

# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1322 December 11-17, 2021

## Beaumont Health Emergency Medicine Simulation Program





# Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Office Visits the Regional Training Center

Governor Gretchen Whitmer's advance team visited the Eastern Campus Regional Training Center (RTC) to discuss collaboration with the upcoming Build Back Better bill support for WCCCD's skilled training in Advanced Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Commercial Driver's License, Construction, Welding and HVAC.



# Expanding our Partnerships



I met with Warren Evans, Kofi Bonner, the CEO of Bedrock and Nadia Sesay, Chief Community Growth Officer for Bedrock, to discuss partnership and workforce development opportunities.



This week, Tony Arminiak, Tim Durand, and I met with Jim Perry, President of Downriver Community Conference to discuss additional partnership opportunities and future grants.

I participated in the Career and Education Advisory Council's (CEAC) Meeting. Agenda items focused on Wayne RESA's Strategic Plan and a roundtable update.

### CEAC Purpose

- As part of WIOA policy, each Workforce Development Board have a Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC)
- CEAC will bring education and business together by establishing an entity and mechanism to build and maintain a collaborative partner with local school districts, employers, postsecondary institutions, advocates, and training center to identify talent needs in their community and develop/implement training strategies to meet needs
- Committees should be composed of key personnel that work directly with youth





# 2021 Thank You Celebration with our Board of Trustees





# *2021 Thank You Celebration with our Board of Trustees*





# Trustee Asm Rahman Participates in Islamic Center of North Detroit's Meet and Greet with Elected Officials and Community Leaders





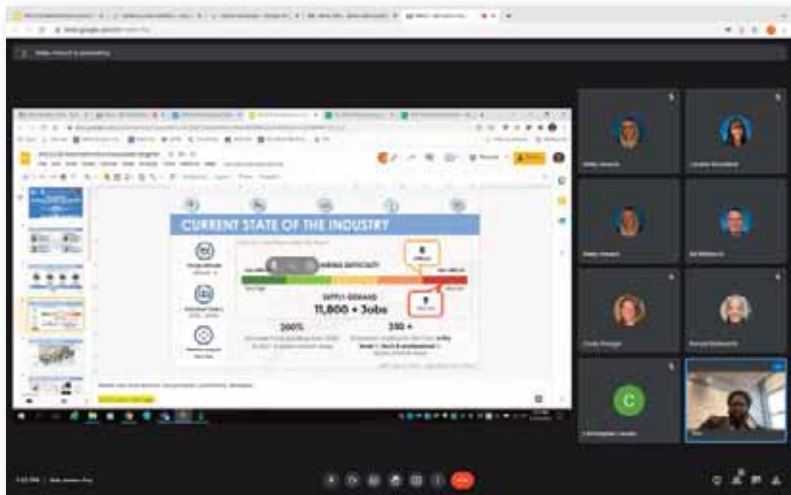
# Division of Workforce and Economic Development

## Outdoor Training Center Update

The Outdoor Training Center is ready for its anticipated 2022 opening with completing the perimeter fencing, installing the guard station and initial signage on the property.



## Mechatronics Update



Staff continue to meet with representatives from Stellantis (formerly FCA) to discuss the opening of the Mechatronics Lab at the Eastern Campus.





## Division of Workforce and Economic Development

### Commercial Driver's License Program *"Women in Trucking" Student Success*

#### **Cappie Williams**

Former CDL-A Trainee/current  
CDL-A Training instructor

Cappie Williams is one of our first graduates of the CDL-A Training Program. She began her work with the city of Detroit driving wide load hauling trucks. She is currently a supervisor/driver with the city of Detroit, and her passion for the industry has brought her back to WCCCD as an instructor.



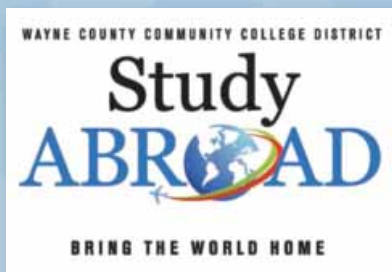
#### **Pearl Oliver**

CDL-A trainee turned fleet owner.  
Seen here with her three semi trucks.



