

2012 Conference Day Break-out Sessions



Rise Above the Fray **10:00 am and 11:00 am** **Room: EPAC #5**
Working with Difficult People. . .How do you deal with difficult people at work while maintaining an acceptable level of dignity and professionalism? It depends on your self-esteem, self-confidence and professional courage.
Wanda Bush, Human Relations Consultant Presenter

Cultural Competence (Diversity): **10:00 am** **Room: EPAC #6**
This workshop will enlighten participants on the definitions of diversity and the need to be inclusive and non-discriminatory as it relates to several protected areas which include religion, political affiliation, pregnancy and child birth, FLMA, equal pay act, ADA and sexual orientation.
Ethan Vincent, Attorney, Presenter

How's Your Life: **10:00 am and 11:00 am** **Room: EPAC #10**
Learn the key to finding a suitable balance between work and daily living. Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.
Greg Dunmore, Educator/Journalist/Consultant, Presenter

Check the Transcript: Commanding the Art of Public Speaking: **11:00 am** **Room: North #238**
Are you a commanding leader reduced to mediocrity when it comes to speaking before an audience? Learn tips on how to become a confident and effective speaker.
CharMaine Hines, Presenter

Conquering the Fear of Writing: **10:00 am and 11:00 am** **Room: EPAC #9**
This session will present ten (10) ideas to help you break through writers block and become a better writer.
Michelle Martinez Bassett, Presenter

Your signature Style: **10:00 am and 11:00 am** **Room: EPAC #7**
Create a professional image by creating a "signature style!" Your personal image can help you get ahead on the job or guarantee you will be left behind.
Larry Alebiosu, International Image Consultant/Entrepreneur, Presenter

Nice...By Whose Standards?: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: EPAC #2**
Identifying current trends on "The Power of NICE" in the business world and your personal world. Who should be nice . . . and what is 'nice' anyway?
Glenda Baylor, Baylor Educational Consulting, Presenter

Investments and Investing: **10:00 am and 1:30 pm** **Room: West #217**
This session will cover the basics around portfolio construction including, explaining the components and benefits of portfolio diversification and discussing the key factors when developing a personalized asset allocation strategy.
Aubrey W. Lee, Jr. and Raymond Plowden, Merrill Lynch, Presenters

Financial Planning: **10:00 am** **Room North #111**
A presentation on personal financial planning giving a broad overview of various aspects of personal finance.
Tom Bondy, Comerica Bank, Presenter

Personal Debt Management: **11:00 am** **Room: West #218**
Everything you wanted to know about debt management and more. . . .
Jeffrey Carevic, PNC Bank, Presenter

Mortgage Products: **11:00 am** **Room: West #219**
In today's touch economic times, millions of Americans have had to face the unfortunate reality of challenged credit, making everyday life difficult. This presentation will help prepare individuals for homeownership through the repair/rebuilding of their credit. . .so they can finance that new home or refinance an existing home.
Antoinette Chinevere, Fifth/Third Bank, Presenter

Empowered through Delegation: **11:00 am** **Room: North #114**
This session will focus on delegation, a process leaders use to entrust subordinates with significant assignments and develop their capacity to take on higher-level responsibilities. During the session, participants will discuss how leaders delegate effectively to develop a team of competent, motivated staff who have the opportunity to do meaningful and rewarding work and to grow in their careers. This session will address delegation methods effective leaders use such as goal-setting and performance evaluation, coaching, mentoring, leadership development programs, recognizing outstanding individual and team performance, and celebration of accomplishments.
Dr. Gunder Myran, Senior Consultant to the Chancellor, Presenter

Getting Started with the Publishing Process: **10:00 am** **Room: West #221**
Ronnie Boggess has been writing stories, journals, reflections and affirmations for more than 25 years. This session will explore how to get started in the publishing business by using life experiences and observations to kick-start the creative writing process.
Ronnie Boggess, My Vision Works Publishing, Presenter

The Fundamentals of Writing Your Family History: **11:00 am and 1:30 pm** **Room: West #221**
This session will help participants discover the tools, techniques and strategies that can be used to write your own family history.
Ronnie Boggess, My Vision Works Publishing, Presenter

Cyber Security and Social Media: The Pros and Cons: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: North #113**
Today, we are more interconnected than ever before. Not only do we use the Internet to stay connected, informed and involved, we also rely on it for all of our day-to-day needs. With all of its advantages, increased connectivity brings increased risk of crime. This session will cover the different aspects of cyber security and social media.
Barbara Ciaramitaro, Presenter

Situational Awareness: Increasing Personal Safety and Security: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: EPAC #4**
The objective of the session is to prepare the participant to be more active in crime prevention and less likely to become a victim of crime.
Ralph Godbee, Presenter

Project Management: Conception to Completion: **10:00 am and 11:00 am** **Room: North #234**
This session is for those who want to learn best practices in developing and implementing high quality projects and initiatives. With more than 25 years of experience leading and consulting high performance teams, Dr. Meadows offers his insight and perspectives on strategies that can be used to strengthen teams and the product of their efforts.
Lee Meadows, Presenter

Working with Students with Disabilities: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: North #235**
This workshop provides an overview of disability laws in higher education for students with disabilities and guidelines for determining academic accommodations.
Wanda Harris, Presenter

Blackboard 9.1 **All 3 Sessions** **Room: West #53**
Tools and Tips for Online Instructors by Online Instructors.
Dr. Bea Talpos, Dr. Charles Needham, Cheryl E. Merchant, Dr. Bertha Byrd, and Joseph M. Cook, Presenters

The Power of the Silent Language: **1:30 pm** **Room: EPAC #5**
More than half of communication happens without words. This session will focus on ways to recognize and use body language, facial expression and other non-verbal cues to become a more effective communicator.
Leland Bassett, Presenter

