Welcome to the Fall 2016 Edition of the Completion Agenda Newsletter!

The Fall semester is in full gear with many exciting activities happening throughout the District in support of student success and completion.

Through the direction of our Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, the District continues to make a difference in the lives of our students. New programs have been launched that continue to do well while we simultaneously ready new career programs to pilot in the Spring 2017 term.

Please enjoy the following information which highlights some of the ways we continue to move the Completion Agenda forward, enriching the lives of those that we serve.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronald Harkness,
District Provost, Career Preparation and Campus Operations

2016 SEMI-ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BREAKFAST A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Fall 2016 Advisory Committee Breakfast was held on October 14, 2016, at the Downriver Campus. Close to 200 persons representing Community Partners, Employers, Faculty, Administrators, and Students attended this year. The participants heard about new initiatives, new programs, educational partnerships and increased opportunities that are available to all who attend WCCCD. The feedback received will help us improve our existing programs making our students more prepared as they enter their chosen field. Thanks to all who helped make this breakfast a success!
NEW PROGRAMS REMAIN STRONG THIS FALL!

The District remains committed to launching new programs that meet the needs of the business community and the interests of the citizens that we serve. This fall, we continue to promote and support our new programs that have been launched this past year, which lead to high skill, high wage, and high demand jobs for our students. These new programs are: Anesthesia Technology, CIS: Application Developer, Cybersecurity, Craft Brewing, Fashion Design, Medical Administrative Specialist, and Product Development and Prototyping.

As an example of the District’s continued efforts to keep current with the needs of our community and business partners, we are piloting four new programs in the Spring 2017 term: Environmental Health and Safety Technology; Optometric Technician Program; Long Term Care Administration; and Horticulture Science Technology. Look for more information on these exciting new programs as the Spring 2017 term unfolds!

MANUFACTURING DAY A HUGE SUCCESS AT WCCCD!

Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. This year, Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) served as a “hub” location for hundreds of students that participated on October 7, 2016. High school students visited both the Eastern and Western Campus locations and learned about career program opportunities that were available to them at WCCCD. The students had lunch, heard from our instructors, toured the facilities and then met with local employers. The goal was to help them better understand the great opportunities a career in advanced manufacturing can provide.

TECH NITE STEM SYMPOSIUM DRAWS HUNDREDS FROM THE COMMUNITY!

On October 20, 2016, the Northwest Campus hosted a STEM Symposium TECH NITE for the community. The purpose of this symposium was to help promote the STEM Institute and careers in high-tech fields. Industry leaders, including our keynote speaker, Ms. Angela C. Williams, Director of Information Security, at Blue Cross Blue Shield, discussed industry trends and where future employment opportunities may be found. Hundreds of interested students and community members were able to benefit from the information and partnerships that supported this meeting.