

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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November 13-19, 2021



Johnesa Hodge Does it Again!



Once again the District would like to extend its appreciation and congratulations to Johnesa Hodge, who worked diligently to successfully complete the Higher Learning Commission Distance Delivery change application. The District received its formal approval to expand its offerings to provide virtual degrees and certificates. Ms. Hodge has demonstrated once again her knowledge of the institution's operations, policies, procedures, and practices by working persistently to navigate the application materials for the change request.

I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and support of the outstanding faculty and staff who contributed to the success of the District's New Day, New Way vision to build out course and program offering through Distance learning. The District's vision is to build out course offerings available through the distance learning modality creating alignment with the District's Strategic Plan. Increasing the capacity to offer associate degree and certificate programs to a wider population to support regional economic growth is a pivotal aspect of the District's Strategic Plan.

Our deepest thank you to Ms. Hodge and her exemplarily Institutional Effectiveness staff for this momentous accomplishment!





Season Home Opener for WCCCD's Men's and Women's Basketball Teams at the new Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center





**THOMAS E. HOWARD, JR.
GYMNASIUM**

THOMAS E. HOWARD, JR. JOINED WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN 1977 AS DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS HE SERVED THE DISTRICT IN SEVERAL CAPACITIES, INCLUDING HELPING TO CREATE AND DEVELOP THE WCCCD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AS ITS FIRST DIRECTOR. HIS VISION IS NOW FULLY REALIZED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THOMAS E. HOWARD, JR. GYMNASIUM







Chancellor's Executive Cabinet Meeting



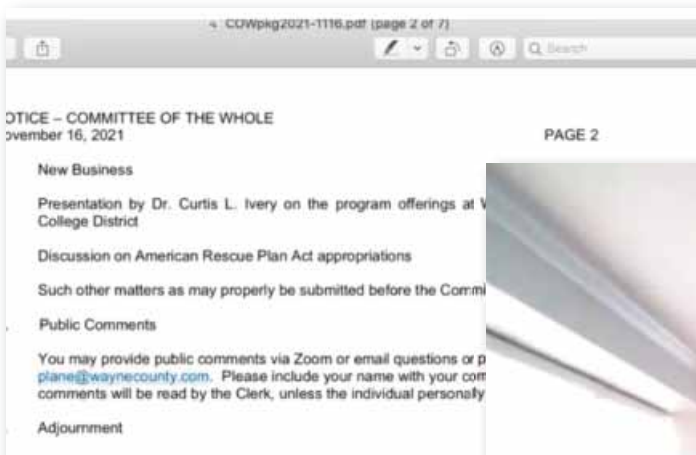
I held a virtual meeting with members of my Executive Cabinet to discuss the Organizational Redesign Initiative, COVID-19 updates, District-wide staffing, the budget, Spring 2022 registration and semester planning, grant updates, and Human Resources initiatives such as open enrollment and more.



Community College Leadership Program Advisory Board

I participated in the inaugural meeting of the Community College Leadership Program's Advisory Board meeting. It's an honor to serve on this board which is comprised of nationally renowned community college leaders.

Promoting Our Programs



This week I gave a presentation to the Wayne County Commission on WCCCD's programs.





COVID-19 Special Unit

Michigan Institute of
Public Safety Education



COVID-19 Task Force Hotline



Personal Protection Equipment Deliveries





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Mechatronics at the Eastern Campus

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting. On the left, a slide titled "CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN MECHATRONICS" lists four roles: PLC TECHNICIAN (\$4,000 - \$72,000), INDUSTRIAL CONTROLS ENGINEER (\$42,000 - \$79,000), FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN (\$44,000 - \$79,000), and ROBOTICS CONTROLS ENGINEER (\$60,000 - \$120,000). Below the slide is a "MECHATRONICS SALARY RANGE" bar from \$100,000 to \$170,000. On the right, a grid of Zoom participants is visible, including Henry Smith, Christopher Leman, James Robinson, Edward Robinson, and Lorain Brubaker.

