Wayne County Community College District’s Class of 2022
Virtual 52nd Annual Commencement Ceremony

Guest Speaker
The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. Representative, State of Michigan

2022 Class Representative
Viola Davis

Invocation
Monsignor Charles Kosanke
Pastor, Basilica of Sainte Anne de Detroit
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In an effort to promote literacy and get kids moving over the summer months, WCCCD’s First Lady and Bookworm Club Founder Mrs. Ola Ivery launched Camp FLIT – Fitness and Literature Camp for kids at the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center. More than 150 students from Cesar Chavez Upper Elementary Academy and their parents enjoyed a day of educational activities. Each student received a back pack with books and supplies.
I served as a panelist for the Mayor’s Workforce Development Board Meeting this week. Agenda items focused on the Michigan Central Station, American Rescue Plan updates, and Grow Detroit’s Young Talent Program. It was truly an honor to be recognized during our meeting by the board members for receiving the 2022 AACC CEO of the Year Award.
Student Jada Holman picked up the tablet she won at the first summer concert at the Northwest Campus.
Looking for Some Summer Fun!

All About the Arts

August 3, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Ted Scott Campus

August 10, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Ted Scott Campus

July 14, 2022
9:00 p.m.
Downriver Campus

July 28, 2022
9:00 p.m.
Downriver Campus
The “Rocket2Work” Initiative is connecting students and residents to a new talent pipeline for jobs, careers, and economic opportunities. We are currently forming new partnerships within employers and organizations.

Interest in the District's Rocket2Work Initiative has sparked national attention. Dr. CharMaine Hines interviewed with a journalist from *Newsweek* about the tuition-free training for skilled trades programs that connects students with hiring employers and jobs.

The Workforce and Economic Development team met with Dr. David Beaumont to outline steps for better serving, credentialing, and tracking all Rocket2Work students and contacts.
Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Google Certificate Programs

Allan Cosma met with Denis Karic, Melodie Bunkley, and Tonya Anderson to finalize the course offerings for the Google certificate programs for Summer 2022. WCCCD will be offering a variety of certificates including Project Management, Data Analytics, UX Design, and IT Support.

Training Program Opportunities for Youth

The team met with Families Forever 501c3 CEO, Jean Stenzel, and Board Member, Cedric Jackson, to discuss collaboration and workforce training for aging out foster care youth.
CPR/First Aid Training

Members of the Police Authority participated in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/First Aid training.

Professional Development

“Surviving an Active Shooter Incident” Training for Staff
Dr. Oneka Samet met with Henry Dryovage, Video Game Design/Metaverse Faculty to discuss potential uses of virtual reality in the academic curriculum and student-based community workshops. He is preparing to teach a new CIS 115: Introduction to Virtual Reality course in the Fall 2022 semester.
Division of Educational Affairs

Operational Excellence

Crystal Brown met with faculty from the Learning Modalities Project. They reviewed and discussed the importance of student attendance for face-to-face, distance learning and virtual component classes.

Focus on Curriculum Improvements

Computer Information Systems

Staff met with Conrad Ajaero, Computer Information Systems Faculty, to discuss updates to the CIS: Cybersecurity and Associates Degree programs.

Virtual Reality Programming

Drs. Oneka Samet and Monica Wiggins discussed steps to implementing virtual reality programming with Stephanie Friedman, Instructional Technologist at Mount Holyoke College.
Division of Educational Affairs

Follett Book Purchasing System

A team met with representatives from Follett to continue the process of implementing the Follett ACCESS program for the Fall 2022 semester. The program will simplify the process for students by getting all of their required materials ordered online. Additional benefits for this program will be a substantial cost savings for digital course materials compared to the national retail costs for the same products.

Questions? Call (313) 496-2345

Blackboard Collaborative Ultra Teaching and Learning Center
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

June 3
TOPIC: Blackboard Tune-Up 3

July 1
TOPIC: A Conversation with Student Services

Save the Date!