**Ashley Starke**  
Midwest Trucking





## For Mona Farah; The 2013 Nursing Pinning Memories Will Last Forever!

At the end of her study abroad trip to Belize and Guatemala in 2013, Mona Farah was looking forward to joining her family and friends at her nursing pinning ceremony to celebrate her accomplishment of becoming a nurse.

But Mother Nature had her own plan for Mona and she had to forgo the ceremonies in Detroit, but instead settled for one in Dallas, Texas. There, a study abroad group that she traveled with got stranded due to an ice storm that brought travel to a complete stand still for three days. The students and the Study Abroad leadership felt awful for Mona, but quickly found a way to make her feel as if she was in Detroit and participating in the program.

Just recently, Mona recalled the event as if it was yesterday. “A group of individuals that I studied abroad with, pinned me as a nurse,” said Mona, whose current title is Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). She is a board certified family nurse practitioner, working at Michigan Medicine in school-based health in pediatric primary care.

“I missed my pinning ceremony because we got stuck in Texas due to an ice storm. Remember that craziness? They were using sandbags on the runway. Wild! Super grateful for the kind hearted folks that made this day memorable for me. I laminated my nursing pin. And it is one of the most meaningful items I have.”

“I may not have got pinned with my graduating class, but the 33 men and women with me on this trip surprised me and made sure I took my oath and got pinned. I am so blessed to have met such great people. Thank you!”





# Division of Student Services



## Outreach

The Outreach Team met with ESL instructors and discussed Spring 2022 teacher/student class expectations.




## Records and Registration

The Division of Student Services is preparing Summer 2021 graduation folders and posting degrees.



## Recruitment

The Recruitment Team would like to welcome Christopher Turner, a senior at Northwestern High School who has chosen WCCCD as his institution of higher education for the Fall 2022.

## Dual Enrollment



The Dual Enrollment team conducted an orientation at the Detroit School of Arts for their upcoming Spring 2022 courses.



The Division of Student Services would like to congratulate Paris Ellis, a senior at Harper Woods High School, who was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.





# Division of Student Services



## Student Success Center

Staff continue to assist students in registering for Spring 2022 through the Mi-Reconnect Program.



## Student Support Services

Staff met to discuss resources available for students registered for the Spring 2022 semester.



## Veteran Affairs

Veteran students continue to meet with our staff to assist them with benefits available.

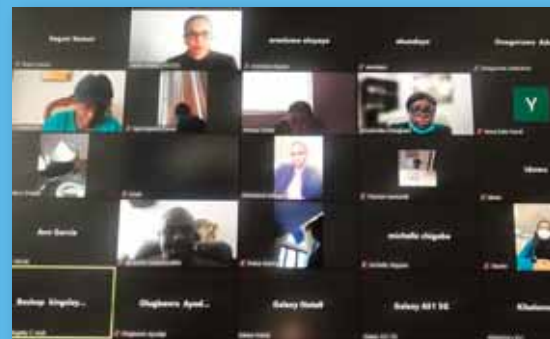


## TRIO Success Story!

Michael Williams, Alumni TRIO Student, graduated from Wayne State University with a Master's Degree in tin Social Work this week.

## International Students

The team met with international students to review Homeland Security rules and regulations.





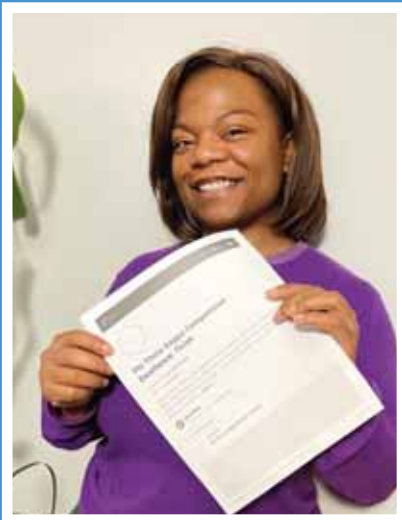
## Congratulations!