Beyond Sticks and Stones: The Prevention of Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace: **1:30 pm** **Room: EPAC #7**
An interactive discussion regarding the ever-changing problems that exist in today's workplace and how to identify and address these problems as they arise. The discussion will also involve illustrative examples of workplace bullying, harassment and discriminatory actions with a how-to guide to help prevent such behavior before it starts.
Sue Ellen Eisenberg, Attorney, Presenter

Pathways Update: **11:00 am and 1:30 pm** **Room: North #237**
This workshop will provide an update on the progress of the District in implementing the Pathways to the Future Phase II and III initiatives, including programs, capital projects and District-wide alignment.
Dr. George W. Swan III and Michael Dotson, Presenters

Create Your Own Brand: **11:00 am and 1:30 pm** **Room: EPAC #1**
Get it on paper and get on the line! How to discover and create your own brand. Your self-impression and how people perceive you and determine how high your brand soars.
Mildred Gaddis, Consultant/Journalist, Presenter

Personal Journey (Retirement Planning): **10:00 am** **Room: West #218**
This session will be a discussion about retirement benefits as it related to income options at retirement through TIAA-CREF.
Jennifer Uhler, TIAA-CREF, Presenter

Write and Speak with Authority: **10:00 am** **Room: EPAC #1**
Use your written and spoken words to achieve personal and professional success--how do make these communication vehicles work for you.
Karen Dumas, Presenter

Video Conferencing & iPad Usage: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: North #236**
This interactive session is designed to help you get the most from using an iPad and provide information on using an iPad for cloud-based video conferencing.
Ashish Petel and Yoseph Demissie, Presenters

Intimate Nutrition Secrets: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: North #232**
This stimulating session will give participants easy and practical solutions to "personal" and "intimate" issues that they may encounter due to daily stressors, poor diet/nutrition, physical illness and medications.
Dr. Ruth Stephens, Presenter

Go Put Your Strengths to Work: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: EPAC #3**
Every personality type has strengths and weaknesses. Discover your strengths and how you can build on them for personal and professional success.
Vera Leonard, Vera Leonard, Inc., Certified Executive Coach, Presenter

Excel Tips and Tricks, You Wish You Knew: **All 3 Sessions** **Room: West #26**
This training module is designed to show learners how to design worksheets with formulas and perform calculations using arithmetic operation in cells, build functions, use data validation techniques and view formulas for accuracy. This training will also show learners how to utilize information in Excel spreadsheet to create charts that will assist them in analyzing data to make informed decisions.
Leslie Wilson-Smith, Presenter

Words Can Hurt: What Everyone Should Know about Bullying: **11:00 am** **Room: EPAC #6**
This session focuses on several area such as the definition of "bullying," State of Michigan statutes, and the various forms of "bullying."
Ethan Vincent, Attorney, Presenter

Critical Thinking: **10:00 am** **Room: West #222**
This session will discuss the basic elements of critical thinking along with techniques and strategies to improve decision-making. There will also be an interactive portion of the session identifying the difficulties our students face when they are given critical thinking problems or scenarios, and identifying methods we can use to help them overcome these difficulties.
Mary Mahoney and Dr. Ella J. Davis, Presenters

iCloud: Don't Leave Home Without It: **All 3 sessions** **Room: West #27**
iCloud is a virtual storage modality that allows the user to manage, store, and exchange data/information across devices. This workshop will cover the basic functions, capabilities and benefits of using iCloud.
Dr. Belinda J. Moses, Presenter

The Tradition of African Drumming: History, Culture and Meaning Today: **10:00 am and 11:00 am** **Room: West #55**
This participatory workshop explores the influence of traditional African drumming from historical, geographic, cultural, language, and religious perspectives. Participants will consider how this African tradition influences life in Wayne County today.
Thomas Singleton, Presenter

Changing Role of Community College Faculty: **10:00 am** **Room: North #114**
This is a participatory session exploring the ways the role of the community college faculty member is changing due to factors such as serving a more diverse student body, expanded uses of learning technologies, demands for measurement of student learning outcomes, accountability for student success and degree completion, and pressures to increase productivity and quality.
Dr. Gunder Myran, Senior Consultant to the Chancellor, Presenter

Career Programs. . .What Makes our Students so Smart: **1:30 pm** **Room: EPAC #6**
This session will explore different ways individuals learn and how career programs help make the learning "stick." Learn How to increase not only your learning, but retention of learning in the classroom. Appropriate for faculty, staff and administrators.
Dr. Ron Harkness, Presenter

Evidence-Based Decision-Making: **10:00 am** **Room: West #219**
Whether we serve as faculty members, administrators, or support staff, we make decisions every day that have an impact on student success and institutional effectiveness. Some of us have an impact on success at the classroom level, whereas others contribute at the campus or District levels. This session will explore ways we can use data to make decisions that lead to more effective outcomes for the students, businesses, communities, and fellow staff members that we serve.
Dr. Randall Miller and Johnesa Dimicks-Hodge, Presenters

Leading from the Middle – The Role of Program and Unit Leaders at WCCCD **1:30 pm** **Room: North #114**
In this participative session, we will discuss effective ways those in the middle lead upward, downward, and horizontally. We will discuss the skills needed by those managers such as negotiator, facilitator, conflict manager, relationship builder, and boundary scanner.
Dr. Gunder Myran, Senior Consultant to the Chancellor, Presenter

Sports Transcendent Lessons: More Than a Game **10:00 am and 11:00 am** **Room: EPAC #8**
Accountability, perseverance and strong leadership are critical requirements to becoming a champion athlete. In this session Greg discusses the role these vital elements play in pursuit of championship performance in business.
Greg Kelser, Presenter