Wayne County Community College District Partnership with the William D. Ford Career and Technical Center

Fire Fighter Students Practical Lab Session
Chancellor’s Spring 2022 Message
to the WCCCD Family

“I greet you at the beginning of 2022 and the opening of the Spring semester in a spirit of optimism and gratitude. I am grateful that we are working together with patience and resilience under stressful circumstances to assure the continuity of our programs, services, and functions to the benefit of the students, businesses, and communities that we serve.”

To read the full message, please click on the following link...

https://www.wcccd.edu/pdfs/2022/Chancellor’s_Spring_Message.pdf
COVID-19 Special Unit
Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

COVID-19 Taskforce
Health Screening
Log Processing

Testing and Vaccinations continue at the Northwest Campus

District-wide Personal Protection Equipment Distribution

Disinfecting Continues District-wide!
Division of Workforce and Economic Development

2022 Workforce Meetings in High Gear!

Regional Training Center

Outdoor Training Center

Commercial Driver’s License Program

Partnership Update Meeting

Mechatronics Training Center Robot and Equipment Transition Meeting

New Talent and Economic Development Opportunities under research, planning, and implementation meeting.
The team met to discuss the Civil Testing Technician, Infrastructure and Bootcamp Training programs.

Detroit Talent Hub

Detroit Talent Hub planning sessions are being held regarding 2022 curriculum, remote learning, and program updates including:

- Commercial Driver's License Program new state of Michigan certification requirements including pre-road testing exams and additional training.
- Assisting the Division of Workforce and Economic Development secure funding for Michigan Governor Gretchen’s Economic Development training programs, plans and priorities.
- Mechatronics Training Curriculum Enhancements: Main training cell and classrooms
- Cybersecurity Program Upgrades
WCCCD’s Outreach and Recruitment (Open D.O.O.R.) team participated in a vendor and small business event. The Division of Student Services and the School of Continuing Education provided information about programs available as well as registration information to attendees.

Veteran Affairs
Staff continue to assist our veteran students with registration and services available.

Student Support Services
Members of the team met to discuss upcoming meetings with students seeking services for the Spring 2022 semester.

Assisting our Students
The team assists students with selecting academic and certificate programs.
Division of Student Services

International Students
Staff is currently reviewing student files to ensure required documents are verified for the Spring 2022 semester.

Phi Theta Kappa
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) officers met with Akindele Akinyemi, PTK Representative, to discuss the Honors in Action project and upcoming January deadlines.

Financial Aid
COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Federal Student Aid
The Department of Education has announced the pause for student loan payments to be extended through May 1, 2022.

Adult Education
Staff participated in the WIOA NexSys application training phone conference to get the latest updates regarding the 2021-2022 grant application.

Career Planning and Placement Portal
The Career Planning and Placement Office is excited about a new feature that is provided by the College Central Network platform. This feature will enable daily job alerts to match millions of registered students to thousands of newly posted jobs.

Students can visit www.studentaid.gov for information regarding COVID-19 relief.
District Police Authority

Emergency Phone Stations

The District Police Authority and the Division of Information Technology completed its update of the emergency phones at the Downriver Campus.

To view the new Global Thinker Newsletter click on: https://www.wcccd.edu/dept/pdf/StudyAbroad/Study_Abroad_Newsletter_Nov21.pdf
The Division of Human Resources (HR) is currently reconciling, reviewing, and auditing major medical benefit accounts. Currently, WCCCD partners with Health Alliance Plan and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to provide our employees major medical benefits. On a continuing basis, HR reconciles individual employee benefit expenditures to ensure the following:

- Compliance with policies and procedures
- Reconciliation of monthly and quarterly statements
- Verification of employee data
- Review of effective dates
- Access experience rates

Summit is the new vendor Group Resources, Inc. utilizing our reimbursement accounts (FSA and DCA). The previous ‘Take Care’ card and myflexonline website are no longer valid for WCCCD use.

You should register for online access at https://groupresources.summitfor.me/ to monitor your real-time account balance, transaction activity, receipt requirements, etc. You can utilize this site to upload receipts as well. They also have a free mobile app – search “DataPath Summit” in your Android or Apple Store to download the app.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reimbursement account process, please contact the Division of Human Resources at (313) 496-2765.
The School of Continuing Education

Continuing Education Instructor Orientation

Instructors were provided the latest updates to the continuing education processes and procedures.

Professor Erika Lile has been a WCCCD adjunct faculty member since 2014 instructing Spanish language and culture. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Foreign Languages with a major in Spanish and her Master’s Degree in Spanish with a minor in Linguistics from Wayne State University (WSU). During her studies at WSU, she was awarded the Graduate Teaching Assistantship, affording her the opportunity to complete her graduate studies and the experience of teaching in a classroom, leaving her feeling very privileged and fortunate to have experienced and accomplished both.

