

## 2024 Honors Convocation





## Chancellor's Executive Leadership Team Meeting

Our Executive Leadership Team met to discuss:

- Alignment
- Budget Development
- Enrollment Management
- Workforce Development Initiatives
- Ceremonies and Rituals
- Staffing



## Enhancing Community Relations

I met with Trustee Sharon P. Scott, the Mayor of Westland, Kevin Coleman and Westland Deputy Mayor James Godbout to discuss strategies to enhance community relations.



Michigan Community College Association  
Presidents Committee Meeting





# Literacy Fair

More than 700 children and their families participated in “WCCCD Literacy Day 2024” at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus. The event, targeted towards students pre-k through sixth grade, was held in collaboration with the Bookworm Club and the School of Continuing Education. Designed to foster a passion for reading and enhancing literacy skills, participants engaged in educational games, crafts, interactive balloon art, face painting, carnival rides and more. Children also received a new book, backpack and school supplies to keep them reading over the summer.



**Mrs. Ola Ivery**  
WCCCD First Lady and  
Bookworm Club Founder

“Our goal was to create a space where children could explore the joys of reading in a fun and supportive environment,” said Mrs. Ola Ivery, WCCCD First Lady and Bookworm Club Founder. “When a child opens a book, they can follow their curiosity and their joy, and discover entirely new worlds without leaving their own homes. Seeing their faces light up with excitement has been incredibly rewarding.”















# Division of Student Services



## Outreach and Recruitment

The Department of Outreach and Recruitment (D.O.O.R.) participated in the Breithaupt Career Technical Center's Open House.



## Adult Education

Students at the Considine Center are diligently preparing for the end of summer session.

## Student Success!

Congratulations to our graduating dual enrollment students from Frontier International Academy.



## Michigan College and University Partnership

Students Madison Johnson and Jake West volunteered at Dynamite Hill Farms while completing their internships at Michigan Technological University. While there they learned about Native American heritage and how to plant corn squash and watermelon.



## Student Executive Council Food Pantry

Samarah Sagers, a graduating senior of Woodhaven High School made a donation to the food pantry on behalf of a canned food drive held at Woodhaven High School.

# Division of Student Services



## My TRiO Experience

My name is Tracey Jackson, a 2011 WCCCD graduate. Being a part of the TRiO Program was a life changing experience. As I reflect back, I can remember how I was not sure how to navigate my educational journey after losing my job after 16 years at the age of 52. I knew that I needed to make a change in order to propel myself forward for the job market.

I was informed by a fellow classmate about the TRiO program. Although skeptical at first, this is where my life began to take a turn for the better. I was unemployed, without much money and on the verge of losing my only mode of transportation. My self-esteem was low. I began to realize that I was in a safe space, with help awaiting on the other side of the desk.

After my tenure at WCCCD, I earned my Bachelor Degree in Sociology at Madonna University and my Master's Degree in Professional Counseling at Grand Canyon University. I am now employed for the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network where I work as a Mental Health Counselor and Substance Use Disorder Specialist.

Without a doubt in my mind, the TRiO Program is where it ALL began!



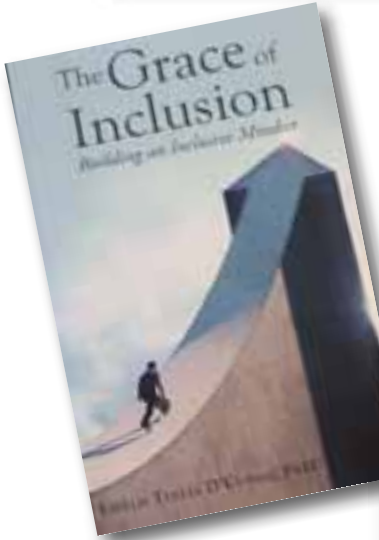
The Division of Student Services distributed TRiO Program stoles and goodie bags to graduating students.



TRiO student Daja Evans is very excited about participating in the 2024 Commencement Ceremony this weekend. She plans to transfer to a four-year university and majoring in child psychology.



# DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



Dr. Fidelis D’Cunha met with staff members to discuss her book titled “*The Grace of Inclusion – Building an Inclusive Mindset.*” During the session, she shared insights into strategies to enhance fostering diversity and inclusiveness in the workplace.



## African Cultural Association Meeting

As part of our meeting, Michael Poole led a discussion on Senegal.



