Student Success!

WCCCD’s Dental Hygiene Program

This week, I visited my dentist, Dr. Cynthia Foster, and had the pleasure of meeting one of our alumni AND one of our current students!

Pictured on the left is 1989 WCCCD Alumna, Cheryl Murray, and on the right is Dr. Cynthia Foster.

Pictured with current WCCCD Dental Student, Candace Spencer
Discussion Regarding a Cultural Arts Program

K-12 Partnership Opportunity Meeting
School of Continuing Education

~All About the Arts~
Tribute to the Blues Brothers
Ted Scott Campus
All About the Arts

Madelyn Porter
Storyliving-Life is Fine: A Celebration of Life Through the Literacy Works of African Americans
September 14, 2022
Northwest Campus

Ric Mixter
Bottled Goodbyes
September 22, 2022
Downriver Campus

An Evening with Detroit Poet
Joel Fluent Greene
September 29, 2022
Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Nique Love Rhodes and the NLR Experience
October 5, 2022
Eastern Campus

Westbound Situation
November 9, 2022
Ted Scott Campus
The History of Hip Hop
Participants learned about the roots of Hip Hop music and the aspect of storytelling, bragging, and battle raps through creative writing and musical beats.

Karen Dumas provided an engaging virtual professional development session on “The Power of Perception.” The webinar, hosted by WCCCD’s School of Continuing Education, provided tips on the do’s and don’ts for professional dress.
Anton Willis completed his Commercial Driver’s License Training and has earned his Class A license. He is pictured with CDL Instructor Elbe Dunson and CDL Coach Keith Jones, who is also a graduate of the program.

Lashawnda Manigault from Detroit Means Business, joined in our introductory session and shared resources from the City of Detroit and its partners.
Construction Trades Training Program

It’s a Family Affair!

Chris Scott and his sons Lorenzo and Brandon are all currently enrolled in the Construction Trades Training Program. Lorenzo and Brandon are scheduled to be interviewed by Barton Malow builders for a six-week paid internship/pre-apprenticeship program. All three Scotts will also have the opportunity to join Carpenters Local 687 when they complete the program.
Division of Student Services

Dual Enrollment Partnership

WCCCD has established a new dual enrollment partnership with Hamtramck High School. We will provide post secondary education options for eligible high school students.
Division of **Student Services**

**Student Success Center**

The Division of Student Services manages various student inquiries on a daily basis. The chart reflects the latest student phone inquiries.

**Professional Development**

**Adult Education**

Staff participated in the virtual Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Applications Training.

**Veteran Affairs**

The Office of Veterans Affairs updated the veteran education benefits to cover the cost of On the Job Training (OJT) (non-degree programs). WCCCD offers OJT programs for all students, however, several of our veteran students have expressed interest in enrolling.
“I am Yusuf Anderson, an engineer at GM and part of a team working on the development and launch of electric vehicles. And since my dream has always been to work at the forefront of technology, this was a realization from choices I made while incarcerated. I was released back to society in 2003 and decided to enroll in WCCCD’s Pre-Engineering Program. It was at this campus I learned of the TRiO program from a classmate. Soon after, I met Yolanda Russell and signed up for the TRiO program. The TRiO program helped me to stay on track from distractions whether on or off campus. They helped me find balance as a student by inviting me to TRiO events. Ms. Russell prepared me for financial opportunities with assistance on writing scholarship essays and applying to work study positions on campus to also build my work experience which helped me to later gain career opportunities. I was so proud to complete my first year with a 3.8 GPA. But I felt a need for a greater challenge academically. I remember Ms. Russell listening patiently and advising me of my options. She helped pave the way for me to enroll in Wayne State University’s (WSU) College of Engineering. She had also reached out to a TRiO counselor at WSU. It was not easy for me to leave WCCCD, but I felt prepared to take on the next level of challenges. My TRiO counselors have become a part of my extended family over time and were at my graduation ceremony when I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 2011. TRiO has allowed me opportunities as an alumni to be a mentor to many other young men and women pursuing higher education. I am grateful for TRiO’s impact on my life’s journey and proud to be a member of the TRiO family!”
Division of Student Services

Fall 2022 Federal Work-Study Orientations

- Downriver Campus  August 29, 2022
- Ted Scott Campus  August 30, 2022
- Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus  August 31, 2022
- Eastern Campus  September 1, 2022
- Northwest Campus  September 2, 2022

Students should RSVP with their campus to reserve their spot!

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Game Night

PTK Michigan Region hosted a Game Night for members. Everyone had a great time!

Outreach and Recruitment

Staff from the Division of Student Services participated in Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church's Annual Back To School Rally. WCCCD featured information on academic and career programs.

