Welcome to Advantages!

Chancellor’s Message

We hope you enjoy this edition of ADVANTAGES magazine. In this issue we present the advantages of the many educational opportunities we provide and highlight some of the features we offer that enrich the lives of all of the people in the communities we serve.

During these unprecedented times I am so proud of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD). A community college is a beacon of hope - providing affordable, accessible education with boundless opportunities to help people build better futures. In the Wayne County Community College District, it is “where learning leads to a better life.”

One of the advantages WCCCD has is being a center of lifelong learning. This give us the advantage to directly respond to the needs of the community in order to adapt and adjust to the rapidly changing economic market place.

Not only do the academic and career programs we offer facilitate people in their educational endeavors, but the School of Continuing Education programs provide an advantage in helping develop people’s lives in their pursuit of gaining valuable knowledge and skills.

As our student enrollment continues to surge, partly because of the turbulent economy, we work every day to ensure that they are provided with a wide range of programs and courses as well as a learning environment that has the advantage of a high-technology infrastructure conducive to personal and professional growth.

As the world grows smaller, we have expanded programs that offer international exposure to our students. We celebrate the advantage of the pluralism of our students, faculty and staff and the communities we serve through various special events held every semester on every campus.

Several national and international leaders are invited to WCCCD to provide insight and tips and tools for personal and professional success. Our on-going capital improvement program has resulted in the advantage of state-of-the-art student facilities at all campus locations.

Our call to serve our economic development partners is even more significant now and we have the advantage of providing innovative and effective solutions for workforce training and skill enhancement. The Corporate College at Eastern Campus is an example of the economic growth advantage WCCCD provides to corporations and entrepreneurs.

Our people are our most valuable asset and we continue to provide numerous professional development opportunities for our faculty and staff and encourage their participation in events and seminars throughout the country. They share in the professional growth advantage provided by WCCCD.

As an educational institution, we hold ourselves to the highest standards of integrity and the District’s Transparency and Accountability Initiatives have proven to be an effective management tool in this regard. We have the advantage of having earned the trust of our constituents and strive everyday to maintain that trust through responsible, open and honest communication.

We believe that every challenge brings opportunity and this belief has been our advantage. It is also the advantage of every student and organization we serve and in whose success we meet our own.

Sincerely,

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery
Chancellor, WCCCD
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The Advantage of Pluralism

WCCCD students, faculty and staff represent many diverse cultures and religions around the world. This pluralistic environment enriches the educational experience at the District. We celebrate this diversity with numerous special programs and events, educating people on various customs and traditions. These events are held every semester on every campus and are well attended by the communities we serve. WCCCD is committed to building bridges that foster an understanding of countries and cultures around the world and provide our students with the advantage of pluralism that helps them become better professionals and better human beings.
Native American Festival

Native American Culture comes to Wayne County Community College District’s Downtown Campus

WCCCD’s School of Continuing Education, in partnership with Pettibone’s Authentic Native American Program, brings food, art and entertainment to the community through the District’s Native American Symposium.

The symposium includes education on Native Americans, their culture and lifestyles and stresses the importance of maintaining Native American history and principles. Participants are treated to Native American foods, a combination of songs, dance and narrative stories. Native American tribal dress, art, crafts and jewelry makes learning about the Native American culture a memorable experience for WCCCD’s students, attendees and the community.

Hispanic Heritage Festival

Hispanic Arts, Culture, Food and Entertainment come to WCCCD

WCCCD’s Downriver Campus in conjunction with The School of Continuing Education hosts Wayne County Community College District’s Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival. The event includes Hispanic art, traditional dance, food and music. The Hispanic Heritage Festival showcases fun and learning activities, allowing children of all ages the chance to participate in art activities and the making of traditional piñatas.

This event highlights the diversity and richness found within the Hispanic/Latino community. Those who attend are able to explore the multi-faceted traditions of the Hispanic cultures through workshops that focus on the contributions Hispanics have made in the United States.
Each year more than 3,000 Metro Detroiters receive a dose of cultural education during the Wayne County Community College District’s “Passport to Africa” at the Downtown Campus. The drumbeat welcomes everyone from east to west and from north to south –Africans, African Americans, and all who are eager to learn about the contributions of the African continent.

The day-long community-based educational event is jointly supported by Detroit Public Schools, United African Community Organizations of Michigan (UACO), and the Alkebu-Lan Village, an African centered organization that embraces the rich, cultural and traditional values of Africa. Passport to Africa affords participants the chance to explore the wonders of Africa and its people without leaving Detroit.
Broadening Students Understanding of Diverse Cultures

WCCCD, in partnership with Detroit Public Schools, offers a unique opportunity to high school students in Metro Detroit. This joint effort, the Middle College Multicultural Educational Exchange Program (MCMEEP), allows high school students to broaden their education and understanding of the many diverse communities that live in Metro Detroit.

Through MCMEEP, students gain knowledge, appreciation and respect for the diverse traditions and cultures within the nation as well as throughout the world. The program gives high school students in Detroit and its metropolitan area the option to earn free college level credits before they graduate high school (per Michigan’s Dual /Concurrent Enrollment program).

MCMEEP provides high school students the opportunity to interact and learn from, as well as teach others, who may be from cultural orientations unlike their own.
WCCCD brings Caribbean Culture to the Eastern Campus

WCCCD’s Eastern Campus brings a taste of the Caribbean to the district, as it hosts the Caribbean Cultural Festival. This event encourages cross-cultural programs in Metro Detroit and provides education about Caribbean culture and its rich heritage. Through arts, crafts, music and food, attendees are treated to a true Caribbean experience.
Each year, WCCCD’s Downriver Campus builds a bridge that connects communities with the people and culture of Asia through its annual Bridge to Asia program. The event also allows participants to visit educational and marketplace booths depicting the life, culture, and beauty of Asian countries.

