

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



Weekend Memo 1434

February 24-March 1, 2024

School of Continuing Education

Wayne County Community College District



The Art of Felting

Mandisa Smith

The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at the Northwest Campus hosted the opening reception of The Art of Felting exhibit. This exhibit will be on display until April 26, 2024.





Michigan Community College Association's (MCCA) Student Success Committee Meeting

I participated in the monthly MCCA's Student Success Committee Meeting. Discussions centered around the Community College Guarantee and grant funds from Sixty by 30.



New Capital Outlay Program Discussion



I met with Valerie Kindle, Harper Woods Mayor
regarding community outreach.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development



This week, members of the Workforce and Economic Development team participated in activities to expose trainees to apprenticeship opportunities, mentoring, and furthering their education at WCCCD.

These activities included:

- Millwright Carpenters Summit for the Michigan Carpenters of African Descent
- Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2
- Covenant School Academy Career Exploration Day at the Eastern Campus

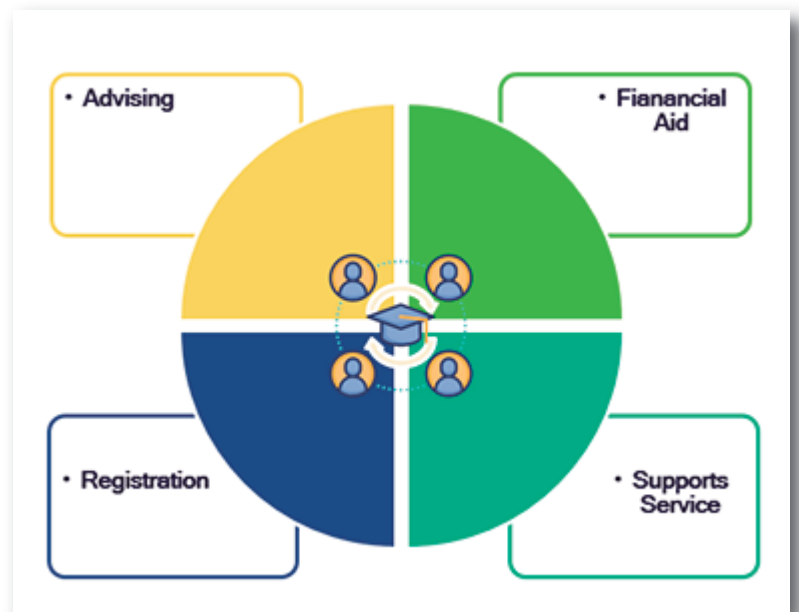




Division of Student Services

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 other support services. It is encouraging that many students are taking advantage of the resources available for academic success and career support services.



PepsiCo Uplift Scholarship

Staff visited classrooms at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus to inform potential PepsiCo candidates about the PepsiCo Uplift Scholarship, sponsored by the PepsiCo Foundation.

Detroit Department of Transportation Meeting

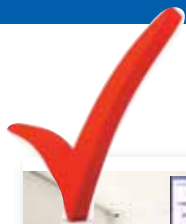
Staff met with representatives from the Kresge Foundation and Wayne State University to discuss strategies for addressing student transportation issues in the region. All three institutions are committed to assisting students to overcome barriers and are looking to develop support services to ensure student success.



Division of Student Services



Schedule Development Process



October 2023- Completed

- Class Start and End Dates Confirmed
- Holiday Dates Confirmed
- Master Schedule Development Dates Defined
- Schedule Parameters Defined
- Fee Dates Confirmed
- College Calendar Built

This week, a meeting was held with the vice chancellors and campus presidents to discuss the Summer 2024 Schedule Development Process. During the session, Dr. Brian Singleton emphasized the significance of utilizing the Schedule Development Checklist as a comprehensive guide throughout the semester, emphasizing its alignment with student success.

November 2023- Completed

- System Built
- Rollover Request
- Ceremonies and Rituals Identified
- Promotions/Initiatives Identified
- Review Course Fill/Course Demand/ Wait List/Accuplacer
- Course/Program Offering Audit
- Pre-defined Data Identified
- Number of Selections Comparison Report
- Course Sequencing Audit
- Pre-requisites Audit
- Seat Caps Audit
- Credit/Contact Hour Audit
- Dual Enrollment

Division of Student Services



TRiO Program

WCCCD TRiO students were invited to visit Ferris State University to learn about its transfer process and program opportunities once they graduate from WCCCD.