Student Success



### Adult Education

Elese Blyse, former adult education student, is being acknowledged for completing her LPN pre-requisite classes and earning all As. She also scored over 80% on each section of her HESI exam.



### Phi Theta Kappa

PTK member Latricia Dubose shows off her Phi Theta Kappa Five Star Competitive Edge Certificate. Students earn this certificate based on communication, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, professional etiquette, emotional intelligence, and leadership style.



### Career Planning and Placement

Members of the team met with representatives from Meridian Health to discuss details in establishing a partnership.



### Michigan College and University Partnership

Tammy Anderson, Ed.D. met with interested STEM students regarding the MiCUP seven week paid internship in May.



### Congratulations!

WCCCD's women's basketball team is in first place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCA) Eastern Conference going into the New Year. Go Wildcats!



# Division of Educational Affairs

## The Voice of Faculty Excellence

As the Vice Chancellor of the Division of Educational Affairs and my enduring commitment to the faculty and their learning environments, it is my pleasure to present to you “The Voice of Faculty Excellence.” ~ Dr. David Beaumont



Norma Madison, Ph.D.

Professor Norma Madison has been teaching in higher education for more than 40 years, with half of those years teaching psychology courses at Wayne County Community College District. Her path to becoming a teacher began when she experienced support and unconditional acceptance from her high school teacher, where it led her to build self-esteem and inspired her to want more out of life.

Professor Madison shares that she feels an obligation to pay this forward, by helping and supporting students, like she was over the years. “I am committed to giving back to students who do not know their self-worth. I want to encourage and inspire them to further their education, and to live a better life.”

One of her most memorable experiences throughout her teaching career highlights how much Professor Madison is cultivating this encouraging atmosphere among students. She shares, “When I received a letter from a former student, the student wanted to thank me for my support and wanted me to know she felt I had ‘saved her life.’ She expressed how angry and broken she was when she first entered my psychology class. She felt unwanted, and contemplated giving up. She talked about how the psychology class discussions opened her eyes to another world, one she felt she could endure. She further talked about her pursuit to become a psychologist because of my impact on her, ‘paying it forward.’”

She continues to make an immense impact, receiving special recognition and awards from the community. She received a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Army for offering counseling and support to the troops and their families serving in Afghanistan and Kuwait. She was also recognized by Detroit Public Schools with a Certificate of Appreciation for offering support and guidance to pregnant and parenting teens for over 15 years. Most recently, she received an Appreciation Award from the Women of Worth Auxiliary for offering mental health support to women impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Professor Madison earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology, a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling, a Specialist Degree in Psychology, and a Doctorate Degree in Psychology. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys spending time with family, shopping, and singing in a gospel choir.

# Division of Educational Affairs



**Year-end Close Out Meeting with the Health Science Administrators and Staff**



*Welcome to the WCCCD Family!*

*The Health Science Center welcomes Cheniece Harris, Ph.D. as the new simulation administrator. Dr. Harris comes to us from Oakland University and we are so happy to have her on board.*





## Division of Educational Affairs



**Spring 2022  
Virtual Faculty Convocation**  
January 15, 2022

### *Feature Speakers*

**Michaels Baston**  
President, SUNY Rockland

**Sunita "Sunny" Cooke**  
President Mira Costa Community College

**Courtney Smith**  
CEO Phoenix Center



Members of the Division of Educational Affairs met to review Carl Perkins information and discuss areas needing to be addressed in 2021-2022 Need Assessment.



# Division of Educational Affairs

## Professional Development



Oneka Samet, Ed.D. and CharMaine Hines, Ed.D. met to review upcoming professional development opportunities at the District. These initiative includes reviewing printed publications, themes and corresponding sessions for the upcoming Faculty Convocation and other professional development opportunities for faculty staff and students with a goal of continuing building a video resource repository for knowledge acquisition and application.

