

# CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

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The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center presented Giordano Dance Chicago, a premier jazz dance company. They facilitated a lecture and demonstration for area students titled "Jazz Dance Beat, Then and Now." They also performed selections from their repertoire including the audience favorite, "JOLT."



## DISTRICT POLICE AUTHORITY

- ◆ The partnership between the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the District Police Authority is one in which the District values tremendously in the ability to enforce local and state laws, issuing of appearance and parking citations, disposition of arrestees and the overall safety and security of our students, faculty, staff and visitors.



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## EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

### **NEW: Adjunct Faculty Needs Assessment Survey**

We have established an Adjunct Faculty Taskforce to identify and define components for an effective support system for adjunct faculty at the District. The Adjunct Faculty Needs Assessment Survey captures perceptions, needs, and areas for improvement or modification to current practices in development of a comprehensive system for adjunct faculty support. All adjunct faculty are encouraged to visit [Scholar's Corner for Adjunct Faculty](#) and complete the survey.

### **ON THE MOVE.....**

- ◆ Dr. Ron Harkness attended the Annual Conference of the American Association of Community Colleges, "Bridging to Excellence; Reimagining the Community College." Breakout sessions focused on the need both nationally and at the local level to support on the Completion Agenda.
- ◆ Stephanie Coffey attended the Money Smart Week Kick-off Breakfast at the Federal Reserve Bank- Detroit Branch.



## Completion Agenda 2020

The 2nd Edition of the Completion Agenda 2020 Newsletter has now been posted on the website and is available for your review. This issue includes information about several initiatives that are helping to spread the word and inform students about the value of a Program of Study and a Plan of Work. For more information, go to WCCCD's home page, under "About WCCCD" and click on "Completion Agenda."

## Distance Learning

Ruth Berry and Tonya Cooper attended the Michigan Blackboard Conference (MI-BUG) held at Washtenaw Community College. The conference showcased emerging trends and instructional innovations with an emphasis on Blackboard Learn and Collaborate. Some of the sessions focused on hacking which encouraged users to use advance tips and tricks for improving course navigation. Additionally, creating your own Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) and Analytics for Blackboard Learn were engaging sessions.

## Learning Resource Center

More than 100 students participated in the LRC Scavenger Hunt last week. This activity enhanced student understanding about LRC services and resources.

At the Western Campus, a special gift was awarded to the first place winner.



## Did you know...

Starting in the Fall 2013 semester, WCCCD will offer a certificate in artistic welding. Classes in artistic welding have been offered for two semesters now and the classes have had the fastest fill rate of any of our welding classes. Each semester they have been completely filled. Now, with the advent of the Artistic Welding Certificate Program, we see the opportunity for students to benefit from a unique level of certification as they continue to pursue their Associate of Applied Science in Welding.



## Upcoming Events....

**April 27–** Motorcycle Expo  
Downriver Campus

**April 27–** Book Work Club  
Eastern Campus

**April 30-May 10–** Student Art Exhibition–  
Downriver Campus

**May 2–** Global Learning Day  
Downtown Campus

**May 11–** Fish-n-Fun  
Downriver Campus

# STUDENT SERVICES

## YMCA YOUTH COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM

Students in the YMCA Youth College Readiness Program visited the Downriver Campus for a tour and informational workshops on education opportunities, dual enrollment and financial aid. These eighth through eleventh grade students participate in monthly college tours and are very eager to pursue an education.



## Wildcat News....

Derrell Williams, former WCCCD basketball player was honored after an outstanding collegiate career at Wayne State College (WSC) in Nebraska from 2010-2013. Mr. Williams graduated from South Lake High School and attended WCCCD in 2008-2009 where he led the team with an 18-10 record as captain and also received the all-freshman award. He is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management from WSC and is looking forward to playing professional basketball overseas.



## FINANCIAL AID

District Director of Financial Aid, Tawi Moore was selected by the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association (MSFAA) Executive Board to attend the MSFAA Leadership Workshop held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme of the workshop was "Advance Yourself, Improve Your Team, and Cultivate Your Key Relationships."

## STUDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Karen Csokas, Student Executive Council Member from the Downriver Campus spoke to a group of YMCA students about her experiences working as a Student Executive Council member and as a work study. Ms. Csokas spoke on how SEC provides her with a variety of community service opportunities and her work study experience complements her service as a SEC representative by having her work in the Chamber of Commerce Office for the Downriver community.



