

WEEKEND MEMO

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To: WCCCD Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Curtis L. Ivery

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This week the Accreditation Team from the American Dental Association performed the site visit of the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs at the Northwest Campus. The purpose of this visit was to clarify, verify and amplify the self-studies prepared by the dental faculty. During the exit interview, the team indicated that they were impressed with the quality and delivery of both programs. This visit was especially important since the national standards for the program have changed and the faculty was challenged to implement these changes over the last three years. We were commended on our commitment to our students and the positive teaching and learning environment we provide. The Commission will meet in January to review the team's recommendations and a formal letter will be sent to us afterwards. A special thanks to JoAnn Nyquist for all her hard work!

Educational Affairs- Dr. Joann Pieronek, Vice Chancellor

- On Monday, Dr. Alex DePetro attended a BlackBoard 5 overview at Wayne State University (WSU). The District is scheduled to implement this version next semester for internet/online courses.
- Also on Monday, Dr. DePetro met with Dr. Anderson from WSU to continue discussions for a partnership for the Summer 2002 technical camp. Topics discussed included providing academic credit, which could be transferred to both WCCCD and WSU, based upon previous articulation agreements.
- On Tuesday, Dr. DePetro and George Hicks met with Dave Alexander, Sprint Representative, to discuss providing wireless Internet access for e-learning and "smart room type" courses. Additional discussions included providing "ISDN dial-up" backup.

Workforce and Economic Development- Michael P. Dotson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Financial Reporting

- On Saturday October 27, Asia Browner attended the Michigan Space Grant Consortium's (MSGC) Sixth Annual Fall Conference at the University of Michigan. Ms. Browner is an advisor to the program. MSGC is part of the National Space Grant Consortium. Both Michigan and National Space Grant Consortium are funded

through NASA's educational unit. The Consortium encourages the promotion of science, mathematics, and technology in general and aeronautics, astronautics, Earth system, and space science in particular for the fields of study and work. The Consortium provides various grants and fellowships.

- On Sunday October 28, Asia Browner attended the Great Space Adventures workshop held at University of Michigan. Retired NASA Astronaut, Dr. Tony England, gave a presentation regarding space and astronautics. The workshop was a hands-on experience that allowed youth to make and launch rockets, airplanes, and gliders both wood and paper. Other educational activities included a presentation by the Tuskegee Airmen, the Low Brow Astronomers were present with their very high-powered telescopes and Jeff the Magician with his act - the Magic of Science.
- On Wednesday Dr. Mary Smith attended the MODAC meeting for community college Deans in Traverse City.
- Also on Wednesday, Ethel Cronk met with Liz Aikens of Craft Line Inc. to finalize steps two and three of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) EDJT process for training funds.
- On Thursday, Dr. Smith and Joanne McArdle attended the TRENDS Conference in Traverse City. The District was State Board Approved to offer Nursing CEU's.
- Also on Thursday, Ethel Cronk met with Bob Pullien of CVS to discuss the application process to obtain training funds from MEDC.

Government Relations- Jonathan Cartwright, Director

- On Tuesday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Anthony Somerville, COO and Randy Hollowell, CEO of Upper Crust Enterprises concerning community issues.
- On Wednesday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Mildred Gaddis of the radio show "Inside Detroit", concerning community projects.

Downriver Campus- Dr. Randall Miller, Interim Provost

- On Monday, Nancy Higgins hosted a breakfast meeting with Sue Tarrow, Special Projects Coordinator from Western Wayne Area Career/Technical Consortium; Pat DeVoy, Career/Technical Prep Coordinator from William D. Ford Career/Technical Center and Sandi Loso, Program Coordinator from Downriver Career Technical Consortium. Frank Romba, Ken Walker and Rosellen Burkart were also present.
- This week, Dr. Miller met with members of the Downriver business community to gather demographic information regarding the local communities served by the Downriver Campus.

Eastern Campus- Annie Comor-Jacobs, Provost

- On Tuesday, Provost Jacobs and Dr. Glottal represented the District at a Manufacturing Bridges Partnership meeting.
- On Wednesday, Provost Jacobs attended an organizational meeting of the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit.
- On Friday, Provost Jacobs gave a workshop presentation at the Annual TRENDS Conference.

Northwest Campus- Dr. Hattie Johnson-Norris, Provost

- On Tuesday, Dr. Karen Brantley and Mattie Porter made a presentation to approximately 50 Out-County Head Start teachers and aides on the Child Development Associate (CDA), Childcare training and financial aid. Discussion also included the possibility of offering Childcare training and Pre-Service Education/Urban Teacher classes at the old Highland Park Community College.
- On Wednesday, the Northwest Campus hosted a Halloween party for the community. Over two hundred and fifty people were in attendance.

Western Campus- Dr. Marjorie Oliver, Provost

- On Friday, Dr. Oliver and Sheila Anderson attended the Western Wayne County YWCA Women of the Year Achievement Awards luncheon, featuring Jennifer Granholm as the chairperson and Doris Bisco as the keynote speaker. Dr. Oliver was nominated for the second year in a row as a “woman of achievement.”
- This week, Dr. Oliver participated in an accreditation visit at the West Plains Campus of Southwest Missouri State University.