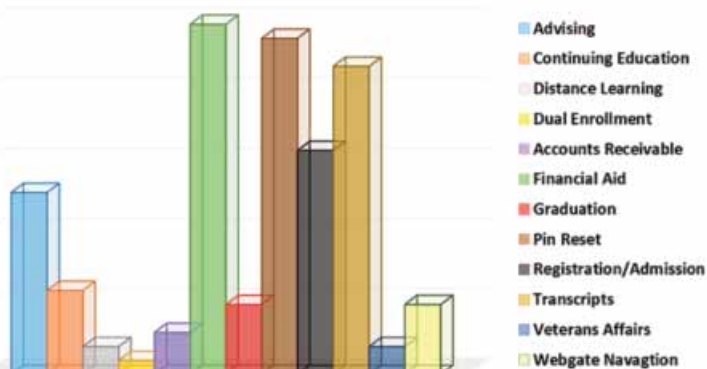


International Students

Staff continue to assist international students with Web-Gate training.



INCOMING CALLS RECEIVED BY INQUIRY TYPE
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26TH

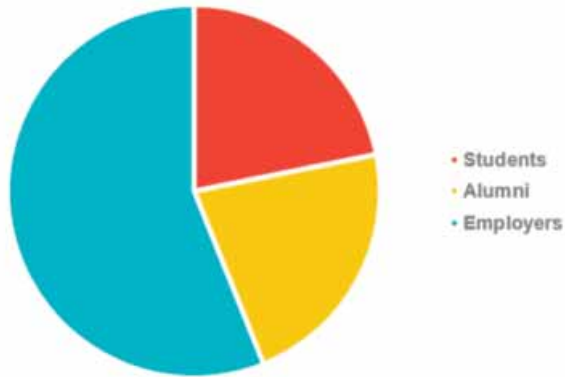


Student Success Center

The data reflects the number of students assisted by the Division of Student Services this week.

Division of Student Services

Total Active Registered Users

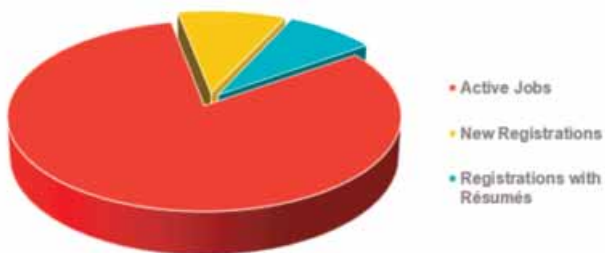


Career Planning and Placement Portal

Number of Jobs Posted by Job Type Weekly



Number of Student Registrations & Active Jobs by Week



Dual Enrollment Program

Dual enrollment students at Mumford High School working on their homework assignment.

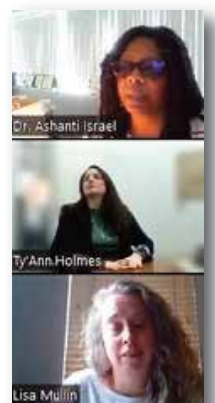


Student Success Workshops

Staff conducted a Student Success Workshop: Brainfuse-- An Online Tutoring Service. These workshops are designed to provide students with support and resources to assist in college completion.

Federal Work-Study Program

Staff met with representatives from the YMCA to discuss Federal Work-Study placement possibilities and future partnership opportunities.



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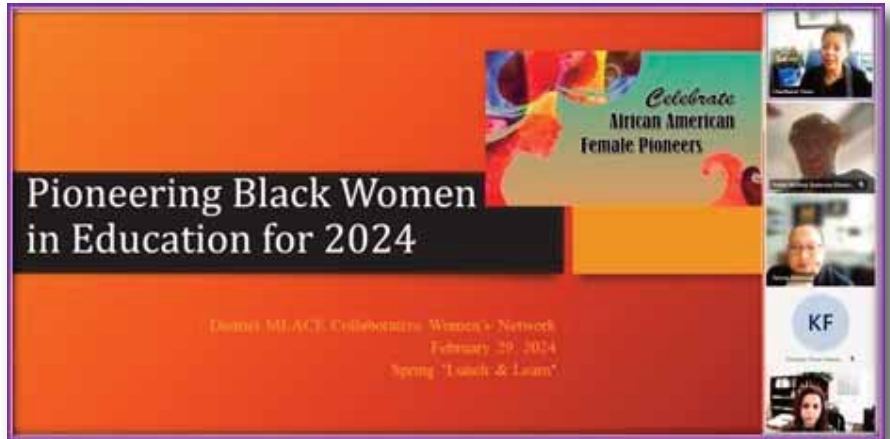
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HISTORY

