WCCCD was pleased to host preeminent scholar, philosopher, political and social activist Dr. Cornel West as part of its Fall 2023 Global Conversations Speakers Series. The event was held at The View located in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center at the Northwest Campus. More than 100 guests representing the city’s business, economic, philanthropic, religious and community leaders, academic professionals and students participated in an inspiring and engaging discussion complimented by a three-course meal at the District’s elegant venue.
“The luncheon speaker event today at The View with Dr. Cornell West was a delight. The NW Campus is gorgeous. It is so well maintained and everyone who greets you from the time you arrive until the time you depart was warm, welcoming, and respectful. The room is beautiful, the table settings and food presentation were professional, top quality and delicious. Kudos to the Chef and his amazing staff!”

~ Tina Bassett

“Absolutely a great program today. Excellent speaker with a great message. This is what sets us apart from the rest. Thanks for including us.”

~ James W. Jackson
I had the opportunity to participate in a Field Hearing as an appointed member of the Growing Michigan Together - Higher Education committee this week. Dr. CharMaine Hines was also present.
I was a panelist on the Growing Michigan Together Council session during the Michigan Community College Association’s (MCCA) Fall Board of Directors Meeting. Other agenda items included legislative updates, the Student Success Committee Report, and updates on Sixty by 30 as well as MiLEAP.

WCCCD Receives Historic National Designation

WCCCD is the proud recipient of the Historic National Designation for its Underground Railroad Programming from the National Park’s Service’s Network to Freedom. We are honored to receive this designation and look forward to educating, inspiring, and fostering a deeper understanding of the Underground Railroad’s enduring legacy.
This week I participated in the final virtual meeting of the Growing MI Together: Higher Education workgroup.
The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors held its monthly training at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

Dual Enrollment Program

Staff from the Center for Learning Technology is helping the Harper Woods High School Dual Enrollment students navigate the Blackboard Learning Management System.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Women’s Life Chapter 817 meeting.

Student Success!

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors held its monthly training at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

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The Local Iron Workers Union had the opportunity to meet with the Construction Trades training students to discuss job opportunities within the union.

HVAC students took part in a hands-on demonstration of pipe fitting at the Eastern Campus.

Members of the Workforce and Economic Development Team, along with their families, represented the District at Comerica Park for a Detroit Tigers Baseball game.
Marathon - Fire Extinguisher Training

Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Marathon Oil for a Fire Extinguisher Training course. The training consisted of General fire safety knowledge, fire extinguisher features and the use of fire extinguishers using MISPE’s car simulator.

Wayne County Sheriff’s Jailor Training – Fire Safety Class

MIPSE hosted the Wayne County Sheriff’s Jailor Training class for a Fire Safety class. The students reviewed such topics as personal awareness, CPR, and fire safety. At the conclusion of the class, the students practiced the techniques they had learned to put out live fires.
Staff continue to share information with students about the Health and Wellness Education Center.

The HWEC hosted athletic directors from community colleges across Michigan and Ohio at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XII Fall meeting.

Members working hard in a high energy class.

Members of the Men’s Wildcats Basketball team are getting ready for the start of their season on November 1st!
Student Success!

TRIO Alumni, Tashawna Evans is truly a student success story! After graduating from WCCC, she transferred to the University of Detroit Mercy and completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Best wishes Tashawna Evans!

Command Center

The Division of Student Services made calls this week to remind students of the Spring 2024 priority registration.
Division of Student Services

Dual Enrollment Program
Dual enrollment students at Communication and Media Arts High School taking notes during class.

Evaluating Transcripts
Staff continue to evaluate transcripts for student athletes and incoming transfer students.

Records and Admissions
Staff continue mailing out degrees for the Spring 2023 semester.
Division of Student Services

International Students
Staff assist our international students with Plan of Work and course selections for Term III of the Fall 2023 semester.

Federal Work-Study Program
The FWS Office is geared towards helping our students through mentorship, providing insight and on-the-job experiences, and time management techniques for their daily lives, so students can earn while they learn.

