

## **Weekend Memo**

## **Number 365**

To: WCCCD Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Curtis L. Ivery

Date: January 17, 2003

On Monday, we broke ground for our \$5.5 million Public Safety Training Facility at the Downriver Campus. Over 150 people, including state legislators, municipal mayors, and Downriver school superintendents witnessed this historic event. It was the first groundbreaking for a capital project in over 20 years. Attendees viewed architectural renderings of the new project and participated in the symbolic tossing of the soil. The Truman High School Band played celebratory music for the event.

The U.S. Department of Education has approved the following non-degree programs for financial aid eligibility:

- Radio/Television Technology
- Architectural Construction Technology
- Registered Social Work
- Facility Maintenance
- Industrial Computer Graphics Technology
- Pharmacy Technology
- Surgical First Assistant
- Nursing Assistant

Students enrolled in these programs, if eligible, may use financial aid to cover tuition and fees up to the amount of the financial aid award.

This week, the nursing faculty and some dental faculty were trained in the Worldwide Instructional Development System (WIDS). This allows faculty to produce a syllabus, which has specific outcomes and a customized assessment tool. This system addresses accountability not only on the part of the student but also the instructor. This system also promotes consistency across all campuses where the course is taught. This activity was sponsored by the State and was delivered at the Western Campus. A follow up session is planned for March.

- On Tuesday, I met with Charles Chambers, Lewis Walker and Laird Johnson of Lawrence Technical University (LTU) to finalize a partnership between WCCCD and LTU for pre-engineering, bachelor's and master's coursework at the Downriver Campus.

**Public Relations - Events Scheduled Through January 25, 2003:**

January 18, 2003  
Downtown Campus  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WCCCD is offering ***Passport to Africa***, a daylong event that will offer a variety of educational, cultural and social enrichment activities in order to celebrate the many contributions that Africa and the people in the Diaspora have made to the world.

January 18, 2003  
Northwest Campus  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In partnership with the SCLC Michigan Chapter and Continuing Education we present ***My Health Matters***, a health seminar that addresses concerns regarding important health matters in our community. Free health screenings, workshops and presentations by experts in the industry as well as a blood and bone marrow drive with the American Red Cross.

January 20, 2003  
Grosse Pointe War Memorial  
32 Lakeshore Dr.  
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Lecture Series at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents ***Coping in an Uncertain World with Charles T. Jax***, a licensed counselor/psychotherapist and Board Certified Disability Analyst with 25 years experience practicing mental wellness and healing. His interactive seminar will address ways to help children conquer fear and anxiety, problem solving techniques, overcoming adversity with attitude and child rearing action plans.

January 25, 2003  
Downtown Campus  
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Continuing Education and the Innovation Technology Training Institute present ***Pathways to the Future How to earn more in 2003***. Workshops will be provided for an opportunity to learn about exciting professional development training in technology, business, real estate and other areas, while learning the required skill and education levels for high demand jobs and building wealth.

January 25, 2003  
Western Campus  
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Continuing Education presents ***Pet Safety Workshop***. Topics to be discussed will include where to get a dog, dog proofing your home, canine communication and pet first aid. However, no pets are allowed.

January 25, 2003  
Eastern Campus (CVS Training Center Classroom) and  
St. John Senior Community 18300 E. Warren, Detroit  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Continuing Education, CVS/pharmacy and St. John Senior Community present ***Meet Your Pharmacist***. Bring your medications and your questions for review with a CVS Pharmacist. Learn how to read expiration dates on medication bottles, recognize the dangers of taking out of date medications and learn the potential side effects of your medications. Free blood pressure screenings will be offered.

January 25, 2003  
Downtown Campus  
Noon- 5:00 p.m.

Continuing Education presents ***Islam and America- History of the Detroit Metro Muslim Community***. The workshop will include interactive displays, presentations by community representatives and lectures. Guest speakers include Dr. Amina McCloud, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University and Dr. Ihsan Bagby, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies.

**Educational Affairs**- Dr. Joann Pieronek, Vice Chancellor

- On Monday, James Flaherty attended the monthly DALNET Project Managers' meeting. Discussion focused on the installation of the new version of Horizon, the new online catalog iPac, market review of Integrated Library Systems, and other DALNET projects.

**Workforce and Economic Development**- Dr. Mary Smith, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Career Programs

- On Tuesday, Faith Polk met with Catherine Mullin from the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court regarding computer repair training and GED classes.
- On Thursday, Marian Thomas, Faith Polk and Dr. Nancy Higgins met para-professionals from the Southgate School System at Davidson Middle School to discuss the overview of the "No Child Left Behind" Act.
- Also on Thursday, Faith Polk met with Deric Denard, Account Manager with Walinski and Co. and Liaison to the Joint Employment Procurement and Advisory Board (JEPAB), to finalize a pre-apprenticeship training contract between WCCCD and JEPAB.

