

Chancellor's Weekend Memo



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April 20-26, 2024



The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Michigan Council of Women in Technology (MCWT) Girls Get-IT Day. This program introduced and educated participants about different technologies and concepts in a practical, hands-on environment. The mission of the MCWT is to inspire and grow women in technology.



A note from Darlene Taylor, the Chief Mission Officer for the Michigan Council of Women in Technology:

"MCWT team, WCCCD team and amazing volunteers, please accept my deepest gratitude for your time and dedication resulting in THE BEST MCWT GET-IT Day in our history! Once again, the WCCCD campus provided a welcoming, engaging space to host our THREE HUNDRED girls. We are so grateful for your continued support for this project."





Human Resources Staffing Master Plan

I met with Dr. Gunder Myran and Furquan Ahmed to discuss updates to the Human Resources Staffing Master Plan. Recognizing the “Great Resignation” during the pandemic and the natural staff turnout due to retirements and other factors. The Division of Human Resources will identify immediate and long-term staffing needs and create a specific plan of action to address urgent staffing needs.

Childhood Literacy

This week, I had the pleasure of meeting with Lisa Howze, former Michigan State Representative and City of Detroit public policy advocate, and Dr. CharMaine Hines at the District. Among items discussed, she shared updates on her current literary accomplishments, as well as her ambassador work for a local Junior Achievement organization.

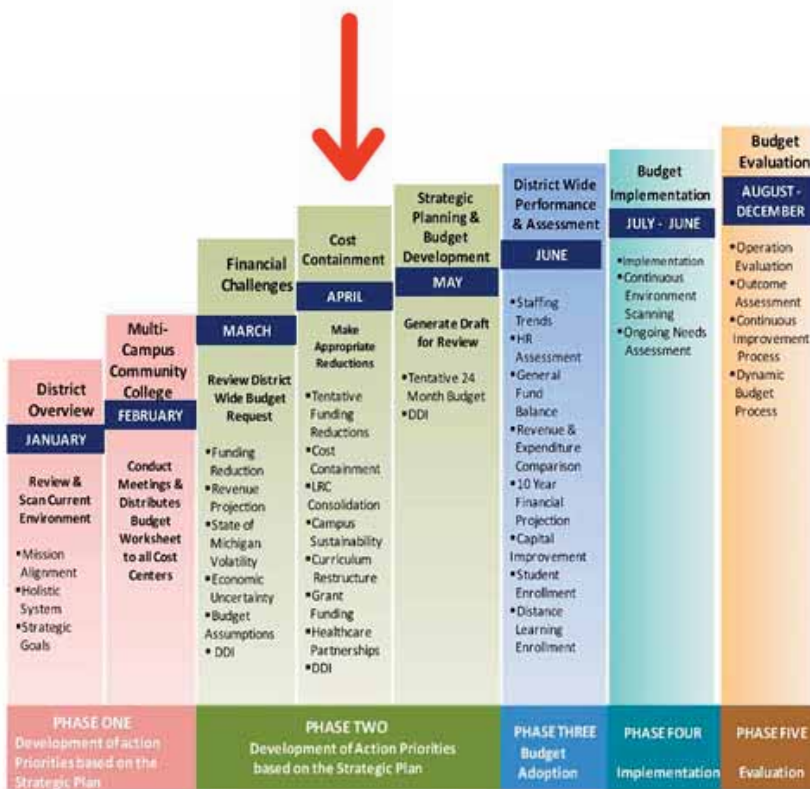


Kansas State University Cohort

This week, I met with Dr. Larry Galizio, President and CEO of the Community College League of California, and the Kansas State University Cohort.



Division of Administration and Finance



Budget Development Process

Kim DiCaro, Deputy Chancellor/CFO met with senior leadership team members to review budget requests and consider adjustments as necessary.