Advising and Orientation
The District-wide Advising Report highlights the utilization of various student support services across the District. The numbers indicate a high level of engagement with services such as Advising, Financial Aid, Registration, and LRC. It is encouraging that many students are taking advantage of the resources available for academic success and career planning.

Congratulations to the officers, membership and advisors of Phi Theta Kappa for their outstanding work on becoming a Five Star Chapter (again!) for 2023!
Division of Student Services

National Junior College Athletic Association Forum

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the National Junior College Athletic Association Forum. Coaches from the Great Lakes District discussed the upcoming men’s basketball schedule, and various tournaments for the 2023-2024 collegiate season.

WCCCD Golf Team

The WCCCD Golf Team hosts the Thomas E. Howard Jr. Conference Invitational October 9, 2023 at River Rouge Golf Course.

Student Executive Council

Representatives from the Student Executive Council met and completed a Time Management Workshop.

Student Executive Council Food Pantry

Staff re-stocked the food pantry shelves that provide assistance to students throughout the semester.

Go Wildcats!

Pictured left to right Antonio Cobb, Jona Martz, Raymond Anderson, Terrance Hines, and Albert Breeden.
At this week’s Virtual Intercultural Conversations, we discussed United Nations Day of Peace and International Day of Democracy. We also heard presentations on World Deaf Day as well as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Faculty and Staff participated in the Diversity Officers of Michigan Community Colleges Meeting.

A documentary film viewing of *Harriet* taught participants about the extraordinary story of Harriet Tubman.
The Learning Resource Center at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted an orientation for students in the Early Childhood Education Program. Students learned about the various services and resources available.

Expanding Career Pathways

Crystal Brown met with Colleen Kibin from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) to discuss transfer pathway opportunities for WCCCD students. EMU currently has six transfer pathways available for WCCCD students, and we are currently working on finalizing three more in Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, and Business.
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Division of Educational Affairs

Community Partnerships: D3C3 Fall Welcome

The Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3) held its Fall Welcome meeting at Schoolcraft College. The all-day convening focused on introducing new and returning D3C3 partners, showing the progression of D3C3 work, and collaborating as cluster and college teams across Student Success, K-12 Alignment, and Mobility. D3C3 welcomed St. Clair County Community College, along with the Michigan Community College Association and the Michigan College Access Network, who will be joining as D3C3 partners to assist with and elevate D3C3 work.

Developing Short-Term Certificates of Achievement

The Educational Affairs team continues to develop additional stackable short-term Certificates of Achievement. These certificates are tailored to align with the various entry points of training at WCCCD’s Regional Training Center at WCCCD.

Curriculum Review

Faculty and members of the Educational Affairs team met to discuss the Video Game Design and Animation Program with suggested updates for the Curriculum Committee’s review.
Michael Poole was selected as Detroit Association of Realtors’ Board Member of the Year for his contributions to the Workforce Development training opportunities provided at the WCCCD.

Monique Smith and Wilma Harris attended the Fostering Futures Scholarship Fundraiser dinner held at the Henry Ford Museum. The purpose of the dinner was to raise scholarship money for aged-out foster youth.

Staff participated in the Bangladeshi Festival in Hamtramck and provided information about the District's program offerings.

Staff from the Downriver and Ted Scott Campuses attend the SWCRC Legislative forum featuring southern Wayne County Commissioners.

Staff from the Ted Scott Campus joined Trustee Sharon Scott and guests at the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet featuring guest speaker former Detroit Lions Lomas Brown interviewed by Tony Ortiz.

Staff attended SEMCA’s Manufacturing meet and greet event with guest speaker SEMCA CEO, Greg Pitoniak.
The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted its annual Public Safety Fair and Open House, and Live Burn. Participants were able to tour MIPSE, watch various presentations and use some of the specialized equipment. The fire trucks were on display for kids of all ages to view. Local CERT teams, EMT’s and fire fighters demonstrated emergency response skills.
Staff from across the District participated in the reconvening of the Fall 2023 Lunch and Learn session for September where the focus was on engagement, inspiring, health and wellness and uplifting one another as women in higher education leadership. Diane Gonzalez facilitated a discussion on intentionally reconnecting and celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Division of Administration and Finance

Finance Team reviews processes and procedures.
Congratulations to Furquan Ahmed for being honored as the 2023 American Human Rights Council (AHRC-USA) “Spirit of Humanity” Gala recipient of the “Academic and Community Service Excellence Award.” The AHRC presents the awards to individuals whose efforts as leaders advance human rights and serve humanity.