## Community Engagement Meeting

## Virtual Intercultural Conversations

At this week’s Virtual Intercultural Conversations, we discussed the Thai Festival called Songkran. Songkran is Thailand’s most famous festival. An important event on the Buddhist calendar, this water festival marks the beginning of the traditional Thai New Year.



# ***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 of these include:



**PLANNING AND  
CONSTRUCTION/  
PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT**



**MECHANICAL  
SYSTEMS  
MAINTENANCE**



**MANAGEMENT OF  
EXTERIOR AND  
INTERIOR ASSETS**



**STUDENT  
APPRENTICESHIP/  
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**



### **Planning and Construction/Property Management**

We are very proud of our Facilities Team. This diverse and inclusive group of men and women conduct all project meetings with our trade contractors and suppliers. The kickoff and project management of the upcoming Ted Scott Campus Restrooms Renovation is indicative of this valuable internal talent base.



# 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

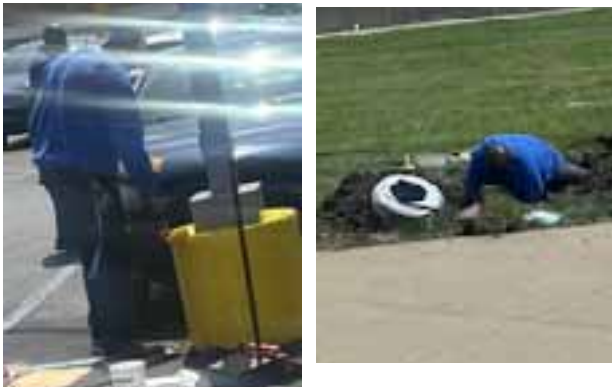
HVAC MANAGEMENT  
LIGHTING AND SAFETY  
MAINTENANCE  
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
RECYCLING OPERATIONS



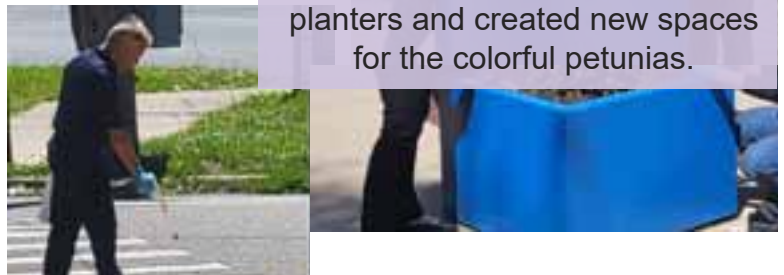
New stairs were installed at the Mobile Home at MIPSE.



Students and staff cleared the planters and created new spaces for the colorful petunias.



Facilities staff continue to make repairs throughout the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus grounds.



Facility staff sprayed the campus grounds for weed prevention.



Staff remove weeds and trim the bushes and trees around the Ted Scott Environmental Terrace.



Staff discussed bathroom renovations at the Ted Scott Campus.







## Division of Educational Affairs



### Culinary Arts Program

District team members met with Schoolcraft College culinary arts faculty to discuss stackable credentials and articulation opportunities for students.



### EMU Career Pathways

The team met with Colleen Kibin and Dr. LaJoyce Brown from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) to discuss current and potential transfer pathways between the two institutions. They also explored opportunities for WCCCD students to visit the EMU campus and for EMU representatives to visit WCCCD campuses, to support the seamless transfer process between the two schools.



# Division of Educational Affairs



## Academic Catch-Up Program

Kudos to our Academic Catch-up Program students! Each student received a gift card, laptop, and a book bag with supplies, for their participation and support as they pursue their educational goals at WCCCD.



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## Mental Health in Higher Education

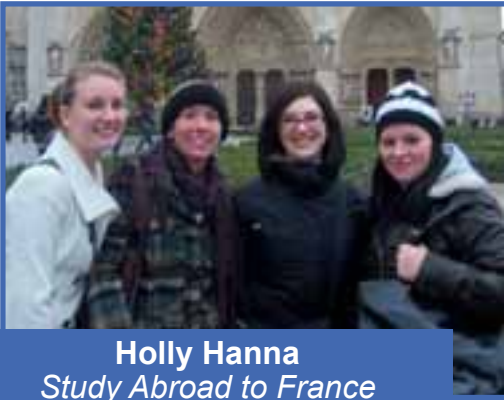
Staff members participated in the American Council on Education's (ACE) webinar on Mental Health in Higher Education. The panelists not only discussed the importance of prioritizing mental health and examined the latest statistics, but they also shared practical, evidence-based practices that could be implemented in our communities. One such practice, which we are already implementing at WCCCD, is to elevate the resources available to students by sharing within course syllabi.