**Strengthening MIWORKFORCE Pathways**

**Awarding Academic Credit for Industry Credentials**

December 9, 2021

Charmian Fletcher	Denise Belt
Brandy Bunting	Chad Borodychuk
Michael Salama	Tracy Miller
Stacy Whiddon	Joyce McCoy
Deb Miller	Deb Miller

Oneka Samet, Ed.D. participated in the MiWorkforce Pathways: Awarding Academic Credit for Industry Credentials webinar hosted by the Michigan Community College Association.



# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

## Virtual Intercultural Conversations

Promoting “Unity in Diversity” racially, culturally and religiously



### Celebrating Russian American Heritage

*The life and successes of Milla Jovovich, Isaac Asimov, and Wassily Leontiff*

### Celebrating English American Heritage

*The life and success of Charlie Chaplin*

### Interfaith Dialogue on three religious celebrations

*Judaic Hanukah, Christian Advent, Christmas and Kwanzaa*



Celebrating World Human Rights Day







## District Police Authority

### K-9 Training

The District Police Authority partnered with Wayne State University Police for K-9 (police dog) training for campus safety at the Northwest Campus.





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**PATHWAYS III**  
To The FUTURE

DESIGNING  
BOLD FUTURE  
PATHWAYS

## New Day, New Way Initiative

The New Day, New Way team meets frequently to review customer service strategies to assist our callers' needs.

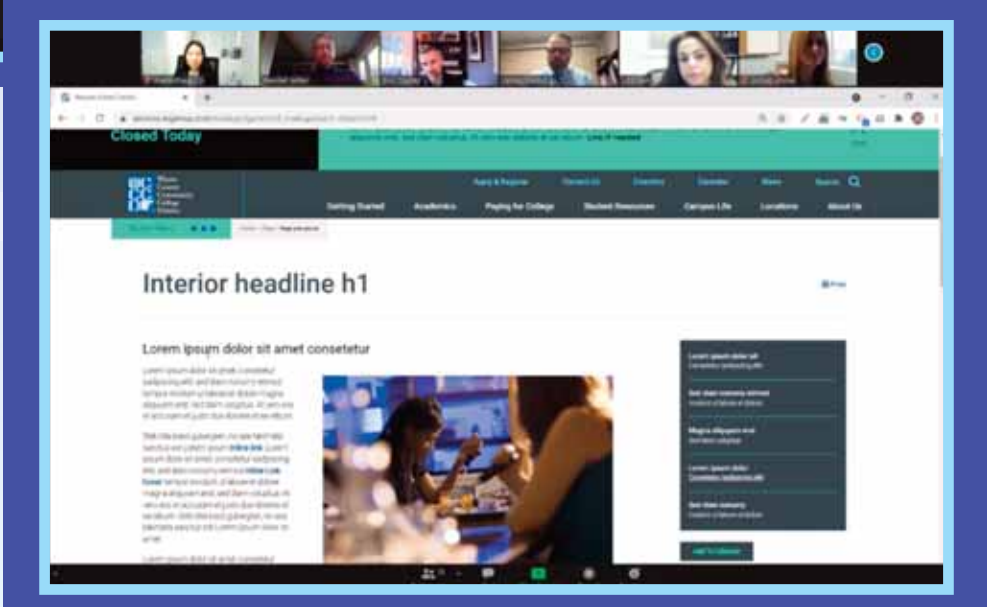
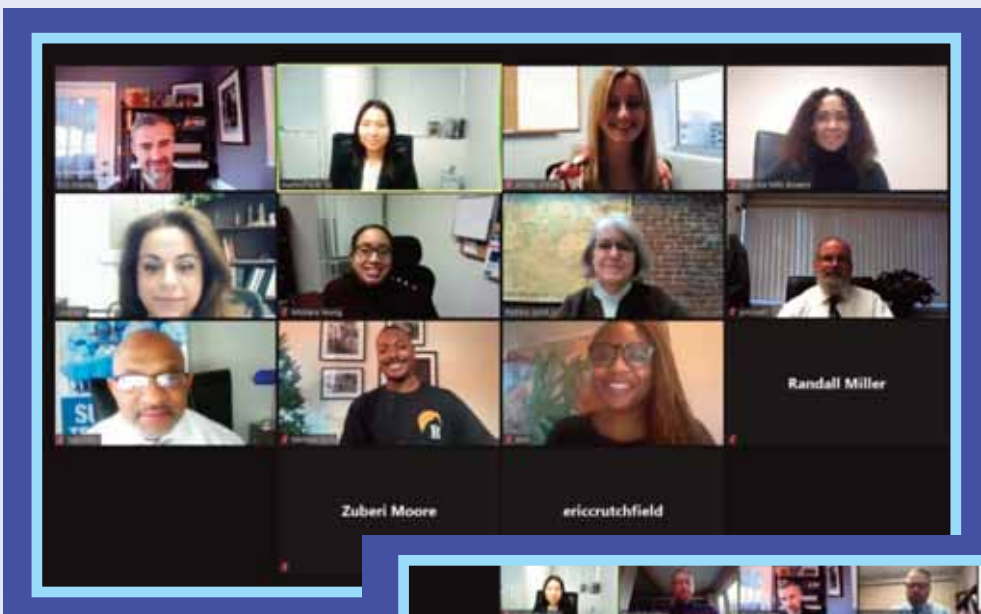






