



Smarties

For faculty and staff of Gateway Technical College

Everyone loves free stuff ...

The Gateway conversation has turned a little competitive. The thoughts and bits of evidence each of you have contributed over the past year have been written up and are out for review – by you. The college is seeking to make sure that the Gateway portrayed in the Higher Learning Commission report is the Gateway that we all know and love.

And to help encourage folks to read and comment on the report, there will be a contest.

Each week about 10 pages of the report have been selected for review. By completing and submitting the electronic form, you will be entered into a weekly drawing for prizes valued between \$35 and \$50, with a grand prize of a Kindle.

So c'mon, join in. Everyone likes a contest, and free stuff, too.

Kenosha Campus

Giving back ...

Tina Schmitz was recently recognized as the Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education's state award winner for Professional Excellence in Community Service. Tina is involved in a number of community service efforts, including overseeing Gateway's efforts in Mentor Kenosha & Racine.

Instituting effectiveness

There are 165 employees enrolled in "Service: A Degree Above" for workshops held February to June. This will bring the college's total to 375 for the first two years of the three-year program. Staff are using the techniques already. The remainder of the staff will participate in the program by July of 2010.

Paperless and peerless

Jill Locher, testing associate on the Elkhorn Campus, is the first in Wisconsin to work with the Oklahoma Scoring System to develop a paperless GED testing site. This new online service allows students to view their scores online from wherever they can access a computer.

Wisconsin is one of only six states to begin offering the online services for GED testing.

By the numbers ... Gateway Plus card Fall 2008

\$4.3 million: Total amount of money disbursed to students

3,097: Number of disbursements made to Gateway students

81: Percentage of students who had disbursement applied directly to Gateway Plus card

16: Percentage of students who had disbursement electronically transferred to bank

3: Percentage of students who made no selection – and were issued a Higher One paper check

Racine Campus

Accounting for a trip

Accounting instructor Jill Buchmann and four accounting students went on a two-week study abroad experience in Frankfurt, Germany, to study the differences between accounting rules in the United States and International Accounting Standards. They kept a blog at: www.gatewayingermany.blogspot.com.

National recognition

The Centers for Disease Control has invited Diane Anderson, chairperson for Health Unit Coordinator and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse programs, to present her “Contemporary Diabetes Care” course at the 2009 Diabetes Translation Conference April 21-April 24 in Long Beach, Calif.

Elkhorn Campus

Reading something into it

ABE instructor Jeannine Rollete, ABE instructor, is one of three faculty members working with the STAR reading program which is a reading reform initiative designed to help fourth to eighth-grade readers develop the skills they need to be able to read high school level materials.

Kudos on instruction

Student Tunisia Tucker had a lot of positive comments to make about Gateway instructors, written in a course taught by Amy Wang. Tucker dedicated the essay – passed along by one of her former instructors, Sandy Weber -- to “every teacher that I had in the past two years here in Gateway Technical College in Kenosha.”

“I view all of my teachers I have had during the past two years here at Gateway as positive professionals,” the Administrative Assistant student wrote in an essay earlier this month.

“...during my years here at Gateway, the teachers were very inspiring and very encouraging. They are really on my side every day.”

De-escalating a crisis

Law Enforcement Academy coordinator Joe Whiten and ABE instructor Jaci Haley-Renaud are facilitating new non-violent crisis intervention workshops called “Respect, Service, and Safety in the Workplace.” The six-hour workshop prepares staff to de-escalate potential crises using verbal and non-verbal techniques.

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