## OUTSTANDING WORK STUDY AND SUPERVISOR AWARDS FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Division of Student Services was honored by receiving both the Outstanding Federal Work Study Award and the Outstanding Supervisor Award for the District Office. Work Study student, Denise Reece-Jennings and Work Study Supervisor, Judith Smouter accepted the awards with much gratitude. Ms. Jennings has a strong work ethic and willingness to serve and Ms. Smouter has a passion to work with students in hopes of helping them achieve their goals.

## Top 5 Countries

United States  
Canada  
India  
Germany  
Mexico

## WEBSITE HITS

For the week of April 15 –21, we received 51,181 visits to our website. Visits came from 50 countries. We received 3,328 hits for the academic schedules and 1,665 hits for the college catalog.

## The Top 5 Content Views

Financial Aid- 10,224  
Student Services- 7,936  
Academic Programs- 7,148  
Distance Learning- 6,129  
Northwest Campus- 3,833



# Eastern Campus

The Corporate College at the Eastern Campus hosted a "Meet the Campus President" event for faculty to meet the new campus president, Mawine Diggs. Administration and faculty discussed strategies to advance classroom management, student retention, future science classes, and communication with administrators.



## College Days

The Corporate College hosted more than 20 colleges and universities from throughout Michigan, Ohio and Mississippi for College Days. More than 150 students gathered information to assist them in continuing their college education.



## WORK STUDY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Federal Work Study student, Alita Burton was honored as "Work Study Student of the Year" for the Eastern Campus at the District's 2013 Federal Work Study Appreciation Luncheon. Ms. Burton was recognized for her outstanding work and accomplishments at the Eastern Campus. Ms. Burton received her Associates of Arts degree in 2012 and will continue towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science at Wayne State University.



# The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

### ON THE MOVE.....

- ◆ Dr. Sandra Robinson represented the District at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Business Before Hours monthly meeting.
- ◆ Dr. Robinson also represented the District at the Harper Woods Community Council monthly meeting. She provided an update on the partnership between Harper Woods School District and the University Center.
- ◆ Dr. Sandra Robinson also attended the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters' Town Hall meeting, which provided the participants with updates about public education legislation.



**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY OPEN HOUSE**





# Downriver Campus



The Downriver Campus hosted the Guidance Center's third annual Downriver Dash 5K Race/Walk with more than 250 participants. The race began at WCCCD and continued through Heritage Park.



## Region 25 Career and Technical Education Program

The Downriver Campus hosted the Region 25 Career and Technical Education Program Seminar with the Monroe Intermediate School District.

The Downriver Campus hosted the Taylor School District "Early College Opportunity" – Parents Workshop for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. This workshop provided information regarding dual enrollment opportunity for the Fall 2013 semester.

### ON THE MOVE....

- ◆ Downriver and Western Campus staff attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Legislative Forum. The guest speaker was Daniel Jacobs, Senior Principal/Director of Sustainable Design at A3C – Collaborative Architecture.
- ◆ Kerri Barnett-Novack and Gail Arnold met with a parent group from Southgate Head Start regarding their Beginning College Program. Issues discussed included admissions, registration, financial aid, testing, advising, and career planning options.
- ◆ Brigitte June attended a personal development workshop at the Eastern Campus titled "Learning to Achieve." The presentation focused on students with reading and learning disabilities.

As part of a new assessment initiative for both the Automotive Service Technology and the Youth and Adult Automotive Training Center (YAATC) programs, students completed State of Michigan Mechanics exams and Student Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification tests.



## The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted several organizations this week:

- ◆ Staff from the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County attended a fire brigade training workshop. They refreshed their training in fire extinguishers, foam application and fire extinguishing including the burn room.
- ◆ The U.S. Customs and Border Protection attended a Use of Force Class.
- ◆ The Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit attended a one-day class on Concealed Pistol License (CPL) Gun Safety.
- ◆ The Boy Scouts of America attended a Webelos Readyman activity.





## Downtown Campus

The Wayne County Turn Around Project, in collaboration with the Wayne County's Prosecutor's office held their first "Reduce the Risk" symposium at the Downtown Campus. The goal was to educate high school students, parents and educators regarding key issues surrounding sexual assault. Keynote speakers Kym Worthy and Michigan State Trooper Tressa Duffin shared their experiences firsthand with sexual assault and addressing dangers of social media and the importance of healthy relationships.



## Western Campus



Professor Ellen Shannon and her English 120 students attended a book signing and presentation at Nicola's Books in Ann Arbor. Author Brynne Barnes read from her book Colors of Me and spoke to the students about her writing process, education, and career as a writer.