The team continues to meet regarding WCCCD's Advanced Manufacturing Program. The program is progressing towards the transfer of \$12 million in donated robots and other equipment from partnering OEM suppliers, Stellantis/FCA and COMAU Robotics, the cell integrator.

The image features the logo for Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) on the left, which includes the text "Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation" and "DESC". To the right, the text "Great News!" is written in a white, cursive font. Below this, a paragraph of text reads: "The Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation has expanded WCCCD's contract to include 10 cohort sessions of 100% online training through its Entrepreneurship Training Academy partnership."

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting for entrepreneurship training. On the left, three guest speakers are featured in individual frames: Melody Temple, Anthony Temple, and Danielle North. Below their names are logos for "Freshies BRAND", a panda logo, and "KIDZ KINGDOM". On the right, a grid of Zoom participants is visible, including several individuals with names like "Melody Temple", "Anthony Temple", and "Danielle North".

Entrepreneurship Training

This week's guest speakers included Danielle North and Melody and Anthony Temple. Danielle North is the owner of Kidz Kingdom Child Care and Party Center, the only indoor playground in the city of Detroit. She shared her understanding of applying for and receiving grants as a 501c3 non profit, as well as utilizing her for-profit LLC to drive her mission driven enterprise. Melody and Anthony Temple discussed the ins and outs of operating a retail business.

Ceremonies and Rituals Committee



Members of the District's Ceremonies and Rituals Committee met as the team plans for annual fall programs. Upcoming programming includes the Allied Health and Nursing Pinning and Phi Theta Kappa Induction ceremonies.





Division of Student Services



Admissions and Records

Staff continue to process web admissions for the Spring 2022 semester.



Michigan Reconnect

Preparing Michigan Reconnect students for the Spring 2022 semester.



Adult Education

WCCCD's Adult Education students receiving in-person instruction at the Little Rock Considine location.



Dual Enrollment

The dual enrollment team held a planning and recruitment session with the counseling department at Frontier International Academy for Spring 2022.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office partners with Student Connections to assist students with information on how to avoid loan default and increase their financial literacy.



Federal Work Study

Students are being placed to fulfill their federal work-study award. If they were unable to attend the orientation, students are able to schedule an online orientation.



Division of Student Services



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Supports Our Students!

The guiding principles for members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. are scholarship and community service. Therefore, the Wayne County Community College District Zetas, with great pride, presented their annual scholarship to the District.



International Students

Staff continue to assist our international students as they prepare for the Spring 2022 semester.



Veteran Affairs

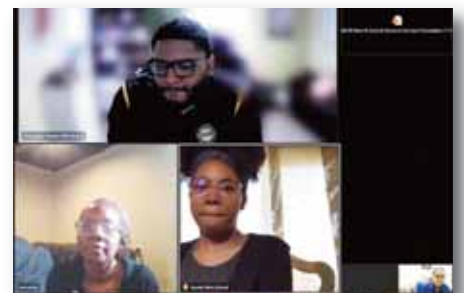
New student Devin Harris met with staff to discuss military education benefits as well as his interest in student organizations and activities.

Michigan College and University Partnership—MiCUP



MiCUP administrators met to outline the updates and changes made to the program for Spring 2022.

WCCCD students interested in the MiCUP Program participated in a virtual Meet and Greet. Students were able to get questions answered about the program criteria, application process, and more.



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



Kaveh Abani, Ph.D.

Dr. Kaveh Abani began teaching at Wayne County Community College District 17 years ago, sharing his extensive background in Computer Information Systems while working across various industries and service sectors, including automotive and Defense. Professor Abani has nearly four decades of teaching combined, previously at Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Schoolcraft College, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Washtenaw Community College.

He describes his love of teaching and professional development, “After several decades, I continue to learn from my diverse students and from interaction with my colleagues. Teaching gives me the satisfaction that I am trying to contribute to society by attempting to make the next generation as well as the current generation think more, think clearly, and to have a sound judgement, to create a better world for the future generations.”