# Alumni Spotlight

*Holly Hanna*



**Holly Hanna**  
*Study Abroad to France*

As a young girl, I absolutely loved going to the dentist. My love for the dentist shaped my future in many ways. I have now been a dental hygienist for 15 years. Prior to becoming a licensed dental hygienist in Michigan, I went through WCCCD's rigorous Dental Hygiene Program. Many people fall short of saying they relish school considering all the hard work and long days that come along with it. However, I can honestly say that I enjoyed and appreciated this program here at WCCCD's Northwest Campus.



One great memory, among many others, during my educational journey at WCCCD, was earning a study abroad scholarship to Paris, France. Experiencing the culture of this beautiful historic city was once in a lifetime. This trip opened my eyes to cultural diversity, which is such an important aspect to today's and tomorrow's society. Also, this experience enriched my professional career by supplementing my cultural awareness.



After graduation, I transitioned into working as a clinical hygienist in a private practice setting. Just before finishing my bachelor's degree at Siena Heights University, I received an opportunity to teach dental hygiene right here at WCCCD, my alma mater. I submitted my last final on a Friday afternoon and began teaching students at WCCCD the following week. That exciting time was 13 years ago and my joy for teaching continues today. I have since earned my master's degree from Arkansas State University and now hold a full-time faculty position here at WCCCD in the dental hygiene department.





# Building Community Relationships



Denis Karic represented the District at the ribbon-cutting event for the new Eastland Commerce Center in Harper Woods.



Andy Steeby attended the Taylor High School Graduation Ceremony.

Michael Poole attended the Detroit Economic Club luncheon session with T-Mobile President/CEO Mike Sievert. He discussed the career readiness skills needed for high school students in Southeast Michigan.



Staff represented the District at the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Career and Job Fair. Throughout the event, the WCCCD team engaged with prospective students, providing information about the diverse programs, services, and opportunities across the District.



## Student Success!

Furquan Ahmed had the pleasure of meeting one of our nursing graduates working at Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital.

## DR. RANDALL MILLER SHARES LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS WITH EXECUTIVE TEAM



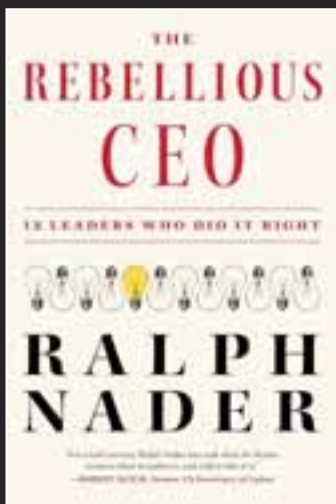
### HOW ARE WE DEFINING SUCCESS TODAY?

Ralph Nader, who is now 90 years old and who has written countless books defining himself as corporate America’s fiercest critic, recently completed his newest book entitled *The Rebellious CEO, 12 Leaders Who Did it Right*. One of those CEO’s is Jeno Paulucci, a little-known success story and founder of more than 70 companies that produce various food products.

Paulucci gained success through the school of hard knocks, and he build his reputation confounding the odds against him by using business practices and values that were counterintuitive and often at odds with conventional wisdom.

While his sense of ‘success’ was quite conventional, his “methods to achieve it were far more eyebrow-lifting.” He was not motivated by the accumulation of wealth, but instead was more focused on “how you play the game, not resorting to cheating to win, the way you live your life, and raising a family of which you can be proud. Success is just doing that which you want to do, but being happy with it- by being yourself.”

The take-away from Jeno Paulucci that is applicable to our roles in higher education is his emphasis on honesty as the foundation of success. He definitely ‘pushed the envelope’ to get his way when faced with opposition, but his unbridled honesty helped him be successful. Another part of his success equation was doing some good for your community, your state, your nation, and above all, your fellow man and woman.