It is a unique extravaganza that includes artifact displays, and hands-on activities such as calligraphy, yoyos, henna, and origami and performances by musicians and dancers from the Hindu Temple Rhythm and Bangladesh Cultural Group. Bridge to Asia is designed to educate students and the community on the diversity of Asian cultures.
As the world grows smaller each day, WCCCD ensures that our students, faculty and staff have the exposure to and knowledge of countries and economies around the world. The District’s students represent more than 60 countries. As educators, the District strives to equip students with the knowledge and skills to build successful careers in a global economy. Our programs and events take students, faculty and staff around the world and also bring leaders from around the world to our campuses to provide insight into the rapidly changing global marketplace, giving our students the international advantage.
Study Abroad Program

WCCCD Offers Students An Opportunity to See the World

Through WCCCD’s Study Abroad Program, many students, some of whom have never traveled outside of the United States, have the opportunity to experience the dynamics of another country’s political system, language and culture. WCCCD’s Study Abroad Program offers students an awareness and understanding of other cultures through travel and exposure.

WCCCD students have traveled to such countries as: Argentina, India, Ghana, Austria, Mexico, United Kingdom and Brazil. During the two-week study abroad program, students attend lectures and seminars hosted by a local university where they learn how other social and political systems work. While the social and political courses are taught in English, students also take an intensive language course in the language spoken in the country they are visiting.
International cuisine, entertainment and fashion make their way to the Downtown Campus

International food, music, dancing, and fashion are just a few of the attractions at WCCCD’s School of Continuing Education Annual International Taste Fest. This educational and entertaining event provides community members with an opportunity to experience some of the finest cuisine from around the world. Participants are treated to a combination of food, arts and crafts, music, face painting and more, transforming WCCCD’s Downtown Campus into an international experience.
Global Conversations

Liberia is rebuilding from the ashes

Dr. Joseph N. Boakia, Sr., Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, shared Liberia’s road to reconstruction with students, faculty, staff and the community when visiting WCCC. After 14 years of destructive war that caused the virtual collapse of Liberia’s infrastructure, the country is on the road to rebuilding, according to Dr. Boakia. He compared Liberia’s new beginning with the mythological story of the Phoenix, symbolizing rebirth.

Speaking on the theme “Global Partnerships In Higher Education: How Liberia is Meeting the Challenge,” Dr. Boakia stressed that education is one of the key components to rebuilding the country. He also addressed students’ concerns about educational exchange programs in Liberia and ways in which the country is handling tourism, healthcare reform, dual citizenship and providing for the deaf and mentally challenged.
Technology has revolutionized the way in which people communicate and do business. Adapting to new technologies has allowed the District to provide a wider curriculum, build flexibility into the course offering, make education more accessible and enhance the learning experience. WCCCD’s massive investments in upgrading technology at all five campus locations, increasing Distance Learning opportunities, enhancing the District’s website functionality and even installing a new hi-tech community college management system, have all ensured that our students have the hi-tech advantage.
Website Innovation

Recognizing that WCCCD’s website is an extension of our local area campuses, the District has invested heavily in transforming the online pages by adding multiple features and expansive information as well as functionality. Students can register for courses online, order and receive transcripts, receive their grades and check the status of their financial aid application online. Information on all five campuses, program courses and extensive departmental information is also available.

Additionally, the District’s Transparency and Accountability initiatives post detailed financial and operational data which is updated regularly. The District invites feedback from users and integrates recommendations into website improvement initiatives.

Opportunity, information, access – now just a click away at www.wcccd.edu!

Tech Infrastructure Upgrades

Technology Innovations

All of our campuses are now equipped with state-of-the-art technological centers and computer labs. Using the power of technology to bolster the quality of our educational programs and services was one of our key focus areas when we initiated the Pathways to the Future program nearly a decade ago. As a result, we now offer advanced technical courses like video game design and animation. A faculty member can now teach classes at two different campuses simultaneously using our ITV Classrooms.
BANNER: A New-Age System

In order to implement an effective method of internal controls and equip the District with the ability to effectively manage the rapidly growing campus, a new hi-tech system, BANNER was implemented. BANNER is a comprehensive enterprise resource system that provides a unified solution to every aspect of managing the functional and operational processes of this large institution.

A significant investment was made in this new system and intensive training was provided to all staff and faculty. Consequently, the District now has one centralized computer network of all operations, large and small, student service functions and capital improvement records. This system has strengthened the College’s ability to manage resources and ensure their optimum usage.

Distance Learning

Continuing Education made Easy through WCCCD’s E-Learning Center

WCCCD, in partnership with Gatlin Education Services, offers students over 1,950 online courses to expand their knowledge and meet the continuing education requirements of their profession. Through the college’s e-Learning Center, available 24/7, WCCCD’s online courses are designed by professionals from each respective field who work to provide the most effective web-based learning experience available today.

Courses have no specific start and end dates. Upon completion of the course, students may print a certificate of completion for submission to the professional state board for continuing education credits.
WCCCD provides services to students, faculty, staff, administration and the community by serving as a catalyst for lifelong learning through the District’s Learning Resource Centers (LRC), located on each campus to provide information and resources to the public on:

- Literacy education
- Multimedia
- Services to support the curricula offered by the District.