International Students

Staff conducted an orientation for new and current international students for the Fall 2022 semester.

Please help support WCCCD's Food Pantry by donating non-perishable and canned food items. The Student Executive Council is available to assist students needing to access the Food Pantry or anyone dropping off donations. The Food Pantry is located at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus and is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
The Practical Nursing Education Program at the Ted Scott Campus held its annual mock interviews to support students as they prepare for their next step to employment in the medical field.
Division of Educational Affairs

Learning Resource Center and Commons
Staff met with the Nursing Department to review resources and discuss faculty and student information sessions for the Fall 2022 semester.

Google Drive Training Session
The team held a Google Drive training session focusing on how to best collaborate using Google Docs and Sheets. The session also included a general tools and organization overview and template creation.

Save the Date!
Ethical Hackers United Program
October 25, 2022 ~ Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus
Instructional Technology

Members of the Division of Educational Affairs and Information Technology met to test the new Interactive (ITV) courses at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown and Ted Scott campuses.

Fall 2022 Semester Start-up Support

Crystal Brown is working to ensure that each campus location has the instructional support, staff, and supplies needed to have a smooth semester start. She is also communicating with faculty to ensure course assignments, assist with questions, and provide support.

Save the Date!

Virtual Fall 2022 Faculty Convocation “Embracing Innovation and New Paths to Success”
Saturday, August 20, 2022  8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Virtual Intercultural Conversations

At this week’s Intercultural Conversations, we discussed the Hindu Festival, Raksha Bandhan. We also talked about Navajo Code Talkers Day as well as The United Nations World Humanitarian Day.

Upcoming Virtual Documentary Film Viewings “Lincoln”

The story of a nation embroiled in another year with the high death count of Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln brings the full measure of his passion, humanity, and political skills to what would become his defining legacy: to end the war and permanently abolish slavery through the 13th Amendment.

September 22, 2022
October 20, 2022
November 17, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Cultural Film Club

Bruce Ewen presented on a list of films about the Indigenous People.
Assignment Audit and Reconciliation

In preparation for faculty payroll for the Fall 2022 semester, the Division of Human Resources (HR) with the assistance from the Division of Administration and Finance, conducted a comprehensive faculty assignment audit. The team reviewed all assignments for qualifications, seniority, credentials, location, signatures, and approvals.

Employee Leave Balance Audit

The Division of Human Resources is reviewing all time off requests for District and campus staff. This process ensures proper reconciliation of requested leave time as well as appropriate approvals. The Leave Audit consists of reviewing attendance summary data to ensure compliance:

- Vacation requests
- Sick leave
- Personal time off
- COVID-19 Related Absences
- Appropriate signatures/approvals
- Timely submission by Campus or Division
We were pleased to have Sue Trussell, Director of the Brownstown Downtown Development Authority (DDA), as a guest on our Critical Conversations Podcast with host Ed Clemente. Ms. Trussell highlighted projects like Destination and Downriver and how the Brownstown DDA is making a positive impact across the region.

The Division of Educational Affairs Team and Website Redesign Taskforce are working together to coordinate the wrap-up and hand off process of the Acalog catalogue management system with Digarc. Preliminary technical activities were completed for setting up the Internet gateway, site canonical name, DNS record management and TLS/SSL certificates. We will have a turnover meeting next week.

The Website Redesign Taskforce has also reviewed and tested the final customizations on the Content Management System (CMS) punch list, which revolved around display options for images and video and page specific alert banners. The content migration to the CMS is underway. The team has built out the site architecture and is currently migrating program page content into the CMS.
Marc McGaffic is pictured with Bryan Fulton, President-Elect, ASATT and David Foster, President, ASATT.

Marc McGaffic attended the National Conference for the American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians (ASATT). Mr. McGaffic presented during the conference providing an accreditation update on behalf of CAAHEP, while also speaking about the use of simulation for anesthesia technology education.

Faculty and staff from across the District attended the Cyber Security Summit Detroit with professionals from the region and learned more about how to protect your data.

Sandra Thompson represented the District by volunteering her time working in the Blair Moody Elementary School Hoop-House.
Staff met with Sherrian Greenwood of the Great Lakes Water Authority to discuss details for a wellness workshop in September.

The Wildcats Men’s teams incorporate group fitness and strategy into their practice session.

The HWEC hosted another popular session of the Senior Strength Training class.