Michigan Community College Association's Capitol Day

Drs. Yvette Anderson, Tammy Anderson, and Mazharul Islam, along with Sharnita Ford, Safa Saaidi, and Jamila Sudduth participated with the Michigan Community College Association's Capitol Day. Staff engaged with a variety of legislators in conversations regarding community colleges and specific areas of opportunities for students and stakeholders in the District.





Division of Student Services



Outreach and Recruitment

Staff assisted a Pershing High School senior in completing the WCCCD application for admission.



International Students

Staff continue to process Summer 2024 applications for international students.



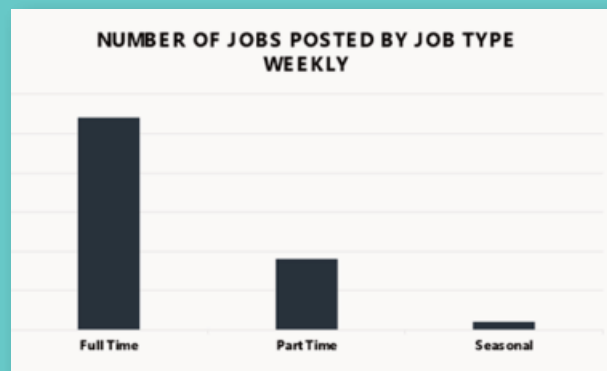
TRiO Program

Staff met to plan a year-end celebration for TRiO graduates.

Career Planning and Placement Portal



This chart displays the number of students with completed, active registrations and jobs at WCCCD's Career Planning and Placement job site.



This chart displays the number of jobs posted at WCCCD based on the job types that have been posted. The total may be larger than the number of jobs if more than one job type is selected.



Student Executive Council

Student Success

Congratulations to Student Executive Council Officer, Leanne Hunn, whose work will be published in the 29th edition of Nota Bene, Phi Theta Kappa’s honors anthology. This prestigious recognition of her work, “Pack a Bag. We’re Going to Orlando!,” was selected by a national panel of judges. More than 1,400 Nota Bene entries were submitted this year.



Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Zeta Chapter assisted with the Gleaners Stamp Out Hunger and Earth Day 2024 event.

Phi Theta Kappa Recruitment

Phi Theta Kappa students set up information tables at the campuses to recruit new members.



Refreshing Regional Partnerships Opportunities with DTE Energy

The District was pleased to host DTE Energy members Diane Antishin, Vice President of Human Resources/Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Chris HooSang, Director, of Corporate Human Resources, and Tony Battle, Manager of Technical Training. Discussion focused on short and long-term strategies for potential partnership opportunities, employment and industry need projections, intersections for collaboration to strengthen workforce training programs and hiring needs.



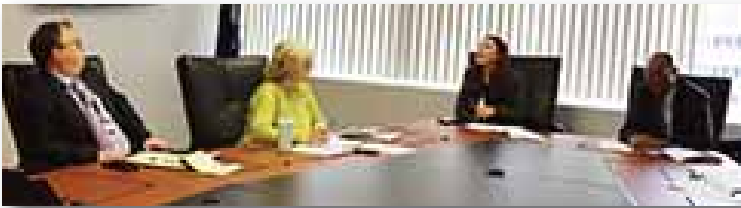
Ceremonies and Rituals Committee



Preparations are underway by members of the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee to honor and celebrate student accomplishments at the upcoming Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony this week.

Nursing Pinning Ceremony
May 10, 2024
Northwest Campus

Honors Convocation
June 5, 2024
Downriver Campus



2024 Commencement Ceremony June 8, 2024 Ford Field

Website Redesign Taskforce

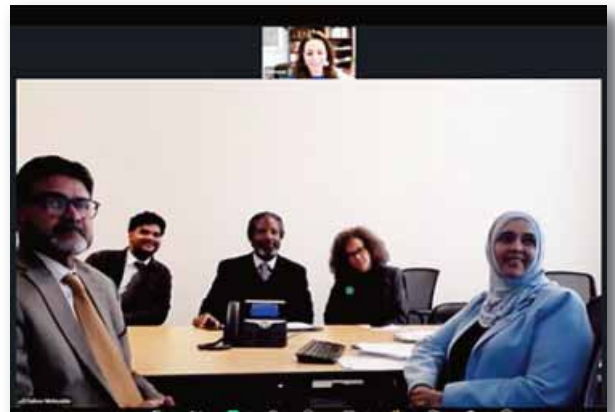
The Website Redesign Taskforce collaborated with our design partner, Stamats, for an insightful and detailed walk-through of the new website. Agenda items included:

