



Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

"I am one of the new Phi Theta Kappa members who was inducted last Friday. It is an honor to be a member of this prestigious organization. That day felt like the beginning of a new chapter in my life. Through the course of the ceremony, I felt special and empowered, I felt I could take on the world and come out on top. Looking at the stole around my neck was a wake up call to me. It told me that what I was doing was working and to keep doing it.

Listening to the speech of Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hood III inspired me. It made me realize that I still have a lot of untapped potentials and that I could still do better if I reach for the sky. Thank you for welcoming us into the organization. Thank you for making us feel special. I can't thank you enough because I know that ceremony has made a great positive impact on my life. Thank you for believing in me." ~Ifedamola Adeyemo



Division of Student Services Annual Community Luncheon

The Division of Student Services' Student Executive Council hosted its Annual Community Luncheon on Wednesday. More than 300 community people attended the luncheon held at the Downtown Campus. The Michigan Chronicle's Senior Editor, Bankole Thompson led a host of volunteer servers from the media at the occasion. "This is a great community service and the College should be commended for this," Mr. Thompson said. Other media personnel who volunteered to serve the community included; WWJ Newsradio 950AM City Beat Reporter, Vickie Thomas, Detroit News Assistant Managing Editor, Walter Middlebrook, and Osama Siblani, Publisher of the Arab American News. The Division of Student Services' Student Executive Council; together with the WCCCD Wildcat athletes, were also on hand to serve.



Division of Student Services

Colorful Cookies Family Movies Travel
Enriching Enrichment Free Learning Supportive
Balance Enrichment Free Magnificent
Activities Ice-Cream Life-altering Student
Compassionate Giveaways Stimulating
Confidence Experiences Intellectual Open
Clubs Eclectic Fun Growth Teamwork
Music Unique



Administration and Finance

Deferred Maintenance



Water lines for the vending machines installed at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

Accent lighting installed at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center



Emergency asphalt repairs at the Western Campus



Division of Administration and Finance

The Student Refund Management taskforce attended a kick-off meeting for the implementation of the Higher One Refund Management Solution project. Higher One provides alternatives for how students receive their financial aid refunds and is utilized by nearly every community college in Michigan and more than 700 colleges across the United States.



A shared course for success



Beginning in January 2015, students will have three options for receiving their refunds:

1. Continue to receive a paper check as in the past, only now the check will come from Higher One.
2. Receive their refund via direct deposit to an existing bank account they may have, typically within 5-7 days after vouchers expire.
3. Open a Higher One checking (debit card) account and receive the refund, typically within 3-5 days after vouchers expire. The Higher One checking account will be offered to ALL students, has no minimum balance, requires no background or credit check, and has no monthly fees. All fees can be avoided if students use the card as directed.

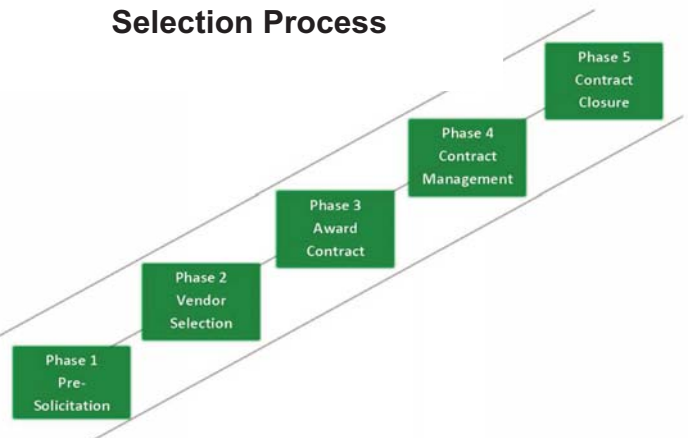
Students will receive an invitation to open a Higher One checking account in early January via U.S. postal mail.

The Purchasing Department, pursuant to Board policy, maintains the sole authority and responsibility for the purchase and selection of qualified vendors for the procurement of supplies, materials, software, furniture, equipment, printing and services needed by District departments.

The selection of qualified vendors is performed by using a fair and competitive buying process. This process insures that goods and services procured for the District are the best quality at the best price. Our vendor selection is primarily based on the lowest responsive bidder. However, in the case of a sole source supplier or if our committee determines that the best price is not necessarily the best quality, the District reserves the right to select other than the low vendor/bidder without the lowest price.

