I am honored to be the first recipient of the AACC’s 2022 CEO of the Year Award. The partnership with the AACC continues to play a major role in our successful transformation and having an impact on students’ lives at WCCCD. In my acceptance of the award, I reflected on the college’s work to strengthen student success and equity, and the challenges ahead. I am especially happy to see students returning to the college.
We were pleased to welcome the new CCLP Fall 2022 students interested in pursuing a Doctor of Education with Kansas State University during a virtual Information Session facilitated by Dr. Margaretta B. Mathis who serves as the Senior Director of the John E. Roueche Center for Community College Leadership.

Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.
President of Broward College

What a humbling experience it was to be one of the finalists for the inaugural award American Association of Community Colleges CEO of the Year! I was among such giants as finalists Dr. Alex Johnson, Dr. Sandra Kurtinis, Dr. William Seymour, Dr. Christine Sobek, and Dr. Curtis Ivery, each of whom have over 40 years of higher education leadership experience. Special congratulations to the inaugural award winner Dr. Ivery who has led WCCCD for 27 years.

To AACC, thank you for the honor. To the finalists and Dr. Ivery, congratulations, and thank you for showing me the way.

Critical Conversations

We were pleased to have Christopher Girdwood, who leads the Detroit Region Aerotropolis, as guest on our Critical Conversations Podcast to learn about the Aerotropolis and how it impacts our region’s economic development.
This week, new members of the Fitness Center at the WCCCD Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center began utilizing the many features of the center. A formal ribbon cutting is planned for later this Summer.
Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment
April 25-30, 2022

- Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus: 13
- Downriver Campus: 33
- Eastern Campus: 97
- Northwest Campus: 363
- Ted Scott Campus: 12

COMING SOON
SING 2
Thursday, July 14, 2022
9:00 P.M. (Dusk)
DOWNRIVER CAMPUS
21000 NORTHLINE ROAD
TAYLOR, MI 48180
As part of our virtual professional development series, Pathways to Success, we presented “Turning Tragedy and Trauma into Triumph in the Workplace and Beyond” with Greg Dunmore and special speaker Dr. Eddie Connor. Participants learned strategies to help navigate and increase the odds of turning negative situations that cause emotional distress into more positive outcomes.

Be sure to check out our continuing education courses and programs coming soon that focus on mental health!

Meditation

Nutrition

Yoga
Civil Testing and Technology conclude its third bootcamp in partnership with MDOT and ACEC. This will be the final camp before launching a condensed semester of the one-year certificate program.

Civil Testing and Technology students visited the MDOT’s testing facilities to receive information and learn more about civil testing careers.
Division of Educational Affairs

Dental Program Students

Surgical Technology Students

Practical Nursing Education Lab Session

Practical Nursing Education Review Session
Technical Support For Fall Faculty Selections

The Information Technology (IT) Team provided on-site support for staff conducting the Fall faculty selection. Selection was held over a three-day period at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and the IT Techs from various campuses were there to assist.

Main Network Closet Upgrade Project

Weekly Project Status Update
Northwest Campus

- Construction nearly completed
- Work begun for the network racks and cabling
- HVAC work will start next week

District-Wide Smart Technology in Classroom Upgrade

Weekly Project Status Update
Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

- Four additional classrooms completed
What’s Trending – Integrating Blended Curriculum

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) reviews local and national research to support and assist the district with improving programs and services offered to students. According to Hanover Research "The next generation of students prefer that technology be integrated into course curricula alongside more traditional pedagogical methods". The article suggests that instructors clarify, elaborate on, and use hybrid methodologies to show how each of the following technologies contribute to traditional pedagogical objectives:

- Blogs/Journals: Reflection
- Wikis/Media: Collaboration & Student/Instructor Generated Content
- PowerPoint & Other Deliverables: Synthesis & Evaluation
- Discussion Boards: Dialect & Questioning


The Student Survey of Instruction (SSOI) is a course evaluation instrument implemented by IE in conjunction with the Division of Educational Affairs. Although, all students have an opportunity to participate, not all students participate because SSOI is voluntary. The results demonstrated below are based only on the students who responded. WCCCD students were asked to identify:

“Which activities helped you gain a clearer understanding of the subject?”

![Activity Participation Chart]

**We are currently collecting student feedback on their instructional experiences for spring 2022**
Metaverse: Virtual Reality

Dr. Oneka Samet met with Professors Henry Dryovage and Robert Balicki to discuss the Metaverse: Virtual Learning Environments Open House scheduled for May 13th at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. This is the first in a series of workshops meant to engage our faculty, staff, and students in this pioneering technology implementation.

