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**Applicants, recipients, donations increase  
at Gateway Foundation scholarship award ceremony**

Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. at its annual award ceremony Monday awarded 133 scholarships issued this year of totaling nearly \$73,000. The scholarships benefit Gateway students, helping them fulfill their career and educational goals.

“Gateway students are remarkable contributors to our community – and it’s wonderful to see how our community gives back to so many through the scholarship program,” said Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht.

The Foundation experienced increases in all areas of its scholarship efforts this year. The number of applicants rose from 264 in 2011 to 452 this year, the number of scholarships rose from 120 awarded in 2011 to 133 this year and the amount of money awarded to recipients rose from \$59,532 in 2011 to \$72,575 this year.

“The need for scholarships continues to grow,” said Jean Heyduck, Foundation executive director. “Our students are facing some real financial hardships and challenges, as the numbers attest.

“Many of our students are older than the traditional collegiate age group and must balance the needs of their families, work and school. They just don't

have the funds to do it all. You can just see the appreciation they feel when you look into their faces as you hand them that scholarship certificate – it’s pretty inspiring.”

Scholarships many times are the difference that allows a student to stay in college, complete their degree, begin their career – and ultimately impact their family and the community around them, says Heyduck.

Heyduck also points to the strong community support the Foundation has received in donations which make the scholarships a reality.

Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

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