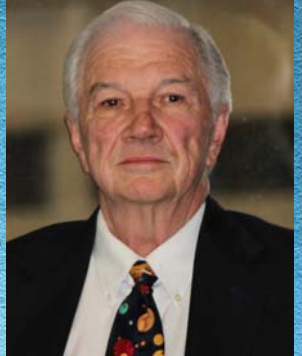


CHANCELLOR'S WEEKEND MEMO

May 10, 2013
Number 884

Board of Trustees Meeting May 8, 2013

WCCCD welcomes our newest Trustee LaTrello Sephers.



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EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS



Completion Agenda 2020

The Completion Agenda is evident in many ways at WCCCD. This week, the District, in conjunction with the Detroit Area Green Sector Skills Alliance, held a joint meeting for community employers, faculty, students, and prospective employees. The focus of the event was to bring together individuals interested in sustainability practices.



Faculty Evaluations

Faculty evaluations have been completed for the Spring 2013 semester. These evaluations provide important feedback on how we can improve and support faculty as they work to help students succeed. These evaluations support the development of programs for professional growth, promote effective teaching and successful student outcomes.



Upcoming Events

Tools to Better Navigate Resources for Foster Children 2013
May 17, 2013
Northwest Campus

Kids Fish-n-Fun Day
May 11, 2013
Heritage Park– Coan Lake
12111 Pardee Rd. Taylor

Computer Repair
May 23, 2013
Western Campus

Detroit Future City
A Presentation and Panel Discussion
May 14, 2013
Grosse Pointe War Memorial
32 Lake Shore Dr.
Grosse Pointe Farms

6th Annual Chancellor's Reading Carnival
May 18, 2013
Downtown Campus

Teaching Strategies to Promote Critical Thinking
May 18, 2013
Northwest Campus

STUDENT SERVICES



WCCCD Wildcats Annual Sports Banquet



Achieving the Dream



Several campuses held their Learning Community (LC) end of the semester gatherings this week. At the Eastern Campus the dialogue between students, faculty and staff indicated that the Learning Community environment was positive and conducive to learning. Students found the LC environment to be supportive, encouraging, a self confidence enhancer, and an environment for open communication and acceptance. Student Kingna Crawford summed up her LC experience in the following quote: "Nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself and don't give up on your dreams and vision for yourself."

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations WCCCD pre-engineering student Chimene Fabian! Mr. Fabian has been selected to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research Academy (SURA) Program at Wayne State University. The Engineering SURA Program is an eight-week summer paid research internship for undergraduate students. Interns are exposed to research integrity, literature review, experimental design, data collection, analysis and at a higher level of development, and the modes of scientific reporting.



Financial Aid

The District Financial Aid Office has begun awarding students for the 2013-14 academic year. Students will be happy to know, the Federal Pell Grant has been increased by \$95 for the aid year and student budget amounts were updated to accommodate the rising costs associated with educational expenses.



Recruitment Efforts

As part of the District's recruitment efforts, members from the Division of Student Services continue to meet with high school seniors throughout our service area to support their matriculation to college. Presentations have focused on on-site admissions, FAFSA completion and summer course registration. The students are excited to receive this "personal touch" and look forward to their upcoming campus engagements.



Eastern Campus

Achieving the Dream is a national initiative dedicated to helping more community college students, particularly low-income students stay in school and earn a college certificate or degree. Congratulations to all of the Eastern Campus Achieve the Dream students. We are so proud of you!



Welding students at the Eastern Campus had a final exam better than a multiple choice and true or false test. These artistic welding beauties capped off a creative semester in our Welding Art Program. Job well done!



ON THE MOVE...

Dan Saunders attended the 2013 DTE Energy Conference and Exhibition. This year's topic was titled "Moving Forward on Energy Policy in Michigan." The guest speaker was Valerie Brader, Governor Rick Snyder's Senior Policy Advisor.



The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

ON THE MOVE...

Dr. Sandra Robinson represented the District and the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business After Hours meeting where local business representatives meet and share company news and updates. Dr. Robinson also attended the "Evening of Fine Arts" presented by the Harper Woods School District.

EASTSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the quarterly meeting of the Eastside Advisory Council. Dr. George Swan provided members with an update on future District goals, the strategic planning process and new credit and non-credit programs. Dr. Robinson provided an update on the summer program offerings as well as the university partner programs.