MONTH

**District MI-ACE
February
Lunch and
Learn
Workshop**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Members of the District's MI-ACE Collaborative participated in a Lunch and Learn professional development workshop celebrating the theme of Black History Month honoring pioneering women in education.

CURTIS L. IVERY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

**Underground Railroad
Bus Tour**

Jamon Jordan of the Black Scroll Network, led a guided tour of the Underground Railroad stops and related historical locations in Detroit for students and community members.



DOWNRIVER CAMPUS

The Guidance Center Black History Month Celebration

The Downriver Campus hosted The Guidance Center Black History Month Celebration. Staff commemorated Black History Month with a special luncheon and keynote speaker Rebecca Irby, Director of Transformational Change with New Detroit and a 2017 Nobel Peace Prize recipient.



EASTERN CAMPUS

Artful Echoes



The Artful Echoes workshop focused on African American artists and encouraged participants to create pieces inspired by art, music, and literature of the African American experience.

NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Honoring the Legacy of Warriors who have gone on

WCCCD, in collaboration with the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity, hosted a Tribute to the Legacy of Black Preachers of Detroit. This program served as a heartfelt homage to the revered Black preachers of Detroit who have left an indelible mark on the community and beyond.



The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers

The Northwest Campus hosted the Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers, an award winning, live curated storytelling event created by producer Satori Shakoor.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS PODCAST

WITH HOST ED CLEMENTE



We were pleased to host Jennyfer Crawford-Williams, Founder and CEO of “Ask Jennyfer,” as a guest on WCCCD’s Critical Conversations Podcast. During the interview, Ms. Crawford-Williams talked about her journey as a successful entrepreneur, her role in empowering local businesses, and provided valuable insights for those aspiring to become entrepreneurs.

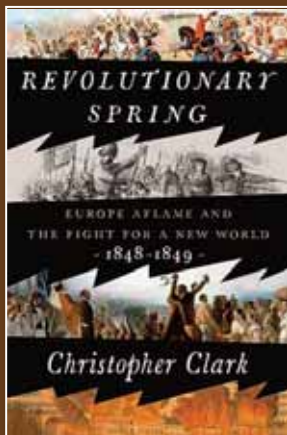
DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM



A Nice Lesson to Learn Early in Life

As we get buffeted about navigating the journey of life, there is some wisdom that would be helpful to learn and understand early in life. One of those lessons is that integrity is not something that you either have or don’t have. You likely have some aspects of your life where you have it, and others where you don’t.

One very important lesson in life is how we deal with the natural tendency to see how we ‘stack up’ to others around us. It is common to think “the high achievers somehow have it all together, but they don’t. All of us have issues in our character that are great opportunities for growth and development. You are not bad, inadequate, or somehow defective because of that. You are human. Accept it, embrace it, and let’s get on with the journey,” notes Cloud in *Integrity*. When you get a glimpse of the sources of character and the kinds of things that are likely to help you grow, you can come to understand there is hope for positive changes in your character.



