



CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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Our annual Recognition Dinner is a great opportunity to honor those who have served the District. We received a letter from Professor Lillian Darlene Craig commending the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee for coordinating an evening filled with lasting memories. The letter stated:

"Thank you for including me in the festivities...at the Graduation Recognition Dinner. The event was clearly "over the top." Teaching is my passion. It is my privilege to be associated with the college and its graduates. Thirty-five years of service was not that difficult to achieve when I consider all the people and their dedication to making Wayne County Community College District a successful, viable institution. Thank you for the beautiful award and wonderful evening. You have created a special memory."

EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR

- ♦ The District is benchmarking best practices in moving forward with the Allied Health Middle College initiative. Shawna Forbes, Brian Singleton, Donnell Mason, and James Dodson will visit the National Consortium on Middle Colleges in New York City to speak with administrators and visit local campuses. Along with campus tours and conversations, the visit will focus on student services, high school-to-college transition, and faculty support services.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Campus Location	Students Served
Downriver Campus	105
Downtown Campus	191
Eastern Campus	22
Northwest Campus	303
Western Campus	No report

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark."

Michelangelo

Congratulations!



Thirty-eight firefighter students were presented with their Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council Certificates at the Downriver Campus.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ◆ The Human Resource Department began a book club which focuses on reading related information and staying abreast of best practices in human resources. The department just completed reading its first book, *The Future of Human Resource Management* and will begin its next book, *HR Champions* in August.



STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ In an ongoing effort to assist WCCCD students in the transfer process, the Division of Student Services facilitated two new articulation agreements this week. Now, students with a major in Criminal Justice will have greater ease in transferring to Madonna University with the Criminal Justice articulation agreement. An articulation agreement was also signed with Eastern Michigan University's College of Business.
- ◆ The Division is currently working to renew Tech Prep articulation agreements for various career programs. The agreements currently in place with local high schools are renewed July 1st of every year. For the 2006-2007 school year, the District held 30 tech prep agreements with Detroit Public Schools (DPS) and 77 tech prep agreements with the Monroe Intermediate - Region 25 Tech Prep Consortium. The Division is seeking to renew all agreements in addition to adding an agreement in the Arts and Communications Pathway with DPS.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

- ◆ The Division of Student Services is proud to acknowledge the success and achievements of the Class of 2007. All of our students are to be commended for their accomplishments and each student represents a success story. One such student, Denise McNair began attending WCCCD as a GED student. After successfully earning her GED, enrolled in a degree program at WCCCD. In September, Ms. McNair will begin an undergraduate program in Social Work at Wayne State University.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

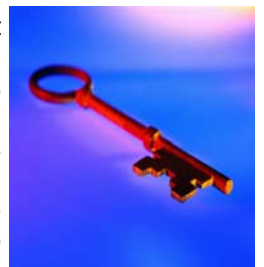


- ◆ Please extend your wishes and congratulations to Latasha Lane, one of the recipients of the 2007 *Fellowships for Graduate Study*, funded by the National Center for Education Statistics (IES-NCES). The Association for Institutional Research (AIR) announced the fellowships, which were awarded competitively for full- or part-time graduate study at accredited U.S. universities at the certificate, masters, or doctoral levels. The AIR graduate fellowship program provides professional development opportunities to doctoral students, institutional researchers, educators, leading to careers in institutional research in postsecondary education.

SELF-STUDY TIP OF THE WEEK

ASSESSMENT is key to all areas!

- ◆ Assessment of student learning is considered essential. Assessments must have clearly stated goals and objectives as well as a plan for collecting data. But we must also demonstrate that we are using that data and making changes based on it.



PHYSICAL PLANT AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

- ◆ Because electricity has long been recognized as a work place hazard, federal regulations and training requirements apply to maintenance technicians who directly work on electrical systems. Electrical standards from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) aim to protect employees exposed to dangers such as electric shock, electrocution, fires, and explosions. The District's electricians are trained to be thoroughly familiar with the safety procedures.