There are over 100 electronic resources available through the District’s database including over 66,000 books in circulation, 22,000 e-books, 14,000 reference materials, 2,500 videos, articles, books and more on reserve from faculty district-wide.

WCCCD Learning Resource Centers features also include: art exhibits scheduled frequently in the district’s beautiful, Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at the Arthur Cartwright Downtown Campus Learning Resource Center; Storytelling Time, Children’s Movies, Sports Fitness Conditioning, The Bookworm Club, Budding Artist Camp, Kids’ Medical School and Forensic Science.
As a center of lifelong learning, WCCCD recognizes that it has the responsibility to build the leaders of tomorrow. Every semester, the District invites various government, business and social leaders to its campuses to provide tips and tools for gaining valuable leadership skills. Some of these leaders have also committed themselves to the District and contribute both time and effort to educate community members about the importance of education and the vital role of the District. Interaction with several national and global leaders gives our students the leadership advantage.
Wayne County Community College District is fortunate to cultivate a relationship with one of America’s most provocative public intellectuals, Dr. Cornel West, currently the Class of 1943 Professor at Princeton University, where he teaches in the Center for African American Studies and in the Department of Religion. Dr. West is a frequent speaker for the WCCCD’s series known as Conversation With Dr. Cornel West. He is author of several books including the bestselling book, *Race Matters*, an analysis of racism in American democracy. During his visit to the District’s Downtown Campus, Dr. West encouraged students to maintain their balance on the tightrope of hope as they envision a better future.
Students had an opportunity to hear President (then Senator) Barack Obama speak about education at WCCCD’s Downriver campus. Following his remarks, Obama spent time asking students questions about how they are financing their education and sharing his thoughts on how financial aid could be increased to ensure their success.
Renowned actor, comedian and activist, Dr. Bill Cosby, frequently visits Wayne County Community College District to advocate for student success and push for the community to take active interest in the education of young people. Dr. Cosby’s appearances include a keynote speech at the WCCCD’s District-Wide Conference Day and an annual one-day professional development event for faculty and staff. During WCCCD’s information campaign, Dr. Cosby joined the District for the landslide vote on Election Day to renew the institution’s 1.25-mill property tax. To promote voter education, Dr. Cosby and the WCCCD staff donned t-shirts that read, “My Life is Better.” The t-shirts could be seen during coverage of the election on ABC’s Good Morning America, giving national attention to the institution’s informational effort.
Dual Enrollment

Partnership with Public School Systems
Wayne County Community College District’s Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Program

For years, Wayne County Community College District’s (WCCCD) Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Program has allowed high school students the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. It is designed to ease the transition from high school to college and make college education more accessible so they can achieve their educational/career goals while saving both time and money. It is also advantageous because it allows the students to get a head start on their college careers, and, in some cases, obtain an Associate’s degree and high school diploma simultaneously.

Dual enrollment is seen by parents as a money saving strategy that helps them avoid skyrocketing tuition costs because courses are paid for through the local high school or through scholarship opportunities. State government officials also see dual enrollment as a net savings due to the lower present value of funds spent earlier, as opposed to those spent later.

WCCCD has currently re-energized its Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Program by establishing stronger partnerships with students, parents, and high school districts throughout the 32 cities and townships that are part of the District’s service area. As a result, the District continues to service record numbers of Dual/Concurrent enrolled students.

The college offers courses for dual/concurrent enrollment students in a number of different formats. Classes are offered in a traditional manner where individual high school students will enroll in one or two classes either on-line or on our campus and merge with other college students. Closed cohorts are offered both on campus and at the high school and taught by one of our certified instructors.
As a community college, WCCCD is fully committed to serving as a beacon of hope and pillar of opportunity. Every semester, the District’s School of Continuing Education offers numerous programs and events that cater to current needs and demands. The District weaves the fabric of progress by using common threads in all of the communities in which we operate. Several conferences, seminars and events, held in association with local agencies and organizations, draw thousands to our campus locations, seeking the information, resources and other community advantages provided by WCCCD.
WCCCD offers Metro Detroit’s current and next generation business leaders key communication and management strategies to make their work teams globally competitive. The District provides effective tips and strategies for managing high performance organizations at the District’s Great Leadership Conference.

The half-day conference is extremely well-attended and provides metro Detroit’s emerging leaders access to the insight of nationally known authors and leadership experts. WCCCD’s Great Leadership Conference ensures that the current and upcoming generation of leaders have the tools they’ll need to build bright and prosperous futures. WCCCD also publishes a quarterly newsletter, “The Great Leadership Newsletter,” that provides ideas and strategies for better management of community colleges.
Breast Cancer Awareness Fair

A Day of Breast Cancer Awareness with WCCCD, St. John Health System and Molina Healthcare

Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), in partnership with St. John Health System and Molina Healthcare, hosts an annual Breast Cancer Awareness fair during Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The educational fair is WCCCD’s call to the community. It is a well attended event that answers serious questions about risk factors, provides information about the disease and promotes a healthy lifestyle during and after treatment. This informational health fair reinforces the importance of regular breast cancer screenings, good daily nutrition and exercise for healthy living.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States. The National Cancer Institute estimates that, based on current rates, 13.2 percent of women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

H1N1: Preparedness and Prevention

WCCCD Provides Information and Hosts Free Clinic on the H1N1 Flu virus

Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) held an information campaign and free clinic for students, faculty and staff about the recommended measures from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and other health agencies to help prevent the spread of the H1N1 flu virus.

