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“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.”

Dr. Robinson continued.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center helps provide seamless access to advanced degrees through university partnerships that allow transfer of credits and coursework - much of which may be completed at conveniently located WCCCD campuses. Other university partners include universities such as University of Michigan-Flint, Michigan State University, Ferris State University, and Western Michigan University.

For more information on WCCCD’s degree programs and course offerings, please visit www.wcccd.edu.

Information about all District events can be found at www.wcccd.edu.
WCCCD Workforce Development Programs Help Workers Reboot for New Economy

Wayne County Community College District has expanded its workforce development programs to keep pace with the needs of students and area employers.

The District in 2014 won a federal grant to train unemployed veterans for jobs in cyber security. Additional programs have focused training on high-demand fields such as computer and software programming, advanced manufacturing and health care.

The expanded programs have been vital to helping workers adjust to the rise of a knowledge-based economy in Michigan.

“Employers are seeking highly skilled workers with specific banks of knowledge before they will even look at their resumes,” said WCCCD Vice Chancellor, School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Shawna Forbes. “That’s why we tailor our programs around the current and existing needs of employers. Oftentimes, we can help that student transition directly into the work environment and make sure that they’re prepared to hit the ground running.”

The programs are vital to the region. Approximately 95 percent of WCCCD students remain in the state. Their higher earnings and associated increases in property income generate nearly $12 million in added tax revenue each year, and save state and local governments nearly $747,000 in avoided social costs.

New Academic and Career Programs offered at Campus Beginning in Summer and Fall 2015

The Western Campus proudly introduces exciting new career programs for the Summer and Fall semesters. The Biomedical Engineering program trains students as repair technicians of high end medical equipment.

This industry boasts strong growth and offers high tech job opportunities to qualified students. A new Home health aid program will also be introduced. This is short term program that will allow students to enter the job market immediately after graduation.

Shawna Forbes Appointed to Detroit Workforce Development Board

Shawna Forbes, Vice Chancellor, School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development for Wayne County Community College District, has been appointed to The Detroit Workforce Development Board by Mayor Mike Duggan.

The Board is responsible for delivering workforce programs across the city. It is comprised of a cross-section of Detroit-based professionals who work on the board on a volunteer basis.

“Given the growth and advancements in the Workforce Development area, we feel that the appointment of Ms. Forbes aligns with the District’s mission,” said Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery. “Ms. Forbes’ years of experience in higher education and growth within the district make her the perfect candidate to represent the college. We are confident in her leadership in this position will enable us to provide even greater service to the Detroit Workforce Development Board.

Ms. Forbes heads WCCCD’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development efforts, overseeing support of the District’s more than 125 workforce training programs and continuing education programs that help to connect organizations with highly trained workers for in-demand jobs across 32 townships and 500 square miles.

Madonna and Northwood Expand Advanced Degree Options at University Center West

The WCCCD Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center at the Western Campus has added to its expanding list of advanced degree programs with new partnerships from Madonna University and Northwood University.

With more than 15 bachelor and master degree programs, students are now offered more opportunities to complete advanced degrees from Michigan’s premier universities at a fraction of the cost and time usually required at traditional universities.

“We’re extremely proud of the strides our students make in as they pursue advanced degrees” University Center West, located at the WCCCD Western Campus in Belleville, now offers a Bachelor of Business Administration and an MBA from Northwood University, with concentrations in Accounting, Computer Information Management and Management.

“...and an MBA from Northwood University...”

Madonna University will be offering several degree options at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center West. Students can choose from either a Bachelor’s Degree of Aging Studies or a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Resource Management. Both of these programs are structured to facilitate the maximum number of transfer credits from WCCCD courses.

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