Construction has begun on a new concessions area to be completed this Fall. We will offer fresh fruit juices, smoothies and other healthy snack and light meal options.
What’s Trending: Competencies and Skills

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) reviews national research to assist the District with improving the programs and services offered to students. According to a American Council on Education (ACE) “employers are now placing increasing pressure on colleges and universities to more clearly align credentials with industry and workforce-specific competencies and skills,” and below explores some suggested techniques to make instruction more career-relevant:

Source: https://www.acenet.edu/Documents/Beyond-Classroom-Borders.pdf

Based upon the recent results from the Student Survey of Instruction (SSOI), WCCCD students feel that their classes are adding to their skills a great deal/quite bit:

How much has your classes added to your skills in each of the following areas?

- solving problems: 73.8%
- critically thinking: 80.0%
- communication skills: 73.3%
- working effectively with others: 70.8%
- career-specific abilities: 73.9%

A great deal/quite a bit
Smart Technology In Classroom Upgrade - Eastern Campus

Preparing for the Fall 2022 Semester
Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Continuing Education
Chandler Park Academy
Leadership Meeting

Fall 2022
Registration
Summer Intern ~ Dawit Berry

“My name is Dawit Berry, I am 19 years old and I am senior at Eastern Michigan University. I am working on my Bachelors in CIS Cyber Security. I graduated from high school in 2020 and also received my Associates Degree from WCCCD in Liberal Arts. I continued my education for another year with WCCCD and earned my Associate of Applied Science in CIS Cyber Security. Currently, I am doing my summer internship at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus in the Information Technology (IT) Department. I am working alongside all of the IT professionals. This internship has given me not only the technical side of the IT experience, but also broadened my horizon on professionalism. I have learned how to work with colleagues, how to dress professionally, time management, and work ethic.”
Dear Mr. Karic,

August 8, 2022

My name is Bill Bragenzer and I went to the Downriver WCCCD campus on Thursday, August 4th, needing to register for my son who is a camp counselor at Camp Santas Marla in Marysville, Mi, where the internet is weak at best, I, who am in need of the computer and have bad eye sight, offered to register for him so that he would be sure to get his classes, fearing that they might be filled before he returns home and has the opportunity to register himself.

Trying to register at home for my son was futile. After 1 1/2 hours of frustration, I decided to personally go to the Downriver campus for help with my endeavor, By chance or divine intervention, a lady called me over to her desk and asked if she could help me. Yes!, I replied, I needed my marital to her as I did it to you.

She was very professional as she spoke with me and helped me register for my son. She even found an error which I had made which would have caused me even that much more frustration and anxiety, not to mention the time it would have taken me to realize what my error was. I also asked her if she would help me to pay the tuition on-line. She brought me to the correct site and guided me through all of the steps. As I was putting my Visa number in the computer. I could tell that she turned away to avoid seeing my credit card number, not wanting to invade my privacy. I could not have registered without her assistance.

She was very patient with me and even stayed later than her time, making sure that all went well with my transaction and that my experience at the Downriver campus was a positive one.

I was impressed with her professionalism in her people skills, attire, and a sincere sense of caring, knowing how much in need of help that I was in. As she was leaving, she returned to me and gave me her email address to give to my son in case he has any questions. abanks2@wcccd.edu

Not knowing to whom I should direct this letter, I thought it best to send it to the head of the college, but in kind, would you also send it to Ms. Banks’ immediate superior so that she will know how helpful and kind Ms. Banks was to me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

B. Bragenzer

In the Mail...

Outstanding Customer Service!
Career Day Open House

The Eastern Campus hosted the second part of the Career Day Open House showcasing the campus’ Signature Programs including Fashion Design, Manufacturing and Welding.

Fashion Design Maintenance for the Fall 2022 Semester

The sewing machines in the FAD lab are being prepped for the Fall 2022 semester.
Back to School Celebration!

Eastern Campus

In partnership with Hope Starts Here Detroit Champions, the Eastern Campus hosted a back-to-school celebration promoting education, reading, writing, and literacy.
Northwest Campus

Continuing Education
Sinai Grace Guild Community Development Organization

Meeting to expand our partnership with the Wayne County Executive’s Office

Community Outreach Meeting

Partnership Meeting with representatives from Sinai Grace CDC
Partnering with the Community

Allan Cosma met with Van Buren Township community leaders to partner in hosting the Forgotten Harvest food distribution starting in September as the alternate site, while the Van Buren Community Center is being built.

Potential Program Opportunities

Dr. David Beaumont, Furquan Ahmed, and Allan Cosma met with Chef Tony to discuss potential continuing education and/or micro credentials opportunities.

Upgrades!

The Ted Scott Campus has upgraded the atrium with seating to support the Student Services Department.
Facilities Maintenance

New Chiller in the Curtis L. Ivery District Office Building

District-wide Parking Lot Repairs
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