Professor Abani earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Arya-Mehr (Sharif) University of Technology and a Master’s in Computer Science from University of Detroit Mercy. He also completed Ph.D. coursework at Michigan State University in Computer Science and Ph.D. coursework at Wayne State University in Computer Engineering.

Outside of the classroom, he enjoys catching up on sleep, reading books about human relationships, and learning from his granddaughter.



Division of Educational Affairs

Best Practices



Kojo Quartey, Ed. D. Monroe County Community College President provided a tour of their Learning Resource Center and campus facilities to Oneka Samet, Ed.D. and Monica Wiggins, Ed.D.

Course Evaluations

When conducting online course evaluations, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation encourages institutions of higher learning to adapt practices that align with their policies and existing practices. WCCCD is data and evidence driven. Our online classroom evaluators are trained to:

- Collect and record relevant data when evaluating a course
- Sort and organize evidence according to college standards
- Interpret data by comparing the evidence to the college policy and procedures
- Provide feedback to the faculty using evidence found during the evaluation.

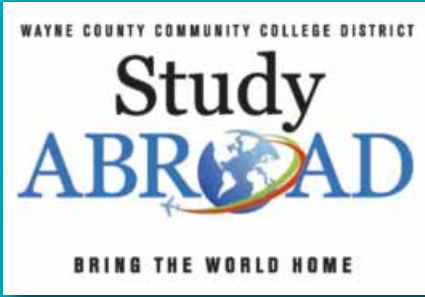


Health Science Center



Practical Nursing Education Program

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



Intercultural Conversations

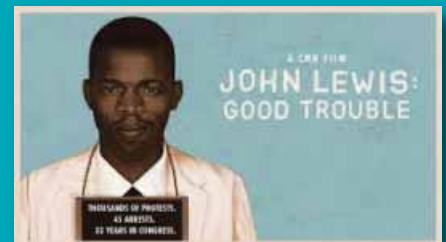


At this week's Intercultural Conversations, we celebrated International Day for Tolerance. David Butty gave a presentation on WCCCD's Study Abroad Program as well as International Education Week. As part of National Native American Heritage Month, Chief Ted Roll and Linda Filipek presented on the native life and history of the Wyandotte Anderdon Nation Day.



Documentary Film Viewing

John Lewis: Good Trouble





International Council

The International Council met to discuss this year's International Education Week, an initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote international education.



Editorial Team Prepares for District's Upcoming Great Leadership Newsletter

Unbreen Amir, David Butty, and CharMaine Hines, Ed.D. met in preparation of the next edition of WCCCD's publication the *Great Leadership* Newsletter. The publication is a relative source in providing strategies for leading high performing community colleges.



Website Redesign Taskforce

The Website Redesign Taskforce has completed its review of the Content Management System's technical specifications and is now conducting a comprehensive markup review and testing of the new site.



Virtual Event Management and Support

The Division of Information Technology (IT) continues to expand technical support for all virtual events District-wide. Virtual campus and special events, including professional development, require increased collaboration among IT and various functional and campus locations.

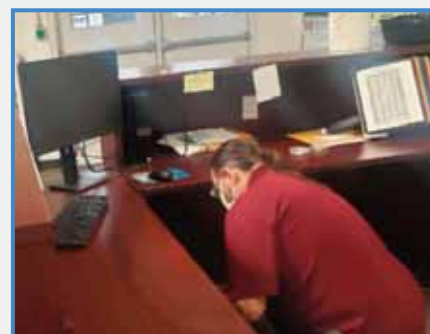


Ellucian Project Management

The team met with project managers from Ellucian to discuss project planning for newly acquired products and features.



