



Welcome to the New WCCCD Website!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the new WCCCD website! This exciting milestone reflects the collaborative efforts of our entire community, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed along the way. The new site is designed to be more user-friendly, visually engaging, and packed with helpful resources for faculty, staff, and students. We encourage you to take a moment to explore the new features and discover what's new. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and updates as we roll out even more features to keep you connected and informed.



**Thank you to the Website Redesign Taskforce
for all their hard work and dedication!**

Nursing and Allied Health PINNING CEREMONY

Health Science Center

The Nursing and Allied Health Pinning Ceremony was held in the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center at the Downriver Campus. This annual program celebrates the dedication and achievements of our graduates, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward becoming healthcare professionals.



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Sonya Dunbar
Geriatric Oral Health Educator –
The Geriatric Toothfairy Author
and Motivational Speaker



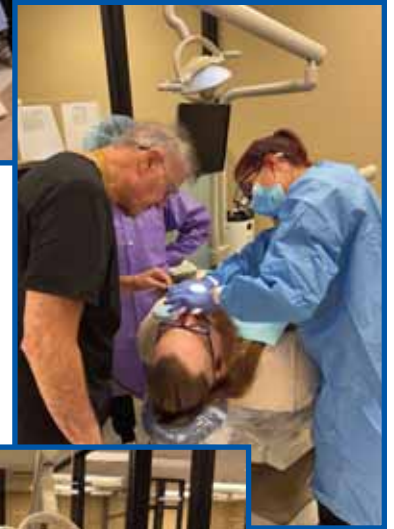
WCCCD Nursing and Allied Health Pinning Ceremony



EXTRACTION DAY



The Health Science Center at the Northwest Campus hosted Extraction Day, offering free dental extractions and additional services to the community. This program provides WCCCD's dental students the opportunity to work with licensed dentists from around the country, gaining hands-on experience in various areas of dentistry.



The Dental Department held its last Extraction Day for the year. 192 extractions were provided which totaled an estimated \$76,640 in services.

These services were at no cost to the patient.



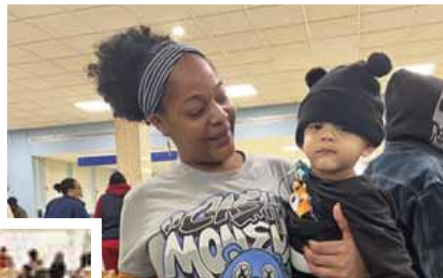
Sounds of the Season
The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center hosted the Sounds of the Season – A holiday concert with the Michigan Philharmonic.



Northwest Campus



The Northwest Campus, in partnership with the United Michigan Muslim Association (UMMA), hosted a community lunch in the Denise Wellons Glover Welcome Center.





*Happy
Holidays
from our
WCCCD Family!*



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Study ABROAD

BRING THE WORLD HOME



The Dirty Work of Producing Rice

Rice is a staple food in Thailand. It is sometimes consumed three times a day – breakfast, lunch and dinner.

But the production of rice is very tedious, and requires standing for hours in the swampy water which may cause developing water-borne diseases. During the WCCCD's Study Abroad to Thailand, the students visited a rice production farm where they learned all the techniques of how rice is produced. The Thais use buffalos to do the heavy lifting in the production.

On our host's farm, the students harvested honey from the bee hives and prepared the afternoon lunch, and drank sugar cane juice.

