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Wayne County
Treasurer

The Benefits of Fasting Seminar

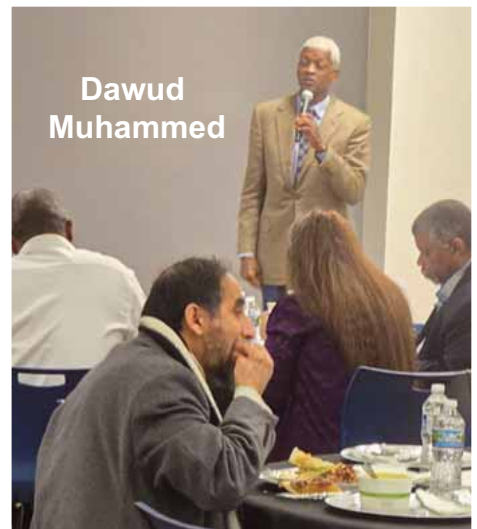
Wayne County Community College District's Northwest Campus, in partnership with Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree, hosted a seminar on the benefits of fasting. Dawud Muhammad shared about the spiritual and physical benefits of fasting. The attendees included many dignitaries such as mayors, ambassadors, and various well known public representatives, including U.S. Congresswoman Rashida Talib and Assad Turfe, Deputy Wayne County Executive.



Rashida Talib

Furquan Ahmed

Assad Turfe



Dawud Muhammed



D3C3
DETROIT DRIVES DEGREES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COLLABORATIVE

Detroit Drives Degree Community College Collaborative (D3C3) Presidents' Discussion

I participated in the D3C3 Presidents' Discussion, which included a presentation on the Detroit Regional Workforce Partnership, update on the Mobility Cluster and future convening sessions.



Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) Board Chair Preparatory Meeting

As Chairperson of the WCAA Board, a meeting was held to prepare for next week's upcoming Board Meeting.

Maintaining Brand Integrity



Team members met to discuss maintaining brand integrity through graphic compliance. Agenda items included guidelines for logo usage and strategies to enforce alignment across various digital and physical platforms.

Community College Month 2024

WCCCD's Impact - Cultivating Skills for the Future



April is National Community College Month. We celebrate the important role community colleges as a whole, and WCCCD in particular, play in creating access to affordable, high-quality education. The theme "Cultivating Skills for the Future," signifies the wide academic and workforce development opportunities the District provides and is a vital lifeline of support to our community.

“Community” is in our Name – WCCCD is a vital center and hub within the 32 cities and townships we serve, and exists to fill our communities’ many needs and interests, including;



Student Executive Council
Food Pantry



Free medical and behavioral
services for all WCCCD
students and their dependents



Professional
Clothing Closet

Rise of a Skills-based Economy – WCCCD offers one-of-a-kind, skills-based workforce and economic development training with micro and stackable credentials, designed to get students working and to help workers acquire the new skills necessary to compete in an evolving global workforce.



Rocket2Work Tuition-free Training for Skilled Trades -
Auto programs for students pursuing careers in
auto electrification and robotic automation.



Local news WXYZ report featured 'How A New
Culinary Program' at WCCCD is helping fill
gaps for training in the hospitality industry.

As the nation celebrates April as National Community College Month, it is fitting to highlight the institutional value of local and socio-economic contributions of WCCCD.



Division of Educational Affairs

Serve our members - by providing actionable insights & also by helping them increase their capacities & capabilities to leverage data.

Advance narratives - of today's postsecondary learners, leaders, and collective value of the sector.

Democratize postsecondary education data & insights - for institutions, their leaders, researchers, and public.

ACE American Council on Education UCLA School of Education & Information Studies HERI

American Council on Education

Dr. Allan Cosma participated in the American Council on Education (ACE) Virtual Open House, where an introduction to the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) was presented. The speakers, Hironao Okahana and Christina A. Christie, discussed HERI, which included data-enabled leadership tools and resources in partnership with the ACE, offering insights into postsecondary learners, faculty, and staff.



Generative Artificial Intelligence

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is a booming technological domain capable of altering every aspect of our higher education interactions. In education, AI has begun producing new teaching and learning solutions that are now undergoing testing in different contexts. During a recent Discipline Leads meeting, participants discussed the need for additional GenAI PD opportunities with a focus on how the overreliance on ChatGPT or any GenAI could negatively impact students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

- **Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) On The Move Event** – Friday, April 12, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Topic: *Unlocking Success: Strategies for Effectively Teaching Students with Linguistic Barriers and Cultural Differences in Community College*, presented by Dr. Diana Gellci.

