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

The spring semester is off and running with many different activities happening that support and reinforce student success and completion.

Strong leadership and vision is key to student success and Wayne County Community College District is fortunate to have that in our Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery. Dr. Ivery is a 2016 recipient of the Trumpet Award, which recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans across all sectors of society who have succeeded against immense odds. Dr. Ivery is a vigilant supporter of promoting educational opportunities for our students and champions their completion and educational aspirations.

Following, is a sample of how we continue to move the Completion Agenda forward as we start this new year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronald Harkness,
District Provost, Career Preparation and Campus Operations
NEW CAREER PROGRAMS COMING THIS FALL!

WCCCD is very excited about the new Career Programs being offered this year. Associate Degree, Certificate, and Short-term Certificate opportunities exist with these new programs. These programs will provide our students with new opportunities in Fashion Design, CIS: Application Developer, and CIS: Cybersecurity. Students now have increased opportunities to receive a degree or certificate in a high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand career.

NEW CAREER NAVIGATOR TOOL

WCCCD is committed to the career and college success of our students. One way to achieve this outcome is by providing information about our career programs in a consistent and concise fashion. The Career Navigator Manual was developed to help us successfully complete this outcome. This manual will be used by key individuals on each campus to answer questions that arise about the career programs. Information available includes a quick reference guide identifying each program's degree types and campus location. The manual also provides program specific information about each program's expected pay, job outlook, and course sequence. We are excited about the opportunity to have our public learn more about our career programs through information provided in our Career Navigator Manual!

WCCCD AND THE US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIPS COLLABORATION

WCCCD stays committed to looking at new ways to improve opportunities for student success and completion. The U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeships has asked for our help in creating credit bearing Pre-Apprenticeship Short-term Certificates. One of the problems faced by individuals trying to become a journeyman centers on the lack of basic competencies needed in the apprenticeship program. The development of these pre-apprenticeship short-term certificates is meant to better prepare individuals to successfully complete their apprenticeship programs. We are anticipating the approval of these short-term certificates with the Office of Apprenticeship by the start of the Fall semester.