



Smarties

For faculty and staff of Gateway Technical College

Gateway Conversations ...

There's no better way to ensure Gateway remains the best it can be than to have its staff members help drive that effort. And that's what the Gateway Conversations are all about. Staff members have made more than 90 suggestions across the 14 Coffee Break Conversations topics, from indicating the need for more involvement among students, staff, community members and business partners in our planning to suggestions on ways to communicate and collaborate across employee groups for the benefit of programs and services.

These suggestions are great and should be taken to heart, embraced and then implemented – by you. This effort gives YOU the power to make a difference, shifting from the question of “how Gateway can be better?” to declaring “this is how I will make Gateway better.”

Check the Intranet site and click on “Coffee Break Conversations.”

Gateway A-OK with rating company

Moody's Investors have confirmed Gateway's Aa1 rating, a solid outlook which has the potential to save money for the college in interest payments and help us better secure loans. The first comment from the representative from Moody's with regard to the Aa1 rating was the confidence in the financial management team at Gateway and the direction the college is moving.

Hot boilers, less gas

The new boilers on the Elkhorn Campus have been operating a couple of months and have saved 30 percent in natural gas consumption.

Maintaining a business conference

Three major remodeling projects began on the Racine Campus in December. Work began in the Business Excellence in the Conference Center Area; remodeling of the restrooms on the second floor of the Technical Building; and remodeling work for an Industrial Maintenance lab, scheduled to be done in mid-March.

Speaking out

Gateway will host two well-known speakers – and provide the live nationwide broadcast audience for those lectures. Les Brown will speak on “Discover Your Power Voice” Feb. 24 and Joe Dispenza will speak on “The Science of Changing Your Mind” March 24. Both will broadcast at 5:30 p.m. from the Madrigrano Auditorium. Students and staff will appear on the series, which are transmitted live to more than 150 colleges across the nation. The event is open to all students, faculty and staff. Making sure we have a solid representation of students and staff at the series provides us with another way to bolster Gateway's image.

International potential

Several faculty and staff members are directing three short-term study abroad opportunities for the 2009-10 academic year. Information Technology Instructor Cheryl Ucar is leading a Spring 2010 Germany exchange trip; Electrical Engineering instructor Randy Reusser is leading a Spring 2010 exchange trip to Canada; Management and Marketing instructor Kelly Infusino is leading a possible Spring 2010 exchange trip to China. Accounting instructor Jill Buchmann is also leading an exchange trip to Germany scheduled for March of this year. Applications for the Spring 2010 exchange trips are being accepted only through March 2009, so please pass along the message of this great opportunity at www.gtc.edu/international_education along to students.

Racine site of big block(buster) tour

Gateway has been asked by the Hot Rod Power Tour to host its national event again at the Racine Campus. The publishers of Hot Rod magazine are also interested in making a presentation to our Automotive Technician and Marketing classes. The tour visited Gateway two years ago.

Granting inspiration

Learning about global networking, webcam technology and biotechnology are just a few of the opportunities that will be provided to students through recently awarded Inspiration Grants through the Gateway Foundation Inc.

- On the Racine Campus, a \$2,580 effort from Aaron Morris, Jacob Mohr, Alyson Wright and Dichario Oates to start an online community that allows students to develop their own personal Web sites in a server provided by the grant.
- On the Kenosha Campus, a \$2,500 effort to Diane Anderson to initiate marketing of a distance learning diabetes education course aimed at professionals.
- On the Racine Campus, a \$2,500 grant to Randy Reusser to help fund an effort to allow engineering and information technology students a chance to participate in a joint project with a Canadian college and attend the 2009 Belden Technical Forum.
- On the Kenosha Campus, a \$2,500 grant to Dean Greve and Jacquelyn Renaud to help fund a program to offer two additional pre-college courses deemed to be the most beneficial to those incarcerated at the Kenosha County Detention Center.
- On the Racine Campus, a \$1,100 grant to Lori Andreucci to help fund an effort to develop and implement an initial project to promote teaching excellence among health occupations adjunct faculty.
- On the Kenosha Campus, a \$900 grant to Mary Koster to help fund a program to enhance Gateway's international exchange program with webcam technology.
- On the Kenosha Campus, a \$750 grant to Laura Cook to help fund an effort to install a video display to highlight the history of nursing at Gateway.
- On the Racine Campus, setting up a Gateway Science Day to Victor Perez to introduce high school and college students to Biotechnology through a hands-on laboratory-based scientific process. This grant awarded was \$697.
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