WCCCD’s School of Continuing Education and Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), in partnership with the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Office of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness, hosted an H1N1 Flu Vaccine clinic in addition to providing tips on how to avoid the spread of the flu virus.

By making information readily available and posting instructions regarding what actions to take to help prevent contamination, WCCCD intends to keep both students and faculty safe.
In 2004, Mrs. Ola Ivery, wife of Wayne County Community College District’s Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, founded the WCCCD’s Bookworm Club to help children ages three to seven improve their reading skills, and learn to read. Since then, the program has touched the lives of more than 5,000 children in the Detroit Metropolitan area. She has enlisted the help of such notable literacy advocates such as Detroit Free Press columnist, Rochelle Riley. The program has also brought together other notable children’s book authors to read to young people.

“It is heartwarming and gratifying to see children display their enthusiasm to learn,” Mrs. Ivery says. “It is exciting to be able to bring a program like this to them that fulfills their curiosity and desire to learn. We can never do too much to educate future generations and this is a crucial first step in the fight against illiteracy.” At each reading workshop, the bookworm makes a rare appearance and even signs autograph for children.

All children participating in the event receive a special certificate with their names on it, recognizing their membership in the club. They also receive an official Bookworm Club T-shirt or sweatshirt, a book bag containing a story book, crayons and a writing tablet. The children love their goodies. “We are delighted to be able to offer this program in our community to encourage our children to learn to read. Literacy is a prerequisite to education and it is only through education that one can pursue a better life. Literacy is an empowering experience and we have a commitment and responsibility to make reading accessible to all people,” Mrs. Ivery adds.
WCCCD offers the community a chance to experience the joy of reading through its annual International Book Fair and Reading Carnival. The International Book Fair is a two-day event that encourages literacy for all age groups, providing techniques for writing, self-publishing resources and a host of great opportunities to help develop creativity and critical communication skills through reading.

Reading is also made fun at WCCCD as we present the Chancellor’s Annual Reading Carnival for children in grades Pre-K-8. The event includes fun and games, free books and bags for children, light refreshments and other give-a-ways. The carnival-like atmosphere is complete with activities like face-painting and clowns. The program also features great stories, interactive programs and stimulating activities designed to make reading exciting and desirable.
Tee Off for Scholarships

The first Annual Chancellor’s Invitational Scholarship Golf Tournament hosted by the Wayne County Community College District Scholarship Committee was held at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club to raise money for the District’s merit scholarship and textbook assistance program. The Committee provides resources that support competitive educational services, curricula and programs for the students and committees served by the District. The Scholarship Committee is supported by numerous local organizations, churches, individuals and corporations and several endowments have been established to provide for charitable gifts for numerous needy students. It helps the District to continue to deliver the promise of building better lives. It was a fun day when more than 125 golfers turned out to chip and putt yield their clubs for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and other golf challenges.

December Delights

WCCCD provides a an intimate atmosphere for attendees to shop, savor delectible cuisine and fellowship with friends – all in the interest of raising money to support WCCCD’s scholarship committee.

The WCCCD Scholarship Committee is a non-profit resource development arm of the Wayne County Community College District. The Committee provides resources that support competitive educational services, curricula and programs for the students and communities served by the District. From instructional cooking demonstrations to music and fashion shows, December Delights helps the District and the Scholarship Committee continue to deliver the promise of building better lives through education.

Gift of Giving

WCCCD provides a festive feast to hundreds of disadvantaged persons in the community as part of the District’s Service Learning Program. WCCCD’s Service Learning Program is an academic study project that engages students in solving problems within their schools and/or community. Service-learning helps students master important curriculum content and assist them in making meaningful connections between what they are studying and its many applications. Students develop a range of service skills – from acts of kindness and caring, to community stewardship and civic action. A wide range of students participated in this event.
As businesses and organizations struggle to survive and thrive in the current economic crisis, WCCCD builds pathways to hope and success. The District provides customized workforce training opportunities and numerous fast-track and certificate programs that enable people to upgrade skills or change careers. This also provides businesses affordable and flexible options for training their workforce. WCCCD empowers people with the knowledge and skills to become self-employed and to generate more jobs. At this crucial time in the southeastern Michigan’s economic history, the District is giving people the workforce development advantage.
WCCCD’s EIRC – Taking Big Ideas to the Next Level.

WCCCD has offered assistance to businesses in need of direction and met the needs of small, struggling businesses through the District’s Entrepreneurial Institute and Resource Center (EIRC).

The EIRC walks participants through the steps to develop their business, and access the money and resources to help it grow.

WCCCD’s EIRC offers a full schedule of seminars and workshops, well-rounded entrepreneurship curriculum, and a continuously updated business library, giving participants access to the same information that today’s cutting edge business leaders use to chart their strategy and stay one step ahead of the competition.

WCCCD helps local businesses with Economic Empowerment Center

WCCCD has taken steps to ensure that local businesses and organizations have a helping hand during the economy’s difficult times by launching the Economic Empowerment Center.

Through its inquiry hotline, WCCCD’s Economic Empowerment Center is able to answer questions and award workforce grants given by state government to provide solutions and training to struggling businesses and organizations looking to retrain workers and upgrade their resources.

WCCCD’S Corporate College – Meeting the Demands of a Changing Workforce

The District is providing workforce-training solutions for the corporate world of southeast Michigan through its Corporate College, another new initiative at the District’s Eastern Campus. Offering training in careers such as renewable energy and alternative fuel technology.