Book Recommendation

*Revolutionary Spring:
Europe Aflame and the
Fight for a New World-
1848-1849*

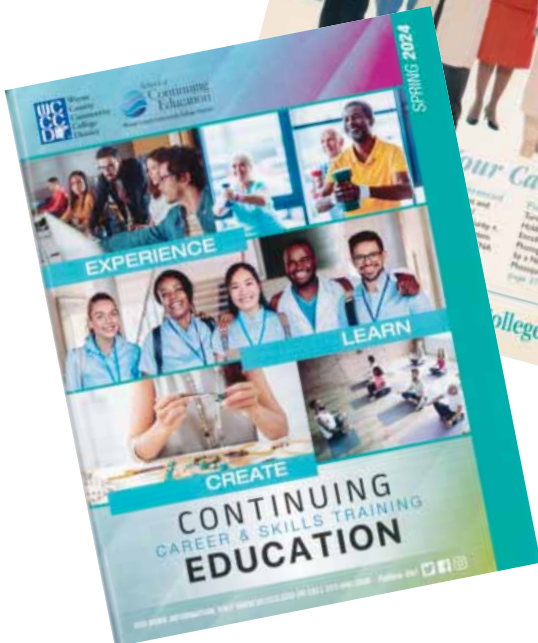
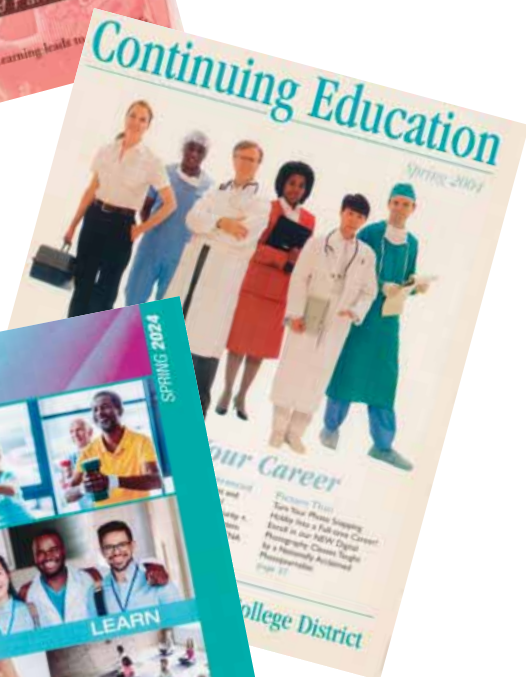
by Christopher Clark



Wayne County Community College District
Continuing Education
The Past and Now!

Continuing Education (CE) has a rich history of providing dynamic and relevant courses tailored to the diverse needs of adult learners. Over the years, our offerings have evolved to reflect the changing landscape of education to meet the educational needs of community, business and industry. Our comprehensive CE Schedule includes a variety of programs in areas such as technology, health literacy, arts and crafts, physical fitness, music and personal development.

Today, we continue this commitment of excellence with more than 500 programs that serve as a gateway to lifelong learning and personal growth for learners at every stage of life.



**Heart Disease: What is it?
Risk Factors, Blood Tests,
Natural Remedies**

March 6, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Virtual

Division of Information Technology

Connecting Minority Communities Grant

Recruiting Event Planning Meeting

The Divisions of Information Technology and Workforce and Economic Development convened to discuss the upcoming event titled **"Start or Grow Your Career in IT," a free certification training.** The event is scheduled to take place at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus on March 7, 2024. This presents an excellent opportunity for students and community members to enhance their careers and acquire in-demand skills by engaging with prominent tech companies such as Microsoft, Google, CompTIA, and others. The certification training will cover various areas including cybersecurity, computer networking, coding, and project management.



Microsoft 365 Project Implementation



Staff from the Divisions of Information Technology and Student Services met to discuss the implementation plan for the new Banner Student Self-Service module and single-sign-on. Additionally, the team addressed the scope and timeline of the Microsoft 365 migration project.

Division of Educational Affairs



Left to right: Tadarial Sturdivant, Eddie Washington, and Gerald James

WCCCD Criminal Justice Alumni

Tadarial Sturdivant

- Retired Director Michigan State Police
- Current Senior V.P. Detroit Metro Airport Public Safety Detroit
- Current Adjunct Faculty

Eddie Washington

- Retired Director Michigan State Police
- Current Executive Director University of Michigan Public Safety
- Current Adjunct Faculty

Gerald James

- Commander Detroit Metro Airport Police

Exploring the Functionality of a Virtual Environment

The District continues its Virtual Reality (VR) experience! Students, faculty, and staff were able to partake in a variety of experiences, including exercising with Beat Saber, simulating job experiences before employment with Job Simulators, exploring the diversity of the world with Wander, and having a lot of fun with Rollercoasters.



Transfer Pathways

As transfer pathways continue to be a desirable pipeline option for students, WCCCD continues to build its transfer partnerships. Dr. Crystal Brown attended the Transfer Liaison meeting held by the Michigan Transfer Network. Administrators from two and four-year institutions discussed how to enhance our partnerships and expand student understanding and usage of transfer pathways.