Virtual Reality Career Exploration

Dr. Oneka Samet met with staff to discuss opportunities for a virtual reality career exploration program that would facilitate work-based learning in Virtual Reality.

MCCA Leadership Academy

Dr. Oneka Samet and Allan Cosma participated in the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) Leadership Academy. The MCCA Leadership Academy is a hands-on, Michigan-specific professional development program for emerging leaders in the community college sector. The nine month cohort-style learning journey includes three live sessions in Lansing with action-based learning projects in between, experiential learning activities, coaching and mentoring, and a capstone graduation experience in conjunction with the annual MCCA Summer Conference.

D3C3 Regional Chamber initiative

The District’s D3C3 workgroup met with Balmer’s Group, Wilson Foundation, Regional Chamber, Civic Lab representative to discuss the parameters for the Final Response to Proposal submission.

Coming this Fall 2022

The Follett ACCESS program is a convenient way to provide students and staff with their required books and course materials ensuring course preparedness.
Division of **Educational Affairs**

**Fall Development Preparation**

The Divisions of Workforce and Economic Development and Educational Affairs teams met with Triumph Church to discuss potential American Signing Preparation.

**New Partnership**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Curriculum Committee Meeting: May 13, 2022

Virtual Reality Metaverse presentation: May 13, 2022

Allied Health Pinning: May 13, 2022 EPAC

Chancellor’s Annual Innovation Cycle/TLC 2021-22: Annual Progress Reports and Celebration June 10, 2022
Deputy Chief Bahrija Livadic represented the District at the “Detroit Police Chief’s Enforcement Summit Kickoff” hosted by Detroit Chief James White.
Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha met with Dr. Ligia Noronha, UN Assistant Secretary General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Mr. Furquan Ahmed and Mr. Syed Hussain are dressed for the Eid al-Fitr holiday.
NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A GREAT PARTNERSHIP

Regardless of whatever great system of principles, rules, and checks and balances an organization might have, ultimately success comes down to leaders who must have “wisdom, competence, and the ability to have close, cooperative, and effective working relationships,” notes Ray Dalio in Principles. Ideally, those relationships also should be healthy enough to allow for thoughtful disagreements and, ultimately, commitment to whatever decisions are made.

No effective leader can afford to be surrounded by sycophants who only provide the advice and counsel they think the leader wants to hear. Those who have the leader’s ear must be willing to offer honest opinions to ensure the success of the organization, because there is no substitute for a great partnership.

Book Recommendation:
Red-Handed, How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win
by Peter Schweizer

Ceremonies and Rituals Committee Meeting
Admissions and Records

The Division of Student Services staff discusses student success initiatives in our International Programs Department.

Student Support Services

Disability Support Services strive to provide students with the necessary tools to help them accomplish their educational and career goals. It is the goal of Disability Support Services to:

1. Provide appropriate and reasonable accommodations and support services,
2. Provide referrals, information, resources to students to improve their academic and employability success,
3. Encourage and assist students with disabilities to become more independent,
4. Increase faculty understanding of the need of students with disabilities and
5. Work as an advocate for students.

Recruitment & Outreach

Staff was happy to share WCCCD’s new and exciting programs with students at Pershing High School during their “College on-site Week”.

Veteran Affairs

New student Eric Sturms visited the Curtis L. Ivery, District Office to complete certification paperwork for the veterans’ rapid retraining assistance program. Mr. Strums is enrolled in the Digital Media Production program.

International

The Division of Student Services staff strategize how to recruit new and transfer students for the Summer 2022 semester. Staff also reached out to students that need advising for current Spring 2022 semester.
Division of Student Services

TRIO
Staff participated in professional development training on Budget Management and Statutory Regulatory requirements for Federal TRIO Programs.

Adult Education
Congratulations to WCCCD’s student Patricia Clayborn on obtaining her associates degree in Cybersecurity and on obtaining a new position at ProMedica.

Federal Work-Study
The Division of Student Services hosted an online Summer 2022 Federal Work-Study Workshop.

Student Executive Council
Student Executive Council Representatives checked in to prepare for summer participation and event planning.
Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP

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Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa Officer Tuesday Dixon met with staff to prepare for the new officer inductees.

Athletics

Stand-out student-athlete, Myles Dalton, WCCCD All-Conference and All-Academic Honor Student, has accepted a full scholarship to Northern Montana University. He’ll be receiving his Associate of Arts degree this Spring 2022.
Building Community Relationships

Mr. Arminiak presented a WCCCD update to the AARP Downriver Chapter.

