

## CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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A student is as good as the faculty who provides him or her with the tools to increase their skills and knowledge. At WCCCD, the primary importance is placed on faculty improvement and training to enrich the learning experience through the annual Faculty Organization Day.

The event is Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Downtown Campus, from 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. The keynote speaker is Dr. Kay M. McClenney, director of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement and an adjunct faculty member in the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. McClenney has served as a consultant to educational institutions, state higher education systems, state government, and professional associations in 48 states and internationally. She has also authored numerous publications on education issues, strategic planning, accountability, and assessment among other activities. This event gives full and part-time faculty the opportunity to unite and collaborate on a variety of initiatives. This is also an opportunity for faculty to acquire new skills and make them applicable to their environment. What really makes this year's event unique is that we will have faculty teaching faculty, which adds to the depth of the experience. Workshop topics scheduled to be discussed are institutional effectiveness, classroom management, critical thinking, information technology, plagiarism, and student outcome assessment.

The "Yes We Can" teams will be back at the campuses to assist during registration. Due to the overwhelming, positive response from students, staff, and faculty, the District will provide additional staff at the campuses to ensure all students continue receive quality customer service during peak registration time.

## EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR

- John Bolden and the Instructional Team held a breakfast meeting with local area high school principals to discuss dual enrollment for the Fall 2007 semester. The team discussed ways to build the dual/concurrent program and increase course offerings.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

- During the week of August 13-18, 2007, the District served 2,469 students by partnering with 17 community organizations. The numbers served at each campus are:

Campus	Students
Downriver	2038
Downtown	160
Eastern	51
Northwest	151
Western	69

### BOOK OF THE WEEK

*Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct*

By Pier Massimo Forni

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better."*

Pat Riley



## STUDENT SERVICES

### SUCCESS STORY

- ◆ Please extend your wishes to Xantha Austin for being accepted into the University of South Carolina. Ms. Austin, a learning assistant at the Eastern Campus, will pursue her bachelor's degree in mathematics.

## INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ The American Association of Community Colleges recently announced the launch of a new database that will provide institutions the support in gathering and sharing links to research publications as it relates to American community college issues and trends.
- ◆ The Office of Institutional Effectiveness will have an integral part on the recently formed Achieving The Dream Core Team at the District. This team will provide leadership for strategic planning initiatives and the coordination of key activities to ensure the ongoing review and data collection for the regional and national initiative.

### SELF-STUDY TIP OF THE WEEK

The HLC/NCA reviews an institution's ability to create a nurturing environment to continue a life of learning. There are four themes that are reflected in each criteria:

1. The Future-Oriented Organization
2. The Learning-Focused Organization
3. The Connected Organization
4. The Distinctive Organization

## DISTANCE LEARNING

- ◆ Technology is not only changing the way people learn at a distance, it is also changing how learning occurs within the classroom. The use of technology to support regular classrooms has been increasing. During 2007, over 200 WCCCD on-campus courses utilized Blackboard course sites. Some ways that Blackboard is employed in on-campus courses include posting lecture notes and reviews, publishing grades and upcoming assignments, providing electronic testing opportunities through the use of a computer lab, engaging continued discussions, and providing additional materials online to reduce duplication costs.
- ◆ An ongoing process for reviewing data on the performance of distance learning courses and services is essential to improving distance learning now and in the future. Benchmarking allows us to identify areas that are most important for the student experience in distance learning. We will use these areas to review our performance against other institutions, ask whether our performance is good enough, and continually change our measures to suit different aspects of the distance learning experience.

## CAREER AND TRANSFER PROGRAMS

- ◆ Tamara Williams met with the students from the Hospitality Retail Career Center to discuss their transition from the workforce program into the Hotel and Restaurant Management Certificate program this fall.
- ◆ Student and staff from the Veterinary Technology Program will volunteer at a vaccination clinic sponsored by Detroit Animal Control and Care and the Mayor's Office on September 15. The event will take place on Belle Isle from 10 a.m.—2 p.m..

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- ◆ Congratulations to WCCCD student Nessim Chihry on being accepted into medical school. Mr. Chihry is a graduate of the Surgical Technology and Surgical First Assistant Programs. He came to WCCCD after being laid off from General Motors. He recently graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelors Degree in Science.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- ◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted a meeting and workshop for the principals of the Taylor School District. During this two-day event, the Taylor School District prepared for its upcoming school year.
- ◆ The Detroit Workforce Development Department (DWDD) invited approved service providers to attend a presentation on new operating procedures and regulations governing individual training agreements and No Worker Left Behind training funds. WCCCD, among the invited group, received copies of new contracts and reporting forms for the new operation. Key to the new regulations is measurable outcomes that document customer success in achieving employment. Staff from the District's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division is collaborating with the DWDD's staff to review the new regulations, and establish processes and procedures that will enable the District to be an active partner with the DWDD in serving unemployed persons in the region.
- ◆ The division convened a meeting with the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) to discuss the operation of the No Worker Left Behind Program. SEMCA is seeking to establish strong working relationship with the District in serving its clients. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth released "The Hot 50" list which identifies the programs that will be considered for funding. Copies of this list are available in the Workforce Development and Continuing Education office.
- ◆ Staff met with Visteon personnel to begin planning for the training of workers at its soon-to-open plastic injection plant in Wayne County. The new facility will employ up to 200 new workers and District staff is working with Visteon to provide training for this workforce. The workers will participate in the new Advance Manufacturing Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Customized training will be developed under the program to address workforce needs and serve as a basis for the implementation of a new worker readiness program in manufacturing. The initial activities will include visits to other Visteon plants along with the training of District faculty on new manufacturing technology and Visteon's facility operating processes.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- ◆ The Human Resources Department is pleased to announce the recent purchase of the Org Plus software. This software is compatible with the SCT BANNER administrative system and enables the HR Department to provide real-time organizational charts. The department is in the process completing data entry and reviewing the software. Training for the software is planned for September 2007.