# Website Redesign Taskforce

The Website Redesign Taskforce has completed and approved the design and development specifications for the Content Management System (CMS) with our vendor, Ingeniux. We did a comprehensive review of the new site with our design partner Stamats, and submitted our final design tweaks and enhancements. The CMS vendor begins development next week, while the taskforce focuses on image and graphic management and content migration.



## Division of Information Technology

### Security Tips

#### *Using Caution with Email Attachments*

##### ***What steps can you take to protect yourself and others***

- Be wary of unsolicited attachments, even from people you know. Just because an email message looks like it came from someone you know does not mean that it did. Many viruses can "spoof" the return address, making it look like the message came from someone else. If you can, check with the person who supposedly sent the message to make sure it's legitimate before opening any attachments. This includes email messages that appear to be from your internet service provider (ISP) or software vendor and claim to include patches or antivirus software. ISPs and software vendors do not send patches or software in email.
- Trust your instincts. If an email or email attachment seems suspicious, don't open it, even if your antivirus software indicates that the message is clean. Attackers are constantly releasing new viruses, and the antivirus software might not have the signature. At the very least, contact the person who supposedly sent the message to make sure it's legitimate before you open the attachment. If something about the email or the attachment makes you uncomfortable, there may be a good reason. Don't let your curiosity put your computer at risk.

##### ***Improve password security***

- Create a strong password - Length and complexity. Use a strong password that is unique for each device or account.
- Use security questions properly. For accounts that ask you to set up one or more password reset questions, use private information about yourself that only you would know.



As the District prepares for the end of semester break, IT staff met to discuss project updates.





## Continuing Education Enrollment

December 6-11, 2021

**Curtis L. Ivery**  
**Downtown Campus**  
 TBD

**Downriver Campus**  
 266

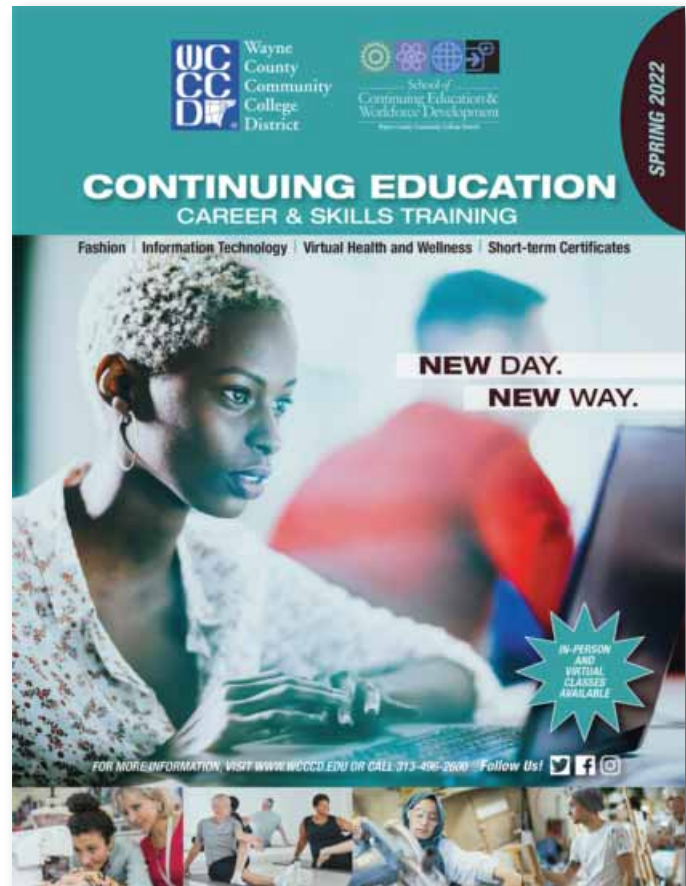
**Eastern Campus**  
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**Northwest Campus**  
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**Ted Scott Campus**  
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**Mary Ellen Stempfle**  
**University Center**  
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## Continuing Education