### Book Recommendation:

*The Rebellious  
CEO- 12 Leaders  
Who Did It Right*  
by Ralph Nader



**JEFF CANCELOSI:  
"MY GREATEST HITS ... SO FAR"**



## *In the Mail...*



## **WCCCD Participates in DCTC Career Expo for Students**

WCCCD provides on-ramps to career pathways with industry standard credentials and certifications for students participating in career and technical programs, within our vast 32 city and township areas, that enhance students' success and increase student access to advanced educational opportunities. These longstanding partnerships include the Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC) which offers 33 different Career and Technical Education programs, which allow students to be placed directly in their field of study.

*"Professor Wynn,*

*I want to thank you for your outstanding presentations to the nearly 1,000 8th graders of the DCTC at our career expo for the students last week. You captivated the students with your ability to pivot to their questions with excellent answers. Also impressive were your students that were there. Their presence and confidence for their material shown through how they conducted themselves during the event. DCTC is fortunate to have you as one of our programs and greatly values our partnership with WCCCD."*



Thank you for all you do! John Nasarzewski, Director, Downriver Career Technical Consortium





# Division of Workforce and Economic Development



## ***Congratulations Graduates!***

Dr. Allan Cosma attended the Southeastern High School graduation ceremony held at the Detroit Music Hall, to honor students that completed the first Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Operation Certificate of Achievement at WCCCD. We are proud of these 2024 graduates and their accomplishments in the field of CNC.



### **Grant Presentation**

Dr. Harvey Dorrah participated in a Partners Presentation meeting for the Wayne County Health Catalyst Grant.



### **Regional Training Center Meeting**

The Eastern Campus Administration and representatives from the Division of Workforce and Economic Development met regarding Regional Training Center programs.

## Data Closet Re-engineering Project Curtis L. Ivery District Office

The Data Closet Re-engineering project, which aims to standardize all data closets within the District, is continuing with the ground floor of the Curtis L. Ivery District Office. The infrastructure team is currently installing the server cabinet, switches and fiber cables.



## CMC Grant – Project Update



The Divisions of Information Technology, Workforce and Economic Development and Administration and Finance convened at Curtis L. Ivery District Office to discuss:

- Operational program updates
- Spending plan updates
- Student engagement reporting
- Student outreach initiatives

To enhance the student learning experience, participation in our Laptop Loaner Program provides a free laptop with internet access for the duration of a course. This initiative is designed to ensure students have everything necessary to successfully complete coursework from home.







## Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



### **Grosse Pointe Public School System Meeting**

Denis Karic and Kimett Hackworth met with Alicia Carlisle, Director of Community Service at Grosse Pointe Public School System, to discuss partnership opportunities.

### **Community Celebration Planning Meeting**

Mr. Karic and Ms. Hackworth met with Valerie Kindle, Harper Woods Mayor, Sierra Donaven, Grosse Pointe Farms Council Member, Ivery Toussant, Harper Woods Council Member, and community member Irma Hayes, to finalize the plans for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration.



# Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

## Summer Water Research Program

Students enrolled in the Summer Water Research Program continue to collect water samples and record their findings to include in their final presentation.



## TriBeta Program

Desiree Blackwell received her TriBeta Certificate from Drs. Christian Nwamba and Curtis Greene.



## Learning Resource Center

Staff assisted students with online resources available to complete course assignments.



## Job Fair Preparations

Staff met to discuss upcoming job fair events for the Summer and Fall 2024 semesters.