Technical Support



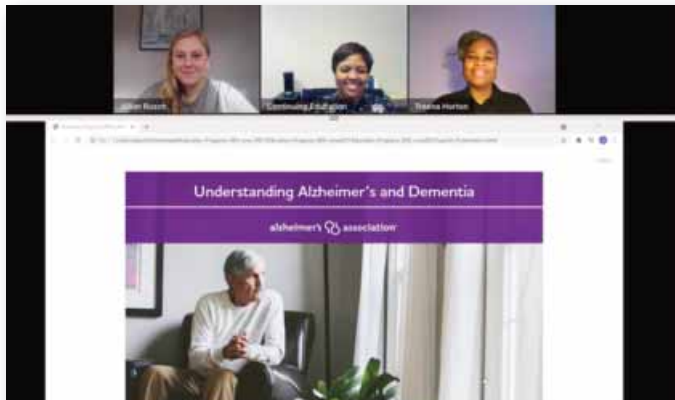


Continuing Education Strategic Planning Meeting



Alzheimer's and Dementia Workshop

The School of Continuing Education hosted the virtual Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Workshop. Information was also shared regarding the stages of the diseases, risk factors, current research, and available treatments.



Managing Death and Grief Workshop

The School of Continuing Education also hosted the virtual Managing Death and Grief Workshop. Participants received information on ways to cope with the loss of a loved one as well as tools, guidance and resources available for support.

Continuing Education Program Enrollment

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Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown Campus
TBD

Downriver Campus
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Northwest Campus
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Ted Scott Campus
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**Mary Ellen Stempfle
University Center**
TBD



Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education

Detroit Public Safety Academy

Dual Enrollment Students

Emergency Medical Technician and Fire Lab Sessions





Legislative Corner

Yvette McElroy Anderson, Ed.D.
Government Relations

*News from the
Michigan Community College Association*

State Legislative Matters

Community College BSN Authority Introduced

Representatives Damoose and Roth introduced House Bills 5556 and 5557, which would authorize community colleges to offer baccalaureate of science in nursing degrees. The bills were referred to the House Education Committee and the sponsors are working to schedule a hearing date, hopefully in December when the Legislature returns from their recess. Legislators will undoubtedly continue to hear from the opposition over the next few weeks; please make sure your college continues to thank those who are supportive and to help others understand the importance of these bills for students and for Michigan's workforce.



Yvette McElroy Anderson, Ed.D. met with Lisa Carter for a presentation on the Americorps Urban Safety Program and how it might benefit our students.

Yvette McElroy Anderson, Ed.D. participated in the virtual Council of Baptist Pastors meeting. Speakers included Senator Gary Peters.

Facilities Management



Downriver Campus



Boy Scouts of America Leadership Workshop



Wayne RESA Professional Learning Communities Workshop



Tim Durand represented the District at the Downriver Business Association Expo.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Allan Cosma participated in a webinar hosted by Michigan Community College Association Leadership Academy on design thinking.



Learning Resource Center staff participated in a professional development workshop hosted by GALE CENGAGE on how to make custom digital collections using the GALE eBooks collection.

Northwest Campus



Program and Educational Workshop



Campus Staff Meetings



Eastern Campus



Introduction to HVAC and Hermetic Systems

Professor Eujay Peterson's students demonstrated how to wire an electrical outlet on the trainers in the HVAC Lab.

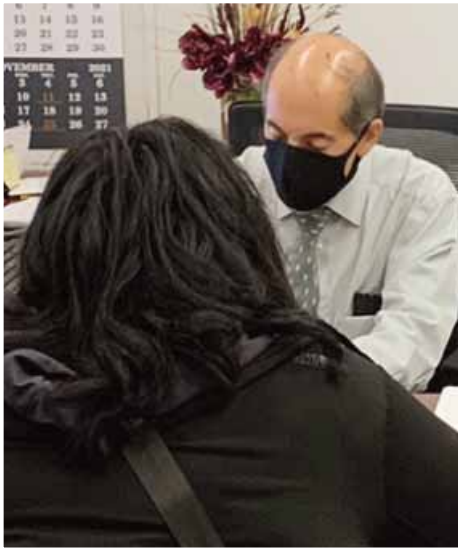
Ted Scott Campus



Early Middle College Meeting



Muna Khoury participated in the virtual Belleville Chamber monthly meeting.



Student Success!



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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