### THE LEGACY AND TRUE VALUE OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Legacy and True Value of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in partnership with the Detroit HBCU Network and Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated hosted the first annual HBCU seminar at the Western Campus. WCCCD students, high school students, parents and community members acquired valuable information about critical management techniques of college funding. HBCU alumni representatives were on-hand to proudly boast of the benefits of their alma mater. As a Morehouse College alumnus, our very own Trustee Myron Wahls was in attendance.



Mike Dotson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Vintage Tech Recycling located in Canton Township. The Western Campus partners with Vintage Tech to provide recycling opportunities and education for electronic and computer equipment to our communities.



David Butty visited the Western Campus to promote Global Learning Day being held on May 2, 2013 at the Downtown Campus. Mr. Butty shared exciting travel stories of the WCCCD Study Abroad Program.





# Northwest Campus

## NORTHWEST CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER RECEIVES BOOK DONATION

### BOOK CLUB

The Northwest Campus Learning Resource Center (LRC) held a book club meeting to discuss An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff. It is a true story about an 11 year old panhandler, a busy sales executive, and their unlikely meeting with destiny.

Community member Reverend Johnson donated a rare book collection to the Northwest Campus LRC. The collection was a complete set of literary works featuring authors like Edgar Allan Poe, H. Rider Haggard, Henry W. Longfellow and Robert Browning.



## Money Smart Week

Money Smart Week event at the Northwest Campus welcomed Jeffery Taylor of College Funding Resources. Mr. Taylor spoke to an audience of more than 40 students and staff about the process of "Financing Your Education." He gave an informative presentation on how to look for scholarships, how to stay out of debt with student loans, and how to network to get a job.

### RAIN WATER HARVEST TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR

A Rain Water Harvest Technology Seminar was held at the Northwest Campus in partnership with the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. The workshop provided participants with information on appropriate rainwater harvesting technologies and introduced the utilization of rainwater as a valuable and necessary water resource.



### BLACKBOARD WORKSHOP

Representatives from the District attended MI-BUG, a collaborative group for Michigan Blackboard users. Faculty and staff represented biology, math, distance learning, instruction, ethics and English. The all-day conference provided updates and innovations in the use of Blackboard with multiple breakout sessions that included everything from best practices in instructional design to tips and tricks for improving course navigation, design, and content.



## Health Science Center

### WCCCD NCLEX Pass Rates: January 1-March 31, 2013 WCCCD NCLEX Pass Rates for First Time Writers: January 1-March 31, 2013

| Number Passing | Number Failing | WCCCD Pass Rate-<br>January 1-March 31 | Michigan ADN Programs<br>Pass Rate-<br>January 1-March 31 | National Pass Rate-<br>January 1-March 31, |
|----------------|----------------|--|---|--|
| 65             | 4              | 94.20%                                 | 92.01%  | 90.35%                                     |



# THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Shawna Forbes attended the 18th Annual Governor's Economic Summit titled "Collaborating, Creating, Connecting." The goal of the summit was to develop an understanding of Michigan's future talent needs and opportunities for regional collaboration and place making.
- ◆ Melodie Bunkley and DaShonta Simpkins attended a financial seminar entitled "Maximizing Small Business Banking Relationships" sponsored by New Detroit The Coalition in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago – Detroit Branch. Information shared was designed to increase the ability of minority entrepreneurs to address most common concerns of commercial lenders; articulate their needs to lenders; and gain a better understanding of the process.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff from the Division of Human Resources attended an informational webinar hosted by the Department of Homeland Security—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Division regarding changes on the newly-revised 2013 I-94 form. Employers must complete Form I-94 to document verification of the identity and employment authorization of each new employee (citizens and noncitizens) to work in the U.S. Employers may be fined if the form is not completed and are responsible for retaining completed forms.



### *Catalog Review Committee*



## INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

**Did you know?** The New Graduate Exit Survey is designed to capture new graduates immediate perceptions of their overall academic and student life experiences as well as their plans following degree completion from WCCCD. The Division of Institutional Effectiveness implements this survey every spring/summer to our graduates to help improve student experiences at the District.

| Top 3 Reasons              | % of Respondents |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Pursuing further education | 84.5%            |
| Personal Enrichment        | 81.3%            |
| Finding a better job       | 28.0%            |

The table shows examples of the top three responses from our most recent graduates who responded to the 2012 Graduate Exit Survey. **Source:** 2012 WCCCD Graduate Exit Survey Summary Analysis

