

FACULTY ORGANIZATION DAY

SPRING 2025











Spring 2025 Faculty Organization Day

The Future of the Equity-Based Urban Community College

"At WCCCD, students come first, and we are honored as faculty and staff members when our students entrust to us their hopes and dreams for a better life. We are committed to providing a total student experience of success, belonging, and satisfaction. Each of us can, as we interact with students at various stages of their journey through WCCCD and beyond, make a positive difference in their lives. It is our love of our students, the programs and services that we provide, our fellow employees, and the equity-driven beacon of hope that our college provides that is the motivating force for all that we do."

Kim DiCaro
WCCCD Deputy Chancellor/CFO







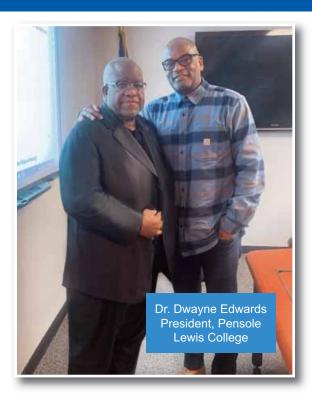




Educational Partnership Opportunities

My team and I met with Dr. Dwayne Edwards, President of Pensole Lewis College (PLC), Michigan's newest HBCU, and his team. We discussed partnership opportunities for collaboration between the two institutions providing career program pathways in PLC's mission focused areas including business, fashion design and manufacturing for high school students, current students and persons desiring to enter a new field.







Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts Board Meeting

I participated in the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees Meeting. Some of the agenda items included:

- Chairman's and President's Reports
- Financial Report
- Building Repair and Expansion Project Updates



Detroit Regional Chamber's 2025 Detroit Policy Conference



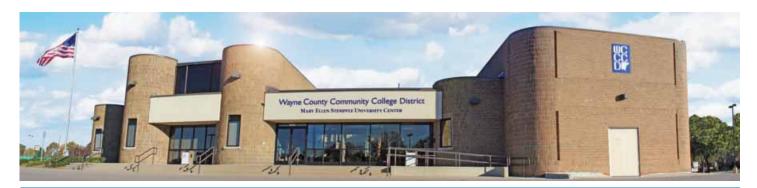
Members of the Divisions of Educational Affairs and Student Services represented the District at the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Innovation Conference, featuring esteemed special guests Richard Florida, renowned urbanist and founder of the Creative Class Group, and Tricia Keith, new CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield. The event focused on fostering innovation in Detroit and strategies to establish a sustainable talent hub within the city.



Yes We Can!

First Day of Spring 2025 Classes





Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center



Community Partnerships

Staff met with Alicia Carlisle, Founder of Michael B's, to discuss the Diverse Learners program offerings for the Spring 2025 semester.



New Podcast Available!

Tune into the latest episode of WCCCD's Critical Conversations Podcast featuring Mark J. Heppner, President of Ford House. Learn about the rich history and cultural significance of the estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford in Grosse Pointe Shores – a National Historic Landmark, upcoming programs, and strategies to enhance diversity, equity and accessibility initiatives.

The podcast is available on the college's website at https://www.wcccd.edu/podcasts and other popular streaming platforms such as Spotify, Amazon Music and more.





Division of Student Services



Admission Application Training

The Division of Student Services organized a training session focused on the new Ellucian Admission Application, Apply. The session provided staff with valuable insights and hands-on experience to effectively navigate the updated platform, ensuring a smooth and efficient application process for prospective students.



Federal Work-Study Program

Federal Work-Study students had the opportunity to meet with employers and ask questions regarding training and placement.



Athletics

WCCCD's Bowling Team competed in the Kirtland Community College bowling tournament.

Go Wildcats!





Division of Student Services





Michigan College and University Partnership

Staff met with a MiCUP student to discuss the application process for University of Michigan's MiCUP program.

Student Executive Council

The Student Executive Council participated in a discussion on various leadership styles and explored how to effectively apply them in real-world situations.

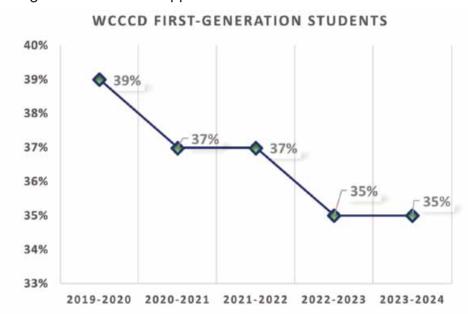




Institutional Effectiveness

First-Generation Students in Community College

Dr. Johnesa Hodge and the IE team are preparing plans for new data analysis strategies to measure student progression through their educational pathway. It is important to understand various student characteristics and backgrounds that may influence success and completion of educational goals such as first-generation students. First-generation students share non-academic barriers that may impede their potential for success. WCCCD continues to adopt innovative strategies to help all students receive welcoming and accessible support services.