District’s Instructional Council
July 21, 2022

Discipline Faculty Leads
July 29, 2022

Virtual Reality Metaverse Presentation
August 5, 2022

Faculty Convocation
August 20, 2022

Fall Semester Begins
August 22, 2022
At this week’s Intercultural Conversations we celebrated Caribbean American Heritage Month with a focus on Aruba. Rovin Ferzo-Hudson gave a presentation on Pride Month. Professor Bruce Ewen spoke on Juneteenth and Cynthia Khan spoke on the work of Refuge Nation in Detroit.

Summer 2022
Virtual English as a Second Language Pronunciation Class
Mike Dotson met with facilities and procurement staff to finalize plans for the construction of a new Concession and Healthy Snack Bar.

The Health and Wellness Education Center hosted Camp FLIT – Fitness and Literacy Camp welcoming students from the Cesar Chavez Academy Upper Elementary School to learn how to keep their minds and bodies sharp over the summer months.

Staff met to review procedures related to the upcoming summer camps at the center.

This week, the HWEC held several classes for members including Strength Training for Seniors, Intermediate Spinning and Yoga.
The Division of Human Resources (HR) and the Audit Department are conducting a periodical reconciliation review of all employee I-9 forms. This exercise ensures that HR has all the necessary information and documents in the employee files.
Women at the District participated at the 2022 MI-American Council on Education (ACE) Women’s Network’s annual conference with the theme “Women Leading with Resilience in Challenging Times.”

Dr. Tammy Anderson, Ashley Storai, Dr. Cora Payne and Diana Rosario-Flynn presented a session for young professionals co-facilitated by Martha Grier and Dr. Hines.

Drs. CharMaine Hines and Jodie Beckley from Schoolcraft College presented on “Women Leaders of Color in Community Colleges: New Research, Same Challenges.”

Dr. Yvette McElroy Anderson serves on the Policy Committee for MI-ACE. She recognized the 2022 Historic Honoree.

The Plenary Session Presidential Speaker and Lead panelist was our very own Dr. Stephanie Bulger, President of Lane Community College.
Congratulations!

Loretta Hunter was honored at the Michigan Library Association’s (MLA) June board meeting with a plaque for a job well done. It was noted that Mrs. Hunter brought focus and action to the MLA’s strategic priorities, credited with the substantial growth and increased advocacy.

Staff represented the District at the Pancakes and Politics Forum titled “The Future of the Clean Energy Economy.”
Matt Richtel, a Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *Inspired, Understanding Creativity-A Journey through Art, Science, and the Soul*, has shared some pithy observations about creativity and how we can find it.

Creativity is born of the connection of ideas and snippets of ideas that emerge from the darkness of a person’s mind. The pieces that emerge, and the way they get processed, are as individual as an individual’s genetic makeup or fingerprint.

Carlos Santana, the legendary guitarist, speaks of the keys to happiness, satisfaction, and success in noting “the main cancer on this planet is that people don’t believe in their own light, which he calls your individual creative spark: your light.”

Discussing creativity with Yo-Yo Ma, the great American cellist, Richtel witnessed “a trait that surfaces in conversations with great creators: unyielding curiosity.”

Richtel concludes that the most important point for him about creativity is that it “isn’t at its core about outcome, or influence. It’s not about the end game or even about process. Those come second. First, foremost, creativity comes from personal inspiration. It starts with an impulse, a gut feeling, idea or spark.”

We all have the opportunity to seek our own source of creativity and discover where it might take us.
We got this note from SwiftMD Representative Amy Clark:

“Good Afternoon Unbreen and Brian,
I would like to thank you both for taking time out of your very busy schedules to meet with me and show me around your incredible campuses. I also want to acknowledge and applaud all your efforts in making the SwiftMD program a success at WCCCD. My expectations were far exceeded and I cannot thank you both enough for all your hard work.

We are so excited to work with a college of WCCCD’s caliber and we consider it an honor to partner with such a well respected school. It was a pleasure seeing your beautiful campuses firsthand and I look forward to stopping by the other campuses on the next visit. Please extend my appreciation to the various campus leaders who also took the time to chat and show off their respective programs and facilities. I was truly blown away by everything I saw, from the food pantry, to the new recreation/gym facility, to the SIMS patients in the virtual hospital. You truly have a world-class collegiate system that is making a huge impact on the community of Detroit and beyond.”