- Content alignment that is student-focused
- Strategies to enhance user experience
- Establishing a consistent tone and voice
- Showcasing academic programs
- Attracting new students



Northwest Campus Webpage Review

The Northwest Campus team met with members of the Website Redesign Taskforce to complete a comprehensive content review of the campus pages on the new website.





Division of Human Resources

Employee Leave Balance Compliance Review

The Division of Human Resources (HR) is conducting a Leave Audit. This process ensures proper reconciliation of leave time, as well as appropriate approvals. Leave time must be signed by the employee and approved by the campus president/vice chancellor. The Attendance Summary Report is used as a final checklist to review Web-Gate entries prior to the report by being submitted to the Office of the Chancellor. The Audit consists of reviewing the following attendance summary to assure compliance:

- *Leave Balance Reconciliation*
- *Leave Time Usage*
- *Exceptions*
- *Approvals*
- *Timely Submission*
- *Trends Analysis*



**Brown and Juanita C. Ford
 Art Gallery**
 Northwest Campus



Continuing Education Class in Partnership with Refuge for Nations

Students from Barton Elementary School and Pershing and Cody High schools participated in an art gallery discussion and a hands-on collage project with artists Mandisa Smith and Jide Aje.



Community Partnerships

Our educational partnerships with community organizations, businesses and industries represents a dynamic collaboration aimed at fostering lifelong learning, professional development and personal enrichment. By joining forces with more than 500 partners, we are able to expand access to high-quality educational opportunities that are tailored to the diverse needs and interests of our community members. A few of this week's partners:

100 Black Men
 Friend of the Court
 Winship Community Improvement Association - Helping Seniors Navigate the Computer



Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Lightcast Michigan Future-Ready Workforce Summit



Dr. Harvey Dorrah attended the Lightcast Michigan Future-Ready Workforce Summit held at Lansing Community College Downtown Campus.



Transportation Meeting with SEMCOG

Michael Poole attended the Transportation Coordinating Council Meeting with SEMCOG. Topics of discussion included the plans for the NFL Draft Open House.



Division of Educational Affairs

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee convened its final meeting for the 2023-2024 academic year. The committee reviewed presentations on course and program modifications from Health Sciences, Graphic Design Technology, and Mathematics.



D3 Credit Mobility Coalition Meeting

Dr. Crystal Brown and Diane Gonzalez attended the kick-off meeting of the Credit Mobility Coalition work group of the Detroit Regional Chamber. Representatives from two-year and four-year institutions gathered to discuss articulation agreements and career pathways. The attendees engaged in a dialogue about the advantages and disadvantages of the existing pathways. They also explored potential efforts to enhance these educational routes, facilitating smoother transitions for students moving from two-year to four-year programs.



Faculty Spotlight

By: Diane Gonzalez



Dr. Walter Cheeks

Meet Dr. Walter Cheeks, a humanities and social science faculty member at WCCCD, hailing from the vibrant city of Cleveland. With a diverse teaching background spanning Psychology, Sociology, and Philosophy, Dr. Cheeks brings a unique perspective shaped by personal experiences and a passion for addressing emotional conflicts.

Dr. Cheeks' journey into his disciplines was deeply personal. Growing up, he confronted the challenges of parental separation, grappling with issues like trauma and abandonment. In the midst of these struggles, he found solace in his faith but also recognized the importance of addressing emotional wounds head-on. This realization propelled him towards a mission of helping others confront and heal from their own emotional scars, emotional conflicts, and traumas.