The Corporate College is a self-sustaining, revenue generating workforce training resource. Partnering with businesses and school districts to provide workforce solutions, the Corporate College will meet the demands of the new and changing environment, transform the workforce and create careers.
Wayne County is the seventh largest county in the United States and the District’s service area comprises more than 525 square miles. This region’s diverse educational needs and demands are efficiently met by the District’s five campuses and the University Square. The District’s Downtown Campus in Downtown Detroit, the Eastern Campus in Eastern Wayne County, the Downriver Campus located in Taylor, the Northwest Campus serving northwest Detroit, the Western Campus in Belleville and the District University Square in Harper Woods all take education to the doorstep of the communities we serve. The District has invested significantly in enhancing and expanding student facilities at all five campus locations – providing the multi-campus advantage.
Wayne County Community College District
Multi-Campus System
One Mission - One Vision
5 State of the Art Campuses

- Downriver Campus
- Downtown Campus
- Eastern Campus
- Northwest Campus
- Western Campus
- University Square
Kembna Jennings knows that being a student can be a bit hectic and, at times, very challenging. She wakes up early each day to prepare for her morning classes – some beginning as early as 8 a.m. But her journey is not a straight shot to the Downtown Campus of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD). She does not own her own car but depends on public transportation, sometimes changing buses twice before finally arriving for her class. In doing so, she often skips breakfast or that early morning cup of coffee to jump start the day. “Most people think you just pick up your backpack and head to class,” said Jennings who is spending her first semester at WCCCD.

She is majoring in the Pre-Teacher Training Program, and hopes to be an elementary school teacher someday. WCCCD is an ideal opportunity for people like Jennings – a busy student juggling work, school, and family responsibilities. She loves the flexible scheduling because she can take classes during the day, evening and/or weekend, depending on her schedule. Around 80 percent of WCCCD’s students attend evening classes in order to manage part-or-full time jobs and family obligations.

Although Jennings attends school during the day, she said it helps to have a Subway on campus.

“How thank goodness there is a place where you can grab a bite to eat, or have a cup of coffee with your friends between classes,” she said. “I can remember when I had to rush to campus to study for one of my finals. I just needed a place to sit, have a cup of coffee and prepare for my exams. And there was Subway.”

Nicholas A. Moschouris, who operates the Subway at the Downtown Campus and other WCCCD locations, understands how hard it is to blend schoolwork and exams with the demands of daily life. Moschouris owns the Subway Territory in Eastern Wayne and Macomb County (which encompasses 125 stores).
“There are many options our menu has to offer students as a healthy choice,” he said. “Students can get a fresh cup of coffee, and either choose a mini sub, low fat milk, or even a hot or cold six-inch sandwich.” Moschouris plans to work with WCCCD to develop a scholarship program to assist students during these tough times. “We feel like we are a member of the family here at the college and we want to represent the college well to the entire community.”

There are three Subway restaurants; at the Downtown Campus, and the Eastern Campus and Northwest campuses.

**TASTES GOOD & COSTS LESS**

Another Subway is coming soon to the Downriver Campus as well.

The Downtown Campus location serves more than 1,400 meals each week. Each restaurant promotes healthy eating by placing nutritional guides in full view of the customers. The restaurants are open five days a week, and this is good news for Jennings.

“I enjoy the social campus experiences because I have the opportunity to meet with friends, take study breaks, hang out, relax and unwind after a hard day of classes,” she added. “Food on campus makes a student’s life easier. It all comes down to the availability and the affordability.”

Latasha Higgins is a pre-nursing student who eats at Subway at least once a day. “My schedule is hectic and if I can find a place to eat in the building, why go out and burn gas?,” she said as she enjoyed her foot-long Italian BMT. “Many students would like to attend a college that has a food service. The Subway here has a variety of items to choose from and the price fits our pockets... I like the variety of hot and cold submarine sandwiches, salads, and, oh, the freshly baked cookies, too.”

Between bites, Higgins flipped through pages of her notes to prepare for an upcoming exam. “This is the only thing that most students eat all day,” she added as she took a sip from a diet soft drink. “It tastes good and it costs less.”
WCCCD Campus Advantage
Preparing for Today’s
and Tomorrow’s Opportunities

Sustainable Buildings and Sites
Western Campus
Emergency Medical Technology • Homeland Security
Information Assurance (Cyber Security)
Mechatronics • Nursing • Occupational Therapy
Eastern Campus
Geothermal Systems Technology
Downtown Campus
Water Environmental Technology
Northwest Campus
Renewable Energy Technology in health care
and other environments
Surgical Tech • Dental Hygienist
WCCCD is meeting career demands of the future by preparing students for the jobs in healthcare, IT and Geothermal Technology. WCCCD knows these growing fields are going to provide numerous job opportunities and is ready to meet the increasing demand. From its Renewable Energy Technology program, to the Applied Science Nursing program, WCCCD is giving students the career training advantage they’ll need for the jobs of today and tomorrow.
It is my pleasure to welcome you to a great learning community. We hope you take advantage of the high quality programs and services available at the campus as you pursue your educational goals. Your participation and engagement in the life of this campus and the District is important to the success of our community. I encourage you to take an active role in your education and strive for excellence in all that you do.

Anthony T. Arminiak
Downriver Campus President
Wayne County Community College District Brings Performing Arts to the Downriver Community

WCCCD’s Downriver Campus will soon bring arts, education and entertainment to the Downriver community as it presents The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center.

