



Smarties

For faculty and staff of Gateway Technical College

Keep the conversation flowing

We're going to continue our Gateway conversation, through Coffee Break Conversations. This summer, Gateway has been reviewing trends among the comments made by the more than 100 employees and community members who responded to our invitation to join in the Gateway Conversation. Another phase of conversations – Coffee Break Conversations – will begin soon, giving you another chance to build onto the ideas introduced this spring. Coffee Break Conversations will be a brief conversation about those trends and issues, held during any staff or group meetings. This communication will allow us to build upon what we like best about Gateway.

Elkhorn: Boiling over

The campus will be wrapping up its boiler project to replace the old boilers – some more than 30 years old – which were beginning to fail and replace them with newer ones. The action is expected to save Gateway about \$7,000 annually in natural gas costs.

Racine: Fishing for numbers

Jill Fall and Cheryl Ucakar and 13 Gateway information technology students helped with data entry and maintained the Web site for the 2008 Big Fish Bash in Racine in July. This is the fifth year Gateway has helped with the tournament.

Kenosha: Mentoring others

Gateway is in the process of becoming a community partner with Mentor Kenosha & Racine in providing the community with mentors for local organizations. Tina Schmitz is leading the effort on behalf of the college.

Burlington: Simulated situation, real learning

Nursing instructor Vanessa Kramasz has coordinated a human patient simulation lab here for i-stan. The i-stan simulator allows instructors to pose many different health care situations for students to resolve. Nursing and health care journals point to human patient simulation as an integral means to teach health industry students and staff.

Orient express for new employees

The employee development department has launched a new employee orientation program which will allow those hired after July 1 to become familiar with their department within 30 days, division and campus within 120 days and the college within a year. Four staff members are in the program, soon to be joined by new faculty as the fall semester begins.

Inspiration of globalization

Sandy Weber and Tina Cipriano accompanied four students to the International Association of Administrative Professionals International Meeting and Educational Forum in July in New Orleans. Students were able to globalize their educational experience by networking with administrative professionals from around the world. Aside from some incidental expenses, the trip was paid for through a Gateway Foundation Inspiration Grant.

Keeping it green

Stephanie Sklba, Kate Field and Tom Niesen in August participated in the Environmental Center Tour, which provided a look into the possibilities for environmental educational partnerships. The University of Wisconsin-Parkside sponsored the tour with individuals from Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties.

Satisfy your hunger

A new food service will be set up in the Kenosha Campus commons area this year. Food Services Incorporated will provide hot and cold dishes for students and staff. The dining area is expected to be opening starting at 7 a.m. and remain open until the evening hours.

By the numbers ...

86: High school and middle school students participating in Gateway summer camps Animation 3D Character Creation, Exploring Lego Robotics, Game Makers-Level I and Game Makers-level II.

88: Secondary, post-secondary, and business partners participating in the June 16-June 17 PK-16 Summer Institute.

116: Contacts made to field stations in 34 states and two Canadian provinces by members of Gateway's Amateur Radio club N9GTC during the national Field Day event.

2,316: Fish Gateway students weighed at the Big Fish Bash.

4,557: Financial aid applicants this academic year. Last year at this time, there were 4,030 applicants.

10,247: Our headcount this year. Last year at this time, our headcount was 10,154.

Powerful writing

Programming instructor Jim Buck has co-written an update to the textbook "Control Language Programming for IBM i," released Sept. 2. The original text "Control Language Programming for the AS/400" has been an integral part of college System i courses since 1993. Buck and Bryan Meyers updated the text to include the advanced features of IBM i OS release V6R1 for Power systems. This is a companion text to book "Programming in RPG IV" that was released last year.

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