

Language Institute



Curtis L. Ivery
Downtown
Campus



Amharic Language and Ethiopian Culture

The Language Institute explored the Amharic Language and Ethiopian Culture. The information session provided students, staff, faculty, and community members the opportunity to explore the language, music, food, and cultural heritage.





Wayne County Airport Authority

I participated in the February Wayne County Airport Authority Board Meeting. Some of the agenda items included:

- Audit Committee Reports
- Updates on Authority Governance
- Business Diversity Overview
- Reports on Procurement and Contracting Ordinance



**Strengthening
Community
Engagement
and Partnership
Development**



It's an honor to be recognized by the University of Arkansas as a 2024 Alumni Award recipient for Distinguished Career in Education. The announcement was recently featured in the University of Arkansas News.

College of Education and Health Professions Announces 2024 Alumni Award Winners

Feb. 21, 2024

The College of Education and Health Professions has named 2024 Alumni Award winners and will honor them at an evening celebration on March 8.

The awardees are Naccaman Williams, Curtis L. Ivery, Judd Semingson, Jennifer Ash and Jordan Glenn.

"These five alumni represent the best of the best in the fields of education and health, and we can't wait to shine the light on their distinguished careers," said Dean Kate Mamiseishvili. "Each is making a substantial difference through innovative thinking and creativity, leading by example and transforming people's lives with genuine care."



Photos Submitted

2024 Alumni Award winners are, top from left: Naccaman Williams and Curtis Ivery; and bottom: Judd Semingson, Jennifer Ash and Jordan Glenn.

[To read the full article, click here](#)

Chancellor's Cabinet Meeting February 19, 2024



I met with members of my Cabinet to discuss:

- Campus Alignment and Communication
- Budget Development
- Enrollment Management
- Human Resources – Staffing and Alignment
- Website Redesign Project



Susan Wiley posts Board Schedules according to the Michigan Open Meetings Act and WCCCD Board of Trustees Bylaws.

Dawn Ison, United States Attorney
for the Eastern District of Michigan



Furquan Ahmed participated in a meeting hosted by the American Human Rights Council, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Detroit Field Office. The discussion focused on strategies to create safer communities.





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Exploring Ford's Innovation Hub

Staff from the Division of Workforce and Economic Development participated in a tour of Ford's new innovation hub, led by Jose David Robinson, an Entrepreneurship Academy Graduate. Mr. Robinson highlighted the valuable resources available to entrepreneurs, including silent work booths, tech access, prototyping tools, and a vibrant network of entrepreneurs.



Mechatronics Technology Program

Dr. Harvey Dorrah and Jason Robinson met to discuss strategies for the Mechatronics Technology Program.



Our Construction Trades Training Program students were featured in the City of Detroit's Bridge Detroit Publication.





New Scholarship Offering

Members of the WCCCD Scholarship Committee Board of Directors received a check from the Taylor Community Development Corporation (TCDC) for the establishment of a new scholarship offering. The TCDC Fund will support incoming high school and current students attending WCCCD from the following Taylor communities: The Ponds, Parks, Courtyards, and Springs.



Scholarship Committee Meeting

Members of the WCCCD Scholarship Committee met to review guidelines for the 2024-2025 academic year scholarship application process.



Division of Student Services

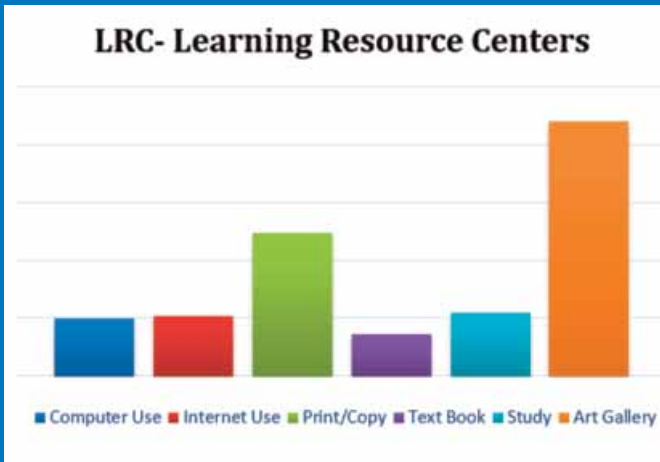
Advising and Orientation

The District-wide Advising Report highlights the utilization of various student support services. The numbers indicate a high level of engagement with services such as advising, financial aid, registration, and the Learning Resource Center.