Named for Heinz C. Prechter, also known as the “Duke of Downriver,” the Prechter Center will host many events and programs that promise to provide life changing experiences and long lasting memories to those living Downriver and in surrounding communities.

With 78,000 square feet, the Prechter Center houses a full stage production facility, six dressing rooms and green room, an 850-seat multi-purpose auditorium with full stage and scenery loft, a 1800 square foot rehearsal room, eight seminar classrooms, each with 1200 square feet and seating for 65 people, 14 classrooms for instructional purposes and two multi-purpose rooms for community usage.

Heinz Prechter committed his life to the community that helped him realize his dreams and it is fitting that his name be chosen to grace a building that will help countless students and community members realize their own.
Words from the President

I am happy to welcome you to the Downtown Campus. Whatever your intent—whether to obtain a degree, certificate, gain a skill or enhance knowledge and appreciation of a particular field of study—we are committed to making your experience at WCCCD successful and worthwhile. With quality programs, exceptional service and committed faculty and staff, we look forward to helping you achieve your educational and professional goals.

Patricia A. Hawkins
Downtown Campus President
Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery, located at the Downtown Campus, presents exhibitions, cultural and educational programs that promote art education and cultural awareness within the Greater Metropolitan Detroit community.


Unusual exhibits like the art of Susan Holzman, created for the visually impaired and The Eco-Art Exhibition were presented to raise awareness of the importance of protecting the Earth and its resources.

For more than five years, the art gallery has featured art work of Wayne County K-12 students. The quality of the art work of the students demonstrates the depth and talent of creative voices of the future.
We are excited to welcome you to an exceptional learning community at the Eastern Campus. Our focus is on student success and you will find an environment supportive of your educational needs. Please take advantage of the many opportunities available at the campus and throughout the District to participate in special activities, events and projects that strengthen and enhance the learning experience. I encourage you to work hard, set high expectations and rise to achieve your educational goals and aspirations.

Dr. Sandra Robinson
Eastern Campus President
The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus is designed to educate and create a highly skilled workforce for the emerging knowledge-based economy. The foundation of the Corporate College is to develop partnerships with regional employers that will provide workforce training and economic development opportunities. The Corporate College/Eastern Campus will be considered the hub of WCCCD’s Advanced Technology Programs which include: advanced manufacturing, information and communications engineering, clean energy (wind and solar), and environmental sustainable design. With these additions, the Corporate College will lead the district-wide initiative of “Jobs Today, Jobs for the Future,” which will transform all dimensions of workforce education.

The Corporate College will serve as a workforce development center and a local model of a “green facility” providing a living-learning laboratory on environmental sustainability.
I welcome you to the Northwest Campus and our expanding learning community. The campus is the home for health science programs for the District with exceptional facilities and technologies supporting professional growth and development for those seeking health-related careers. We are proud of the high quality services offered through the Welcome Center which houses student support offices, a learning resource center, bookstore and student life center. A significant investment has been made in instructional spaces and there is much more to come as we develop facilities to accommodate the growing enrollment at the campus.

We encourage you to become engaged in this learning community and take advantage of the opportunities for growth, enrichment and the expansion of knowledge available throughout the campus and District.

Dr. Debraha Watson
President Northwest Campus & Provost, Allied Health
Dental Program

WCCCD’s Dental Health program touches the community

The District is the only community college in Michigan to offer three dental programs – Dental Assisting, Dental Laboratory Technology and Dental Hygiene Assistance. The program is housed at the new Northwest Campus which is equipped with all of the modern instructional, laboratory and technological facilities needed to provide a world-class education in the dental field.

Every February, the District offers dental services through WCCCD’s exemplary Dental Hygiene Program and partners with the Michigan Department of Human Services to present a free seminar on oral health in honor of Children’s Dental Health month.

Nursing Program

WCCCD is Meeting the Healthcare Demand through its Nursing Program

In two short, intensive years, WCCCD students can receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing through WCCCD’s Nursing Program. WCCCD’s Nursing Program supplies students with the technical and practical skills needed in the medical profession today.

The nursing program at WCCCD is known for its diverse student nursing population. In many instances, acquiring and maintaining this diverse population is difficult. However, offering a supportive, caring outreach through mentorships help eliminate many barriers to successful completion of the nursing program.

Graduates of the Nursing program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) whose requirements include specific courses in the nursing major and general education.

WCCCD’s Nursing Program is fully approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and the Michigan Department of Education and is designed to prepare graduates to give specialized nursing care as staff nurses in a variety of healthcare settings.
I extend a personal welcome to the friendly, helpful and caring environment you will find at the Western Campus. Whether you are looking to start a new career, upgrade your skills, continue your education through transfer to a university, or just taking classes for the fun of learning, we are committed to making your experience a valued and worthwhile one. Your success is important to us and we look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Patrick J. McNally
Western Campus President
WCCCD Prepares for Careers in the Rapidly Growing Green Industry

WCCCD is providing solutions to the problem of natural resource depletion through the district’s Sustainable Environmental Design Program at the Western Campus. WCCCD’s Sustainable Energy Program focuses on understanding renewable energy sources as well as the development of sustainable buildings and environmentally sensitive site selection. The program offers two certificates, one in Renewable Energy Technologies and the other in Sustainable Buildings and Sites. Students may also use these classes to obtain an Associate’s Degree in Sustainable Environmental Design.

Graduates who decide to move forward will be prepared for future careers in the rapidly growing green industry. Future career areas for these students will include:

- Green Engineering and Renewable Energy Production
- Sustainable Urban Planning and Design
- Sustainable Interior Design
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Sustainable Building Construction.