*Upcoming Event...*

**Global Learning Day  
Thursday, May 2, 2013  
Downtown Campus**





## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Jara Tekleab represented the District at the 2013 Ellucian Live Conference. Mr. Tekleab had the opportunity to learn best practices and network with colleagues from various colleges and universities. The objectives of the conference for the Accounts Receivable (AR) Department was to learn about new updates in the Banner accounts receivable/finance module and other function areas within Banner to better service students and staff.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FORMS AND TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORTS**

Time is winding down and we're nearing the end of the 2012-13 fiscal year. If you were approved for professional development travel, you must submit your Travel Expense Report, even if there is no reimbursement to you. For audit purposes, your Prior Approval and Travel Expense Report is required documentation for our records. Travel Expense Reports are due within ten days of your return from an approved professional development event. Unclaimed expense reimbursements may be forfeited if not submitted within the proper timeframe.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

### ALL NEW AUTOMATED I-94

In order to streamline passenger processing and manage time at the port of entry (POE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is automating its arrival and departure process and eliminating the paper form I-94 for air and sea travelers, including international students. Upon arrival, an electronic record is created for travelers at the POE. Travelers and international students will be able to obtain their admission number and electronic I-94 record through the website [www.cbp.gov/I-94](http://www.cbp.gov/I-94).

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Smart Tips to Help Secure Your Data During Cloud Transmission

- ◆ Make sure the cloud service connection is encrypted by checking for a small lock icon to the right or left of your browser's URL bar.
- ◆ Check to see if your service has "extended validation," which means the site has registered with a central authority to verify its identity.
- ◆ Avoid using public Wi-Fi connections for cloud computing sessions. Use known or encrypted wireless router.
- ◆ Be mindful of phishing attacks that mimic cloud services. Search for free tools that verifies sites.

## FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM



The Federal Work-Study Office would like to congratulate the following supervisors and students for winning the Outstanding Supervisor and Work Study Student awards.

#### Supervisors

Downtown Campus-Natasha Porter  
Eastern Campus-Mattie Porter  
Northwest Campus-Aaron Grundy  
Western Campus- Robin Marshall  
Matrix Vista Nuevas Head Start-Ishrat Khan  
District Office-Judith Smouter

#### Students

Downtown Campus-LaShon Waters  
Eastern Campus-Alita Burton,  
Northwest Campus-Anthony Pryor  
Western Campus-Lorraine Reed  
Matrix Human Services-Okeima Johnson  
District Office-Denise Jennings

## DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



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# Deferred Maintenance



## Accountability & Transparency District-wide Deferred Maintenance

In an effort to ensure District parking lots are maintained and provide safety for students, the Downtown Campus parking lot was temporarily patched and repaired. Due to the harsh winter, asphalt was applied to potholes and other breaks in the parking lot pavement for a temporary measure until warmer weather provides conditions for overall repaving. The process is cost effective and important to extending the life span of our parking lots.



## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

**2013-14 Community College Budget Advances:** Both the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee took action on funding for community colleges. Points of difference between the House and Senate budgets will be resolved as the process moves forward.

**Michigan Merit Curriculum:** The discussion about possible changes to the state's Merit Curriculum for high school students continued Wednesday as the House Education Committee took further testimony on House Bills 4465 (McBroom) and 4466 (Johnson). Along the several other bills introduced this session, HB's 4465 and 4466 raise the question of whether the current curriculum allows sufficient flexibility for students, particularly those interested in pursuing vocational and technical coursework.

**Michigan Unemployment Rate Fell:** March's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Michigan fell to 8.5% as a net 3,000 jobs are added last month. The unemployment rate remains nine-tenths of a percentage point above the national unemployment rate of 7.6%.

**State of Michigan Will Lose \$150.5 million in Federal Aid for the Upcoming Fiscal Year as a Result of Federal Cuts Due to the Sequester:** While it was announced this week that no state employees will be laid off as a result, cuts will be seen in other ways throughout the upcoming fiscal year budget.

**Community Colleges in the News:** Students graduating from any high school in Detroit have a shot at two years of free community college through the long-anticipated Detroit Scholarship Fund. The Detroit Regional Chamber is taking the lead role in implementing the scholarship program. Schools participating are Wayne County Community College District, Macomb Community College, Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College and Henry Ford Community College.

**Community College Day on May 2:** This is a hands-on advocacy day for community colleges, the purpose being to bring presidents, trustees, senior administrators, and even students to Lansing to highlight the important work of community colleges across the state. WCCCD will be participating.