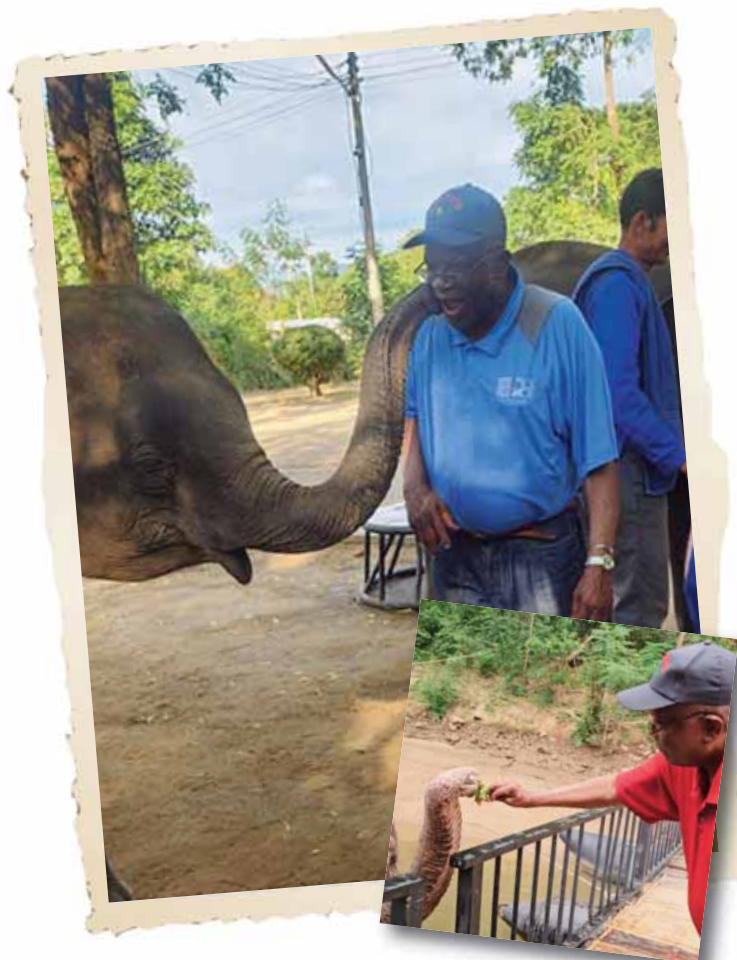


KISSING THE ELEPHANT!

By David C. Butty

I was born in the African village of Jakakehn, in Liberia, West Africa. There, we literally lived among some of the wildest animals; including elephants, the largest among the animal world. But not once did I ever come in close proximity with them until the most recent educational Study Abroad experience to Thailand; where one of the most profound memories was students learning about cultural significance of the River Kwai.

There I saw lanterns that brought back memories when I was growing up in Africa. Then, only those who had money owned lanterns because the ordinary person could not afford to find money to buy kerosene. For light at night, they depended on the fireplace in the house, or a torch to find their way around. It was not the lanterns; the floating raft; or the combination of a place to shower and the toilet that is worth remembering. It was the elephant that came every morning to eat from the hands of the students. There is a saying that elephants have long memories and that elephants never forget. This one elephant with his or her trainer, came every morning at exactly 8:00 am to feed from the hands of the students...those who are brave to get closer to the animal, that is.



This man from the village of Jakakehn was not going to be the only one who did not get close to the elephant, or feed the animal from the palm of his hands. So I gathered courage, picked from the container of leftover fruits from the morning's breakfast and walked down the squeaking bridge to where I was an arms length to the elephant that was standing in the river.

The students cheered me on to get closer. "Closer, closer," I could hear them say. So I got braver each time and got closer to the animal. First I tried to feed it with a piece of leftover pineapple, but this did not go well. The piece of fruit fell into the water. Then I picked a cucumber, and this time I was able to find the trunk as the animal grabbed the piece of fruit from my hand. In other words, to say "nice boy or girl," I had to get even closer and the elephant was able to rub its trunk on my cheek. At that time, all I could hear were the clicking sounds of cameras as everyone was taking photos. The story from there is that I "kissed the elephant, or should I say, he kissed me!"



Phi Theta Kappa Susie Q's Kids Volunteer Project

Members of Phi Theta Kappa gathered to package toiletry and comfort bags for children in need. Susie Q's Kids is a non-profit organization.



DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



Holiday Celebration



Staff attended the Hope Care and Beyond gift giving program for refugees and immigrants.



Staff represented the District at the Indian Catholic Association holiday celebration.

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Health & Wellness
Education Center



Kettlebell Flow

Members enjoy a full body workout targeting upper body strength and lower body mobility in an intense kettlebell flow session.

Partnerships

Staff met with representatives from the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy to discuss partnership activities for Spring 2025.

Division of Educational Affairs



The Educational Affairs and Workforce Development teams are spreading holiday cheer by providing gifts for children in Detroit.

Division of Information Technology

Cybersecurity Technology Upgrades

The Division of Information Technology met to discuss expanding the capabilities of the Cyber Range to include additional components and live scenarios to give students an enhanced experience. These additional offerings will unlock the potential for new courses, certifications, and labs to prepare our students for greater job opportunities within the cybersecurity industry.



Some Things to do Over the Holidays!

Light up the Night!

Wayne County Lightfest
Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village
Magic of Lights at Pine Knob
Aurora at Glenmore Trails
Home for the Holidays at Ford House
Winter Wonder Lights at Meadow Brook Hall
The Big, Bright Light Show in Rochester
Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo

Sports

Detroit Lions

December 22 vs. Bears 1:00 p.m.
December 30 vs. 49ers 8:15 p.m.

Red Wings

December 23 vs. St. Louis Blues 7:00 p.m.
December 27 vs. Toronto Maple Leafs 7:00 p.m.
December 29 vs. Washington Capitals 5:00 p.m.

Detroit Pistons

January 1 vs. Orlando Magic 7:00 p.m.
January 3 vs. Charlotte Hornets 7:00 p.m.
January 4 vs. Minnesota Timberwolves 7:00 p.m.
January 6 vs. Portland Trailblazers 7:00 p.m.

Theaters

Fox Theater

The Illusionist Magic of the Holidays
December 21-23

Cirque Du Soleil Twas the Night Before
Through January 4

Fisher Theater

A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical
December 24-January 5

Out and About in Detroit!

Eastern Market: Holiday Market
December 22

Winter Wonderland at Columbia
Street by the District Detroit
Through January 5

Campus Martius
Ice Skating, Cadillac Lodge,
Detroit Markets, Chalet 313,
Carriage Rides and More!

Little Caesars Arena

Nick Cannon's Wild N' Out Live
December 22

Trans-Siberian Orchestra
December 28

Museums

Detroit Institute of Arts
Michigan Science Center
Motown Museum
Charles H. Wright Museum
of African American History



Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Scavenger Hunt



Hot Cocoa Station



Ice Cream Social



Downriver Campus

Downriver Arts and Crafts Guild Holiday Show

The Downriver Campus hosted the Downriver Arts and Crafts Guild Holiday show. Artisans provided community education through interactive art demonstrations for all ages, including children's make and take projects.



Tony Arminiak participated in the Taylor Winterfest Parade.



Staff from the Ted Scott Campus represented the District in the Belleville Holiday Light Parade. This year's theme was classic Christmas movies. The title of the Ted Scott Campus float was *Christmas Vacation, meet the Griswold's*.

Ted Scott Campus



Staff from the Ted Scott Campus represented the District at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce holiday celebration.



Eastern Campus



Adopt-a-Family



**Campus
Celebration**



Northwest Campus

Our Community Bridge Holiday Relief Mission

The Northwest Campus partnered with Our Community Bridge to facilitate a heartwarming Holiday Relief Mission, providing hundreds of families with gifts, jackets, and holiday treats. With support from Detroit Police Academy recruits, this initiative exemplifies community collaboration and the Northwest Campus's commitment to uplifting its service district and surrounding neighborhoods.



Dr. Yvette Anderson attended the Detroit Area on the Aging, Senior Solutions Giving Thanks Gala.



Staff from the Health Science Center attended the Dental Ventures holiday celebration.

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

