**Special Events**

**ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**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.

**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 on the African continent.

**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 Airman’s pilots, who became 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 - Optimist 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.

**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.

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**Letter from the President**

We are pleased to share with you this edition of the Wayne County Community College District Western Campus My Newsletter. Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) serves a diverse region of 32 cities and townships in the County of Wayne. The Western Campus serves as a clean and green energy production and sustainable building certification in the construction industry.

**WCCCD’s Sustainable Energy Program: Understanding Renewable Energy Sources**

Due to rapid population increase and economic activity, there has been a depletion of natural resources along with changes in global climate, which raises the question; where do we go from here? The answer is sustainable energy.

The concept behind sustainable energy is the removal of harmful environmental impacts by utilizing renewable and environmentally friendly resources for construction projects development and energy production.

WCCCD’s Sustainable Environmental Design program focuses on understanding renewable energy sources as well as the development of sustainable buildings and environmentally sensitive site selection. The program offers two certificates; one in Renewable Energy Technologies and the other in Sustainable Buildings and Sites. Students may also use these classes to obtain an Associate Degree in Sustainable Environmental Design.

Graduates who decide to move forward will be prepared for future careers in the rapidly growing Green Industry. Future career areas for these students will include Green Engineering and Renewable Energy Production, Sustainable Urban Planning and Design, Sustainable Interior Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture as well as Sustainable Building Construction. This curriculum prepares students for the LEED Accredited Professional Exam, the standard environmentally friendly certification in the construction industry. Currently, there are several community colleges in the area that are in the process of developing programs that are centered on renewable energies. However, WCCCD has taken a slightly different approach and created an umbrella program of sustainability.

It is WCCCD’s intention to create career programs with an emphasis on renewable energy production and sustainable building practices to allow our graduates to enter into these rapidly growing fields where the careers are yet to be defined.

**“Graduates will be prepared for future careers in the rapidly growing Green Industry”**

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**STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS “GO GREEN”**

**CAMPUS HOURS & CONTACT SPECIAL EVENTS**
Alternative Energy: Building Michigan’s Next Job Engine

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 Crest 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 part 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 to function in the industry. That’s where the real-world education comes in,” Kulick said.

“It may seem non-traditional to some, going back to school at 50, but for Daniel Danz a life change was necessary. Daniel began considering re-entering school while working for a company that had well compensated Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) positions available. Daniel realized that he wanted to make a change in his life, although at his age he questioned if he could go back to school. Still, he was determined to pursue what he believed was best for him and his future.

After researching several programs, Daniel found that WCCCD offered an EMT certificate program. With the registration deadline fast approaching, Daniel called a week before classes began and started on a journey that would ultimately change his life.

Study Abroad: WCCCD Students “go green” in Brazil

Wayne County Community College District’s Study Abroad program continues its worldwide adventure to Brazil this fall. This once in a lifetime opportunity offers the educational opportunity to explore the culture, language and expand student’s knowledge of the country’s global affairs. This trip coincides with the District’s efforts to bring awareness of alternative energy to its students, as participants will investigate Brazil’s “green approach” to energy.

Since 1970, Brazil has used sugarcane to produce an ethanol fuel program which has allowed the country to become the world’s largest exporter of this alternative fuel. Brazil is considered to have the world’s first sustainable bio-fuel economy and is also a bio-fuel industry leader. This exposure to a leading global force within alternative energy will give WCCCD students the advantage of returning home with knowledge on the global trend of alternative energy. “We look forward to taking our students on this educational and cultural experience. We are focused on developing well rounded and knowledgeable individuals to bestow onto our society”, said David Butty, Executive Director for International Studies.

“Green energy education is going to change the way education is delivered for future generations, and that means that WCCCD needs to change the way we teach so that our students will be successful,” said Dr. Stephanie Bulger, Vice Chancellor of Educational Affairs, who is leading this effort. “I am optimistic that when our students return from their study abroad trip to Brazil, they will be energized.”