Downriver Campus

The Downriver Campus hosted the Downriver Community Network Bless Fest. This event allowed community members access to free health and dental services provided by Oakwood Health System. There was food distribution by Forgotten Harvest, Melvindale Food Bank and Fish and Loaves. Financial workshops on community resources and a job fair were provided by Michigan Works.



Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 16th Annual Community Baby Shower. The shower is an event where low-income mothers and fathers-to-be, or those with infants up to three months of age, received important information on caring for a newborn.



ON THE MOVE...

- Ethel Cronk participated on the advisory board for the Energy Technology Program for the Michigan Institute for Aviation and Technology.
- Anthony Arminiak met with Taylor School District administration and counselors regarding dual enrollment opportunities for Kennedy and Truman high school students.
- Steve Wildern attended the Downriver Council for the Arts Board meeting.
- Gil Solis attended the MIOSHA Advance Accident Investigation Seminar.

The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center

Deborah Duyck and Steve Wildern met with Kareem George, Managing Director of Community Programs for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra regarding partnership opportunities.



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education



◆ The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted Healthlink Medical Transportation for a Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO): Ambulance workshop.

- ◆ MIPSE also hosted operators of the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County as they attended a fire brigade training workshop. They refreshed their training in fire extinguishers, foam application and fire extinguishing including the burn room.



Western Campus



The Western Campus hosted a musical performance titled "Konzert for Kids", in collaboration with the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra and the Van Buren School District.



ON THE MOVE...

Cecile Taylor participated in Habitat for Humanity's "National Women Build Week" as part of a nationwide initiative, in partnership with Lowe's. Ms. Taylor and a team of more than 50 women volunteers helped landscape, build shelves, paint and put the finishing touches on a new house built for a single mother of three.



Spring Arbor University was on campus to recruit students interested in transferring from WCCCD after completing their associate degree.



Downtown Campus

Detroit's By Choice held a forum at the Downtown Campus that focused on educating young Detroiters on the issues surrounding the city. They spoke on topics such as voter registration and candidates in the city of Detroit running for office.

The Downtown Campus is proud to announce the arrival of the new international flags. These beautiful flags are displayed above in the atrium and they represent nations of the world.





Northwest Campus

The Northwest Campus partnered again this year with the Detroit River Water Festival. More than 600 sixth grade students attended this educational event to learn about fresh water.



The Northwest Campus Learning Community held its semester-end celebration. Students expressed their appreciation as they were awarded certificates. They also thanked instructors, Colin McMonagle (Eng 119), Dr. Sheabra Simpson (Psy 101) and advisor Earlene Williams for their tireless efforts.



Members of the Northwest Campus Book Club attended the One Book One Community Author Event held at the Detroit Public Library featuring Daniel Black, author of the book Perfect Peace.



ON THE MOVE...

Kris Evan-Barnes and E. Martinus Whitfield visited Paragon Support Systems, Inc. Paragon Support Systems Inc, is a full vocational, community, and residential program that assist individuals with developmental disabilities. The purpose of the visit was to ascertain information that can be shared with our students in need of these services.

Pamela Patterson, WCCCD Tutor conducted a workshop for the Nursing Mentor Program on the topic of Time Management. The workshop was one in a series that focused on providing assistance to nursing students to help improve the quality of their learning experience at the District.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Trenece Dortch for earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Global Supply Chain Management from Wayne State University (WSU). She will be starting the Master's program at WSU this Fall.

Health Science Center

Did you know that from 2009 to 2012, 93.75% of our PHT students have passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) on the first attempt, which is above the national average of 76.76%!



Nursing students joined Unify Detroit Coalition in providing health assessment to more than 160 individuals.



Nursing students celebrate National Nurses Week



THE BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY



“Surrounding Point”
Art Exhibition
 featuring the
 artwork of Taurus
 Burns is on display
 at the Western
 Campus until
 June 6, 2013

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Did you know? According to American Association of Community Colleges publication entitled “Community College Contributions” it is estimated that 46.8 million jobs will need to be filled by 2018, of which 13.8 million will be new jobs and 33 million will be jobs open due to retirement. The types of industries expected to grow will shift in occupational expectations toward those needing abilities associated with greater levels of educational attainment, so these jobs will require college-educated workers. Community colleges serve as a starting point for students in terms of educational progression.