Advising Summary Report by Services



LRC- Learning Resource Centers



Outreach and Recruitment

The Division of Student Services team met regarding Summer 2024 outreach initiatives.



International Students

Staff is reviewing the final list of new and transfer international students for the Spring 2024 semester.



Financial Aid

Members of the District Financial Aid Office participated in a webinar regarding important changes to the Pell Grant eligibility criteria for the upcoming 2024-2025 aid year.

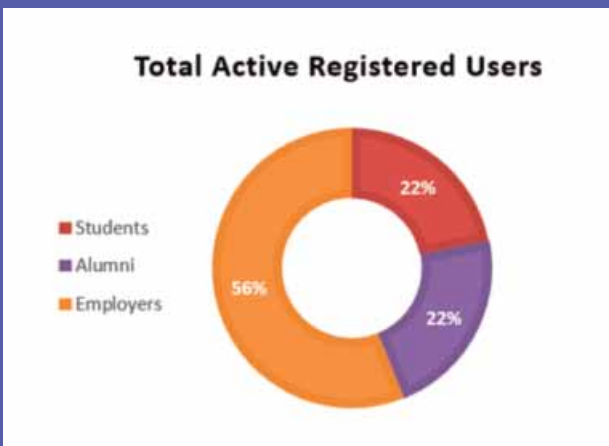
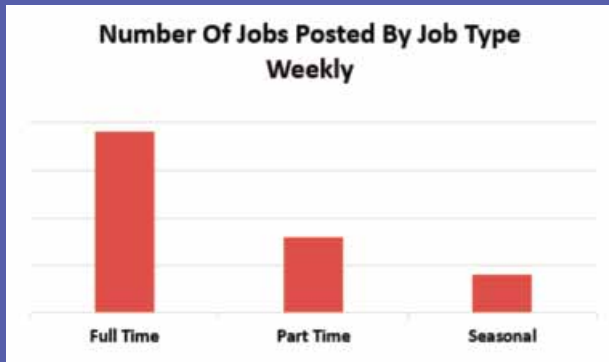
Division of Student Services

Student Services Website Meeting

Staff from the Division of Student Services met to review and offer input for the website pages dedicated to students services.

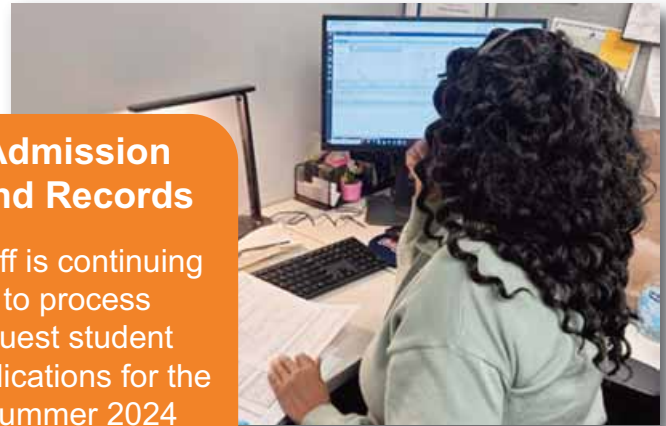


Career Planning and Placement Portal



Admission and Records

Staff is continuing to process guest student applications for the Summer 2024 semester.



