin Luther King Jr. delivered three speeches to educators, students and parents, and to the public – all emphasizing the importance of education and diverse communities existing peacefully together and building the strong foundations needed to produce the next generation of leaders.

“T’is wonderful to talk about ‘I have a dream’, but at some point we have to move from having a dream to acting on that dream,” King said. “It only takes a few good men and women to bring about change.”

Part of the Van Buren school District’s First Unity and Education Day was sponsored by WCCCD. King heads Atlanta-based nonprofit organization he founded in 2006 called Rebuilding the Dream. That organization works towards achieving nonviolence, youth leadership and community empowerment by providing research, education and technical assistance.

Shining Light on the Shadows:

Former CIA, FBI Agent Joins WCCCD

Jim Macierzkowski spent the better part of his career protecting the nation’s most sensitive secrets, but he’s spending the latter part sharing some of what he knows with Wayne County communities to do nothing less than prepare them to engage with this world.

Macierzkowski, a veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Navy Special Intelligence Operations and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), recently joined the Wayne County Community Foundation District as its top homeland security expert. Together with District Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivory, Macierzkowski is establishing new programs to engage the District, the community and surrounding businesses to keep their organizations and Information safe.

“I see [my work] at the College District as an opportunity to demystify and educate the community about how homeland security works,” he said.

Spotlight on:

Jim Ryan

Despite years of service and hard work building strong relationships throughout the community, when Plymouth-Canton Community School District Superintendent Jim Ryan retired Feb. 28th, he requested that his farewell party be modest.

Ryan, a long-time supporter of WCCCD, was known for his self-deprecating humor and optimism, but was also known for his vision in leading the district to become the fourth largest in the state with more than 19,000 students.

Ryan led the district for six years and enjoyed a 37-year-long career in education. Retirement will allow him and his wife to spend more time with their children and grandchildren.

“Jim Ryan was a tremendous advocate for making an excellent education accessible and possible to every child in our community,” said WCCCD Western Campus President Patrick J. McNally. “We were able to forge a unique relationship over the years based on that mutual goal for the Western Wayne community.”

“We congratulate him on his years of service, and look forward to working with him in new ways,” McNally said.