Purchasing Department Vendor Selection

The 5 Phases of the Vendor Selection Process



District Police Authority

Rapid Deployment Planning Meeting



Chief Muhammad and Captain Livadic met with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recently to discuss rapid deployment planning through the FBI Campus Liaison Initiative. In an effort of continuous quality improvement, the partnership involves the targeting of sensitive, proprietary and classified information on campuses of higher education.



Black Friday Safety Tips

This year many shoppers will be out early to find those big bargains on Black Friday or online for Cyber Monday, but the criminals will be out too. NCPCC has 10 great tips to help you shop safely while getting those great holiday bargains throughout the shopping season.



- Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
- Shop online with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you are not familiar with it. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.
- Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
- Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as onetime or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.
- Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.
- If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated. Select a central meeting place and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

Source: The National Crime Prevention Council



Mr. Samuelson pictured in the center

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Study ABROAD

BRING THE WORLD HOME

Justin Samuelson wrote about his study abroad experience to Rome

“These words would never be able to describe the moments where my heart stopped as I found myself picturing life as an ancient Roman amidst the amazing structures. The words would not be able to effectively tell you that this trip has changed my life and opened my eyes to something beautiful and amazing. I laughed as we broke bread at the amazing dinners held for us every evening; I cried as ruins whispered me their lost history; I sang as we walked down cobbled streets amidst new friends on the way to school; I felt lost as I walked through a city so grand and large with its eye for detail; I felt humbled as statues of ancient gods gazed down upon me; I felt joy as each moment I got to experience was shared with people who will now be a part of my life forever. This picture will be forever framed in my mind and heart and for that I simply say thank you.”



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cecile Taylor and Mike Dotson represented the District at the annual Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne Awards Gala and Dinner.



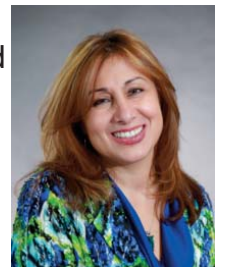
Anthony Arminiak attended the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Arminiak serves at the first vice president and will be the president of the Board in January 2015.

Dr. Sherry Zylka participated in the commission meetings at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) in Washington, DC. Pictured with Dr. Zylka is Dr. Walter Bumphus, President and CEO of the AACC.



Gail Arnold attended the Oakland University Community College Counselor Connection Program.

Muna Khoury attended Wayne Metro Community Action Agency's Board of Directors meeting.



Peter Sims conducted a tour of the Downriver Campus for students from Allen Park High School. He provided an overview of our ACCESS services, admission and financial aid information to the learning-disabled students.



Sandra Thompson attended the Taylor Garden Club Meeting.



Dr. Sandra Robinson and Dr. Julie Corbett represented the District at the grand opening of Beaumont Hospital's Natural Family Birthing Center. Pictured with Dr. Robinson is Suzy Berschback, Community Affairs Manager for the Beaumont Foundation.



Division of Human Resources



Human Resources and Finance Interface

In today's complex organizational environment, the divisions of Human Resources and Finance play key roles in ensuring the integrity of an organization. From human resource management to asset management, it is critical that these two divisions communicate, process, document and reconcile flawlessly. Understanding the importance of data integrity and accuracy, the two divisions, on a monthly basis, meet to assure that appropriate structures and all local, state, and federal regulations are administered.



Faculty Hiring Update

We are making progress with the hiring of full-time faculty to enrich the learning environment at WCCCD. Our overall goal is to hire 10 full-time faculty. Our processes have included convening committees comprising staff and faculty for the areas of mathematics, HVAC, political science/history, and computer information systems. WCCCD understands the importance of ensuring quality instructional opportunities that promote comprehensive teaching and learning environments. As a result, the screening committee aligns its efforts and work with goals 5, 6, and 7 of the Strategic Plan. In the next few weeks, screening and interview committees will continue their work. This process has been both informative and engaging, as we seek the best candidates for these important positions.

Important Dates

Benefits: All changes to employee benefits are scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2015. If applicable, any changes in benefit cost will be allocated equally amongst scheduled pays.

Office of Accountability and Transparency

Importance of Data Collection!



The Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Audit Team continues to review and monitor best practices to ensure WCCCD is positioned appropriately for the future. Each team member plays an important role collecting data from other multi-campus community colleges and universities, allowing for key discussions on the District's processes and protocols.

The Office of Accountability and Transparency records and documents critical data in its Continuous Quality Improvement Center. Examples of the CQI Audit Team's research include:

- IT Protocols
- Financial Reconciliations
- Human Resources and Finance Interface
- Educational Affairs Course Schedules



School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Success Stories



Somalia Carter, UST Global completer of the "Step IT Up America" training program shared a note of thanks:

"I am a recent graduate of the UST Global Step IT Up America training program and was immediately hired as a full-time consultant with a pay increase and benefits. I continued on-the-job training and have since been given a phenomenal opportunity to work in Sunrise, Florida as a business analyst. I wanted to personally thank WCCCD and the School of Continuing Education for allowing me to be a part of such a great program designed for minorities such as myself."



Ramses Aldama, Adult Education/GED completer, was the first in his family to graduate from high school or receive a GED. Mr. Aldama is determined to build a brighter future. With all odds against him, he was able to learn how to speak English as Spanish is his first language. In addition to making his family proud of his accomplishments, he walked two miles every day to the bus stop to get to class and never missed a day.

Students like Ms. Carter and Mr. Aldama are the beneficiaries because WCCCD is changing their lives.



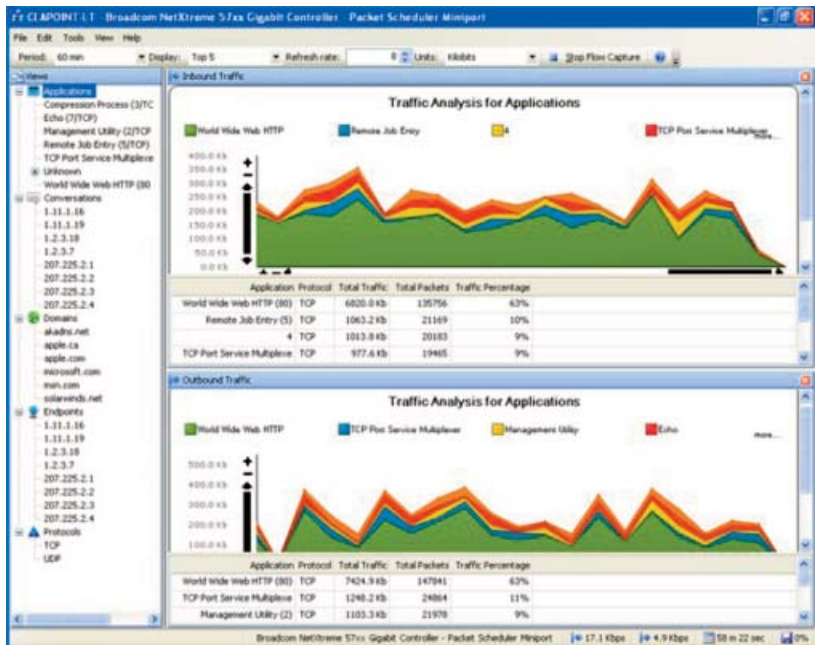
WEEKLY UPDATE

Network Performance Monitoring Software

Members of the Division of Information Technology (IT) attended a webinar about Network Performance Monitoring Application from SolarWinds.

The purpose of this webinar was to demonstrate and review this software suite for the eventual replacement of the current network monitoring environment.

SolarWinds Network Performance Monitor is powerful network monitoring software that enables IT administrators to quickly detect, diagnose, and resolve network performance problems and outages. With deep packet inspection and analysis, the network monitoring tool provides quick and accurate identification of network and application.



Highlighted benefits:

- * Speeds troubleshooting, resolves network outages, and reduces downtime
- * Monitors and displays response time, availability, and performance of network devices
- * Automatically calculates network latency and correlates to end-users' quality of experience
- * Improves operational efficiency with out-of-the-box, customizable dashboards, alerts, and reports
- * Automatically discovers and maps network devices and typically deploys in less than an hour



SOFTWARE APPLICATION

EMPOWERMENT SERIES



Empowering End Users with Everyday Use of Software Applications

Upcoming Sessions!