His academic pursuits are marked by a commitment to tackling pressing social issues. His doctoral dissertation delved into the complex intersection of faith and LGBTQ rights within the Black Baptist Church—a topic demanding nuanced understanding and empathy. Beyond academia, Dr. Cheeks is dedicated to his role as a facilitator and therapist, striving to empower students and individuals battling emotional conflicts and addiction.

Before embarking on his teaching journey, Dr. Cheeks served as a Criminal Investigator for the State of Michigan and the Detroit Police Department, showcasing his commitment to public service.

Known for his keen attention to detail and collaborative spirit, Dr. Cheeks is a staunch advocate for diversity and inclusivity.

At his core, Dr. Cheeks is a man of faith and compassion, deeply devoted to both his spiritual beliefs and lending a helping hand to the less fortunate.

Since 2011, he has been an integral part of the WCCCD community, leaving an indelible mark on both colleagues and students alike.

For Dr. Cheeks, the highlight of his tenure lies in teaching dual enrollment classes. Witnessing the transformation of high school students as they engage with college-level material fills him with a sense of pride and fulfillment. He relishes the opportunity to instill confidence and optimism in young minds. With academic credentials including a Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctor of Ministry degree, Dr. Cheeks brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his teaching endeavors.



Division of Educational Affairs



Perkins Meeting

The Educational Affairs and Student Services teams met virtually with the State of Michigan Carl Perkins auditors to discuss our compliance evidence, shared with them regarding adherence to Carl Perkins guidelines and the District's plans. The teams discussed how they use both quantitative and qualitative data to inform the planning and decision process. They also highlighted the integration of regional economic forecasting data per our relationships with industry partners, students, and faculty. The auditors had no findings and commended the District on its approach to advisory committees and alignment of noncredit and prior learning assessment to credit offerings.



District Police Authority



Police Authority Officer Ryan Farrelly, a Civilian Soldier, visited Cesar Chavez Academy Middle School for career day. Officer Farrelly enlightened the future leaders about the invaluable benefits of education and service.

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DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Virtual Intercultural Conversations



We held a South Asian Cultural Association meeting to discuss the various languages in South Asia.



At this week's virtual Intercultural Conversations, we enjoyed a presentation from Dr. Amal David from Washington DC.



Community Partnerships



Expanding Student Populations

Drs. CharMaine Hines and Allan Cosma met with online academic portfolio and consortium specialists from Acadeum. Discussion focused on resources and opportunities to expand student populations with workforce-aligned curricula, platforms and technology.

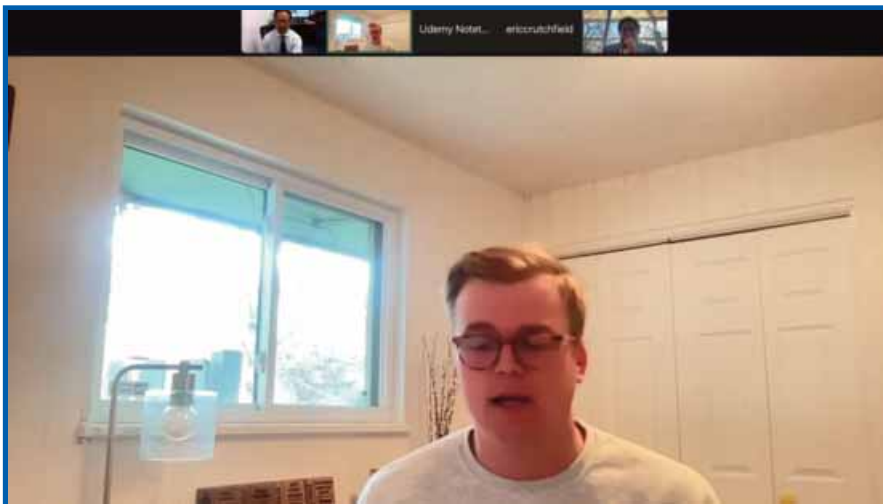
Division of Information Technology

Connecting Minority Communities Grant – Project Update

The Divisions of Information Technology and Workforce Development are working to ensure students participating in the CMC Grant free certification training have the appropriate tools for an engaging and valuable experience.



