

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



May 2-8, 2020 Weekend Memo 1240

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Remotely Celebrating



Walk-thru at the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center

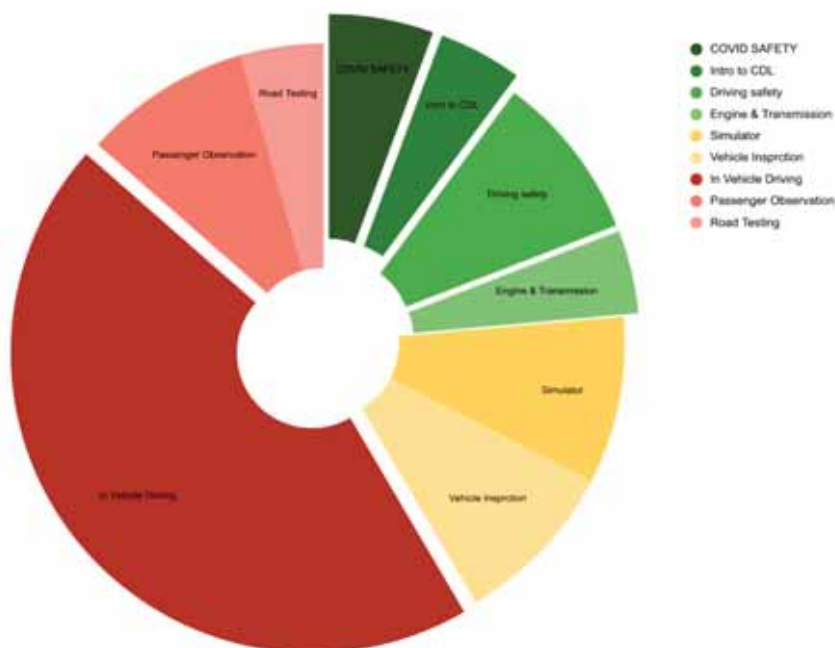




Commercial Driver’s License Program- Essential Workers

High ranking representatives were recently invited to the The White House. A statement was released as truckers were heralded as the “foot soldiers in the war against COVID-19”. Currently more drivers are needed deliver essential goods such as food and Personal Protection Equipment

Due to these developments, the Regional Training Center is reaching out to 300 + previous CDL-A completers to check on their current employment status and link them to opportunities.



The RTC is looking to add personal protection equipment and pandemic safety training to our pending online offerings with a special focus on truck drivers. We will be looking to convert a portion of the following existing programs to distance learning:

- Entrepreneurship
- CDL-A
- Cool Kids Code
- Construction Trades

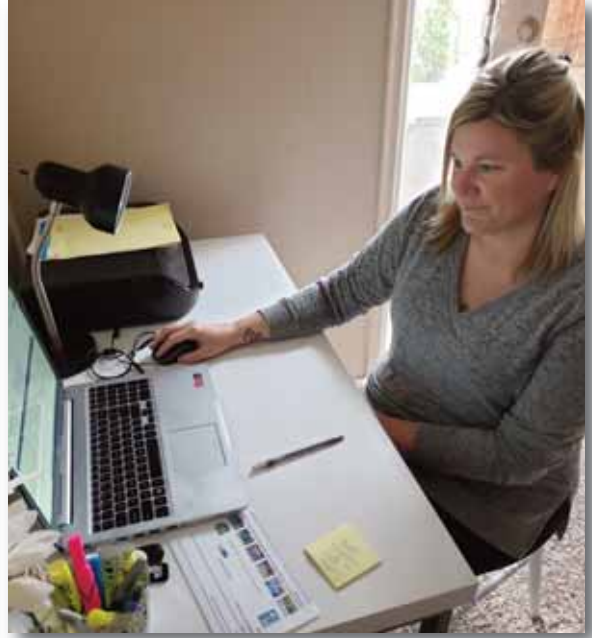
Deliverable Not Deliverable (Via Distance Learning)



Cool Kids Code- Access to Technology

The Cool Kids Code curriculum is currently being restructured around students access to hardware and software. The RTC is currently working with the Rainbow Push Coalition, funders and coordinators to determine how to deliver a program that works within the metro-Detroit area. The program was initiated by Rainbow Push to address the digital divide in urban cities. Detroit, which ranks amongst the highest with regards to this disparity.

Division of Student Services



Staff continue to work remotely to assist our students.



Staff from the Division of Student Services at the Curtis L. Ivery District Office.

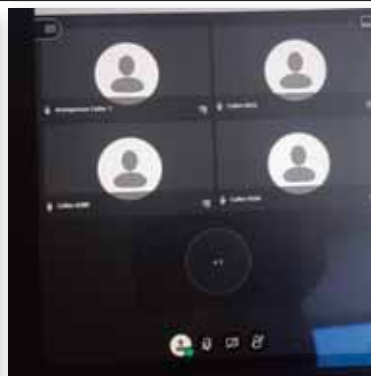
Northwest Campus



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Dr. Harvey Dorrah, Mark Sanford, Denis Karic, and Tynisha McGee met with representatives from Central Michigan University. Discussion focused on partnership opportunities related to the Fashion Design Program.