- ◆ **Identifying Hazards** – The first step in protecting facilities maintenance technicians and District employees is to be educated on how to recognize hazardous situations. Among the hazards that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) identifies as dangerous to workers are: inadequate wiring; exposed electrical parts; overhead power lines, overloading outlets, etc. We ask that if an employee or staff encounters any of these situations to inform the department immediately.
- ◆ **Evaluating the Risks** – Facilities maintenance electrical technicians will continually assess the risk from recognized electrical hazards as conditions change or when other people are nearby. In addition, they will pay close attention to these signs and investigate problems before the work is in progress.

CAREER AND TRANSFER PROGRAMS

- ◆ Dr. Charmaine Johnson was the guest speaker for the National Junior Honor Society's Induction Ceremony at Golightly Educational Center.

DISTANCE LEARNING

- ◆ Online instructors are provided guidelines for developing course sites that meet best practices nationally. The six elements required in all online courses at the District are a syllabus, external link, weekly schedule, opening announcement, staff profile, and discussion thread. The importance of these guidelines is reinforced by their continued appearance in local and national conference workshop topics. For example, the discussion board is once again included on the Blackboard 2007 World Conference agenda. The session is entitled "Let's Talk: The Art of Online Discussions." This session designates the discussion board as the heart of an online class.
- ◆ Web and video conferencing systems are increasingly being utilized in academia. *University Business* reports that these technologies are being used in higher education for everything from distance learning to helping administrators meet "virtually" face-to-face, and it is allowing human resource departments to interview candidates who live thousands of miles away.

ON THE MOVE . . .

- ◆ Dennis Andrew attended the meeting of the Southeast Michigan Consortium of Community Colleges. The consortium is jointly offering ICS 300 and ICS 400 classes at each college. They reviewed the first class for the benefit of the other colleges. WCCCD will be hosting our first class from June 11–14, 2007 at WCCCD's Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education.
- ◆ Mark Lang and Frank Romba attended an in-service hosted by the U.S. Probation Department. Mr. Lang discussed the Entrepreneurial Institute and Resource Center and the services that are offered. Frank Romba provided attendees with information regarding the District's career programs. Several other community colleges were in attendance at the event.
- ◆ Dr. Nick Fleezanis, a board member of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce, attended its' board meeting. The main topic on the agenda was the chamber's Prioritization Action Plan.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

*101 Ways To Have a Great
Day At Work*

Stephanie Goddard Davidson

CAMPUS PRESIDENTS' CORNER

- ♦ Ralph Hardin and Roger Turner have created a mentoring program that is geared to help athletes deal with juggling academics and sports. The mentoring program allows several of the District's male basketball players to mentor and guide the men's basketball team at the Detroit Lutheran School.



- ♦ New Chances/JET held a conference at the Downtown Campus which exposed students to training and employment options. The organization assists financially challenged people with securing the skills and training needed to successfully compete in today's technologically, fast-paced world.
- ♦ Bonike Odegbami met with Mark Owens, community relations director for the Samaritan Center, to discuss possible collaborative efforts. The Samaritan Center is a conglomerate of community organizations and resources that includes programs for children, families, and seniors. The center houses non-profit organizations which provide educational and employment services, physical and mental health agencies, and multiple small businesses.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ♦ According to a consumer survey completed last year, consumers who save for education electronically, including using direct deposit, save \$90 more per month than those who use another method to save. Those who save for reasons other than education saved \$25 per month more if they saved electronically versus manually.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- ♦ Felisa Ware met with Constance Adair, program manager for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program–Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion to establish an educational partnership to provide resources to WIC program participants throughout Detroit.
- ♦ Anthony Arminiak and Judy Smouter met with Dr. Lynette Sutton, deputy superintendent of the Taylor School District, to discuss partnership possibilities. Dr. Sutton was extremely interested in the youth skills enhancement programs for primary and secondary school youth. These programs would be offered to the entire Taylor School District for the 2007-2008 academic year.
- ♦ The Taylor School District is pursuing the Michigan Virtual University and would like to work with WCCCD to help students who need to make up credits for graduation by offering online classes. Another partnership effort will be WCCCD representation on Taylor School District's Coordinated Health Team.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**WCCCD Commencement
Ceremony
Saturday, June 2, 2007
11:00 a.m.
Cobo Arena, Michigan Hall**

Be sure to stop by and take a look at the newly renovated courtyard. Upon completion, a special dedication ceremony will be held.