### ON THE MOVE . . .

- ◆ Diana Rosario attended LaSed's annual recruitment event at the La Sed Youth Center. Participants at the annual event, which exposes Latino youth to higher education opportunities, received information about WCCCD's programs offerings.
- ◆ Lynn Shemwell, Marianne Fix, and Tamara Parks attended a training seminar at Wayne State University sponsored by DALNET. The seminar provided information and training on DALNET's eLibrary project which provides internet links to eBooks, journals, government documents, and websites. DALNET is looking for members to volunteer to identify and catalog these sites.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Elizabeth Atkins Workshop

#### How to Write a Book and Get it Published

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Downtown Campus

Multipurpose Room 236

#### Lecture Series with Dr. Diane Buffalin

#### "Stress and the Sexes: Who Suffers More, Men or Women?"

Thursday, August 30, 2007

6 p.m.

Downtown Campus

The Arthur Cartwright LRC Library

## CAMPUS PRESIDENTS' CORNER

- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the fifth annual Hispanic Heritage continuing education event. Participants explored the multi-faceted traditions of the Hispanic cultures through workshops. The event included displays of Hispanic art, traditional dance and music, arts and crafts, face painting, baseball and soccer clinics, safety-related games, and more.



- ◆ The Downriver Campus hosted the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's (WMCAA) Client Recognition Dinner. WMCAA offers services to families in need. The event honors those in the community that have reached milestones in their lives.

- ◆ The United States Environmental Protection Agency hosted a two-day class on Air Monitoring for Emergency Service at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education. Students received hands-on training with devices that monitor the air for various substances. Members of the Downriver Hazardous Materials Team and the Toledo, Detroit, and Oakland County fire departments attended.



- ◆ The Western Campus held a two-day arts and crafts workshop in partnership with Abrakadoodle Art. The program is designed for youth 4 to 7 years of age. ALDI Grocery Store supported the project by donating the mid-afternoon snacks for the kids.

- ◆ The Western Campus partnered with the Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit to offer a patrol rifle class to Wayne County sheriffs. Students learned about the history of the AR15 rifle, operational characteristics, ballistics, care and cleaning, proper sight alignment, the pros and cons of using rifles and hand guns, and more.

- ◆ The Western Campus partnered with the Nigerians in Diaspora Organization (NIDO) to offer the NIDO Michigan Chapter Annual Family Workshop. Participants learned about the Nigerian culture, art, and language.

- ◆ The Corporation for Supportive Housing conducted one of a series of customized trainings for staff at the Downtown Campus. The series, called the Detroit Supportive Housing Leadership Development Initiative, is designed to increase staff moral and improve staff capacity with respect to permanent supportive housing, ending homelessness, and a 10 year plan implementation in Detroit. The target population includes newly hired and existing supporting housing staff within the Homeless Action Network of Detroit or Detroit's Continuum of Care.

- ◆ The Mayor's Time Public Safety and Service Academy Summer Internship Closing Ceremony was held at the Northwest Campus. The event was an appreciation celebration for the summer interns who received positions in the Public Safety and Service Academy. The students were presented with Heart-saver First-Aid/CPR cards and the Teen Community Emergency Response Team Certificates.



- ◆ Bonike Odegbami and Pernell Banks met with Carol Schoch of the Detroit Children's Choir to discuss partnership opportunities. The choir, which will hold future auditions and performances at the Eastern Campus, has been recently featured in the media for its work with children. This partnership will provide the District the opportunity to reach out to area youngsters.



## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ♦ A new process for ordering instructional supplies has been implemented fostering a cooperative effort between the Educational Affairs, Campus Operations, Finance, and Purchasing Departments. This has resulted in a more efficient and expanded ordering of instructional supplies for the campuses. The majority of requested supplies and equipment will be available by August 27. This new ordering process will make the Spring 2008 semester instructional supply order more effective and will allow campus presidents to monitor their instructional budget. The spring process begins October 1.
- ♦ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has issued final regulations describing safe harbor procedures for employers that receive a no-match letter from the Social Security Administration or the Department of Homeland Security. Employers that follow these procedures will not be considered to have “constructive knowledge” that an employee is unauthorized to work in the U.S. The final regulations, which generally adopt proposed regulations issued by ICE in 2006 with extended timeframes for compliance, are effective September 14, 2007.



## KUDOS

- ♦ Carl Kamulski donated a sculpture of The Three Stooges to be silently auctioned, with the proceeds going to the Josephine Ford Cancer Center—Downriver.
  - ♦ The *Muslim Journal* recently published an article on Imam W. Deen Mohammed receiving the Humanitarian Award during the Islam and Higher Education continuing education event held at the Northwest Campus in July. Ralph Hardin was also quoted in the article stating, “Islam and Higher Education was the continuation of the dialogue and discussion of how we plan on living with one another for the sake and future of all of the citizens of our community and country.”
  - ♦ Congratulations to the graduates of the Summer Fire Fighter II course! The students received their certificates in a ceremony held at the Downriver Campus.
  - ♦ **Bookworm Club Reviews:** One of the parents who attended a Bookworm Club workshop at the Western Campus stated, “This was the best of the Bookworm Clubs we have attended. I really like the weeklong approach. My daughter talked about it all the way home yesterday.” Another parent wanted to know, “How long has WCCCD been doing the Bookworm Club? I think it is great. Are you going to offer it again next year?”
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