

CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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On Wednesday, I met with David Vande Pol, senior director of academic partnerships for Ashford University, to discuss a unique relationship between the District and this outstanding institution. Mr. Vande Pol gave a presentation for senior staff on the on-line degree completion initiative that would allow WCCCD students to transfer a significant number of academic credits in excess of the requirements for an associate degree towards the baccalaureate degree. The balance of course-work including residency requirements would be completed using mediated technology through Ashford University.

This is an exciting opportunity for this District and all who live and work in the region. Through the articulation agreement that will be negotiated between WCCCD and Ashford, we will be able to provide a seamless transfer for those seeking an undergraduate degree literally steps away from work and home—and at an affordable cost. Similar articulation agreements have been established with both Maricopa Community Colleges and the Dallas Community College District. This partnership strengthens the programs and services we currently offer through distance learning, and helps to promote educational access to another level.

On Thursday, the Mayor of the City of Taylor, Honorable Cameron Priebe, hosted the 2008 State of the City Address. This annual address is held at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club with representatives of local Downriver Government and county officials. WCCCD was one of the topics in the mayor's speech in which he called for all of the leaders to encourage their constituents to support the WCCCD millage when it appears on the ballot. Representing the District were Jonathan Cartwright, Sr., Anthony Arminiak, David Butty, Brian Singleton, Paul Gray, Muna Khoury, DaShonta Simpkins, Lisa Jackson, and Danielle Player.

We recently received a letter about the inaugural issue of the *MyCollege* newsletter from a constituent who also works at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"As a Canton resident, I know my tax dollars support Wayne County Community College District. Thank you for sharing a high quality public publication that educates our community about your campus (Western). I enjoyed reading the issue and learning about the news of the campus. I was excited to see that you offer a video game design program. UM-Dearborn offers a game design option... We should explore the possibility of creating a transfer guide for your students. I wanted to also share with you that UM-Dearborn just recently launched a microsite for WCCCD students: www.umd.umich.edu/wcccd. I encourage you to check it out. I look forward to the continued communication from your campus. (Christopher W. Tremblay, Director of Admissions and Orientation)"

EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR

- ♦ John Bolden and Brian Singleton attended the League of Innovation National Conference last week in Denver. The event highlighted strategic and operational issues that community colleges are addressing to enhance student success. Keynote speakers reminded the audience of the critical role that community colleges play in preparing the workforce for the global economy and the importance of closing the skills gaps in basic education to enhance the country's competitiveness. From the number of student success initiatives at the District, WCCCD is responding to this critical need.
- ♦ Representatives from the Dual Enrollment Department participated in Osborn High School's annual 11th Grade Pinning Ceremony. Staff presented on the importance of higher education to an audience of 350 students, parents, and community members and also disbursed information about the District's program offerings.

STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ Students enrolled in the Adult Education Program attended a nutrition seminar sponsored by the Dietetic Technology Department. The students participated in cooking demonstrations, were measured for body mass, and learned about eating healthy.
- ◆ College students will benefit from the passage by the House of Representatives of the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007. Rules will allow students to receive Pell Grants throughout the academic year along with modification to the Academic Competitiveness Grant program that will allow part-time students and those receiving certificates to receive funding.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ◆ Reginald Witherspoon, Bernard Thompson, and Frank Romba met with Mark Reed, college relations program manager for TACOM U.S. Army Live Cycle Management Command, to discuss partnership opportunities in the areas of contract training, workshops, programs, courses, grants and scholarships, equipment and technology donations, and student mentorship and internships.

DISTANCE LEARNING

- ◆ The division hosted a Blackboard Basics Training. The session was well-attended by faculty from a variety of subject areas including mathematics, business, occupational therapy, computer information systems, allied health, Spanish, biology, chemistry, and English.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Second Life (SL) has been described by many as an online society within a 3D world, where users can explore, build, socialize, and participate in their own economy. Community colleges across the country are joining a growing number of higher education institutions that are using virtual worlds like SL to enhance instruction. As the innovation grows in popularity, many schools will continue to explore the viability of using the tool for instruction and collaboration among faculty and students.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- ◆ The division is implementing a position control module in Banner. This process will enhance effective management of the District's staffing budget and assist in creating a staffing budget based on the budgeted positions at each campus location and District.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

- ◆ Construction is underway at the new center. Since last week, more steel beams have been put into place.