Location: Charles E. Morton Board of Trustees Conference Room

**Thursday, December 4, 2014
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Microsoft PowerPoint 2010**

Session includes:

- * Working with ribbon interface
- * Creating slides, apply a slide design, and insert slide elements
- * Views, toolbars, and shortcuts
- * Slide transition and animation
- * Inserting pictures and shapes
- * Quick tips and shortcuts

**Thursday, December 11, 2014
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Windows 8.1**

This interactive session will help you gain basic information on how to use Windows 8.1 and its features such as:

- * Learn your way around the Start screen.
- * Customize the Start screen, Add tiles.
- * Find the Start button, hot corners, Charms
- * Use apps side by side and much more.

For more information please call (313) 496-2669

Division of Institutional Effectiveness



DATA PROCESSING AND REQUESTS

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness and Research (IE) serves District and campus decision makers with accurate and useful research, assessment and planning data to support:

- ❖ Continuous Quality Improvement Initiatives
- ❖ Annual and Strategic Planning
- ❖ Student Services and Engagement
- ❖ Outreach and Recruitment
- ❖ Graduate/Alumni Studies
- ❖ Survey Research
- ❖ External Compliance Reporting
- ❖ Accreditation Compliance (Institutional and Program)
- ❖ Program Effectiveness

IE encourages the District to submit all requests for institutional data via the form located on the IE webpage
<http://www.wcccd.edu/dept/pdf/IE/DataRequest.pdf>

Wayne County Community College District
 Current Date: _____

Request For Crystal Report or Institutional Data

Requester: _____ Extension: _____
 Department: _____ Email Address: _____

Please provide information on how this data will be used to better understand the request. (Required)

Existing Report Request

Report Link	Report Title	Frequency	For Decision	Send To	Copy To

New Report Request

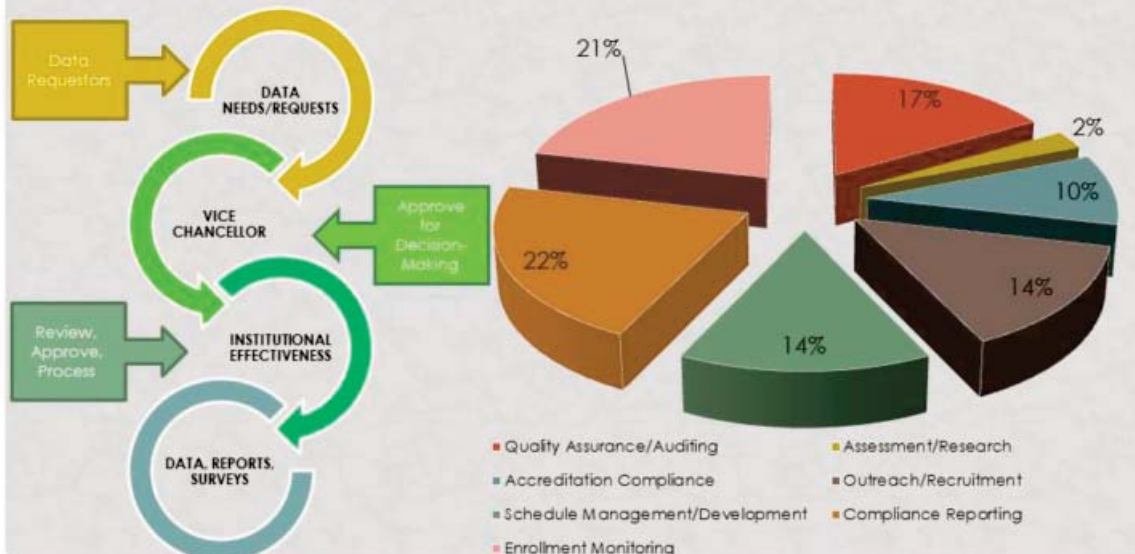
Describe the report with as much detail as possible including variables, reporting periods, etc. (Required)

Comments (Please provide additional information such as deadlines or examples of the report here)

Submitted by: _____
 Wayne County Community College District - Institutional Effectiveness Division
email request to: CrystalReport@wcccd.edu Subject to email footer above

REQUEST FOR CRYSTAL REPORT OR INSTITUTIONAL DATA

Did you know? All requests are reviewed, processed and tracked by IE weekly according to type of data requested, data use, and by requestor. Below demonstrates the distribution of requests based on how the data was used.



