Taylor Dance Academy and Ballet Americana

Taylor Dance Academy and Ballet Americana held their annual showcase performances at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.
We recently had an opportunity to view the coronation of King Charles III of the United Kingdom. Many people I questioned appeared to be uninterested or ambivalent about observing this event, but it followed a grand historical tradition with a 1,000-year history which I watched live. The unmistakable theme of the ceremony, articulated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, was that the "King is crowned to serve, and that service is love in action."

Almost every family has their own side story of intrigue or dissatisfaction. The Royals of the UK are no different in that regard, but the coronation served to underscore the importance of service above all else and why it is so important with different examples. A commitment to service helps to build community and benefit charities. A leader who sets the tone of service as a greater good helps to provide unity and strength for others to serve. Those who serve can find freedom in that action, and both enduring joy and hope are likely to result from a commitment to service.

Community colleges have so many opportunities to serve not only students but other members of the academy. It is helpful to remind ourselves why an attitude of service is so important.

**Why is Service so Important?**
Calvin Smith is a recent graduate of the Commercial Driver’s License Training (CDL) Program. During the day, he worked at Ford Motor Company and attended classes in the evening. His dedication and hard work paid off. Calvin can now operate large vehicles and also facilitate transportation for Ford which gave him a significant increased his pay.

**BMW plans to train the next wave of automotive engineers in Detroit!**

In partnership with BMW and the Rainbow Push Coalition, we are preparing to introduce the electric vehicle (EV) advanced manufacturing training. This partnership seeks to create a comprehensive two-year track for employment within the dynamic EV industry. This program takes graduating high school seniors and transitions them into a specialized one-year certificate program at WCCCD.

**Davis Aerospace Academy**

Carlos Hewitt met with the Davis Aerospace Academy graduating seniors to discuss WCCCD’s academic and workforce programs.
Brad Pierce from the Iron Workers Local 25 imparts valuable knowledge to the current Construction Trades Training Program class, sharing essential information on the path to becoming a union member of Local 25. He informed students on how to become an apprentice within the union and also highlighted the opportunities and benefits available.

The inclusion of welding into the Construction Trades Training Program (CTTP) continues to be a success. The six week certificate version of WLT 101 will begin this summer. Additional welding classes are slated for the future. The Regional Training Center provided textbooks, welding shields, other PPE and support to participants of the course through the CTTP grant funding.
The goal of this course is to provide practical hands-on opportunities to evaluate each student’s driving abilities, and to reduce the number of accidents involving ambulances.

The Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County refreshed their training in fire extinguishers, foam application and fire extinguishing including the burn room and shipboard simulator.

This course is designed to meet the training requirements covering hazardous waste operations. It covers basic defensive and offensive mitigation techniques available to responders, and is primarily hands-on in nature.
Continuing Education

A Day of Etiquette Excellence for Teens

WCCCD’s Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center welcomed students from the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy for “A Day of Etiquette Excellence.” Students were guided on the fine points of dining and effective communication led by Tameka Mongo, Certified Etiquette Consultant, and Karen Dumas, Media Expert.
The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted an exhibit featuring the photography of Bill Sanders. This exhibit titled, “A Modern Master: The Art of Photography,” centered on a collection of images Mr. Sanders took of Detroit’s famous Belle Isle, still life images, multimedia compositions, and unique pieces that pay homage to urban life and history in America.
District Beautification

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Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha conducted a diversity competency training on cultural intelligence for the staff at the Ted Scott Campus.

The virtual Intercultural Conversations recognized Mental Health Awareness Month with a presentation by Dr. Sheabra Simpson.
Practical Nursing Education students at the Ted Scott Campus learn how mental health impacts individuals' lives through the judicial system.
Dr. Wanda Hudson and Ashley Storai met to review edits for the Computer Information Systems: Cybersecurity Program page for the new website. The newly designed layout will be mobile responsive, making it easier for students to access information on the go.

WCCCD will be hosting the Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative’s (D3C3) Mobility Cluster Meeting on June 27, 2023. The meeting will highlight a Business and Industry Leadership Team (BILT) Skills Exchange session, with the goal to have local businesses prioritize what Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) they want graduates to have.

The Division of Educational Affairs met with the English Developmental Redesign team as they completed the second week of the ENG 1190 pilot. The faculty discussed student engagement, data collection, and academic support tools they are using to interact with students.

An advisory meeting for Automotive Service Technology occupational cluster was held at the Downriver Campus. Updates were given regarding the ASE Education Foundation Accreditation as it continues to meet the requirements for Master Automobile Service Technology Accreditation until 2027. Former student, Nathan Johnston, who was hired by GM Chevrolet, gave testimony of his valued experience as a student at WCCCD and the skills he received in the Automotive Program.
GM Step Program
Diane Gonzalez, Shakeela Bhatti, and Martin Depowski met to discuss logistics of the GM Step Program and its course offerings for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

Operational Excellence: Career Program Reviews
Significant progress has been made in completing Program Reviews for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters. Out of the total 17 program reviews, the instructional team has successfully completed 14 reviews to date. This accomplishment demonstrates our commitment to ensuring the quality and effectiveness of our programs. We would like to express my gratitude to the dedicated teams involved in this process for their hard work and dedication. We will continue to work diligently to finalize the remaining reviews and implement any necessary enhancements.