Anthony Arminiak participated in the Taylor Career Center Career Expo.

International Council Meeting
HR Compliance: Staff Assignment Rollover Audit

In preparation for Staffing alignment for the fiscal year 2022-23, the Division of Human Resources conducted a comprehensive staff assignment rollover audit. The team is reviewing staff assignments, job description, qualifications, training and professional development requirements in addition to the following:

- Verification of Payroll and Accounting
- Segregation of Duties
- Personnel File organization
- Understanding District Staffing needs
- Credential and background Checks
- Simplifying processes: Implementation and technology
- Measuring outcomes
- Department of Labor Compliance
Facilities Management

Plumbing/Heating Demolition within the AAB for the Detroit Police Academy Renovation
Students meet with Malik Shabazz

“Art by Aliya”
Aliya Moore

BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY
CURTIS L. IVERY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS • 1001 West Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226
OPENING RECEPTION • Tuesday, May 17, 2022 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
EXHIBITION • May 17 through June 7, 2022
Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
artgallery@wcccd.edu

Instructor Corrado’s Field Trip
Trustee Sharon P. Scott and Anthony Arminiak met regarding a potential partnership opportunity at the Ted Scott Campus.
Detroit Fire Department Fire Students Lab Session
Students Tour Ford Motor Company

Students were given a tour of the 3-D printing facility for Ford Motor Company by Brad Van Dike, one of the original WCCCD professors for the Product Development Prototyping Program.

U of M-Dearborn SOARS Honors Event

SOAR provides a wide range of support, opportunities, advocacy, and resources for non-traditional adult learners with financial needs pursuing their first bachelor’s degree. Keynote Speaker was WCCCD’s Phi Theta Kappa student Nathan Roulo from the Eastern Campus.
Northwest Campus

Young Investors Science and Literacy Fair

Student Success!

Fire Cadet Training

Fair Housing Community Bike-A-Thon
EMPCO WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS FOR:

- Firefighter
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Officer

May 20, 2022
June 3 & 17, 2022
July 1, 15, & 29, 2022

WCCCD
Downriver Campus

All exams begin at 10:00 a.m.
That's the best way to describe the ten wooded acres that our beloved team mate returns to every evening after work. The setting is a rustic rural setting free and wide open as the Wild West.

It also has some extra perks - A renovated pole barn, and what some would call a modernized English Tudor colonial house, six cats and two chestnut brown mastiff that could easily be mistaken for small bears. At the end of a long day, the menagerie of pets are a source of endless laughs for someone who admits that he's always thought of animals as his sidekick.

Never mind that they've been nipped by snakes and sometimes run around smelling like something out of this world after a playful tussel with a maverick skunk. Never mind that they've contracted Poison Ivy more than once. The hapless creatures and their antics are all part of the life our colleague has always longed to live.

Born in Pakistan, he grew up as a rambitious Detroiter. His sisters and brothers often refer to him at times as more than a little mischievous. More often than not, he spent time with the family Rottweiler, and from him, acquired patience and confidence. Eventually, he grew up, completed college and married the girl of his dreams. Throughout it all, he never lost his appreciation for four-legged companions.
Enter Denali and Titan as well as Waddie and Tidbit, the two adorable well-disciplined cats. Not so for his sometimes silly canine buddies! They’re glutton for attention. Denali is 110 pound, five-year old female busy body who prefers samosas to dog food. Titan is the big fella – 150 pound male whipper snapper who revels in hugs and spicy treats. For recreation, both mastiffs like to go for long walks or lounge around watching football with the alpha dog – Furquan. But that’s only after they have gobbled down their tasty mac and cheese breakfast (one of two whopping meals they eat each day).

Scenic journeys deep into our rugged woodland. Invigorating romps down quiet, tree-lined trails. And an occasional high-speed chase of a rabbit, field house or squirrel. Meanwhile, Denali’s been stung by bees. Titan once fell into a deep, mud puddle. It took two to rescue him. And all of them, cats included, have scurried to the house with something creepy in their mouths. Once Titan found a deer skull in the woods and scrambled toward the front door proudly carrying it between his teeth. Alas, there is one other downside to all the adventure. His dad isn’t particularly impressed with the oversized mastiffs. In other words, they have to be shepherded into the pole barn before his dad arrives for the occasional visit.

But, all is well. On brisk weekends as soft breezes blow across the countryside, he knows that he can count on decent company. Titan and Denali are reliable intelligent and always willing to please.

By C.I. 😃
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