This week, staff met with several content providers, including CompTIA and Udemy. Administrators from each learning management system shared information regarding portal access, site navigation and technical support.



The team also communicated next steps to our eager student population:

- Central hub for AWS, Microsoft and Google courses with Udemy with access by the first week of May 2024.
- Access to CompTIA and TestOut portal access granted by early next week.
- Laptop loans distributed next week at Curtis L. Ivery District Office.

Microsoft 365 Implementation –

Student Self Service/Single-Sign-On

IT and Student Services Weekly Update Meeting





Building Community Relationships

Trending at the Higher Learning Commission

Dr. Allan Cosma participated in the annual Higher Learning Commission (HLC) conference in Chicago. The conference focused on stackable and marketable credentials, as well as the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on future white-collar employment, including law, medical fields, education, and government policy.



Advanced Manufacturing Partnership

Dr. Wanda Hudson and Diane Gonzalez represented the District at Macomb Community College for a lively discussion by FANUC and its education leaders about how automation is changing the landscape of the institutional workforce in Michigan and how education across the state should respond.



MODAC Training

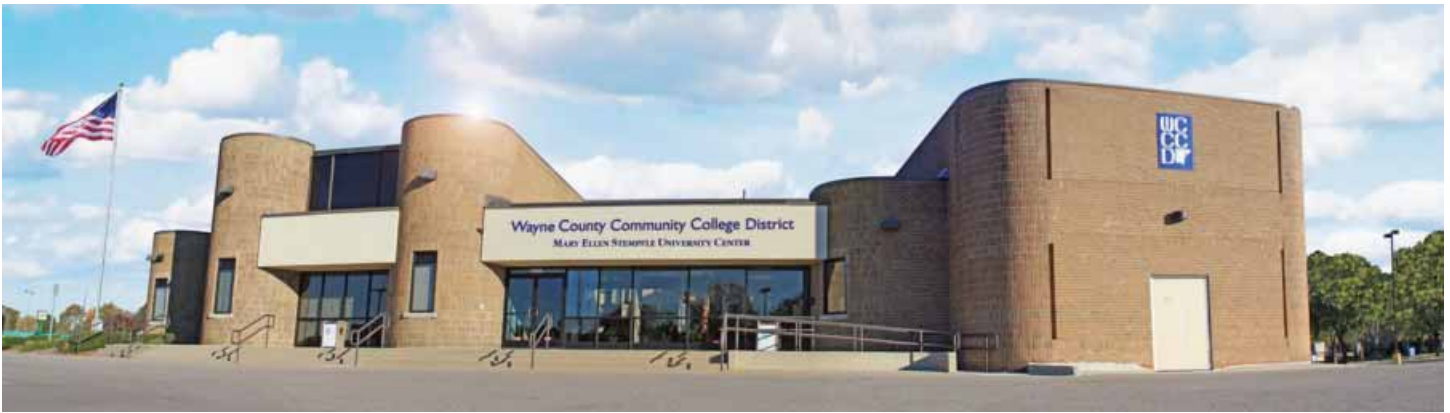
Dr. Allan Cosma attended the Michigan Occupation Dean Administration Council (MODAC) meeting hosted at the Mott Community College's Culinary Arts Center. The training was instrumental in gaining an understanding of Perkins' document preparation, to provide evidence to all compliance standards.



Detroit Regional Chamber Foundation

Denis Karic attended the Detroit Chamber Regional Healthcare Collaborative meeting.

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Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center

University Partnerships

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Representatives from Ferris State University's Criminal Justice Department completed their Fall semester classroom visits at WCCCD. These visits garnered substantial interest among our students in our partnership with Ferris State University and the exceptional transfer opportunities it offers. This enthusiasm underscores the value of our university/college partnerships and the dedication to facilitating seamless transfer pathways for our students.

Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center hosted the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors for its staff professional development training workshop.



13th Congressional Membership Meeting

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Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center Center for Learning Technology

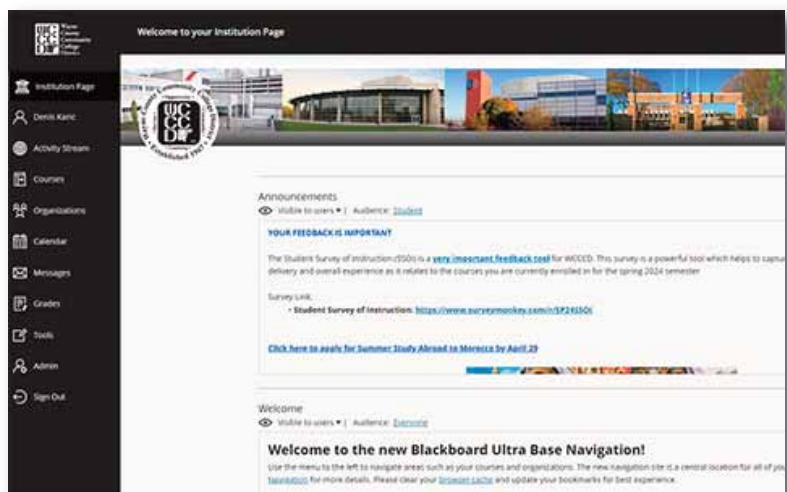


Textbook Links

Distance Learning is diligently working on enhancing the student educational experience for the upcoming summer semester. As part of our commitment to accessibility and convenience, we are in the process of integrating textbook links directly into the Blackboard course shells for courses that are part of the Access program. With the textbook links embedded within the Blackboard course shells, students can easily navigate to the required readings and materials.

Course Shells

Course shells for the upcoming summer semester are now available in Blackboard. This early access to course shells allows faculty to prepare their materials in advance, ensuring a smooth and organized start to the semester.



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



PepsiCo Workshop



Staff presented a workshop for PepsiCo scholarship recipients, titled “Careers and Etiquette in the Workplace.” Participants learned about general guidelines and etiquette in the workplace, as well as how to conduct themselves professionally.



Ethics and Pain Management Workshop

In partnership with Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted an Ethics and Pain Management Workshop. Participants reviewed pain management treatment and the ethical behavior behind writing drug and relief prescriptions by physicians.

Outreach and Recruitment

As part of our Department Of Outreach and Recruitment (Open D.O.O.R.), staff participated in the Third Annual Achieve Your Dreams College Fair hosted by the Detroit Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. Staff offerings hosted by WCCCD, and provided information to prospective students, about the District's numerous options in both academic and career/technical areas.



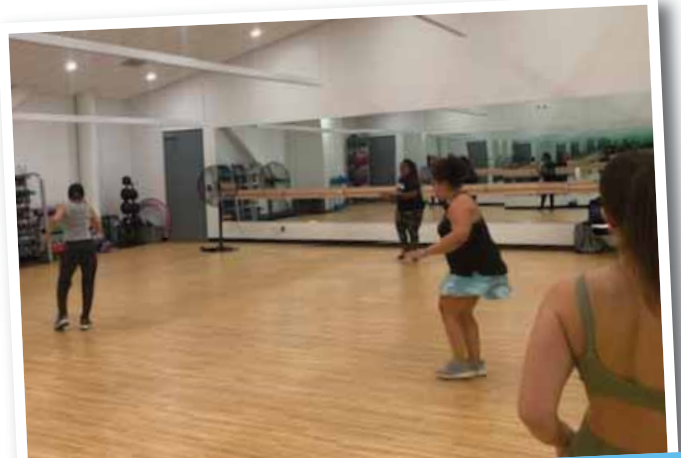
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Health & Wellness
Education Center



Vibrant Health

The HWECC hosted the April Vibrant Health Workshop Series. Held in partnership with a local nonprofit group, Healthyself. Participants learned about chlorella, spirulina and received tips on eating and living healthy from Dr. Bob McCauley.