Academic Catch-Up Program
The Academic Catch-Up Program is a comprehensive initiative aimed at supporting the transition of graduating students from high school to higher education. As part of WCCCD’s commitment to their success, we are actively recruiting participants for this exclusive four-week program, which offers six credit hours completely free of charge.

Students on the Move!
Students in the Early Childhood Education Program visited Drew Transitional School.
Outreach and Recruitment

Representatives from the Division of Student Services met with the principal of East English Preparatory Academy to discuss future educational pathway programming.

Student Success Center

The data reflects the number of students assisted by the Division of Student Services this week.

Veteran Affairs

WCCCD proudly accepts Veteran Benefits as a financing option for current military students, veterans or beneficiaries thereof. Eligible candidates can utilize their Montgomery GI Bill® or the Post-9/11 Gill Bill® as well as fund for their education.

International Students

Staff assist new international students with enrollment and registration for Fall 2023 semester.
Division of **Student Services**

**Federal Work-study**

PTK student Talore Sparks met with the PTK representatives to ask questions about what is required to be a chapter member and to learn how to run for office. Congratulations Talore on her membership into Alpha Upsilon!

The Federal Work Study (FWS) program looks forward to working with our new and returning Summer 2023 Federal Work-study students!

**Guest Students at WCCCD**

**Celebrating Student Success**

When needing a bridge to take courses for the summer while attending a four-year university in South Carolina as a Chemistry-Biology major with a 3.8 GPA, Tyra Dubose (WCCCD Guest Student) found the flexibility of courses and schedules at the District fit her needs. We celebrate Ms. Dubose on her graduation from Roger Williams University School of Law (Rhode Island) and are honored WCCCD was a part of her scholastic endeavors on her journey to success!
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Athletic Banquet

WCCCD’s Athletic Department hosted an Athletic Banquet at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. All Wildcats Teams were honored for their diligence and hard work during the 2022/2023 year.
Police Authority Honor Guard

WCCCD’s Police Authority Honor Guard participated in Dearborn Memorial Day Parade.
Campus Data Closet Re-engineering

Project Update Meeting

As the Campus Data Closet Re-engineering initiative continues, weekly update meetings are held to discuss project progress and deliverables. Currently, we are concluding the assessment phase at Ted Scott Campus. Next steps include:

1. Analysis of current as-built condition of facilities including adequacy
2. Determining need for new facilities
3. Modification or construction of facilities
4. Performing equipment upgrades
5. Perform As-Built verification of new installation.

Technology Upgrade Assessment

Eastern Campus
Employee Leave Balance Compliance Review

In a continuous effort to assure data documentation accuracy and reporting compliance, the Divisions of Human Resources and Administration and Finance are currently reconciling and auditing all employees’ leave balances for 2022-23. This verification of leave data is essential in aligning the employee web-gate, general ledger and the Banner system.
Zumba

There’s no better way to have some fun and get in shape than with the high intensity Zumba class with personal trainer LaRetta!

AKA Event

In partnership with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Rho Omega Chapter, the HWEC hosted a Mental Health Awareness Walk utilizing the walking track.

Promoting our Health and Wellness Education Center

Representatives from the HWEC met with students and staff to discuss membership options and upcoming events.
Shakeela Bhatti, Kim Smouter, Diane Gonzalez, Marty Depowski, and Allan Cosma attended an Auto Advisory Meeting held at the Downriver Campus.

Staff from the Downriver and Ted Scott campuses attended the Southwern Wayne County Regional Chamber Legislative Forum. This was Congressman Shri Thanedar’s first address to the Downriver business community.

Kim Smouter and Amanda Consiglio represented the District at the Taylor High School Career Fair.
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Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Chandler Park Academy Dual Enrollment Orientation

Poupard Elementary Redevelopment Meeting

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center Staff Meeting

Student Success
Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Math Showcase Plus STEM

Code 313, in partnership with the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus, provided an opportunity for students to apply what they know and have learned in a real context. Teachers from across three counties, were provided information on how to engage all students in meaningful ways. Topics included the ability to demonstrate how mathematics can be used to understand and address challenges; applying mathematics beyond the textbook, and how to meet challenges to examine real situations.

Some of our summer interns rotated between the various campus departments to gain knowledge on how each department functions.

Community Engagement Meeting

Staff from across the District met to discuss upcoming community engagement opportunities and programs.
Introduction to Welding

Students are gaining hands-on experience with various welding techniques.

Detroit College Access Network

High school students took a guided tour of the Eastern Campus Signature Programs. They were informed of the many career program opportunities available.
Southfield A&T High School Graduation Breakfast

Southfield A&T High School’s Senior Breakfast for its graduating class was definitely a treat as Chef Spratling warmed their hearts and their tummies with delicious eats.

Detroit Police Department Graduation Ceremony

The Detroit Police Department celebrated the hard work and dedication of its cadets as they graduate to become officers.

Community Partners

The excitement is building as we approach June 10, 2023, the premiere date of the documentary “Whose Water?” that will be held at the Northwest Campus.

Teen Driving Summit

State Representative Stephanie Young and her staff toured the Northwest Campus to finalize plans for a Teen Driving Summit.
Dr. Patrick McNally met with Dr. Richard Gallant to discuss the Perkins Grant.

Matt Green, Dr. Wanda Hudson, and Nora Gessert met to discuss grants for the Robotics Labs.

Lina Warra and Ella Lynch reviewed Dual Enrollment graduation applications.

Grant Opportunities

Dual Enrollment Program

Perkins Grant
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