

# Monthly Newsletter

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
C2 PIPELINE

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## About C2 Pipeline

Welcome to our organization's monthly newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact on youth in our community.

C2 Pipeline is a 21st Century Community Learning Center funded program, awarded by the Michigan Department of Education in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential. C2 Pipeline operates in 14 Metro Detroit schools with the goal of college and career readiness. In order to achieve that goal, the staff of C2 Pipeline uses hands-on, project-based learning activities to expose our scholars to a variety of career fields.

C2 is committed to growing our young leaders, by providing leadership initiatives and experiences to prepare students for post-secondary aspirations. C2 Pipeline has several collaborating partners in the Metro Detroit area that are helping accomplish this goal.

This month, C2 Pipeline is focused on establishing quality programs at our Detroit Public School Foundation partner sites, as well as coordinating leadership and college preparation activities for our Youth Action Council members and the rest of the C2 Pipeline students.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and look forward to your continued support!

*C2 Pipeline Team*

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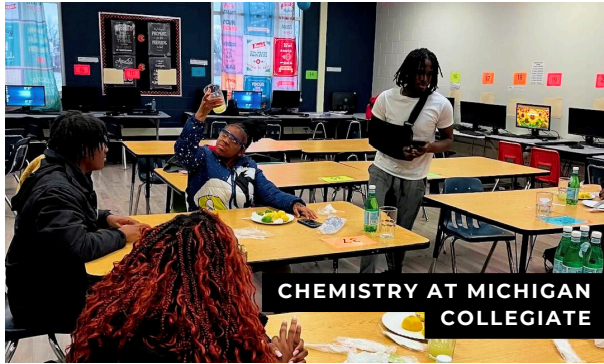
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## Grant Updates

C2 Pipeline has recently partnered with the Detroit Public Schools Foundation to support after-school and summer programs at five high schools in the city of Detroit.

The schools that we will be supporting are Denby HS, Pershing HS, Northwestern HS, Southeastern HS and Cody HS. C2 Pipeline looks forward to working with many of our former students and new students at these programs. We are committed to assisting them with

college and career exploration activities, leadership development, experiencing our C2 Pipeline college tour series, and hosting them on campus this summer for the 2025 Summer Day Camps and Warriors College Experience residential camp.

The Detroit Public Schools Foundation after-school programs are funded by an OST grant through the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential.



### From the PD's Desk

Welcome to a new and exciting year in the C2 Pipeline Program! We are thrilled to have you join us as we embark on another journey of learning, growth, and fun. Our dedicated team is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment where every student can thrive.

This year, we have an array of engaging activities planned, including family workshops, exposure to career pathways, leadership development, and exciting field trips. We look forward to working together to make this year memorable and successful for everyone. Let's make it a fantastic year ahead!

- Don Neal, Project Director



### Upcoming Events

C2 Pipeline will be hosting a variety of special events and field trips during the month of February:

- Youth Action Council Retreat
  - Dates: 2/8/25 - 2/9/25
  - Location: D-Bar-A Scout Ranch
- College Tour Series
  - 2/17: EMU & Concordia
  - 2/18: Central Michigan University
  - 2/19: Kettering University & UofM Flint
  - 2/20: University of Detroit Mercy

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## Staff Profile Highlights



Trimechia Jones

Please join us in welcoming our newest Site Coordinator, Trimechia Jones, to the C2 Pipeline team.

Trimechia comes from a background in electrical engineering and is currently implementing STEM activities at East English Village Preparatory Academy.



Jason Alexander

Jason has been with C2 Pipeline for 6 years as a Site Coordinator and has accepted the role of Coordinator of Summer and Special Events. Jason is working diligently to coordinate all of our summer programs and grantee-wide activities!

## Partner Spotlight



Robert Hellar

Robert is Academic Services Officer, Part-Time Mortuary Science Faculty at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He has been an active member of our Steering Committee for over 10 years and continues to coordinate amazing summer programs and the annual Apple Days Event for C2 students! Thank you, Robert for all of your support!



Felicia Vannostrand

Felicia is a Registered Nurse and a Registered Respiratory Therapist, and founder/CEO of Nursing Detroit Training Center. Over the past year, we have partnered with Nursing Detroit to provide a CNA program and Health Care Connect summer program. We love the energy she brings and the amazing opportunities she creates for our students! Thank you, Nurse Felicia!



## STEM Lab FAQs

- The Innovation & Curiosity center is a college laboratory located in the Life Science building on Wayne State's campus.
  - This center is not only open to C2 Pipeline students and schools, but also high schools throughout Metro Detroit.
  - It enables students of all ages to explore, innovate, and gain an exceptional experience at a major research institution utilizing college facilities.
  - The S.T.E.M. lab space consists of large bench areas with sinks which are ideal for biology, chemistry, dissection, or other S.T.E.M. related activities.
  - For more info, email [cynthia.maxwell@wayne.edu](mailto:cynthia.maxwell@wayne.edu)
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## Detroit Lions Academy students utilizing their creativity for film production, music and more.

Detroit Lions Academy is one of C2 Pipeline's newest partner schools, starting their programming in Fall 2024. Since then, Site Coordinator Andre Williams has encouraged DLA students to utilize their ingenuity and creativity to develop marketing materials, media productions and their musical talents.

Recently, DLA held an art show where students constructed models of different Detroit landmarks out of cardboard, including Ford Field and the 313 District.

Their next big project is creating a comedy-horror short film. Students are currently in the process of writing the screenplay, but will be responsible for the sets, wardrobe, acting, filming and editing of the movie. The C2 Pipeline group intends to showcase the movie to the entire student body this Spring.

C2 at DLA was excited to see the success of the Detroit Lions and are looking forward to next season, where they hope to create content for the team!

*Thank you for reading!*

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