Currently, there are several community colleges in the area that are in the process of developing programs that are centered on renewable energies. However, WCCCD has taken a slightly different approach and created an umbrella program of sustainability. Green energy programs that were introduced in the Fall 2009 semester, district-wide included:

- Geothermal Systems Technology (Eastern Campus)
- Water Environmental Technology (Downtown Campus)
- Renewable Energy Technology in health care and other environments (Northwest Campus).
MIPSE
Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education
WCCCD’s Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) has served as a host for several organizations from around the country that have gathered to discuss public safety issues. The Region 2 South Bio-Medical Defense, whose mission is to augment existing resources, regional and community surveillance, emergency management systems and hospital preparedness, met at the Downriver facility to discuss current activities and select new officers.

In addition, the Fire and Police delegation from Chengdu, China, visited MIPSE for a week of training exercises. During their visit, the group learned about “Confined Space Operations,” and hazardous materials by spending time in one of the entry suits. The fire personnel participated in exercises on burn simulators while the law enforcement personnel worked on entering a building and conducted joint exercises with the Wayne County Sheriff’s SWAT team.

WCCCD’s Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education provides students and the community with information and training on procedures to assure safe and successful rescue and public safety.
Members of the WCCCD family – the students, faculty and staff – are the District’s most valuable asset. The District ensures that they are provided with several personal and professional development opportunities to further their careers. The WCCCD team is the true force behind the remarkable transformation for the District over the past decade. The District recognizes its outstanding students, faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly at making WCCCD among the best community colleges in the nation as it benefits everyday from the people advantage.
District-Wide Conference Day

WCCCD Encourages Professional Development through District-Wide Conference Day.

During our annual District-Wide Conference Day, WCCCD recognizes excellence in staff and faculty. This one-day professional development event reaches out to District staff and faculty by engaging each constituency with professional development workshops.

Hour-long workshops, conducted by experts and leaders in their fields, concentrate on special areas such as leadership, advising and retention, dual enrollment and communication. All conference attendees have the option of attending seminars that cover topics of their choice. The conference provides opportunities and empowers the District to celebrate the importance of continued learning and skill development. This event and an incredible opportunity to empower district members and celebrate the importance of continued learning and skill development.
Apryl Renee Brown - WCCCD biology professor presents scientific abstract at 12th World Congress on Public Health in Turkey

Apryl Renee Brown loves teaching health sciences and finding the connection between life and the genes that make up the human body. She loves to search for the meaning of life and has been teaching health sciences at Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) for three years. Brown has also taught the Upward Bound Program at Olive Harvey Community College in Chicago before coming to WCCCD.

She holds a masters degree in Public Health Systems Management from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans, a doctorate degree (MD-General Medicine) from Ross University School of Medicine in New Jersey; and a Bachelor of Science degree (BS-Biological Sciences) from Wayne State University. She has been a public health advocate for many years now and is currently a Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator in Detroit. Because of her knowledge in public health, Brown was selected to present a scientific abstract at the 12th World Congress on Public Health in Istanbul, Turkey, from April 27 to May 1, 2009. Her presentation was entitled “Public Health Genetics Leading to Healthy Communities.”

Mark Shikhman 30 years of Medical Technology

Director of the Wayne County Community College District’s Surgical Technology program, Mark Shikhman has been practicing as a certified surgical assistant for more than 30 years in the areas of surgical, clinical, clinical management, teaching and research. Dr. Shikhman is a graduate from the St. Petersburg Institute of Oncology in Russia where he received his Ph.D. in Medicine; with emphasis in Surgery and oncology. He has practiced surgery in different fields such as: general surgery, vascular surgery, and surgical oncology.

In 1980, he completed a fellowship in Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgical Oncology (benign and malignant tumors of Liver, Bile Ducts and the Pancreas) and in 1985, he was elected as a Professor of Surgery of the State Medical School (Russia) and in 1989 obtained the rank of Chief of Surgery of the Ural Center of Abdominal Surgery, and Director of the Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgical Oncology Research Center. In 1993, he completed specialized fellowship at St. Petersburg Institute of Oncology and received a Doctoral degree in Pancreatic Surgical Oncology (publicly defended Ph.D. in 1992).

His resume reads like a who’s who in the surgical technology program, serving as an instructor, general surgeon, research scientist, and medical school professor. Dr. Shikhman has been an advocate for greater certification in the growing surgical technological field. It was through his initiative that WCCCD and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, one of the largest hospitals operated by the U.S. Army in Germany, signed an agreement for WCCCD to offer online courses through distance learning. Landstuhl is also the primary initial-care facility for wounded soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.
Represents Ingenuity, Hard Work, Dedication and Commitment to Teaching

Jo Ann Allen Nyquist – Giving Back to the Community One Smile at a Time

Jo Ann Allen Nyquist, Director of the Wayne County Community College District’s Dental Programs, housed at the Northwest Campus’ Health Science Center, is dedicated to her career and is a very strong advocate for her students in and outside of the classroom. Ms. Nyquist has over 30 years experience as a Registered Dental Hygienist, providing both private dental practice and dental education on the university and community college levels. Ms. Nyquist has a deep passion for her work with students at the College to ensure their academic success. In addition to her duties with the College, Ms. Nyquist works tirelessly to improve the lives of others by reaching out to individuals and groups that are in need of health care services and assistance.