Division of Educational Affairs

Outstanding Faculty!

Professor Robert Balicki teaches courses in the Computer Information Systems and Video Game Design programs at the Western Campus and dual enrollment classes at the Academy for Business and Technology and Cass Tech High School. After the presentation at Cass Technical High School, one student commented “Will you be coming back soon? I’d like to hear more.”



Music Appreciation Field Trip

This semester the Humanities 211 Music Appreciation class from the Western Campus visited Campus Martius Park where they enjoyed live music at the Hard Rock Café.



Academic Program Planning

One of the initial steps when developing new or modified programs, degrees or courses is to review the proposals coming forward. The Program Review Team consisting of Dr. Stephanie Bulger, Dr. Abby Freeman, Dr. Patrick McNally, Dr. Ron Harkness, Myra Hawkins, and Dr. Frank Dunbar met this week to take a first look at proposals that may become part of the upcoming 2015-2016 College Catalog. The team reviewed a number of programs and courses ready to move on to the Curriculum Committee.

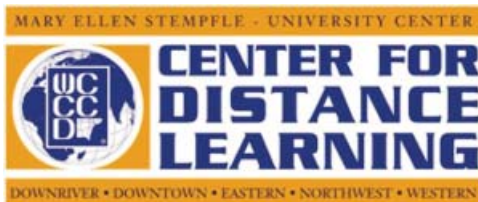
Student Incentives!

In support of the new Auto Body Technology Program at the Eastern Campus, Mawine Diggs presented toolboxes to the second cohort of students as an incentive to being part of this great District initiative.



Michigan Virtual Learning Collaborative Changes Their Name

WCCCD has been a partner with the Michigan Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative (MCCVLC) since it was created in 1999 by the Michigan Community College Association. The collaborative was designed to serve traditional community college students as well as those who do not have a college within their area or are bound by; their geography, physical disabilities, time constraints, or technology deprivation. The MCCVLC has changed their name, updated their website, and revamped the registration process. Check out the new Michigan Colleges Online at www.micollegesonline.org.



Division of Educational Affairs

Office of Career Education

Completion Agenda 2020



As part of our commitment to the Completion Agenda, WCCCD is promoting opportunities in STEM related fields. Over the last few years, the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) have grown significantly. In the next 10 years, STEM jobs are projected to increase by 17 percent.

At a recent National STEM Conference, numerous sessions focused on how to successfully prepare students for life in a STEM related workplace. The Office of Career Education is excited about implementing some of these ideas to help with student success and completion.

Faculty Coffee Hour at the Downtown Campus

As we prepare for the upcoming Spring 2015 semester, the Downtown Campus hosted a Faculty Coffee Hour discussing "Creating An Effective Syllabus." This was an engaging and interactive workshop where faculty discussed the importance of a syllabus and how students can benefit from their syllabus.



Great News!

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs has awarded continued accreditation to the Surgical Technology program at WCCCD until 2024.

Dental Hygiene Program Lunch and Learn

The first year dental hygiene students participated in a lunch and learn session provided by Procter and Gamble. Students were introduced to new products from Braun.



Nursing Program

Nursing student Ashley Schulte is making a real difference in the lives of her patients beyond the medical care she provides. Ms. Schulte wrote the following message to Dr. Cook, Dean of Nursing:

"I am currently doing my Psych rotation at Team Mental Health Detroit. Most of the patients in this facility are homeless. I really want to do something to help the people who participate in the program. On Tuesdays I make bag lunches and bring items in for our patients."





Anthony Arminiak accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of FEMA for the District in hosting their Disaster Recovery Centers at the Downriver and Northwest campuses.



Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education



The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the Detroit FBI SWAT for communications and coordination training.

MIPSE hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Special Response Team training. They will be holding training once a month through December, to practice scenario training.

Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaways compliments of Mawine Diggs!



The Eastern Campus, in partnership with DAP-CEP hosted the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine (STEMM) Conference for students interested in a STEMM career. The purpose of this conference was to increase high school students knowledge of STEMM employment in Detroit and globally so that they will compete and excel in a global workforce.





The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency continues to provide assistance to residents and businesses that were affected by flooding on August 11 – 13, 2014, with registration for federal aid. They will be offering assistance through December 18, 2014.