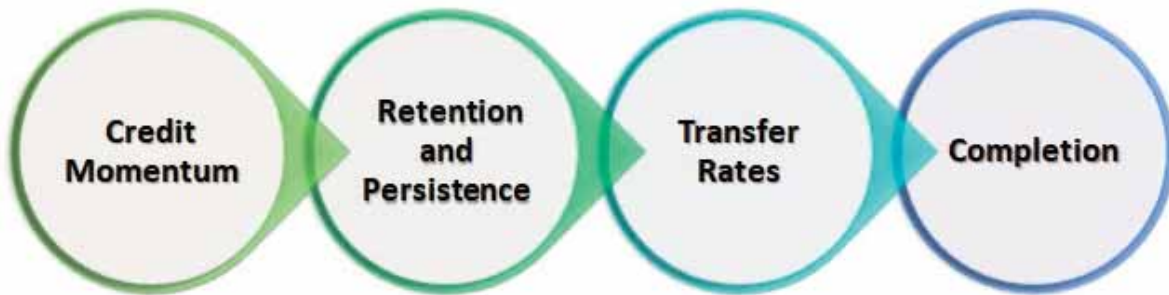




Institutional Effectiveness

Key Student Success Trends and Metrics

The Division of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) met to discuss drivers for enrollment and student success. As students continue their return to college, student intent and goals for attending community college vary for its students and is equally important for their success. The IE team continues their efforts to create dashboards and reports to inform decision-making to support success. Our topics explored key student success metrics and transfer pathways. Metrics discussed include:



The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Daily reports transfer rates are up for community colleges and universities across the nation. Due to COVID impact on college enrollment, there were community college students who delayed their transfer goals. Below are outcomes used to measure student success goals and top Universities for WCCCD transfer students.



- Wayne State University
- Eastern Michigan University
- Baker College
- Ferris State University
- University of Michigan



SUCCESS

59% of the awards were in CTE majors



District Police Authority

Best Practice Visit

Edward Arnold, Detroit Transit Police Operations Lieutenant conducted a best practice with WCCCD's District Police Authority.



DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

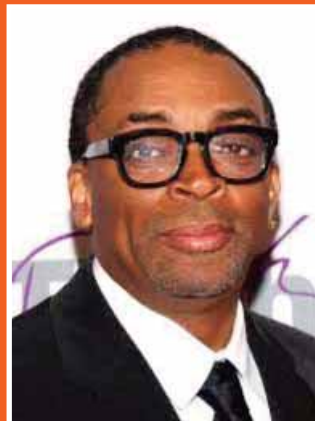
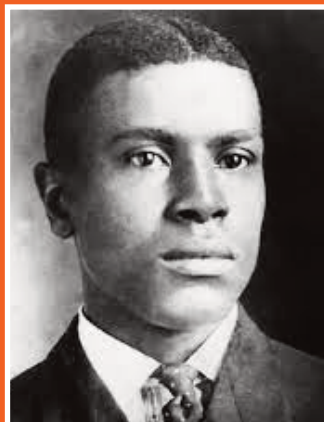
Virtual Intercultural Conversations

At this week's virtual Intercultural Conversations, we continued celebrating Black History Month. Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha shared on the life of Madam C. J. Walker, who was an African American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America. She also founded the Walker Manufacturing Company. Bruce Ewen shared on Oscar Micheaux, first major film director, Spike Lee, the iconic film director, and Ava Marie DuVernay, an American filmmaker, screenwriter, film and television producer.



Madam C. J. Walker

Oscar Micheaux



Spike Lee

Ava Marie DuVernay



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

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

HVAC MANAGEMENT

- LIGHTING AND SAFETY MAINTENANCE
- MECHANICAL SYSTEMS
- PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
- RECYCLING OPERATIONS

ONGOING PROJECTS...



Contractors were on campus replacing projectors in the Frank Hayden Multi-purpose room at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus.



Leo Rocha greases the return motor in the ventilation system at the Ted Scott Campus.



The facilities team performing seasonal maintenance highlighting the importance of operational durability and our constituents safety and comfort.





Staff represented the District at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Business Forum titled “How will the NFL Draft Impact our Community?” The panel discussion featured the Detroit NFL Draft Organizing Committee co-chairs who discussed the impact this will have on our region.