Faculty Spotlight

By Ashley Storai

Professor Marija Karic was born in Croatia, Europe, and moved to the United States as a teenager with her family. As a life-long learner, she values the importance of continuing the pursuit of knowledge and learning new skills. She states, "I teach because I feel that I, myself, am still a student. What motivates me to teach is the love for mathematics and the opportunity to inspire my students to become life-long learners." Professor Karic is equity-minded in her approach to instruction. "Students bring to the classroom different levels of attitude, ability, and motivation, which are often supplemented by fear of taking math." Her goal is to remove those barriers to support her students' success in life.

Professor Karic currently serves as the Co-Discipline Lead for the Math and Physics course clusters. Professor Karic, with her Co-Lead Joy Charles, led a team of math faculty in their efforts to rethink math curriculums, beginning with their developmental education offering. "It is my hope that my students leave my class excited by and knowledgeable in mathematics and assured that I care about them and their success."



Marija Karic

Accomplishments/Awards

NISOD Excellence Award - 2024
Discipline Lead - 2023
NISOD Excellence Award - 2019
John and Suanne Roueche
Excellence Award - 2018

WCCCD Chancellor's Faculty Network
Innovation Projects - Designing Improvement
Projects that Shape the Future of
Teaching and Learning

17 Years of Teaching Experience

8 years at WCCCD

Adjunct math instructor at Lansing Community
College and Montcalm Community College

Upward Bound instructor at
Grand Rapids Community College

Graduate Teaching Assistant at
Western Michigan University



Education

Master of Science- Western Michigan
University - Major in Applied and
Computational Mathematics

Bachelor of Science- Grand Valley
State University - Major in Math with
an emphasis on Secondary Education



Division of Student Services



Command Center

Staff continue to reach out to students to assist with Summer 2024 registration and the Phi Theta Kappa application process.

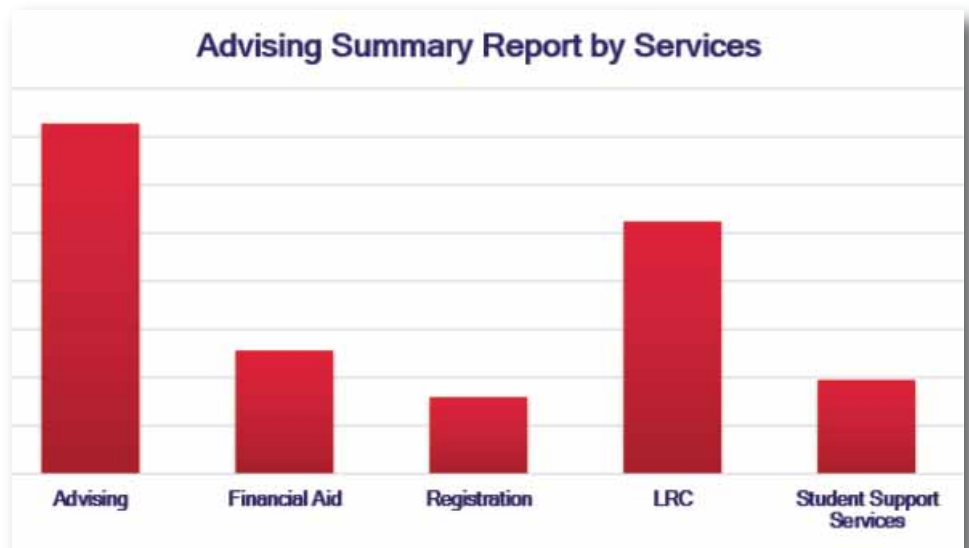


Professional Development

In May 2022, the Student Services Information Session was launched. These sessions increase staff connections with campus and District resources while creating an environment that supports student success. In addition, these sessions provide opportunities and resources to enrich professional growth and develop a sense of belonging to a District-wide team.

Advising and Orientation

The District-wide Advising Report highlights the utilization of various student support services across the District. 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. It highlights the District's dedication to student success and the provision of comprehensive services to meet their diverse needs.