Student Photography Exhibit

The Downtown Campus is pleased to present the Student Photography Exhibit from November 21-December 5, 2014. This exhibition showcases outstanding imagery by students in the Digital Photography I course.



Spring 2015 Walk-in Registration Begins!



November 24- December 8, 2014

Please donate a new unwrapped toy or book to any campus president's office. All donations will be distributed on December 9, 2014 at the Chancellor's Winter Reading Blast. Any undistributed toys or books will be given to a local non-profit to distribute to children in need.



MARY ELLEN STEMPFLE UNIVERSITY CENTER

University Center- West

Dr. Randall Miller, Dr. Harvey Dorrah, Muna Khoury, and Dr. Frank Dunbar attended the Madonna University Counselor Appreciation Breakfast this week. Afterwards the team from WCCCD was given a tour of Madonna University by Dr. Ernest Nolan and Michael Quattro as we continue our dialogue around a potential partnership with Madonna University at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center-West.



DS LS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS LECTURE SERIES



The Division of Educational Affairs continued its Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series this week. Dr. Jean Alce, MD, Psychiatrist spoke on the State of Mental Healthcare.



Office of Institutional Advancement

**Are you an Alumnus? Alumnae? Alumni? of WCCCD?
What is the right word?**

If you're a male, you're an alumnus. If there are a group of guys together, you're alumni. If you're female, you're alumna. A group of females is called alumnae. However, if a group is made up of men and women, you're alumni again. That is why you see "alumni" most often; it can be gender neutral. Alumnus, alumna, alumnae, alumni, all come from the Latin words "alumnus" which means foster child and "alere," which means to nourish.



International Programs and Global Partnerships

International Students Attended a Global Conference held in Detroit

At WCCCD, the educational experience of our students is enriched by the presence of students from around the world. They bring new perspectives, cultures and languages to our campuses and communities. Four of our international students joined hundreds of others for a conference organized by Global Talent Retention Initiative of Michigan, an East Lansing organization founded to retain international student talent as a strategy for economic growth in the United States.



Country Profile: Pakistan



Pakistan, officially known as the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, is an independent country in South Asia. With a population exceeding 180 million people, it is the sixth most populous country in South Asia.

Meet Mohamed Khan

Muhammad Kamran Khan from Karachi, Pakistan shares his experience at WCCCD.

“I am studying Computer Science at WCCCD. I choose it because it is affordable and well equipped for my need to graduate with well experienced and professional faculty. I love my teachers they are very understanding and help me every step of the way. I also can find classes on my schedule very easily anywhere around five campuses in Wayne County.



There is International Student Organization (ISO) where all international students get together time to time and discuss our challenges and current issues. They are awesome and help us to understand American culture and how to deal with cultural differences.

When I need help with my homework, there are learning centers to assist me. WCCCD also has online tutoring available for assistance in any subject.”

IN THE NEWS



Students were able to talk with advisors, receive career advice and information on the study-abroad program. WCCCD PHOTO

Over 300 students celebrate 'Advocacy Day' at WCCCD

On Nov. 6, 2014, more than 300 students representing various disciplines packed the atrium of the Wayne County Community College District Downtown Campus to celebrate Student Advocacy Day.

The students were joined by faculty, staff and WCCCD senior administrators. On hand to cheer the students toward success were the District's Wildcat basketball mascot, the basketball team, Student Executive Council (student government), Phi Theta Kappa, and federal work-study representatives. Students were encouraged to complete their studies at WCCCD and received prizes for attending the Advocacy Day. Administrators, faculty, and staff engaged students through interactive games and activities.

"I guess the highlight of it all was that we came together as students of WCCCD and not by campus. I know we have five campuses, but today everyone came together to celebrate. It was cool," said Nicole, a first-year student looking to get into the nursing program. Students also received give-aways and enjoyed popcorn and hot dogs. They were able to meet with advisors, receive information on career programs, apply for the Study Abroad Program and updates on the upcoming priority registration and Financial Aid Marathon.

"Our message for today centers on our support for students and for our students' success," said Brian Singleton, vice chancellor

for student services. "As we move into the spring semester, we want to let students know we are here to help them achieve their educational goals and objectives while attending WCCCD," Singleton said. The Student Advocacy Day will be repeated on every campus. The program also raised awareness of the importance of community colleges in Michigan; most

with one another, their faculty, administrators and staff.