Student Success Workshops

Students participating in the Semester Strategies workshop series learned about making informed career choices, developing self-confidence, motivation, human relations skills, study skills, time management, interviewing skills and critical thinking skills.

Division of Student Services

Dual Enrollment



This week, staff from the Division of Student Services discussed strategies to enhance support for dual enrollment students which aim to develop a stronger sense of community and academic camaraderie among their peers.

Adult Education

Dr. Brian Singleton and Joseph Kellum met with administrators from the Little Rock Considine Center to discuss GED Program needs and programming for Black History Month, as well as Women's History Month.



Federal Work-Study Program

Staff continue to work with students participating in the Federal Work-Study Program to ensure they have:

- Hands-on relevant work experiences
- Flexible work scheduling that can accommodate class schedules and study time
- Enhanced resumes
- Networking opportunities



TRiO Program

Get Inspired Volunteer Service Project

WCCCD's TRiO students collaborated with Central Michigan University's TRiO Talent Search Program for a community service project called "Get Inspired." During this project, WCCCD student's mentored and shared their college experience and wisdom with middle school students.



Student Executive Council

Members of the Student Executive Council met to develop strategies to ensure student success and voter participation.

CONGRATULATIONS



PTK All-USA Academic Team

Congratulations to the All-USA Academic Teams Scholarship finalists! On March 11, 2024, the finalists who complete their applications and essays, will receive an award for their outstanding workmanship. We wish each of you the best in your educational endeavors!



Rajia Akter



Adeola Ajayi



Moblue Amine



Wallace Bowie III



Maegan Davis



Medina Dizdarevic



Dreaunna Harrison



Leanne Hunn



Jonathan Justice



Larkeesha Shirlee



Talore Sparks



HAPPENING NOW!

VoIP System and Features Upgrade *Metropolis Project Implementation*

Metropolis develops innovative collaboration analytics, call reporting software, call accounting and call center solutions that enable us to gain valuable insights into our Unified Communications. The cutting-edge technologies have helped unlock the full potential of our communication infrastructure, thus enabling us to deliver exceptional customer service.



District-wide Technical Support

Northwest Campus



Curtis L. Ivery District Office



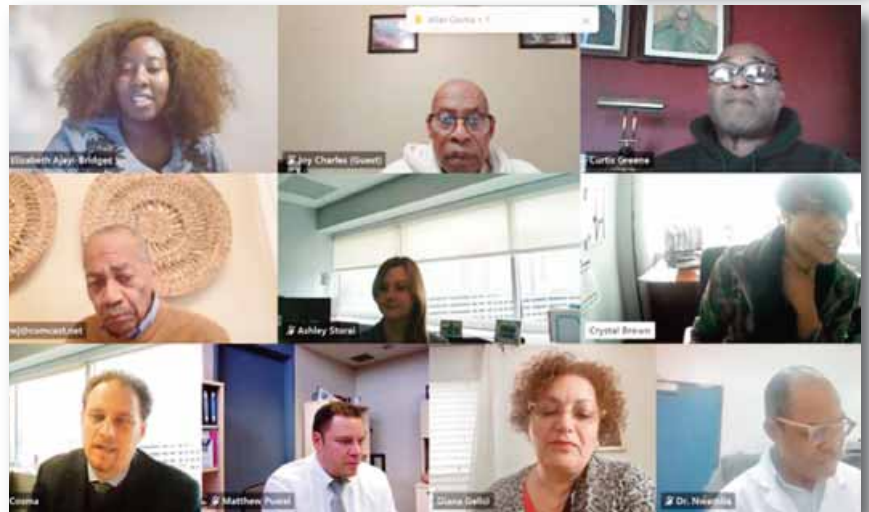
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Division of Educational Affairs



Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee assists in the development of educational programs in accordance with the philosophy, policies, and objectives of the District.



Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement



The Divisions of Educational Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness have jointly undertaken a thorough review of policies and procedures pertaining to career and technical education aimed at better serving the students of WCCCD. This comprehensive review encompassed areas such as Perkins spending, program reviews and advisory committee input, and the updating of faculty placements, certifications, and credentials.

Artificial Intelligence

The Wave of the Present

WCCCD is on the cutting edge. Artificial Intelligence curriculum is currently being reviewed by the Curriculum Committee, with courses to be offered as early as Academic Year 2024/2025.



Save the Date!

Summer 2024 Faculty Selection
March 1, 2024

Virtual Reality Demonstrations
Northwest Campus
March 7, 2024

Instructional Council Meeting
March 7, 2024

Discipline Leads Meeting
March 8, 2024

Career Advisory Committee Meeting
March 15, 2024

Faculty Spotlight

By Dr. CharMaine Hines

In honor of Black History Month 2024 and the theme “African Americans and the Arts,” we are recognizing our very own faculty influencing in visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.

An accomplished and nationally renowned photographer and visual artist, Professor William Sanders has been a valued WCCCD faculty member for more than 17 years. A passionate supporter of students, Professor Sanders showcases our student works in the Arts Expo, featuring the work of fine, performing, visual artists and musical performances. He informs his students, “There are over 30 career pathways for digital photography including underwater photography, medical, public relations, product commercialization, industry and criminal justice forensics, to name a few.’



Bill Sanders
(Digital Photography)

He is the recipient of many local and national awards including the WSU Betty Jacob Grant, Michigan Foundation for the Arts Award and the Delta Sigma Theta Arts and Letters Award. Mr. Sanders earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts from Wayne State University. He is a commercial and fine arts photographer. Of his many featured works, “The Art of Photography,” an exhibit centered on a collection of images he took of Detroit’s famous Belle Isle. Mr. Sanders captured its elegance and beauty in ways that speak to its history and the setting as a distinctly American landscape paying homage to urban life and history in America.

His art is in the permanent collections of prestigious venues including The Detroit Institute of Arts, Los Angeles African American Museum of Art, and Huntington Convention Center. Exhibits featured at the DIA Foundation in New York, The University of Kentucky and the National Conference of Artists and venues in the United States, Canada, and Germany. When asked about his passion he states, “Students are at the center. The knowledge I’ve acquired as well as a successful career as a photographer is worthy of passing along and teaching is the best way to achieve that goal in partnership with education and WCCCD.”



Silver Circle Community Partnerships



The Silver Circle Program is designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop and enhance their personal and professional lives. Offerings include: Texting for Seniors, Chair Yoga, Computers for Mature Learners, Smart Phones for Seniors and Estate Planning.



Our community partnerships have increased by 25 percent. This includes our current community partners; The Helm at the Boll Life Center (Formerly Services for Older Citizens SOC) Grosse Pointe and our new partners Restoration Living, Detroit.

Weekly Continuing Education Enrollment

February 5 - February 17, 2024

Curtis L. Ivery
 Downtown Campus
 524

Downriver Campus
 781

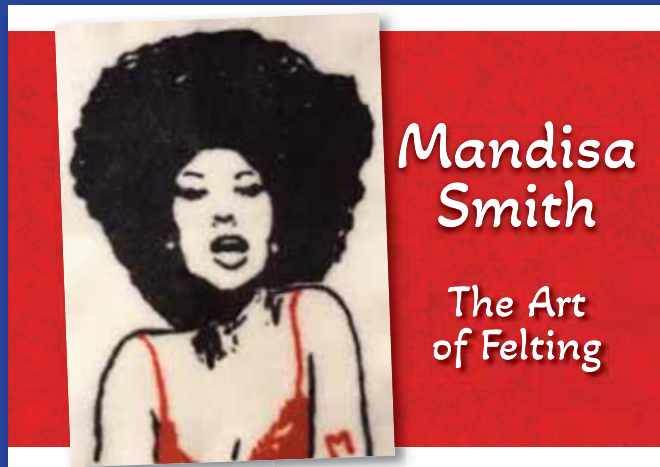
Eastern Campus
 683

Northwest Campus
 436

Ted Scott Campus
 420

BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY OPENING RECEPTION

Tuesday, February 27th • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Northwest Campus



FEBRUARY
2024
BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Black Bottom/Paradise Valley



The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a historic workshop discussion pertaining to both the Black Bottom and Paradise Valley neighborhoods. Topics included the migration of African Americans from the south to Detroit, Michigan in the 1920's and 1930's.

