Welcome to the Fall 2015 Edition of the Completion Agenda Newsletter!

The fall semester is off to an exciting start with numerous opportunities for our students to become successful in their educational endeavors at Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD)!

Career Programs continue to offer great opportunities for our students and lead to high-wage, high-demand, and high-skilled jobs. Under the direction of our Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, we continue to look at new technologies and new Career Program areas that prepare our students for employment within the 32 communities that we serve.

Dr. Ivery stays committed to those served by the District and Student Completion. This is evident in the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan which describes the District’s commitment to student completion. As one of the areas of Strategic Focus, WCCCD will:

“Equip students with the necessary support through the delivery of comprehensive services and innovative academic and workforce program opportunities that build essential skills for academic, personal, and professional success resulting in the completion of degrees and certificates.”

Look for more information on student completion as we move forward into 2015-2016 academic year!

Sincerely,

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

WCCCD is very excited about the new Career Program offerings that are in place for the Fall 2015 term. Associate Degrees and Certificates are offered in these fields, all leading to high pay and high demand careers for our students. Initial interest in these new programs is strong and we are excited about the new opportunities for our students to complete their educational interests in new and current fields.

Anesthesia Technology
NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Craft Brewing
WESTERN CAMPUS

Product Development and Prototyping (3-D Printing)
EASTERN CAMPUS

Medical Administrative Specialist
DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

NEW PROGRAMS, NEW FACULTY!

One of the exciting things that occurs with the launch of new programs is that we also get the opportunity to bring in new faculty. Our goal is to introduce new programs with experts in the field who have current, hands-on experience in the workplace.

We are very fortunate to have two such individuals instructing in our Product Development and Prototyping (3-D Printing) Program at the Eastern Campus. Kevin Jonatzke and Brad Van Dike both come to us with years of experience in 3-D design, additive manufacturing, and CAD operations. Our students will benefit from the introduction and hands-on application that both Mr. Jonatzke and Mr. Van Dike can provide. Please welcome Kevin and Brad to our institution!

COLLABORATION WITH HARPER WOODS SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTS A LADDERED APPROACH TO COMPLETION!

This past year, Harper Woods School Superintendent, Mr. Todd Biedewolf, Dr. Sandra Robinson, and Dr. Ron Harkness began working on a new approach to high school/community college completion. The Harper Woods School District asked for our help in identifying and providing two different career tracks that allow their students to complete a degree by the time they exit high school. As a result, WCCCD now has aligned both the Digital Media Program and Medical Office Specialist Program to accommodate dually enrolled student availability. We are excited about the opportunities that now exist for over 60 students in the Harper Woods School District and look forward to celebrating their program completion in the next few years.