WCCCD Named In Top Community Colleges In The Nation

Wayne County Community College District was named one of the nation’s top 150 community colleges by the Aspen Institute, competing for the prestigious $1 million 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The prize is the most significant recognition of community college performance and achievement in the nation.

WCCCD Chancellor’s Leadership Roundtable

The Roundtable provides guidance for the Regional Training Center as it responds to challenges facing District communities around talent development and skill training, and to help ensure that our stakeholders can grow in place as the broader metro Detroit area experiences an economic resurgence.

Roundtable Members Include:
- Dr. Curtis J. Lyons, WCCCD Chancellor
- Shanta Forbes, Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and Continuing Education
- Jim Robinson, RTC Director/Strategic Partnership Engagements
- Chief Derrick Mohammad, WCCCD Police Authority
- Albert Taylor Nelson, Jr., Attorney
- James Kellner, Vice President, United Auto Workers
- Rex Wendell Anthony, President, NAACP – Detroit Chapter
- The Honorable Andre Sayegh, Detroit City Councilman – District Four
- Sharon Madison, Chairman and CEO, Madison Madison International
- The Honorable Altaida T. Talabi, Former Michigan State Representative
- Mario Cofield, Founder and CEO, Akebun Village
- Rachelle Collins, Senior Project Manager, The Saggas Group
- Hiram Jackson, CEO, Real Times Media
- Harvey Santana, Tri-County Deputy, Michigan Office of Urban Initiatives
- John Graves, CEO, IPP Networks
- Orlando Woods, Vice President, Fiserv Beverages
- Reginald Armstrong, Executive Consultant, Former GM Executive, Member, State Board of Nursing
- Gregory Terrell, Managing Director, Gregory Terrell & Co.
- Austin Williams, President of Ekthesis Building Corporation
- Markwei Boys, CEO, Smart Business Tax Solutions
- Larry Binkin, Sr. Chairman and CEO, Binkin Group
- Toney Stewart, Director, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
- Phillip Pierce II, Staff Consultant, Pierce, Mooney & Associates, LLC
- Gloria Wajeasib-Mis完毕, RTC
- Mark C. Carter, CEO, Contract Group

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Expanding opportunity and driving growth are at the core of the mission of the Workforce and Economic Development Office at Wayne County Community College District.

We are excited to introduce the WCCCD Regional Training Center, a vital resource to ensuring we have a skilled, talented workforce available for the jobs of tomorrow.

Through our deep connections with the region’s largest employers and community leadership, we continuously update and expand our program mix to offer more people real-world routes to rewarding careers, and to offer businesses a deep pool of skilled workers ready to contribute on day one.

We lead the region in workforce training and continuing education. We have formed countless partnerships to fuel growth and innovation across a wide variety of fields. Working together, we’ve accomplished much. We know there is more to do.

We will keep you updated on our progress through this newsletter and across our channels as we grow.

We hope to see you on one of our six campuses soon.

Sincerely,
Shanta Forbes
Vice Chancellor
School of Continuing Education & Workforce Development

The State of Regional Workforce Development

WHAT WE KNOW:
- Opportunities Open For Those Who Work!
- Investments of billions in local and regional developments represent thousands of jobs available now, and in the near future.
- Our region is experiencing unprecedented growth, new job creation and an overall higher quality of life.

The Problem: How do we prepare Detroiters for the workforce?
- Detroit’s unemployment rate is still the highest in the state – 9.6% Detroiters are living in poverty
- Over 192,000 Detroiters are simply unprepared for jobs being created due to a lack of skills and educational foundation.
- Detroit’s existing workforce systems can’t do the job alone.

The SOLUTION: Education & Skills Attainment help from WCCCD
- People who have accumulated more skills are more likely to enjoy greater job market success, more job opportunities, and higher wages.
- WCCCD is a change agent, working to engage employers, community stakeholders, labor and workforce agencies to increase the workforce readiness.
- WCCCD established the Regional Training Center to bridge the gap between education attainment and job requirements.

DEVELOPING THE WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW

Workforce Development & Training Hotline: 800-713-6433
Introducing the WCCCD Regional Training Center

The Regional Training Center (RTC) at the District's Eastern Campus provides both on-site and remote training opportunities for students and companies around the region. The RTC works to identify talent and fill employment and training gaps in the region by providing a space for the development of skilled trades, training capacity, local workforce preparedness, sustainability, credentialing, collaboration and economic opportunities. Through impactful partnerships with businesses and organizations in the community, we are able to facilitate long-term relationships, as well as training and employment opportunities.

2017-2018 Featured Training Programs*

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Executive Summary

An irrefutable trend in today's labor market is the shift in demand for workers with low to moderate skills to those with higher skills. The constantly changing economy - primarily fueled by quickly expanding technology and an increasingly global marketplace - is requiring employers to seek out, and employ, workers with more skills. Factors contributing to this include demand for skilled workers; major employers relocating here; higher skilled worker retirement; and, rising cost of college.

CDL Training Program and Partnership

Detroit residents have access to new career paths in transportation with the creation of a new program at Wayne County Community College District in partnership with the City of Detroit's Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC).

WCCCD DDOT Partnership

Readies Diesel Mechanics

WCCCD's Diesel Mechanic General Automotive Training, offered through a partnership with the Detroit Department of Transportation, prepares participants for careers in the transportation industry with job readiness skills in a growing industry. Participants are taught the basics of inspections, diagnostics, maintenance and repair.

“DDOT has benefited from our workforce partnership with WCCCD and has successfully trained 25 workers to receive certifications issued by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) helping to secure employment or qualify for job upgrades/promotions. This is helping build a more competent workforce to meet new job demands and sustain quality services for the public depending on DDOT.”

“WCCCD Regional Training Center and especially the CDL training program have been an invaluable workforce partner for Faygo Beverage Company and its subsidiaries in helping us recruit and hire qualified professional truck drivers and production workers. We have and will continue to hire and boast the value of this program for hiring Detroiters who are ready to work day one and contribute to the Faygo family of companies’ success.”

Orlando Woods, Vice President

The Truck Driver Training Program trains residents to pass the licensing exam to receive a Class A Commercial Driver's License, which prepares them to drive a combination tractor-trailers, as well as passenger, van, delivery, school bus and double or triple trailers.