The Website Redesign Taskforce is reviewing Content Management System (CMS) pages from our new website staging site with members of the Leadership Team for their review and approval. Other projects include:

- Designing an integration between Banner and our CMS. This connection will allow changes to directory information to be pushed directly to the website, ensuring that the most up to date information is displayed.
- Working with our vendor, Beyond Web Solutions to enhance SEO optimization.
- Completing punch list items with our vendor, Ingeniux, who is our technical support tracker for CMS functionality.
Staff and students of the Northwest Campus took off on their bikes down Outer Drive to celebrate the start of the new semester and get some much needed exercise. Performing repairs and inspections before the ride was Mike Dotson from the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center.

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment
September 18 - September 23, 2023
Dental staff and faculty met to review the curriculum in preparation for the CODA Accreditation site visit.

Practical Nursing students study together at the Ted Scott Campus.
Bi-Weekly Strategic Initiatives Update Meeting

Data Closet Re-engineering Project
*Curtis L. Ivery District Office*

District-wide Technical Support

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WCCCD partnered with the Arab American National Museum to present the first in-person JAM3A music festival. JAM3A, an Arabic word for “gathering,” is a music and arts festival celebrating Arab talent, community, and identity. In addition to the music, the event also included movies, panel discussions, a dance workshop, and a curated vendor market showcasing artisan businesses.
DETROIT URBAN LEAGUE
The Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan provided a workshop for urban seniors to learn about financial literacy, banking and identity theft. Topics discussed included identity theft, financial responsibility on a fixed income and banking.

Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation
The WCCCD Adult Education Program team met with members from Detroit At Work (a Michigan Works Agency) to identify goals to guide program enhancement.

Student Services Meeting
Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus
Al-Ilkhas High School Campus Tour

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted students from Al-Ilkhas High School to learn about programs available at WCCCD. Participants toured the various career program classrooms, learned about the diverse programming and degrees, available resources, and strategies to help students have a successful college career.
Staff met to review the daily and weekly operations checklist. The purpose was to update and consolidate for use at both the Ted Scott and Downriver campuses.

Trustee Susan Steeby designed and installed the Downriver Campus Fall Welcome Display.

Wayne Metro CAA Quarterly Leadership Meeting

The Downriver Campus also hosted the Wayne Metro CAA Quarterly Leadership Meeting. This meeting provided the team with the opportunity to evaluate performance, refocus, and set priorities for the next 90 days.

National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program

The Downriver Campus hosted the U.S. Attorney’s Office for an annual National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program training workshop. This training provided line officers with a deeper understanding of factors that contribute to suicide, learn to recognize warning signs in themselves and others, and more.
Division of Human Resources Presents

Pathways to Success with Greg Dunmore
The ABC’s of Self-Resuscitation: Tap into Your Authentic Self!
AKA Youth Leadership

The Lambda Pi Omega Chapter of the AKA sorority hosted a seminar on youth leadership for children.

Detroit Police Department Fire Rescue Academy

Students of the DPD Fire Rescue Academy heading out to lunch on their break.

Facility Maintenance Quality Assurance

Northwest Campus Administrators met with E- Ben Smith to discuss campus and District facility maintenance quality assurance projects. Administration was briefed on current projects as well as newly identified opportunities.
Partnership Discussions

Staff from the Eastern Campus met with representatives from The Youth Connection to explore potential partnership opportunities and how we can best assist each other in the community.

Ted Scott Campus

Student Services Meeting

Staff from the Downriver and Ted Scott campuses met to discuss priorities to better serve our students.

Continuing Education Meeting

Staff met to discuss upcoming continuing education programs at the Downriver and Ted Scott campuses.

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Facilities improved the east entrance light at the Downriver Campus.

Commencement and pre-protection of the work areas related to the new steam room and laundry renovation project at the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center.

Various maintenance improvements were made at the Ted Scott Campus.
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