Since Ms. Lile was a young girl, she always dreamt of becoming a teacher, so it gives her great satisfaction to see her students learn and utilize the Spanish language in their everyday lives. At the beginning of each semester, Professor Lile asks her students “Why are you taking this course” or “How will this course benefit your long term?” the answer is almost always, “Because Spanish is the second most spoken language in the U.S.” Or “Learning Spanish will increase my chances of obtaining a good job.” And those answers are not wrong, which is why she takes great pride in teaching and seeing her students do well here. She feels proud knowing she has played an important part in them obtaining their “dream jobs”!

When Professor Lile is not in the classroom you will find her caring for her young toddler, cooking, and dancing.
Division of Educational Affairs

Operational Excellence

Crystal Brown met with faculty members involved in the Teaching and Learning Center’s (TLC) Learning Outcomes Comparisons Project. The efforts examines differences in student learning outcomes by modality.

Early Intervention Efforts

Allan Cosma met with representatives from Detroit Public Schools Community District to finalize the new CNC dual enrollment courses offered at Southeastern High School Advanced Manufacturing Lab for the Spring 2022 semester.

Friendly Reminders

- Virtual Faculty Convocation
  January 15, 2022
- Classes begin January 18, 2022
- Syllabi for all Spring 2022 courses are due before the start of classes and should be emailed to the assigned campus faculty office.
- Blackboard course shells are available for all sections.
- Do not forget to sign in to the Teaching and Learning (TLC) blackboard shell to access valuable information
  https://blackboard.wcccd.edu/ (TLC123) course or email Teachinglearningcenter@wcccd.edu requesting access.

Expanded Faculty Voice and Email Hotlines Services

The Division of Educational Affairs will be available on the Faculty Hotline at 1-844-245-0358 or facultyhotline@wcccd.edu as follows:

- January 15, 2022
  8:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- January 18-20, 2022
  9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- January 21, 2022
  9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- January 22, 2022
  9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
The Division of Educational Affairs hosted a virtual new faculty orientation for Spring 2022. This professional development opportunity is identified as one of many high priority services for supporting new and returning faculty that will be provided through the Teaching and Learning Center’s blackboard shell.

Do you know an awesome faculty member, administrator, or staff—the ones who are a testament to the important work done at the District every day?

Don’t miss this opportunity to show your appreciation for their dedication and contributions by submitting their names and reasons for the NISOD Excellence Awards to Dr. David Beaumont, Dbeaumo1@wcccd.edu by January 19, 2020.
Starting February 2022!
Celebrating Diversity in the Workplace

“Culture of Dignity: Building Capacity for Tolerance and Sensitivity”
Diversity Competency Training Workshops
These meetings will be held virtually on the second Tuesday of each month via Microsoft Teams.

February 8
3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 8
3:00-4:00 p.m.

April 12
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Virtual Documentary Film Viewing
Hidden Figures
February 10
March 10
April 7
3:00-5:00 p.m.

January 27, 2022
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Site visit to the Native American Education Center and the River Raisin Battlefield Park Visitor Center in Monroe, Michigan.
If interested in participating, please contact Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha at (313) 496-2848 or email fdcunha2@wcccd.edu.
Facilities Maintenance

Eastern Campus ~ Rooftop Glass Replacement
Anthony Arminiak and Andy Steeby participated in a meeting with William D. Ford Career and Technical Center regarding Early Middle College planning.

Mr. Arminiak also participated in the Michigan Department of Education, Dr. Chery Wagonlander Award Review Committee meeting.

Happenings at the Northwest Campus

Partnership Meeting

Spring 2022 Prep Meeting
Preparing for the First Day of Classes
Spring 2022
Look at Your Calendar and Checkbook

How committed are you towards your own personal growth? The best indicator of your commitment is likely to be found by looking at how you use your time and your money. If you are making that commitment, then your calendar and checkbook will reflect a character committed to growth.

Dr. Henry Cloud, author of the book *Integrity*, speaks of a global leader who had been near burnout a few years ago until he decided to make a big change. He approached his board and got their support to spend six weeks away every summer to recharge. “The character components of this were substantial... first, to leave it all behind for a brief period to develop himself and, second, it would be important for the people underneath him to be put into those crisis decision-making situations if they were ever going to grow.” By taking this big step, this leader created a win-win: a huge growth opportunity for himself as well as for his team.

These kinds of actions are rarely taken without detractors, so it also takes courage to follow through to get the full benefit for everyone affected. Some of those detractors might likely focus on the loss of spending on what might have brought a more immediate, visible return. Effective, growth-oriented leaders understand the long-term benefit of being committed to making themselves and their organizations better. They do that by focusing on their calendars and their checkbooks.

**Book Recommendation**

*The March of Folly, From Troy to Vietnam*

Written by Barbara W. Tuchman
Mission

WCCCD’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to achieve their higher education and career advancement goals through excellent, accessible, culturally diverse, and globally competitive programs and services.

Vision Statement

WCCCD will be known as a premier community college and innovator in the areas of high quality academic and career education, talent development in support of regional economic growth, diversity and inclusion, and technological advancement.

WCCCD’s Values Statements:

- Supporting excellence in teaching and learning
- Honoring diversity
- Serving the common good
- Being accountable
- Operating with integrity