"One thing I got out of our gathering here today is the Advocacy Day gives us the opportunity to value diversity. It was fun and promoted the opportunity for our educational growth; and at the same time, it was engaging," said Mr. Groves, a second-year student preparing to graduate.



Students from all five campuses play games as part of Advocacy Day at WCCCD.

especially, in Wayne County. WCCCD is an urban-suburban multi-campus system with five campuses; the Michigan Institute for Public Safety; the Mary Ellen Stemple University Center, and the Center for Distance Learning, located at the University Center.

The District serves more than 72,000 credit and non-credit students from over 32 municipalities in Wayne County.

Singleton said Student Advocacy Day will be an annual program that will allow students to interact

with one another, their faculty, administrators and staff. "One thing I got out of our gathering here today is the Advocacy Day gives us the opportunity to value diversity. It was fun and promoted the opportunity for our educational growth; and at the same time, it was engaging," said Mr. Groves, a second-year student preparing to graduate.

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FOOD IS LIFE

Black farmers and urban gardeners

By Marilyn Barber
 Special to The Michigan Citizen

The Black Farmers and Urban Gardeners Conference was presented by Black Urban Growers, an organization of volunteers committed to building networks and community support for growers in both urban and rural settings. Through education and advocacy around food and farm issues, they nurture collective Black leadership to ensure they have a seat at the table.

In November of 2009, this alliance began organizing and hosting a series of community events with the purpose of starting a conversation around food. Where does it come from? Who is providing it? Why don't we see more Black farmers at the farmers' markets? What is the relationship between our individual health and the health of our communities, and why does it matter?

Beginning with a fundraiser event in February of 2010, followed by a community forum, they started inviting more and more people from their communities to engage in the conversation and together connect the dots between the health of our farmers and our collective health as a community.

At the first annual Black Farmers and Urban Gardeners Conference in November 2010, more than 500 attendees began building a national network that includes producers, consumers and everyone in between in creating sustainable solutions. This vital project continued at the second annual conference in October 2011.

In 2013, as well as previous years, Detroiters showed up at the BUGS conference by the busload. It was there that the offer was extended to us to host the BUGS 2014 conference. The offer was graciously accepted. Oct. 17-19, 2014, the Black Farmers conference was held at the Western International High

School. The theme was: "Sankofa, Green and Black: Honoring Our Past as We Move United towards the Future." It connected growers, businesses, advocates, students, activists across the world.

The conference was kicked off with a fundraising reception on Oct. 17. Dr. Tamika Steele of the National Women in Agriculture Association was guest host for the evening. Ms. LaDonna Brown, the founder of Campaign for Food Justice Now, was keynote speaker.

Our own Barbara Norton, a sixth generation blueberry farmer from Calvert, Mich. (on the western side of the state) was the keynote speaker Oct. 18. She currently farms blueberries on 53 acres of land her family has owned for six generations.

Chief Bryant Terry gave a talk on the history of soul food and also a food demonstration. Terry is an eco-chef, food justice activist and author. He is the author of "Vegan Soul Kitchen" and "The Inspired Vegan," his most recent book.

A lot of times conferences are not family friendly, forcing parents to have their children sit through lectures with them or leaving them at home with a babysitter. This conference had a special children's section, the Growing Green Children's Conference held simultaneously with activities, games, demonstrations, nutrition education.

I was particularly impressed with a group of farmers that came from Boston, Mass. It was amazing to me they raised their own money, taking a train, and even renting a van to come to the BUGS Conference in Detroit.

I really bonded with the Boston group, because they are doing the same work that we are doing here in Detroit. When asked what they thought about the



BUGS Conference, this is what Sierra had to say: "As a farm trainee with the Urban Farming Institute of Boston and a Detroit native, it put a fire in my belly to attend the 2014 BUGS conference. My team and I began to bridge a gap between two major urban cities in which farming is providing not only fresh, locally-sourced food to the residents, but also the opportunity to gain real life knowledge and entrepreneurship skills. I found the conference workshops to be well facilitated and full of energy! I was humbled and grateful to be around and learn from so many Black farmers. The knowledge I gained and relationships I built during the conference is only the beginning. I am looking forward to attending next year!"