Source: http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Publications/Briefs/Documents/2013PB_01_gray.pdf

WCCCD offers programs in some of these State of Michigan’s fastest growing occupations typically requiring an associate degree or certificate.

State of Michigan Fastest Growing Occupations Registered Nurses
Dental Hygienists
Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technicians
Paralegals and Legal Assistants
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians

State Data Source: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives

NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PINNING CEREMONY



IN THE MAIL...

It is always rewarding to hear from graduates who are continuing to pursue their career goals. Below is message JoAnn Nyquist received from Tiffany Mendryga, a recent graduate:



I feel overwhelmed with joy to share some great news with you and the entire dental hygiene faculty. I was awarded the 2013 Sigma Phi Alpha Journalism Award and will receive my award at the ADHA's CLL at the 90th Annual Session in June! Not to mention the 100th anniversary of our profession, what great timing! I am always proud to share with other students, faculty, and dental professionals about my dental hygiene education at WCCCD. I was inspired by our community outreach activities including donating our time at the health department, nursing homes, and educating the public during many of our on-and-off campus outreach activities. These opportunities have allowed me to grow in my leadership, communication, and professional skills. Thank you and the entire dental hygiene faculty at WCCCD for believing in me! It is all of you who have truly inspired me and have given me the tools to be the best that I can be."

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE



The Fiscal Accountability Operations Center (FAOC) continues efforts to go “green.” The department is testing a pilot program white routes documents through an electronic authorization process verifying receipt of goods.

DISTRICT POLICE AUTHORITY

Members of the District Police Authority conducted a best practice tour of Rock Ventures Security Operations Command Center in downtown Detroit. The recently constructed 1.8 million dollar National dispatch center is the eyes and ears of local police, sheriff and law enforcement using nearly 700 CCTV cameras, an NC4 National emergency monitoring system and social network monitoring and tracking. The team also visited Wayne State University police to review geographical patrol boundaries and emergency response.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SMARTER EDUCATION

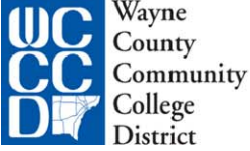
For years, marketers have used sophisticated software to track consumers' buying habits and web browsing activity, then crunch this information and—based on the data—make a series of intelligent predictions that allow them to target their sales messages much more effectively. Now, this same technology is appearing in schools and colleges as well—and observers say it's a development that could revolutionize education. Using predictive analytics software, Kennesaw State University in Georgia has been able to hone in on prospective students more efficiently. Sinclair Community College in Ohio has cut its student dropout rate in half. And the online American Public University System has seen its course completion rate steadily climb. (Source: eCampus News)

THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The GED Testing Service has announced on January 2, 2014, they will unveil a new assessment via online delivery. To ensure our GED students are prepared the School of Continuing Education is currently implementing computer tutorials and various software that familiarizes students with the new online assessment. The four content areas include: Literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies will measure a foundational core of knowledge and skills which are essential for career and college readiness.

During the week of April 29-May 4, 2013 the District served 900 participants by partnering with nine community organizations.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



1 College District • 5 Campuses

Deferred Maintenance

Accountability & Transparency



The lights were inspected and replaced in the Learning Resource Center, Downriver Campus. This job was performed by WCCCD staff.



Repair to ceiling dry wall from pipe leak at the Downriver Campus

CORRECTION Employees of the Month- March 2013

District Office Carmen Berman
Eastern Campus Daisy Lopez
Western Campus Sharnita Ford
Downriver Campus Lina Warra
Downtown Campus Yvonne Parson
Northwest Campus Dr. Gwendolyn Cook
University Center Darrell Lacy



Installation of additional external lighting on building at the Downriver Campus

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Tax Credit for Talent Retention: The House Committee on Michigan Competitiveness took testimony this week on House Bill 4182, which would allow recent graduates who stay and work in Michigan to claim a tax credit against 50% of the student loan debt they repay in a tax year, up to a maximum of \$2,150. As introduced, the bill would only allow residents to qualify if the loan was taken toward attainment of a baccalaureate degree, however, the sponsor and committee both indicated a willingness to consider other options as incentives to keep educated young people in the state.

Michigan Merit Curriculum: The House Education Committee will take further testimony next Wednesday on House Bills 4465 and 4466. Along with 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.