Downriver Campus

African Drumming and Dancers

“Nanou Djiapo” means “Keep Together” as a culturally related, and traditionally bonded, artistic family. The group is widely known and admired as one of the premier youth and young adult African drum and dance groups locally and abroad, and is constantly in demand to perform.



Black History Month Movie

Making Black America: Through the Grapevine

The Downriver Campus hosted presented the movie Making Black America: Through the Grapevine. This is a four-part series from Henry Louis Gates, Jr., which chronicles the vast networks and organizations created by and for Black people.



Eastern Campus

Nanou Djiapo



This event educated the audience about African drum and dance, the meaning of Nanou Djiapo and the connection within the artistic family. This was also an opportunity for hands-on cultural arts education.

Northwest Campus

African Ankra Head Wrapping

In celebration of Black History Month, the Northwest Campus provided traditional African Ankra Wrap services to students and staff.



DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Deputy Chancellor/CFO Kim DiCaro continues to work with the Facilities Management Team to enhance the delivery of our services across the District. The Office of Facilities Planning and Management serves the District by developing and maintaining clean, safe, functional, and attractive campuses. This office has a diverse range of function. Some include:



PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS



DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT



DEPARTMENTS INCLUDE:

- BUILDING MAINTENANCE
- BUILDING SERVICES
- CAMPUS SERVICES
- DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
- ELECTRICAL SERVICES**
- ENERGY SERVICES
- FOUNDATIONS MAINTENANCE
- HVAC MANAGEMENT
- LIGHTING AND SAFETY MAINTENANCE**
- MECHANICAL SYSTEMS
- PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
- RECYCLING OPERATIONS

ONGOING PROJECTS...



Wiring repair has been completed to parking lot lights ensuring that we meet electrical code requirements .



Staff conduct routine electrical inspection to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff and the District community.



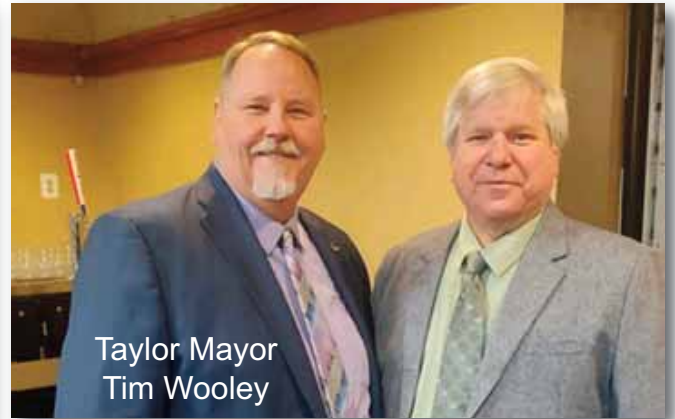
District electrician and facilities staff completed repairs to electrical panels ensuring the distribution of electrical energy throughout the Northwest Campus.

ONGOING PROJECTS...





Building Community Partnerships



Taylor Mayor
Tim Wooley

Staff represented the District at the City of Taylor 2024 State of the City Address.



Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha represented the District at the annual meeting for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.