Dr. Harvey Dorrah and Denis Karic met with representatives from Northwood University. Discussion focused on partnership opportunities related to the Master of Business Administration Program.



Higher Learning Commission Technical Support Preparation Meeting

As the District prepares for the Higher Learning Commission virtual meeting scheduled next week, the Division of Information Technology administrators and technicians met to discuss technical requirements and logistics.





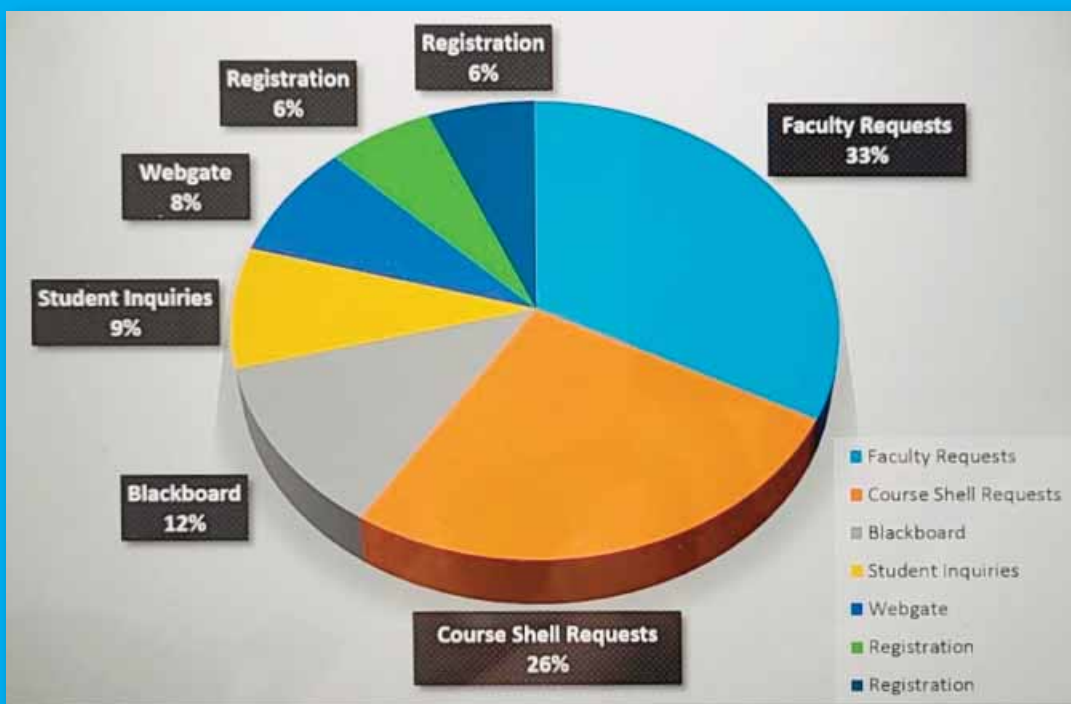
Division of Educational Affairs

Distance Learning



The Distance Learning team are working remotely to provide support to faculty and students.

Distance Learning Email Support for the Month of April





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Schedule Development Meeting

Dr. Abby Freeman and Nahla Baaqi met at the Curtis L. Ivery District Office to discuss the Northwest Campus Fall 2020 semester course offerings.

Technology Integration in Class

While online video meetings, virtual webinars, conference calls and social media connecting points have become a daily occurrence in our lives as well as in teaching and learning, there is some fatigue that comes with virtual access as well. Recent polls are showing that there is some “Blowback” from people just sick of remote access, in general. Instructors are now aware, more than ever, that if remote learning and virtual access works for a certain part of their class, they use it. Likewise, if it is also clear that a blended or more high-tech/high-touch face to face component works better for a certain portion of the class, they switch to that approach. So, what does this remote teaching experience tell us about teaching in the future? The experience tells us that classes in the future will better integrate technology into even pure face to face courses. It is the best of both worlds.



Northwest Campus Instructional Zoom Meeting

The Northwest Campus Instructional staff held a zoom meeting to discuss course offerings for the Fall 2020 semester.



Division of Educational Affairs

Faculty and Early Childhood Students Practicing Healthy Well-Being Training

Quote by: Instructor Najwah Dahdah
(Early Childhood Education)



"I am honored to be a part of the WCCCD team and support the students during this difficult time. As an expert in the early childhood profession, I truly believe it's about building trusting and respectful relationships with the students before the learning begins. The students expressed their challenges and I was happy to modify the modality of teaching where they can be most successful."