**Government Relations**- Jonathan Cartwright, Director

- On Tuesday, Lisa Jackson hosted the Education First Radio Show with guest Tina Casali to discuss the ***Passport to Africa*** workshop scheduled for Saturday, January 18.

- On Wednesday Jonathan Cartwright met with Malik Shaba, Community Leader, concerning various upcoming seminars.
- On Thursday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Brenda Lawrence, Mayor of Southfield and Anthony Shannon, Chief of Homeland Security of the Wayne County Executive Office concerning educational projects.

**Downtown Campus**- Dr. Jacqueline Hodges, Interim Campus President

- On Monday, the Respiratory Care Program signed a clinical agreement with Henry Ford Hospital. This affiliation broadens our student's opportunities for advanced adult and neonatal clinical experience.
- On Tuesday, faculty participated in a welcoming reception for students at the Downtown Campus. Both students and faculty are highly enthusiastic about the Spring 2003 semester.
- Also on Tuesday, the Downtown Campus hosted the Concealed Weapons License Board Meeting. Information regarding Michigan's concealed weapon laws were discussed.
- On Wednesday, District-wide training for Distance Learning On-line/Internet courses was held at the Downtown Campus. Participants were introduced to the Blackboard course management system. The four-hour session provided training on the full set of applications and methodologies available within the system.
- On Friday, Dr. Jacqueline Hodges appeared on WHPR television channel 23 hosted by Ms. Joann Watson. The topic of discussion was Educational opportunity and extended registration. Ms. Watson spoke very highly of our elected board members, Mr. Cartwright and our Chancellor, Dr. Curtis Ivery.

**Downriver Campus**- Dr. Randall Miller, Campus President

- On Monday, Ethel Cronk, Robert Bailey, Muna Khoury and representatives from the Fire Science and EMT programs met with Captain Proctor of the Taylor Fire Department, Bill Dix from Concord EMS, Skip Ampezzan of Taylor Public Schools and Staff Sergeant Anderson of the U.S. Army. Discussion focused on planning activities for the Weapons of Mass Destruction/Mass Causality Incident Training scheduled for May 2.
- On Wednesday, Dr. Miller met with Mayor Gregory Pitoniak of Taylor, Taylor Schools Superintendent, James Harris and other members of the Downriver leadership to discuss future partnerships with WWJ Radio to promote the Downriver Campus.
- On Thursday, Willie Acosta, Ethel Cronk and Robert Bailey met with Manuela Zarate of SER Metro to discuss conducting on-site community college orientations for Work First clients and other joint training opportunities.

- On Friday, the Downriver Campus hosted its first orientation for clients of the Downriver Community Conference (DCC). Plans are underway to offer this activity to Work First clients on a weekly basis. Discussion included developing and implementing a series of mini-courses covering topics such as financial aid, study skills and note taking. These workshops will be marketed to DCC and other Michigan Works agencies.

**Eastern Campus**- Dr. George Swan, Campus President

- On Monday, Dr. David Craig met with representatives from the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen regarding Aviation Careers Week.
- Also on Monday, Dr. Swan and Dr. Craig met with Ralph King and officials from the Federal Land Cooperative and Black Farmers Association to discuss developing a community-based education program focusing on African-Americans and Agribusiness.
- On Tuesday, Dr. Swan attended the George Crockett Academy School Board meeting where he serves as Board Treasurer.
- On Wednesday, Dr. Karen Brantley made a presentation on Human Services occupations at the Joy Middle School Career Day.
- Also on Wednesday, Dr. Brantley spoke at the Wayne County Committee on Family Violence meeting to more than 50 human, community and legal service agencies' regarding class offerings.
- This week, Dr. Brantley was accepted for two presentations at the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in March. One will address the triangular relationship used to meet the career and transfer advisement and questions on team building. The second presentation will cover WCCCD's Child Care curriculum and transfer opportunities to meet the ZA endorsement, the early childhood elementary education certification and training opportunities.

**Northwest Campus**- Dr. Hattie Johnson-Norris, Campus President

- On Saturday, January 11, the Northwest Campus, in partnership with the Hood Research, hosted a business conference with more than 200 people in attendance.
- Also on Tuesday, the Northwest Campus hosted the “Own Your Own Home!” seminar sponsored by Continuing Education, Mildred Gaddis, Radio One, Detroit Alliance for Fair Banking and Ele Wealth Management and Consumer Credit Counseling Services. Over 300 prospective homeowners attended.

**Western Campus**- Dr. Marjorie Oliver, Campus President

Nothing to report.