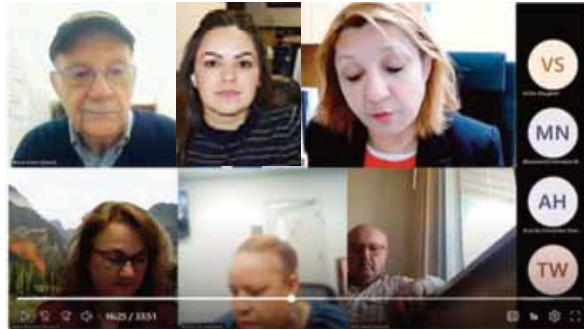
Detroit News Editor
Nolan Finley

Michael Poole represented the District at a fireside chat with U.S. Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen, and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Virtual Intercultural Conversations

Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha presented on World Social Justice Day celebrated on February 20, 2024 and Bruce Ewen shared on notable African Americans that made history in celebration of Black History Month.



1. **Langston Hughes** was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. One of the earliest innovators of the literary art form called jazz poetry.
2. **Lorraine Hansberry** made history as the first African American woman to have a show produced on Broadway.
3. **Paul Robeson** spoke fifteen languages, and performed benefits throughout the world for causes of social justice.
4. **Ruby Dee**, American actress and social activist who was known for her pioneering work in African American theatre and film.
5. **Don Cornelius** was an American television show host and producer widely known as the creator of the nationally syndicated dance and music show Soul Train.

Cultural Film Discussion



This week, we met to discuss the film *Olympic Pride American Prejudice* which focused on the 14th amendment. The film was narrated by Will Smith.

Langston Hughes



Lorraine Hansberry



Paul Robeson



Ruby Dee



Don Cornelius



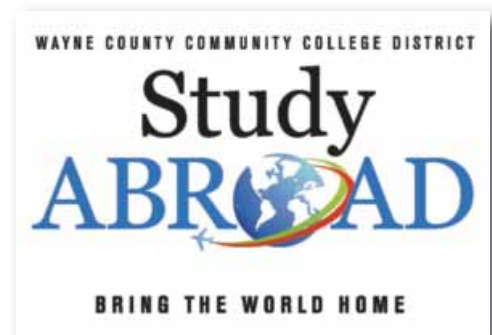
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Developing Your Leadership Style

Leadership Consultant and Certified Executive Coach Vera Leonard facilitated a virtual session on “Developing Your Leadership Style.” Participants learned about:

- Identifying the three primary leadership styles and the advantages and disadvantages of each
- Modifying one’s leadership style based on goals, circumstances and the individual
- Understanding the benefits of agile leadership



Developing Interpersonal Skills

According to “Open Door” study, students who study abroad can develop various personal, interpersonal and cognitive skills. This includes adaptability, self-awareness, tolerance for ambiguity, teamwork, leadership, work ethic, and problem-solving and intercultural skills.

WCCCD study abroad students chat with a student from Guinea Bissau, Africa, (through an interpreter) during their study abroad trip to Lisbon, Portugal.

Note: We are completing the timeline for the upcoming special summer study abroad trip to Morocco, North Africa



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



**FERRIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

University Partnerships

Denis Karic met with Ferris State University representative Julius Moses, Faculty/Advisor to schedule classroom visits across the District, allowing Ferris State University's representative to engage directly with our students enrolled in criminal justice courses. Additionally, recognizing the importance of extending our reach to our distance learning students by scheduling virtual information sessions tailored specifically for those students enrolled in criminal justice courses. By combining these efforts, WCCCD is providing our students with valuable insights into transfer opportunities, academic pathways, and career prospects within the field of criminal justice.

This partnership between WCCCD and Ferris State University holds immense benefits for our students. Through classroom visits and virtual information sessions, students gain exposure to a wider range of educational opportunities and resources.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



**Faculty Coffee Hour
Chair Yoga**

Staff from the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center provided a session on chair yoga to faculty members.



Campus Meeting



Virtual Reality Experience

The campus hosted a hands-on workshop providing workforce simulations, science explorations, and computer coding. Demonstrations allowed participants to see how metaverse can be applied in the world of education.



