Special Events
WESTERN CAMPUS

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Western Wayne Community Networking
October 22nd
6:30 PM
Potential clients and partners with the Western Wayne community will gather at the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College District to participate in our popular networking event scheduled for October 22, 2003. Participants will have an opportunity to express their views and engage in a productive educational discussion.

Western Campus Open House:
Monday, September 8
4 PM - 8 PM
We welcome the entire Western Wayne county community to visit us at our new, expanded campus for a tour of our upgraded, state-of-the-art facilities.

Religions in America
Saturday, September 27th
9 AM - 1 PM
The Western Campus second Religions in America event will explore issues around religion and politics in our increasingly complex times.

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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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Western Campus Offers New Facilities to Students, Communities

Western Campus is proud to announce the grand opening of the Educational Multipurpose Center. This new 43,400 square foot addition to the Western Campus provides the District and area employers with a flexible, high-tech academic environment for employee training and student learning.

The new facility includes a 100-seat lecture hall with interactive conferencing capabilities. Additional features include six seminar rooms with full teleconference capabilities and complete multimedia resources; a computer commons lab; conference; three flexible technology labs; dining space and a gallery area.

The Multipurpose center will expand the District’s Health Science program offerings and other public safety programs such as criminal justice, corrections, law enforcement and the District’s emergency response and safety associate degree program. These program offerings will support the staffing needs of the airport authority, business and governmental agencies within Western Wayne County.

“We’re very excited to present this new resource to our students and to the community,” said Western Campus President Patrick McNally. “We feel this will offer the community a new opportunity to engage with the campus and the District in a positive way. We hope they’ll check it out!”

For more information about the new facilities, call (734) 699-7008.

WCCCD New Team Aims to Make Students Big Winners:

There’s a new team in town – WCCCD’s iTeam. And their goal is to direct WCCCD students towards some of the hottest jobs in metro Detroit in one of the fastest growing industries: Information Technology.

We are proud to bring you more good news about the progress we are making at the Western Campus – the fastest growing campus in the District.

This campus is an important hub for WCCCD’s information technology programs. We have a collection of programs and services that aim to put our students on the path to success in the growing field of high technology. We have a new team in town – the “iTeam” – a group of specialized information technology staff who will be on campus to assist with any type of computer question or challenge.

We are rapidly approaching the grand opening of our new addition, which is scheduled for Monday, September 8th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. This addition to the campus will bring new and exciting resources to our students, faculty and community members. We invite you to take a closer look at our campus and take full advantage of this world-class facility.

There are great things happening at WCCCD and we hope that you will find opportunities to engage in the life of this campus and the entire District.

Patrick J. McNally, President
Western Campus
Focus On:
Steven Lee Climer
WCCCD Instructor and
Young Adult Book Author

Called Play It 4 Word, the game is comprised of a series of cards that, when put together correctly, form a sentence. The first student to complete a sentence wins the game. Climer began teaching the game in his college classrooms, using make-shift cards that he and his wife would cut in a basement workshop at night. But soon, he said, the game caught the interest of other teachers and parents, and demand began to grow.

“A card game is a very non-threatening and fun way to teach a variety of students how to put together the components of the English language,” Climer said, adding that a variety of students have responded well to the challenge.

Climer said the new business is showing steady growth and, with the release of his new book, Once Upon A Halloween Night. In August, the future is bright.

Nonetheless, Climer said, without teaching at WCCCD, there would still be something missing. “For me, writing and teaching go hand in hand. It would feel incomplete if one were to be there without the other,” he said. “I really enjoy working with the students at WCCCD, some of whom have had to cross more hurdles than the average person to get there. Those are the students that I seem to be able to reach.”

Family Learning Adventure Day:
Community families and children were treated to games, food and lots of children’s activities at this year’s WCCCD Western Campus Family Learning Adventure Day. Special features to the Saturday, August 9th event included storytelling, face painting and special arts and crafts projects that engaged kids of all ages in hours of fun.

This year’s event also included special programs about animals. A chance for dog owners to show off the agility of their best friends, as well as a nocturnal creature show and a bat conservation program were all a part of the day of learning and fun.

In the Spotlight:
William Sanders
Professor, Forensic and Digital Photography

During the past three decades, William Sanders has seen almost everything the world has to offer — the good, the bad and the downright tragic through the lens of a camera. Sanders, a well-known fine-art photographer, served as a police photographer in Detroit for more than a decade, but also shot weddings, city events and buttoned-up commercial shoots as a small business owner.

Now, Sanders said, he’s trying to teach WCCCD students that learning photography isn’t just a ticket to experiencing the world in a new way, but a ticket to an entrepreneurial enterprise with its own rewards. “I’m teaching them how to be entrepreneurs,” Sanders said. “I want my students to have options, so that they’re not intimidated by the labor force.”

Although Sanders’ classes run from the niche forensic photography to a la popular TV shows such as CSI — to broad basic courses in digital photography, Sanders says each class is designed to help another by helping the student master the camera, and their craft.

“You have to know the basics to do a good job,” Sanders said. “You can teach procedures, but students also need to know how to photograph different situations.

Photography is a very interesting job, but its hallmark is in the variety of situations a photographer needs to adapt to.”

Sanders’ class is in the process of being formed into an associate’s degree program and will feature forensic, digital and commercial photography, as well as a photojournalism element. “With the wealth of news media outlets going online, there are new outlets for photographers to showcase their work,” he said.

By the end of the program, Sanders said he wants his students to not only walk away feeling like good photographers, but well-prepared business people as well. His goal, he said, is to expand the program to reach as many students as possible who are interested in the class.

“There’s opportunity here, and there is a tremendous amount of interest in what we’re doing,” he said.

Young Authors Voice Creativity at Conference:
Young aspiring writers got a special glimpse into the creative process at the 17th annual Young Authors Conference presented by the Van Buren Public Schools at the WCCCD Western Campus. The annual event helps young writers tap into their imagination and creativity to express their thoughts and learn the craft of storytelling. Established authors, poets and storytellers helped the children with writing exercises, and described the life of a writer.

Next year’s event will be held at the WCCCD Western Campus in Belleville, and is open to children in first through fifth grades. For more information on this event, visit www.wcccd.edu.