Through her advocacy, the dental program has grown, and now includes: Dental Hygiene; Dental Assisting; and Dental Laboratory Technology. “We are currently one of the few colleges in the United States to provide all three dental educational programs and the only college in the State of Michigan. The dental programs over the years have grown in student and faculty capacity as well as our current increased facility size in a State of the Art Health Science Building. I am honored and deeply appreciative to be able to continue providing excellence in educational programming to our students in allowing them to reach their career goals as well as servicing the community health care needs and fulfilling the mission and vision of Wayne County Community College District.”

Gary Ciampa Remembers 40 years ago when WCCCD was a ‘storefront’ college

The year was 1970 and Detroit was in the news because it was the birth of the city’s renaissance, an era geared toward transforming the city’s past into a promising future. A larger part of this renaissance was the establishment of a two-year community college; Wayne County Community College; now Wayne County Community College District. Then, WCCCD was a mere ‘storefront’ college with no building of its own; yet it was able to draw together some of the most talented individuals. One of these individuals was Gary L. Ciampa who has a law degree and an undergraduate degree in business.

“I had come to the college because I wanted to teach and that’s the one thing I’ve been able to do for all these years and my desire to teach never wavered. I had just completed my law degree which I pursued because I felt that the law degree along with my undergraduate degree in business would qualify me to accomplish my goals. Although a couple of opportunities presented themselves, I chose to come to WCCCD. During the past 40 years, the one thing that I have discovered about myself is that my desire and decision to become a teacher over forty years ago was truly the right decision for me. Teaching at WCCCD can be a rewarding experience. The one thing that I have been told most often by prior students is that they have appreciated the fact that I have challenged them to be the best that they could be.”
The WCCCD Advantage

Ranked among the fastest growing community colleges in the nation, with state-of-the-art campuses and technologies and a comprehensive and enriching program offering, the District is poised for an era of continued excellence. WCCCD’s Transparency and Accountability initiatives, which make all of the District’s financial and operational data easily accessible to the general public, has been a remarkable management tool and has earned WCCCD both trust and reputation.

WCCCD’s mission is to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve their goals through excellent and accessible services, culturally diverse experiences, and globally competitive higher education and career advancement programs. Certainly it is the WCCCD Advantage.

Transparency and Accountability

WCCCD’s Transparency & Accountability Initiative, has proven to be one of the most valuable management tools in ensuring the responsible execution of strategic plans.

In line with the District’s unconditional commitment to transparency and accountability, we have taken a national lead in making our finances and day-to-day operations more open and accessible to the public. In addition, we post detailed financial, operational and performance information on the District website. We believe in open, transparent and accountable relationships with all of our stakeholders.

The posting of periodic updates, regular meeting schedules, and interdepartmental information enables the District to systematize the planning and use of resources. This practice of accountability has brought WCCCD national recognition among colleges for open use of public funds.

Gaining, sustaining and enhancing both public and institutional confidence in WCCCD is an achievement that propels the District to take on even greater challenges. As the District uses several fiscally conservative measures to cope with the wavering national and global economy, the Transparency and Accountability Initiative
becomes even more important. The entire District’s cost cutting measures posted on the web site, along with the 10-year plan, will help us navigate through difficult times.

The site also includes extensive student enrollment data campus-wide, along with demographic information. The Pathways to the Future updates to the Board of Trustees are also posted each month. All financial projects, charts and statements along with internal and external audit results are accessible to the public on the District website.

This innovative initiative has been extremely well received by all of our constituents. We are determined to continue to strive to maintain their trust and further enhance the reputation of the District.
WCCCD is committed to academic excellence, as exemplified by our experienced, dedicated faculty. Their first priority is to help students discover and fulfill their potential, providing an unsurpassed educational experience so our students can receive the academic and technical skills necessary for success.”

Charles Paddock
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
District 8

“WCCCD continues to be steadfast in providing educational opportunities for students who are adjusting to this tough economy. We are devoted to being a stabilizing force in this region in order to help people face the demands of a rapidly evolving competitive global economy.”

Larry K. Lewis
Vice Chairperson
Board of Trustees
District 6

“The investments that WCCCD has made throughout the years will allow us to continue providing a high level of services to our students and communities for a long time to come.”

Denise Wellons-Glover
Secretary - Board of Trustees
District 5

“WCCCD is continuously engaging in long-range strategic planning, managing its resources effectively, and adapting programs to educational and technological advancements.”

Mary Ellen Stempfle
Treasurer - Board of Trustees
District 1

“At WCCCD, we are taking steps to maintain the financial health and stability that we have diligently worked to create over the years. These steps will allow us to ensure the continued health, growth and longevity of WCCCD.”

Vernon C. Allen, Jr.
Member - Board of Trustees
District 3

“Our Capital Improvement Program has allowed us to provide state-of-the-art facilities to a growing number of students who come to us for an education.”

Alan L. Anderson
Member - Board of Trustees
District 7

“Fostering relationships with and providing services within our local community allows Wayne County Community College District and our students to play a key role in strengthening our region as a whole.”

Juanita C. Ford
Member - Board of Trustees
District 2

“Wayne County residents place high value and importance in a quality education at a reasonable price and also value the college’s ability to serve different groups in the community.”

Sharon P. Scott
Member - Board of Trustees
District 9

“As we strive to meet the challenge of an increasing need for educational opportunities, we will continue to be transparent and accountable in all of our strategies and initiatives.”

Myron Wahls
Member - Board of Trustees
District 4
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Accreditation
Wayne County Community College District is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

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