CONTINUING EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

- ◆ During the week of February 25—March 2, 2008, the District served 658 students by partnering with 18 community organizations. The numbers served at each campus are:

Campus	Students
Downriver	174
Downtown	87
Eastern	No Report
Northwest	306
Western	91

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- ♦ Fire fighters and police officers from around Wayne County participated in an Incident Command class at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE). This is the fourth set of incident command classes that have been held by the Southeast Michigan Community College Consortium.
- ♦ The Wayne County Homeland Security hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting at the MIPSE facility. This group sets policies for hazardous materials within the county.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- ♦ This week, the Professional and Staff Development Institute (PSDI) welcomed back Rick Weaver to facilitate "Generations in the Classroom" at the Downtown Campus. Mr. Weaver's presentation focused on the four different generations found in classrooms and creating superior learning outcomes for multi-generational students.

UPCOMING PSDI WORKSHOPS

Goals and Learning Objectives

Faculty Track
Friday, March 14, 2008
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Room 236
Downtown Campus

Microsoft Advanced PowerPoint

Skills Enrichment Track
Friday, March 14, 2008
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Room 233
Downtown Campus

To register, contact Stefanie Smith at (313) 496-2864 or email at ssmith5@wcccd.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SELF-STUDY TIP OF THE WEEK

- ♦ The Higher Learning Commission's Criteria for Accreditation are organized under five major headings. Each criterion has two elements referred to as Criterion Statement and Core Components.
 - ⇒ Criteria Statements define the necessary attributes of an organization accredited by the commission.
 - ⇒ As part of the Self-Study, we must address each Core Component and present reasonable and representative evidence of meeting a criterion. A review of each core component is necessary for a thorough evaluation.

KUDOS

- ♦ Miles Jarvis, emergency preparedness coordinator for Sinai Grace Hospital and clinical preceptor for the District's Paramedic Program, received an email from the charge nurse at Sinai Grace Hospital commending WCCCD students Keith Moret and Nick Moomaw's performance. The email stated, "I was very pleased and grateful for the help and professionalism that Keith Moret and Nick Moomaw showed and demonstrated. I am sure they will be excellent paramedics."
- ♦ Please extend your congratulations to Wildcats men's basketball team members Bryan Edwards, Gilbert Ward, and Thomas Johnson for being nominated on the All Tournament Team.

CAMPUS PRESIDENTS' CORNER

- ♦ The Downriver Campus, in partnership with the Sherry Washington Galleries, hosted "Winter Art Fest 2008!" The event, also scheduled for the week of March 11 – 14, 2008, educates both middle and high school students about the value of diversity in art cultures while promoting educational opportunities at the District. Activities include workshops with local artists, lectures, artwork displays, and tours.



- ♦ The Western Campus, in partnership with Garden Fantasy, held "Springtime Delights." Participants learned about spring garden planning tips and design ideas. A follow-up session entitled "Springtime Delights II" will be held in May.



- ♦ The Northwest Campus hosted a Food and Nutrition Student Health Fair. The event, sponsored by the Food and Nutrition Student Association and Southeast Michigan Dietetic Association, allowed participants to discuss intervention strategies with nutrition professionals and learn about selecting nutritional foods.
- ♦ Ralph Hardin attended the Detroit Job Corps Community Relations Council meeting. The council works with 300 students between the ages of 16-24. Mr. Hardin serves as a member of the Advisory Committee.
- ♦ The Entrepreneurial Institute and Resource Center held a seminar at the Downtown Campus. Qualified construction and rehab contractors learned about job opportunities available with a major Detroit-based, non-profit Home Repair Program, the requirements for becoming a contractor, and certification opportunities.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Biz: 50 Little Things That Make a Big Difference to Team Motivation and Leadership

By David Freemantle

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Senator Carl Levin

In Partnership with WCCCD's Continuing Education Division and the Detroit Alliance for Fair Banking Present

Preventing a Financial Crisis

Saturday, March 8, 2008

9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Downtown Campus