## Continuing Education



Detroit Police Department All Command Meeting

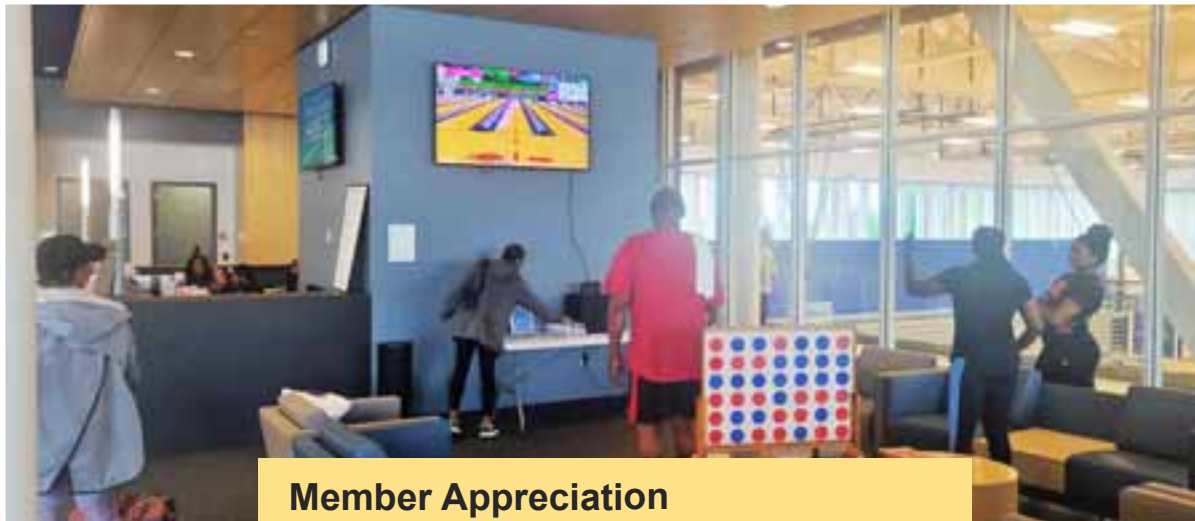


North Corktown Neighborhood Association



# CURTIS L. IVERY HWEC

Health & Wellness  
Education Center



## Member Appreciation

Members took a moment to enjoy games with staff at the Member's Appreciation Day on the HWEC Fitness floor.



## Vibrant Health

The HWEC hosted the May Vibrant Health Workshop Series in partnership with HealThySelf, a local non-profit organization.



## Cardio Dance

Cardio Dance is a fun, heart-pumping dance-based workout that allows members to use energetic movements set to amazing music.

# Downriver Campus

## Fall 2024 Dual Enrollment

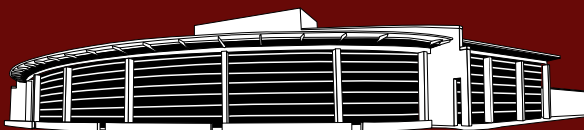
Fire Protection Technology  
Emergency Medical Technology

Staff met with Kelly Willis, from Detroit Public Safety Academy, to discuss Fire Protection Technology and Emergency Medical Technology dual enrollment classes for the Fall.



## Education Career Expo

The Downriver Campus held The Leona Group Education Career Expo.



**WC** WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
**CC** HEINZ C. PRECHTER  
**DC** EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*

## Taylor Prep High School Graduation



## Taylor West Middle School Band Concert







WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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



## FBI Detroit - SWAT Selection Day

Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) hosted the FBI for SWAT selection process. Potential SWAT team members conducted scenario based activities in the Mobile Home, Tower, and Confined Space Tunnel, as well as participated in classroom instruction and interviews.

## DTE FERMI 2 Fire Brigade Training

Operators of the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 Plant in Monroe County attended fire brigade training. They refreshed their training in fire extinguishers, and foam application, including the burn room and shipboard simulator. This annual training is a requirement of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection Mobile Field Force Training

MIPSE hosted the United States Customs and Border Protection for Mobile Field Force training.

# Eastern Campus



**Biology Students**



## The Art of Makeup

Students learned about the class expectations and various makeup supplies.



## I.M.A.G.I.N.E. Mentoring

Students from the Detroit Public Schools Community District participated in a workshop about the importance of seeking ways to cope with emotional stress.

One Vision, One District, One College



## Eastern Campus Student Graduate Celebration





# Northwest Campus



## State of Elections Address

Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey delivered her inaugural "State of Elections" address at the Northwest Campus.



## Detroit Police Department

Detroit Police cadets in various training scenarios.



## Nursing Advisory Meeting





# Ted Scott Campus



The Ted Scott Campus hosted the 2024 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Summit.



## Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

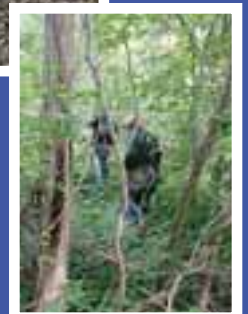
The Ted Scott Campus hosted the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Troop 7797 Workshop. Participants worked on developing leadership skills, building self-confidence, learning life skills, exploring career options and taking action to make the world a better place.

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## Partnership Opportunities

Matt Green with Holly Vaughn from the Department of Natural Resources, to explore educational opportunities.





# 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