Supporting our Students
SWIFT MD was on hand to inform our students about the benefits available to them through this program.
One Vision, One District, One College

Division of Student Services

“Reconnecting” Students

Staff from the Division of Student Services and representatives from Michigan Reconnect continue to recruit students for the Fall 2022 semester.

Professional Development

At this week’s information session, we featured SwiftMD. SwiftMD offers WCCCD students and their dependents unlimited and free consults with doctors and mental health professionals.

Supporting our Students

Brian Singleton, Unbreen Amir and Amy Clark of SwiftMD met to finalize plans to get uninterrupted free medical services to WCCCD students.
**Congratulations!**

TRiO student Tonesia Nesbit has been awarded the Dream Award Scholarship. The Dream Award Scholarship is a national renewable scholarship awarded to students who have overcome barriers. The scholarships range from $5,000 to $15,000. Ms. Nesbit will be presented the scholarship in Washington, D.C.

**International Students**

Staff continue to assist our international students with registration for the Fall 2022 semester.

**Financial Aid**

The District Financial Aid Office is in the process of awarding Emergency Financial Aid Funds as a result of the CARES Act.

**Congratulations to the WCCCD Adult Education Graduates!**
Michigan College and University Partnership

As part of the Michigan College and University Partnership at Michigan Technological University, WCCCD student Chloe Whitfield is working on a project in the chemical sciences and engineering building where they are ultimately making plastic biodegradable to create renewable energy for the earth. Our goal is to create a cost efficient solution that will break down our excessive plastic waste while maintaining its stability in liquid form to be fed to microbes safely.
And that’s a wrap!

The Division of Student Services has been preparing graduation packages for mailing to graduates who were unable to pick them up on the designated drive through days.
New Podcast Available!

Tune into our latest podcast featuring Christopher Girdwood, Executive Director of the Detroit Region’s Aerotropolis, to learn about the Aerotropolis and how it impacts our region’s economic development.

The Critical Conversations Podcast Series is now available on all streaming platforms, including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts. The podcast is also available on the college’s website at www.wcccd.edu. Scroll down on the homepage to select the “Podcast/Videos” button.

Website Redesign Taskforce

The Website Committee continues to work with the leadership team to ensure content is updated. Since January 2022, the committee has completed 356 website update requests.
As cyber-attacks are becoming more and more common, WCCCD has taken steps to increase our security posture by adding endpoint protection from Crowdstrike. Crowdstrike offers industry leading endpoint detection and response as well as 24/7 monitoring provided by the Falcon Complete team, including a breach warranty.

- Continuous threat hunting
- 24/7 monitoring and response
- Proactive management

Staff from the Division of Information Technology and the Division of Educational Affairs met to streamline and strengthen instructional software support at all campus locations.
Flower Planting Day!
Dr. Yvette McElroy Anderson and Yvonne Parson met with a representative from Senator Gary Peters’ office to plan for an upcoming townhall meeting to be held at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.

Dawad Muhammad and Attorney Todd Perkins were guest speakers at a presentation on Juneteenth.
Supporting our Dual Enrollment Students

Denis Karic and Kemal Kurtovic represented the District at the Chandler Park Academy High School graduation.

Juneteenth Celebration Planning Meeting

Mr. Karic, Kimett Hackworth, Dr. David Whale and Mr. Kurtovic met with the City of Harper Woods Mayor, Valerie Kindle, to review logistics for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration.
MIOSHA
Active Shooter Survival Workshop

On the Move...
Kim Smouter and Michelle White participated in the Trenton High School college visit.
Eastern Campus

Biology Students in Action!

Renovations are Competed in the Faculty Office Suite!

Students on the Move...

Students in the Fashion Design Program visited the “Hermes in the Making” Exhibit.
Northwest Campus
Detroit Police Department Graduation Ceremony
Ted Scott Campus

Canton Preparatory Academy
Early Middle College Graduates!

Practical Nursing Education
Probate Court Virtual Classroom Visit

Practical Nursing Education
Perkins Application Meeting

Professional Development
Student Services Workshop
**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