Zumba

Participants in the Zumba class burn calories with quick cardio movements while enjoying pop music.



Staff Meeting

Mike Dotson met with staff to review the IEPA process and discuss requirements and deadlines.



Recruiting

Staff hosted a recruitment table to introduce students, staff, and community members to the facility and its offerings.

Downriver Campus



Wayne RESA Cognitive Coaching Foundation Seminar

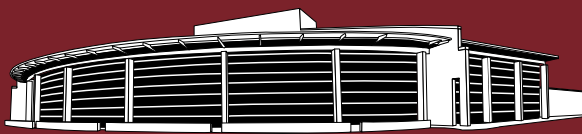


Retirement Planning Workshop

Stable Retirement Planners presented a workshop on retirement planning. They discussed investment strategies, tax return assistance, health insurance guidance, wills and trusts.



The Guidance Center Head Start Site Leader Review Workshop



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YArts Event

In partnership with the Downriver Family YMCA, the Downriver Campus hosted the Y Media Works Showcase. The event showcased film and photography projects created by middle school students.



Wayne Metro CAA Supportive Housing and Homeless Service

The Downriver Campus hosted Wayne Metro Community Action Agency Supportive Housing and Homeless Service. This program aims to empower individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness with the solution to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.





WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



Rapid Response EMS Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course

The Rapid Response EMS for Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (EVOC) training was developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to reduce the number of emergency vehicle crashes.

Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team Training

MIPSE hosted the Western Wayne County Hazardous Material Response Team for its monthly meeting and team training.



Wayne County Sheriff – Mobile Field Force

Participants in the Wayne County Sheriff for Mobile Field Force class learned formation techniques and engaged in practical exercises, gained certification in gas mask usage. They also familiarized themselves with Riot Baton/Riot Shield usage which included certification, and scenario based training.

Basic Emergency Medical Technology EMT Practical Skills

The Basic Emergency Medical Technology EMT Class provided participants with opportunities to practice their extrication and trauma practical skills as they prepare for their state practical exam.



BASF Hazwoper Refresher Training

Participants in the BASF Hazwoper Refresher course learned basic defensive and offensive mitigation techniques available to responders.

Eastern Campus



Digital Video Production Students

Students in the Digital Video Production Program participated in different roles as they filmed a one hour movie at the campus.



Administrative Staff Meeting



Sprucing up the Constance Carter Cooper Community Room at the Eastern Campus!

Northwest Campus



Detroit Medical Center

Future nursing graduates enjoyed a dinner with Gary Purushotham, CEO of Sinai Grace at the Northwest Campus Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.



Friend of The Court

The Wayne County Friend of The Court held a program on campus providing free legal advice and resources to the public.



West McNichols Business Association

The West McNichols Business Association held a community townhall meeting, where local business owners and residents discussed the needs of the community.



Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

Anthony Guerriero, Chief of Legislation for Kym Worthy, toured the campus in preparation for a future partnership opportunity with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Northwest Campus



The Health Science team attended the Love and Hope Inc.: Third Annual "Achieving Your Dreams" College/University Fair at La Casa Guadalupana, Corp. Adult Education School to promote HSC programs and provide giveaways.

Surgical Technology



Surgical technology students learned how to prep before an operation by identifying surgical instruments and acquiring wrapping techniques.

Ted Scott Campus



New Bridge Student Orientation

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the New Bridge Student Orientation. Participants learned about adequate preparation for starting their new educational journey.



Girl Scouts of America

The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Troop 7797 Workshop. Girls worked on developing leadership skills, building self-confidence, learning life skills, exploring career options and taking action to make the world a better place.

Expanding Market 24/7

Members of the Ted Scott staff met with Continental Services to discuss expansion of the Market 24/7 marketplace into a permanent location.



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