Division of Student Services

Commencement Preparation Meeting

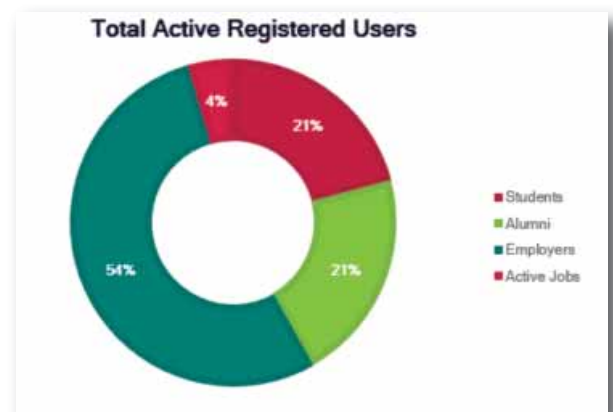
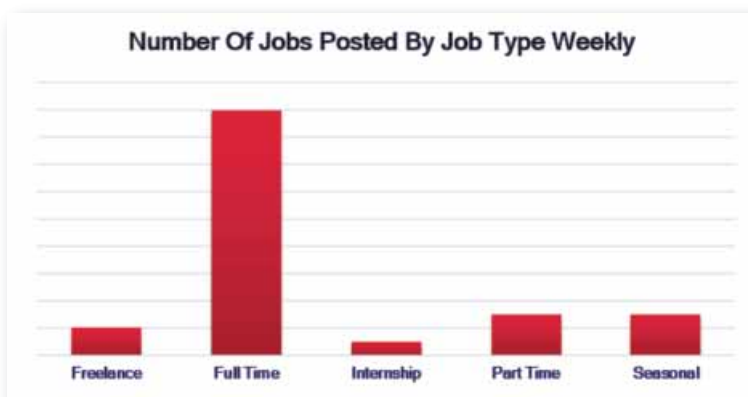
Staff met to review graduate applications and other necessary preparations for students completing their degree and/or certificates.



Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program, along with the District Financial Aid Office, will be hosting the Federal Work-Study Job Fair on April 11, 2024 at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. Students will be able to work offsite with our community partners as well as onsite at our five campuses and the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center.

Career Planning and Placement



Financial Aid



Staff from the District Financial Aid Office are available at all campus locations to assist students with submitting documents completing requirements and giving status updates.

Division of Student Services



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

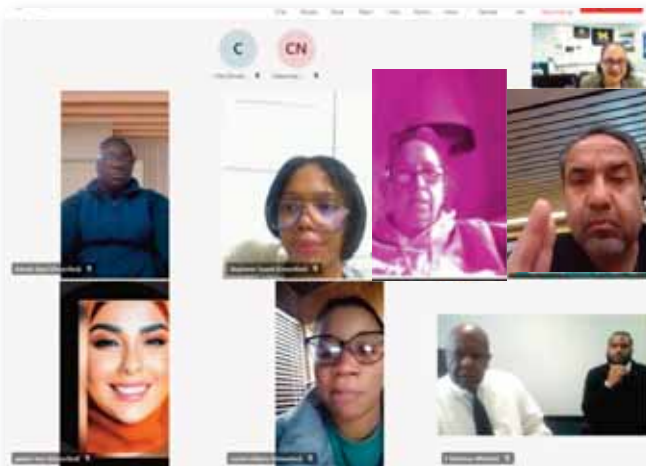
PTK members folded more than 500 bags for the annual nationwide National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive in partnership with Gleaners.



Athletics Department

Sophomore Night

Sheneice Halmon, her family and fans came out to celebrate her last time playing for WCCCD's Women's Wildcats Basketball Team. Ms. Halmon has several offers to continue her education and basketball career at a four-year college or university.



Student Executive Council

The virtual Student Executive Council meeting covered strategies for time management. Students created a calendar using the various methods reviewed during the workshop.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS PODCAST

WITH HOST ED CLEMENTE



Podcast #29 Now Available!

Tune into our latest podcast featuring guest Jennyfer Crawford-Williams, Founder and CEO of "Ask Jennyfer." Gain insights into her path to success, her mission to empower local businesses and also learn how she's inspiring other entrepreneurs to pursue their dreams. WCCCD's Critical Conversations Podcast Series is available on the District's website and on streaming platforms.



DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

This week, the Virtual Intercultural Conversations celebrated National Arab American Heritage Month with a presentation on the language and contributions made to the Western World.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Kudos

Tamara Ward has been selected for the Community and Junior College Libraries (CJCLS) Mentoring Program's 2024-2025 cohort. During this cohort, Ms. Ward will mentor community college librarians, administrators, staff, and/or MLS college students interested in community college librarianship.

Congratulations on your Awards!



Dr. Charmaine Johnson and Martha Grier joined Dr. CharMaine Hines, one of 50 recipients of the 17th annual 2024 Michigan Chronicle Women of Excellence Award. The event honored these women as champions of economic empowerment, diversity, education, and community service, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to uplifting those around them.

