Completion Agenda 2020

2014 Year in Review
Division of Educational Affairs
Office of Career Education
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The Completion Agenda is part of the American Graduation Initiative (AGI) announced by President Obama, challenging community colleges to increase the number of student graduates by the year 2020.

At the Chancellor’s direction, WCCCD has embraced the challenge of increasing awareness about the value of completing a degree. The goal is to provide community members and students with information about the programs we offer, allowing them to make educated choices about their career path.

The following pages provide you with an overview of some of the many activities and information that has been shared with students, staff, and community members this past year.
Office of Career Education
Established

Career Programs play a vital role at our District. In an effort to make information and opportunities about Career Programs more prominent within our District, the Office of Career Education was established. Located on the first floor, the goal is to improve community understanding of the different educational tracks our students can pursue.
Completion Agenda Web Page

The web page continues to grow as a repository of information about how Wayne County Community College District is committed to making a difference in the lives of our students.
Newsletters

- Semester publications
- Highlight activities leading to student success
Promotional Materials

• Over 40,000 pieces of promotional material distributed!
• Community Awareness
• Student Awareness
• Employee Awareness
• Increase Dual Enrollment Promotion

Proposed Spring 2015 Career Focus Programs

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New Programs

• Keep students current with present industry demands
• Allows students to fully explore career options
2014
Advisory Breakfasts

• Continues to grow
• Over 175 members in attendance at each breakfast
• Program improvement discussions by discipline
2014 District-Wide Conference Day

• Career Program Information Table
• Numerous Career Track Presentations
• Professional development opportunities for faculty
• Cross-Discipline discussions promote convergence of ideas and technology.
• Networking opportunity for Faculty and Staff
Weekend Memos

• Highlight different activities that lead to student success across the District

• Help to educate recipients about the Completion Agenda activities at WCCCD.
Student Success Stories

STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES
Examples of student success abound at Wayne County Community College District! Two recent examples were present with our Surgical Technology Program Graduate Ali Assad, and our Fire Protection Technology Students. Mr. Assad is now happily employed at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Point, as a Surgical Technology Assistant and our Fire Fighter I students successfully passed their State practical exam. Congratulations on a 100% pass rate!

STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES ABOUND AT WCCCD!

All of us at WCCCD try to make a difference in the lives and careers of those we serve. It is very rewarding to see this become reality for our students. Michael Williams, Adeyinka Sanusi, and Renita Houston are three stellar examples of how we make the Completion Agenda come to life. All three are recent graduates of WCCCD and feel that through the efforts of those that guided them they will have a promising career in their future. All are moving on to four year institutions and a future that allows them to achieve their educational pursuits. As Michael Williams states, “I don’t think I would have finished school if not for WCCCD.”

Best of luck to all three of you as you move forward with your education!

Phi Theta Kappa Induction
New Programs/New Faculty

Pat Sarnacki: Digital Media Production
• Graduate of Columbia College
• Bachelor of Arts in Cinematography
• Diverse background in film and media

Sam Crowl: Railroad Rules and Safety
• Over 40 years in rail and passenger train industry
• Specializing in Safety, Accident Investigation, and Engine Service
• State Coordinator for “Operation Lifesaver”

Dr. Jaunita Lyons: Business Analytics
• Specializing in Data Analysis, Performance Assessment, Analytic Research
• Doctor of Philosophy in Evaluation and Research
• Years of Analytical skills in private industry and public institutions
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The Completion Agenda at WCCCD has gone international! Recently, a group of our study abroad students visited the countries of Belize and Guatemala. The Study Abroad Program’s mission is to promote the expansion of international educational opportunities for all. Students that participate walk away with quality academic experiences, cultural immersion and exchange, life-long service learning, and character development.

WCCCD’s Study Abroad Program... just one more way WCCCD chooses to stay on the cutting edge.

Division of Educational Affairs
Office of Career Education

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The Office of Career Education is continuously looking for new and collaborative educational and/or employment opportunities within our communities. The goal is to promote the educational achievements of our students while connecting them to employment options within the District’s 32 communities. Dr. Ron Harkness will be meeting in the next week with representatives of the Wayne County Airport Authority to discuss skilled trade possibilities which can benefit students of our Electrical Electronics Technology Program.

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The Completion Agenda is proud to applaud the successful stories of our graduates. This past week, while visiting Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Points, Dr. Ron Harkness and Dr. Mark Shikwan were able to congratulate Ali Assaad, a recent graduate of our Surgical Technology Program, on securing a position with Beaumont Hospital. Mr. Assaad has a bright career and future ahead giving him the ability to support himself within a high wage, high demand, and high skilled profession.

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WCCCD strives to provide opportunities for our students that make them knowledgeable and competent in their selected program. A great example of this can be found at the Downriver Campus in the new EMT Lab. This lab, which is used by future medical first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics helps students practice what they have learned in class and allows them the opportunity to refine techniques, prior to working with patients. This new lab will prove to be an added benefit for students in these programs and definitely supports their success and the Completion Agenda at WCCCD.

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Last week the District held the annual Faculty Organization Day at the Downriver Campus. The purpose of this event is to provide current information, discipline related informational meetings, and professional development sessions for faculty. As part of the day, a breakout session was held that discussed textbook selection and how to maximize their use to enhance learning in the classroom. This session was co-presented by Dr. Ron Harkness and Dr. Lorraine Smith who discussed how proper textbook selection has a positive impact on our students completion rates, learning retention, and our success as a District with the Completion Agenda.

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Traveling to any of these airports can be quite overwhelming. When arriving on the day that the conference begins, travelers should allow ample time for navigating through large airports, finding ground transportation and tackling big city traffic in order to check into the hotel, freshen up and arrive at the conference on time.
THE OFFICE OF CAREER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUE TO GROW

One of the most exciting parts of our increased presence has to do with the continued growth of our Community Partnerships. The goal is to keep expanding community awareness of our career programs and to collaborate within our District’s 32 communities and businesses. This fall has seen the addition of new partnerships that are underway which will lead to successful outcomes and employment opportunities for our students.
Community Engagement

THE COMPLETION AGENDA CONTINUES TO REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Completion Agenda continues to focus on seeking out educational opportunities to help our communities understand the importance of this initiative. This past February, members of the East Side Advisory Council were provided with an update on the progress that we have made with the Completion Agenda over the last year. The group was very receptive to our progress and looks forward to keeping appraised of our continued success as we continue the educational message this coming year.