The biggest takeaway was the gathering of people with like minds networking and brainstorming on what we can do to fix this broken food system of ours. The thing that rang through for many as was gentrification — all over the world, people of color are facing the same challenges. The challenges we are facing did not happen overnight, and will take more conferences like BUGS to be solutionary.

For more information, please visit www.blackfarmersconf.org.

With advances in technology web pages that are accessible with tablets and smartphones, the quality of online courses has drastically improved since the program's inception, he said.

"The whole concept fills gaps for students," Blumenthal said. "If a course isn't offered during a semester at one community college, a student can find the course online at another college and stay on track to get his or her degree."

Hansen said it will also be able to tell students how many classes they need to complete their degree, which will lead to better guidance overall.

The MCO has three tuition rates: in-district, out-of-district and out-of-state. The in-district tuition of \$160 per credit hour applies to residents of any community college district. The out-of-district and out-of-state tuition cost \$230 and \$300 per hour respectively.

Students who are out of district, but live in Michigan will pay the \$230 per contact rate. These rates apply only to courses taken outside the student's home college.

Michigan College Online will also benefit professors by allowing them to share teaching modules.

When online classes fill at their college, students can immediately see openings in the same course at other

Community college online classes soon available

By Jordan Bradley
 Staff News Service

LANSING — The Michigan Community College Association is working on a system that will give students in remote areas of Michigan access to all online courses available at community colleges in the state.

Residents in Michigan's sprawling areas, like much of the Upper Peninsula, have larger distances to travel to reach a community college's campus.

"Fifty percent of the land mass in Michigan is not in a community college district — that means within 30 to 40 miles," Michael Hansen, president of the MCCA, said. According to Connect Michigan Inc., a non-profit dedicated to increasing Internet quality and access for residents in rural areas, 643,000 households are either without access to broadband Internet services or with access to slower upload speeds.

However, since 2011, there has been a 60 percent increase in access to broadband Internet that has a minimum download speed of 100 megabits per second. While the association



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History Instructor with his class



Students in the Learning Resource Center at the Greenfield campus



Biology tutor assists student in Learning Resource Center



Greenfield campus Learning Resource Center students studying



Learning Resource Center at the Downtown Park Avenue Building



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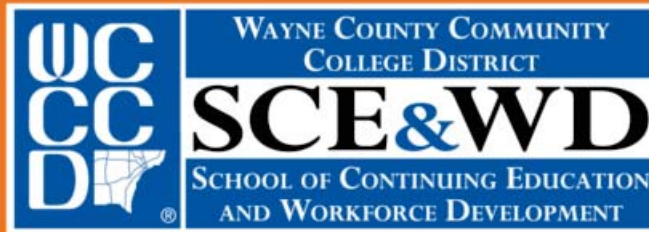
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EARN YOUR GED AT WCCCD TODAY!

Register for the Adult Education Program and enter to win an iPad!

Registration For Orientation
November 3rd through December 6th, 2014
Monday through Wednesday
9:00 a.m

Downtown Campus • Room 123B
1001 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226

The GED Orientation will provide the community an opportunity to speak with representatives to learn the benefits of earning your GED.

Participants will:

- Learn how GED completion is an investment in their future
- Have the opportunity to complete WCCCD's GED Program Application
- Receive literature on the programs and career opportunities at WCCCD

Courses are offered at no cost to participants.

Please bring your drivers license and social security card to register.

Our goal is to provide you with all the tools necessary to complete your General Education Development (GED). You will be provided with qualified professional instructors, an individual learning plan and tutorial services that will help you complete this program with great success!

To make an appointment, please call the School of Continuing Education at 313-496-2704 or visit our website at www.wcccd.edu



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BOOKWORM CLUB

present

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WINTER READING BLAST

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Downtown Campus

Frank Hayden Community Room

Open to Children ages

1-10 years of age

Great treats, fun tricks and more!



Open to the public at no cost

Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME OF SCHOOL _____ PHONE _____

TEACHER/CHAPERONE _____ GRADE LEVEL _____

MALE FEMALE ARE YOU A WAYNE COUNTY RESIDENT? YES NO

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

STUDENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST

STUDENT ADDRESS _____
NUMBER STREET APT.

CITY STATE ZIP

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

For more information, please contact Aracely Hernandez at 313-496-2510