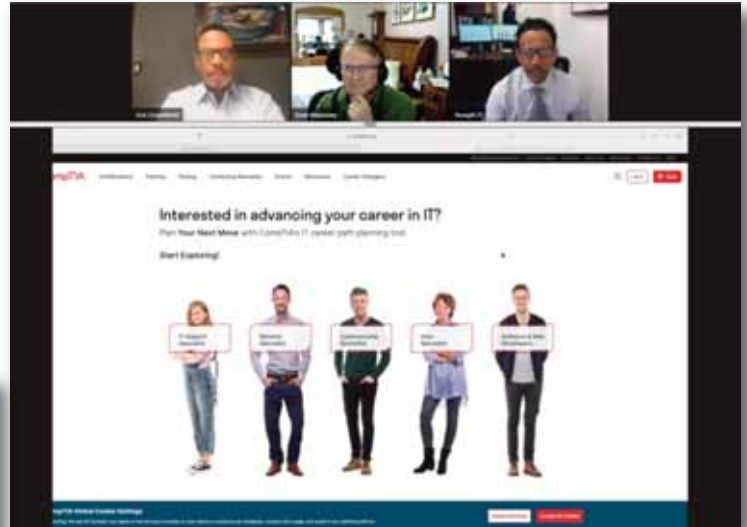


Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha was honored for her work with immigrant women and diversity, equity and inclusion at the Michigan International Women's Conference.

CONNECTING MINORITY COMMUNITIES GRANT (CMG) PROJECT UPDATE

Start or Grow Your Career in IT –Virtual Orientation

The Divisions of Information Technology (IT) and Workforce and Economic Development hosted a virtual orientation for students. Four sessions were held with more than 200 participants. IT collaborated with a representative from CompTIA; together, the presenters addressed course platform overview, navigation, access to course materials, and support.



Yoseph Demissie met with Unbreen Amir and James Melton to review and finalize the CMC Grant webpage content and design.

Printer Upgrade Project

Technicians at the Curtis L. Ivery District Office, Downtown Campus and Northwest Campus upgraded printers in functional and instructional areas.





District Police Authority

Emergency Preparedness Update Training



Members of the District Police Authority participated in a CPR, First Aid, and emergency preparedness refresher training course.



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Drs. Harvey Dorrah and John Ray discussed GED opportunities for students in the Construction Trades and Commercial Driver's License Training Programs.



Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



13th Congressional District Democratic Party

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center Leadership Team Meeting



Community Meeting

Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with the Harper Woods Mayor, Valerie Kindle and City of Grosse Pointe Farms Councilmember, Sierra Donaven, and community member Irma Hayes to discuss community programs.

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Drs. Sherry Siggers and Celestine Walker held sessions for students interested in applying for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Topics included the application process, requirements, and deadlines.



Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery

Students from Voyager High School toured the *Overcoming Hateful Things: Stories from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Imagery* exhibit.

Detroit College Access Network (DCAN)

DCAN provided a workshop designed to address college professionals on how to assist with preparing students for community college, four-year college and universities.



CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness
Education Center

Cardio Hustle Class

Cardio hustle class is a unique and immersive fitness experience that combines quick cardio bursts with fun dance moves, for a total body workout.



Women's Basketball



The Women's Wildcats Basketball team welcomed new players with an informational and signing session at the HWEC.

Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy welcomed new volunteers during orientation at the HWEC for the upcoming season.



Downriver Campus



Wayne County Sheriff Jailor Ceremony

WCCCD hosted the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Training Unit, New Officer Entry Academy Graduation Ceremony.



The Information Center Mending the Safety Net

The Downriver Campus hosted the annual Information Center Mending the Safety Net Program. The Healthy Downriver Community Team, a local community collaborative initiative, presented an exciting and stimulating resource sharing event.



FBI Regional All Employee Conference

The Detroit Field Office of the FBI held its All Employee Conference at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center. More than 390 attendees gathered to participate in this event that included agency updates as well as several guest speakers.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



U.S. Customs and Border Protection K9 Training

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted members of the Federal Reserve Police K-9 Unit for training.

Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team (HMRT) Training

MIPSE hosted the Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team (HMRT) for their monthly meeting and team training.



Detroit Police Department

MIPSE hosted the Detroit Police Department for Mobile Field Force training.

Eastern Campus



Chemistry Students

Students determined the freezing point of boric acid experiment in the chemistry lab.

Basic Draping Techniques

Students practiced draping techniques while others are making and cutting out their own patterns.



Northwest Campus



Furquan Ahmed met with Christopher Lassen and team from Comau, to discuss the robotics lab.

One Vision, One District, One College



Student Activities

Students at the Northwest Campus have been making use of the ping pong table and other activities in the student lounge.

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