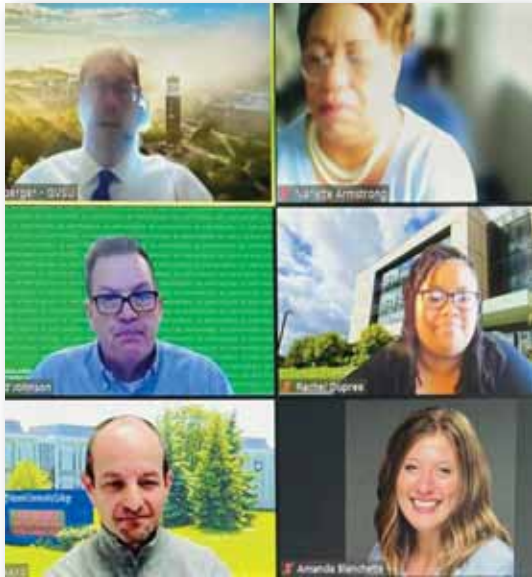
*The Spring 2022 Continuing Education Schedule is Now Available on the District's Website!*

### Road to Credentials

WCCCD continues to provide services to organizations, professionals, and the community at-large, including test development, national certification, measurement services, and professional certification both locally and nationally. This week, credentials were awarded in the Real Estate License Preparation and Conversational ESL programs.



# Building Community Relationships



Nanette Armstrong participated in the Grand Valley State University Detroit Area Transfer Advisory Board Meeting. Discussion focused on how to better serve and house transfer students particularly with families and children.



Anthony Arminiak participated in the Wayne County College Access Network Meeting.



Tim Durand participated in the Belleville Area Chamber monthly meeting.



Tammy Anderson, Ed.D. and one of our students were honored to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson. Stephanie Johnson, Civil Air Patrol and Delta Airlines first black Chief Pilot was also in attendance.





## Legislative Corner

Yvette McElroy Anderson worked to connect with state representatives to request support of the Community College BSN which will be coming up for a vote by the Full House.



Yvette McElroy Anderson, Ed.D.  
Government Relations

### *News from the Michigan Community College Association*

#### **House Committee Reports Community College BSN Authority**

On Tuesday, December 7, the House Education Committee reported House Bills 5556 and 5557, the community college Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) legislation. The final vote was 8 yes, 2 no, and 2 passes. The bills are now on the House floor waiting for final passage which likely won't occur until January. In the meantime, it is critical that you continue your advocacy, as the universities are aggressively working to stop these bills from moving.

#### **Michigan New Jobs Training Program**

The Michigan New Jobs Training Program authorizes community colleges to temporarily capture the state income tax withholding associated with newly hired workers to pay for training. To date, 267 employers have been served by the program, and 31,070 projected new jobs are receiving training via the existing MNJTP agreements.



# Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education



Downriver Hazmat Team Training



Boy Scouts of America  
MIPSE Tour





# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



## Ugly Holiday Mask Contest and Raffle

## Health and Wellness Education Center

Members of the newly formed focus group attended orientation sessions and started utilizing features of the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center. This focus group will walk through the processes of signing up for a membership and utilizing the fitness center and its services.



# Downriver Campus

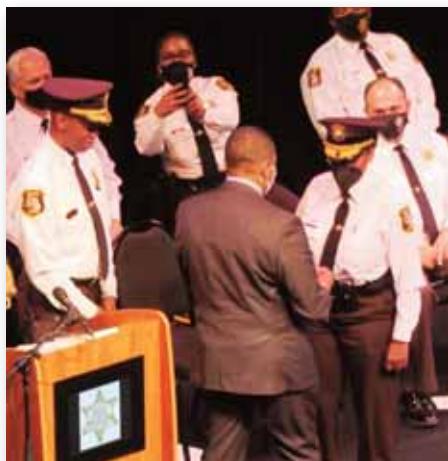


## Continuing Education

The Downriver Campus hosted the Boy Scouts of America Machican District Leadership Training.



## Wayne County Sheriff's Graduation Ceremony





# Eastern Campus



**Campus Administrative Cabinet Meeting**




## CE Spring 2022 Meeting

Staff met with continuing education instructors to discuss the Spring 2022 class structure.



## Kim DiCaro visits the Eastern Campus



**Congratulations**  
**Angelena Figueroa**  
On receiving the  
**2nd Annual Continuing Education Scholarship**  
2021  
Co-sponsored by  
Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club/Association for the Advancement of Deaf/Hard of Hearing (AADHH)  
Currently Angelena is a student at Wayne County Community College (WCCCD) majoring in Early Childhood Education.

"Currently, one way I would like to impact my community is by bridging the language barrier. I would like to introduce ASL to families, friends and individuals in the community and encourage its use by both hearing and deaf!"

"One day, I want to reduce the trauma to our young children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, by having my own classroom for our precious deaf children. My classroom will be a safe place for them to learn, grow and thrive! I also would love to assist families as a deaf advocate and lessen the pain (in some cases) of a newly diagnosis of deafness! I will be a Lead Teacher for the deaf, Blind and Deafblind!"



## Student Success!

Congratulations to Angelena Figueroa, Early Childhood Education Student for receiving the 2nd Annual Continuing Education Scholarship from the Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club/Association for the Advancement of Dear/Hard of Hearing.

# Northwest Campus



## Holiday Giving at the Northwest Campus



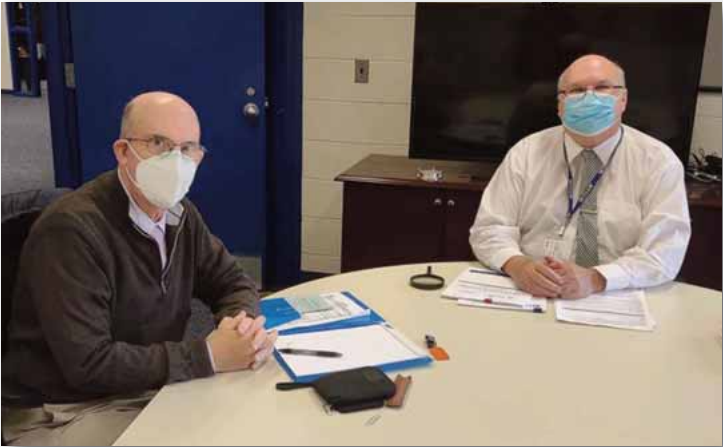


# Compliance Review Meeting

Key leaders from District Financial Aid Office and the Division of Administration and Finance meet bi-weekly to discuss completion of the many critical processes in place that ensure continued regulatory compliance with federal and state aid programs.



## Ted Scott Campus



**Perkins Review Meeting**



**Practical Nursing Education  
NCLEX Review Courses Meeting**



**Holiday Sweater Day  
at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center**

# Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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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.

## **WCCCD's Values Statements:**

- Supporting excellence in teaching and learning
- Honoring diversity
- Serving the common good
- Being accountable
- Operating with integrity