**Arab and
Chaldean Grant
Meeting**

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted a public hearing to discuss a grant received to assist both the Arab and Chaldean communities.

Ferris State University held an opening reception for the Jim Crow Exhibit at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center

New Equipment



As a result of member surveys and feedback, new equipment has made its way to the HWEC fitness floor! This new machine focuses on glutes and legs for an amazing lower body workout.

Active Lifestyles Workshop

The HWEC hosted a special Active Lifestyles Workshop featuring presentations from Justin Craig of Run Detroit, as well as focused training from staff.



Fitness Class

Attending the morning high-intensity interval training fitness class, members start the day refreshed with this cardio class.



Vibrant Health Workshop Series

The HWEC hosted the February session of the Vibrant Health Workshop Series focused on strategies that improve health and wellness through plant based nutrition.

Downriver Campus



Graduation Class Meeting

The Downriver Campus hosted the first graduation class meeting for prospective graduates.



Southern Wayne Conference Quiz Bowl

The weekly Southern Wayne Conference Quiz Bowl was held at the campus. This high school sanctioned competition of academic teams from Southern Wayne Conference competes in jeopardy-style matches.



Safe Haven Wealth Management Workshop

The Safe Haven Wealth Management workshop provided participants with a fully comprehensive plan for retirement planning.

Wayne RESA Cognitive Coaching Foundation Seminar





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY
E D U C A T I O N



Wayne County Sheriff's Jailor Training – Fire Safety Class

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Jailor Training class. The students reviewed topics such as personal awareness, CPR, and fire safety. At the conclusion of the class, the students practiced the techniques they had learned to extinguish live fires.



Division of Administration and Finance

Quality Assurance Processes



In an effort to continue quality assurance and ensure consistency and alignment throughout the District, the Oversight Committee meets on an ongoing basis to monitor and review incoming advertising and sponsorship requests. This process enhances transparency, accountability and alignment with the District's Strategic Goals and Objectives.



Eastern Campus



City of Detroit Hiring Fair

The City of Detroit hosted a hiring fair at the Eastern Campus. The purpose of this fair was to recruit qualified CDL-Class A drivers and construction workers to fulfill a number of contracted positions within the city of Detroit.



C.A. Hull Workshop

This workshop provided information about the company, hiring practices, and all job opportunities. Students in the Construction Trades Training Program and the Commercial Driver's License Training Program will have the opportunity to find employment directly after their training.



Fashion Design Program

Students are using mannequins to learn proportions, fit and balance in a three dimensional design.



Campus Administrative Meeting



Phi Theta Kappa

Recruitment for new members is ongoing at the campuses.

Northwest Campus



Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist Visits with Students

Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist visited the Northwest Campus and engaged with students on their views about voting and their opinions regarding the political process.



**Northwest
Campus
Summer
Schedule
Review**

Permission to Love Again

The Azal Benne Lockett Foundation hosted “Permission to Love Again.” This vibrant and uplifting workshop was designed to guide attendees through their journey from grief and loss to healing and restoration.



Northwest Campus



Faculty and deans from the dental programs participated in Inter-oral scanner training (ITERO) which captures 3D images of the mouth.



Dental Office Transformation



Ted Scott Campus



Wayne County Airport Authority

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Wayne County Airport Authority for their Small Business Operators Arriving Ready event. This program was designed to offer entrepreneurs the chance to operate their specialty retail concepts at the Warren Cleage Evans Terminal, exposing their products to thousands of travelers daily.



Wayne County Homeland Security Emergency Management Training



Community Blood Drive



In partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, the Ted Scott Campus hosted a blood drive for local area hospitals.

Zeta Phi Beta Chapter



The Ted Scott Campus hosted Zeta Phi Beta Chapter's Workshop. Participants reviewed community needs, using data to determine training needs.

Chancellor's Weekend Memo

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