Dr. Yvette Anderson attended the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus 2024 Black History Celebration titled “Processing Legacy.” The program included awards, acknowledgements and a keynote address by Melanie Campbell from the National Black Women’s Roundtable.



Dr. Patrick McNally and George Lowe represented the District at the State of Michigan’s Department of Labor and Economic Development’s roundtable discussion. This discussion included key stakeholders in the auto and energy sectors, non-profits and other community leaders, local government representatives labor organizations, and the skilled trades.



Darlene Wells visited with students and instructors of the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium (DCTC) Dual Enrollment Criminal Justice Class held at Trenton High School.

Dr. Yvette Anderson participated in the February MI ACE Public Policy Committee Meeting. The agenda items included welcoming new members, planning for the Public Policy Luncheon and considerations for the Public Policy Pioneer Awardees.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Professional Closet Opening Soon!

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus has been preparing for the opening of the Professional Closet. This resource will assist students in preparation to enter the workforce. New and gently used professional clothing, shoes, and accessories are being accepted. So keep the Professional Closet in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning!



Faculty Coffee Hour

Faculty participated in an information session on student resources. Topics included SwiftMD, the Food Pantry, Professional Closet, and Student Assistance Programs.



Student Activities

The campus continues to host student engagement game day sessions to promote open communication, cross-cultural appreciation, and understanding among peers.



Arab Chaldean Meeting

Detroit City Councilwoman Gabriela Santiago-Romero met with members of the Arab Chaldean community to discuss needs of its citizens.



Dreamers to Achievers Workshop

Tiffany Seabrooks, CEO of Dreamers to Achievers, held a workshop for participants to share stories, resources and discuss solutions to help families who have been touched by Down Syndrome.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center



WILDCATS

The HWEC hosted the final Men's and Women's Wildcats basketball games against the Oakland Community College Raiders.



Emergency Response Training

Staff completed a refresher certification training on CPR/AED/Stop the Bleed protocols from the MIPSE trainers.

Kickboxing Circuit Training Class



Meditation and Yoga Workshop



Downriver Campus

Call for Backup Seminar

The Downriver Campus hosted the Call for Backup seminar on Critical Incident Stress Management. This two-day seminar offered advanced training to peer supporters who have already been trained in crisis management.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary held its Team Coordination Training and Risk Management Workshop. This workshop focused on reducing the probability of human error by increasing individual and team effectiveness.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MICHIGAN INSTITUTE for
PUBLIC SAFETY
EDUCATION



Fire Fighter II Student Practicum

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education held the Fire Fighter II practicum where fire students experienced how to extinguish a car fire.



Eastern Campus

Covenant Academy Tour

Students from Covenant Academy visited the Eastern Campus to learn about opportunities in career programs available at WCCCD.



Phi Theta Kappa Information Table

Staff continue to assist students with PTK orientation and scholarship information.



Tungsten Inert Gas Welding

Students performed out-of-position welds using ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

Northwest Campus



Human Trafficking Seminar

The Northwest Campus conducted a Human Trafficking Seminar. Human trafficking can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality.



Congratulations!

As part of the Northwest Campus Welcome Week raffle, Camryn Hodges won a certificate for a free teeth whitening session.



Student Activities

Staff met to plan student activities for the Spring 2024 semester.



Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (F.A.R.M.)

F.A.R.M. conducted an orientation for its new cohort. F.A.R.M. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist men to reunite with making a difference in their children's lives.

Northwest Campus Process Review

Staff participated in a campus process review mapping session.



Ted Scott Campus

Cabot Corporation Tours the Ted Scott Campus

Dr. Patrick McNally and Matt Green conducted a tour of the Ted Scott Campus with representatives from the Cabot Corporation, a leading global specialty chemicals and performance materials company.



Girl Scouts of America

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, Troop 7797 workshop.

Wayne County Drain Commissioners Jewett Board of Determination's Seminar

Participants learned about the history of the Jewett Drain, and were able to express their thoughts about the need for future maintenance.





Polling Locations

WCCCD's Eastern, Northwest, and Ted Scott campuses served as polling locations where the community could cast their in-person and early votes.



Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, District 4 Councilwoman LaTisha Johnson and members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity visited the Eastern Campus for early voting.



Van Buren Township primary elections were held at the Ted Scott Campus.

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