Learning Resource Centers

Research Help Now is a virtual reference service provided by 15 Michigan academic institutions within Michigan. Virtual reference services are even more valuable as we develop alternative learning strategies to support our students, faculty, community from remote locations. Research help Now supports all WCCCD programs and disciplines.

Access is available 24/7 with chat help from professional librarians. WCCCD has participated in this service for more than 10 years.

"Welcome to Chat With a Librarian" is simple to use. Type in Your name, Your Email, Your Question, and click Start Chat.

To access the service, visit the LRC web page at http://www.wcccd.edu/dept/learning_resource_center.htm.

Virtual Science Labs

In the height of the pandemic, institutions are finding creative alternative learning methods to engage their students. One of those institutions is California Community College. The college system has a partnership with edtech company Labster, which develops interactive laboratory simulations. The institution recently launched virtual science labs for distance-learning where students have the opportunity to receive hands-on learning experiences within various science disciplines.

Source: <https://edscoop.com/california-community-colleges-launches-virtual-science-labs-students-learning-home/?amp>

Division of Administration and Finance

Procurement and Auxiliary Services Departments

The Procurement and Auxiliary Service Departments are working closely with our WCCCD Michigan Institute for Public Safety seeking innovative ways to prepare for the future and meet the daily COVID-19 pandemic challenges we are experiencing. We continue to navigate and think strategically about daily and future operations including purchasing critical supplies, equipment and delivery of goods and services, mailroom operations and campus safety protocol modifications in anticipation of returning to campus.



Northwest Campus

Denise Wellons Glover Welcome Center Renovation Project





Carolyn Carter attended the Historic Advisory Board meeting training session for the 2020 year.



Monique Smith continues to provide support to SMART Program students to assist them with adjusting to alternative learning and identifying food resources that they may need during the COVID-19 crisis.



The Northwest Campus staff held a zoom session to stay connected and provide words of encouragement during these uncertain times.



Nahla Baaqi participated in a webinar sponsored by EAB. EAB is a best practices firm that uses research, technology, and consulting to address challenges within the education industry.



Mark Carter participated in the Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans COVID-19 Town Hall zoom session.



Phi Theta Kappa Meeting



During this unprecedented situation, the District's leadership team continues to work with the Website Committee to provide information to ensure the website is updated with helpful information for students, faculty, staff and the community. For the latest information on the college's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit <http://www.wccd.edu/coronavirus.html>.

Additional resources include:

- Frequently Asked Questions - <http://www.wccd.edu/Faqs.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions about Financial Aid Related to COVID-19 - http://www.wccd.edu/Faqs_FinancialAid.html
- Student Support Services During COVID-19 - http://www.wccd.edu/students/SS_coronavirus.html



April 2020 Website Analytics

- Page views – 289,425
- Returning Visitors – 35.7%
- New Visitors – 64.3%
- Average Session Duration – 3:02 Minutes

Top 10 most views pages

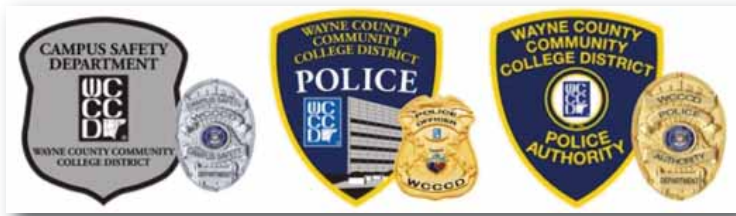
1. Homepage
2. Distance Learning
3. Faculty and Staff Resources
4. WCCCD Coronavirus Updates
5. Student Email
6. Academic Programs
7. Academic Schedules
8. Student Services
9. Downriver Campus
10. Northwest Campus



When you are called on to speak in a ZOOM meeting, you can press and hold the spacebar to quickly mute and unmute your mic, right from your keyboard.

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/how-to-use-zoom-like-a-pro-13-hidden-features-to-try-at-your-next-meeting/>

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District Police Authority



United States Secret Service Veteran Bill Cousins of WJ Cousins and Associates conducted a best practice conference call with Chief Darrick Muhammad and the District Police Authority. Mr. Cousins is a security consultant working for the Gardenview Estates (formerly Herman Gardens) and said, they are attempting to establish a CCTV system at the housing complex and are grateful to WCCCD who have lead the way in proving a safe and secure environment with the assistance of modern technology surveillance system.



In the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department continues to supplement safety efforts by patrolling the campuses throughout the District.

Lieutenant Pride Johnson investigates an incident as a means of continuous quality improvement.



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Mission

WCCCD's mission is to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to achieve their higher education and career advancement goals through excellent, accessible, culturally diverse, and globally competitive programs and services.

Vision Statement

WCCCD will be known as a premier community college and innovator in the areas of high quality academic and career education, talent development in support of regional economic growth, diversity and inclusion, and technological advancement.