WCCCD focuses on accessible education as outlined in its mission. In 2016-17, there were as much as 45% first-generation students served closing the gap in quality college education for underserved communities.

AACC reports 32% First-Generation students attend community colleges. These students are the first in their families to attend college whose father or mother do not have personal experience from attendance in college. These students are more likely to be affected by the following barriers.

College Readiness

- Less likely to know how to choose between different colleges
- Do not understand how college system works or expectations

Financial Stability

- Little ability to know available financial resources or how to access them
- Lack of understanding of how to navigate financial systems

Self-Esteem

- Limited college adjustment and first-year experience
- Lack of family support and prioritization of college

Source: https://www.league.org/innovation-showcase/breaking-down-barriers-first-generation-college-students-and-college-success#:~:text=During%20their%20time%20in%20college,Vohra%2DGupta%2C%202012).

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus

Program Highlight



Physical Therapist Assistant Students Receive Hands-On Training

Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at the Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus are gaining essential practical skills and experience through hands-on lab training. The program blends classroom instruction with clinical experience, preparing students to work closely with physical therapists in a range of healthcare environments.







Division of Information Technology

Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Grant Project Update

The CMC Grant team has completed a desk review with our CMC FPO, with no outstanding issues.



Faculty Organization Day Support





IT Equipment Recycling







Division of Human Resources

Professional Development Webinar

Staff from the Division of Human Resources (HR) participated in a professional development webinar on the topic of "Re-Engaging and Re-Energizing Your Workforce."



2025 Payroll Audit Processes Planning

Staff from the Divisions of Human Resources and Administration and Finance met to discuss the upcoming 2025 District Payroll Audit. This periodic review of the District's payroll processes and records verifies the accuracy, timeliness, and compliance of employee pay.







Gearing Up for CDL Training

CDL Class A Training is set to kick off in February with two cohorts. Instructors are currently preparing the trucks for Spring 2025 course instruction.

Robotics Training



The program will feature three courses: Robotics, Drive Motor, and PLC/Vision Training. Students will earn three credits per course as they start working toward their certification, which can lead to an associate degree through the robotics or mechatronics track. The academic foundation for both tracks is Electrical Engineering (EE101), which is set to begin this February.

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

Construction Trades Training Expands

This February, the Construction Trades Training Program will include Welding and Building Professional Institute Certificates. The program will provide students with foundational courses, including OSHA 30 and First Aid CPR certifications, with an optional three-credit Blueprint Reading course to enhance skills.



Students Learn How to Become Their Own Boss

Students participating in The Entrepreneurship for Contract Employees course are learning how to operate as a 1099 contractor, manage busy and slow cycles, and grow opportunities into a thriving business.



Program Highlight



Computer Numerical Control Program

Students in the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Program are learning to operate and program advanced machinery through extensive hands-on machine shop training. They are developing critical technical skills by working directly with CNC equipment, while preparing for successful careers in the manufacturing industry.











Firefighter Instructor Training Course

The Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education hosted a National Fire Protection Association 1041 Fire Instructor I training course. This 40-hour course included instructor and student presentations to prepare participants to become a Fire I instructors.



Wayne County Community College District

Community PartnersSilver Circle Program

The School of Continuing Education is proud to have partnered with the James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Community Center to offer the Mature Learners: Internet and You workshops. This program was designed to offer insight on the benefits of the internet and tips for browsing. Participants learned the fundamentals of internet navigation, methods for safety, and scam protection.



Community Corner

Eastern Campus



Ted Scott



The Ted Scott Campus now has a pantry for students and community members. Hygiene products, clothing and nonperishable food items are available.







Northwest Campus

Dr. Wendell Anthony NAACP President Vernon Allen

NAACP MLK DAY

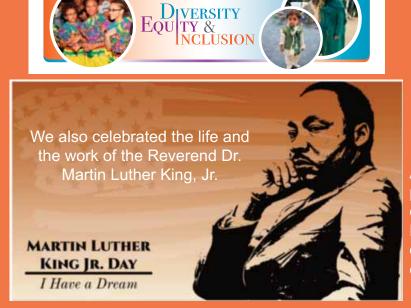
The Northwest Campus hosted the NAACP's distinguished celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. More than 400 community leaders and members participated in the program.

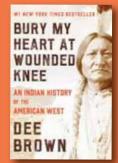












Cultural Book Club

At this week's virtual Cultural Book Club, participants engaged in thought-provoking conversation that explored the history of Native American struggles, shedding light on their resilience and the injustices they endured.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCEOFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

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 functions. Some Include:



PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



MANAGEMENT OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ASSETS







CURTIS L. IVERY DISTRICT OFFICE

Replacement of the Fire Suppression System

EASTERN CAMPUS



Maintenance Repairs for Enhanced Door Accessibility







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











