



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 19, 2009

GATEWAY AS LEADER

Gateway will have a presence at the Business Challenge on March 19. The event is sponsored by Junior Achievement and involves about 65 high school students competing in a business simulation game. Volunteers include Therese Fellner, Ray Koukari, Ken Vetrovec, Tina Schmitz and Mark Zlevor.

Bryan chaired the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington DC, hosting dignitaries at all levels of government including the U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

Debbie Davidson and the Workforce and Economic Development Division hosted a business forum on the national Manufacturing Skills Standards Certification program. Gateway will be a national pilot site for the implementation of this new program.

Gateway's boot camp program was featured on Channel 12 as a model for worker training. Our next completion ceremony will be on March 27, 1 p.m., on the Racine campus for the CNC boot camp students.

Dean Mike O'Donnell has been invited to participate in The Johnson Foundation initiative *Improving Healthy Birth Outcomes* at Wingspread Conference Center on March 25. A strategic plan for a community-wide effort to reduce infant mortality will be developed and implemented. The Racine area has been identified as having an abnormally high incidence of infant mortality compared to other areas of the state.

Beverly Hansen and Diane Kohler presented information on Gateway's Higher One program at the recent WTCS Administrative Services meeting held at the MATC Oak Creek campus. The participants from the other technical colleges appreciated Bev and Diane sharing our experience and advice on the Higher One program.

Tina Schmitz and Beverly Hansen have been volunteering their time to help others complete their income tax forms through the VITA program.

Two Gateway vice presidents have been elected to lead their respective groups in the Wisconsin Technical College System for the next academic year. Zina Haywood will lead the Instructional Services Administrators group and Bill Whyte will lead the Human Resources Administrators group.

ENROLLMENT

As of March 18, our FTE enrollment is 5011.6 FTE for the year, compared with 4558.6 at this time last year; this is a 9.9% increase. For the Spring semester, our FTE enrollment increased 123.8 FTE over last year, a 5.8% increase. Our headcount is at 21,854, compared to 21,454 last year.

OFFICE OF PK-16

On behalf of the Gateway's Tech Prep/School to Careers Consortium, an application for Perkins IV Title II funding was submitted for \$124, 557. These grant funds will support activities targeted to increase postsecondary enrollment and college credit opportunities in high school and decrease the need for remediation. All district administrators received a copy of the grant application for feedback and support.

Twenty-five Gateway faculty members participated in a joint inservice with Westosha Central High School. Superintendent Scott Pierce gave a warm welcome and confirmed the importance of our partnership; Zina Haywood presented information on Gateway's innovative and new programs; and the majority of the time was spent in faculty-to-faculty discussions organized by career cluster.

In March, 150 high school special needs students will tour Gateway campuses and receive information on programs and admissions. Consortium member Mark Hochmuth and Gateway's AJ Laird collaborated in organizing this activity.

Registration information has been sent for the 2009 PK-16 Summer Institute scheduled for June 17& 18 at Burlington High School and the Summer Educator Externship Program. The institute is designed for teams of educators to work on projects that emphasize the development of career pathways and seamless transitions, with the purpose of improving student learning. The externship is a great hands-on opportunity for educators to learn about career opportunities and the necessary skills required of today's worker.

Transfer agreements with Cardinal Stritch University, Carroll University, Milwaukee School of Engineering, UW-Parkside, and UW-Stout are currently being reviewed and updated. A collaborative technical education degree completion program is being developed with Gateway, Chippewa Valley Technical College, UW-Colleges, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, and UW-Stout. Gateway's Pat Hoppe has been key in this development and the Mechanical Design Technology – Mechatronics program is the model for the technical piece of this program.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS/TESTING

The Admissions and Financial Aid departments have targeted April 1, for all forms to be electronic. This supports the Vision 2012 goal of increasing on-line services. On-line forms promote a quicker response, less errors, and most importantly, our students expect this service. We have taken the proactive measure to comply with ADA by providing assistance and/or a paper form upon request.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid department has experienced a 20% increase in applicants for the 2008-09 academic year measuring the same period last year and a 16% increase in awarded students.

	03/01/2008	03/01/2009	% increase
Financial Aid applications	5761	6920	20%
Financial Aid Awarded students	3388	3924	16%

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On February 24, "Discover Your Power Voice" was held at the Kenosha Campus auditorium and broadcast live to colleges throughout the country. Gateway had 253 attendees to hear the speaker Les Brown, sponsored by the National Society of Leadership and Success and Gateway's Student Government Associations.

On March 24, at 6 p.m., another conference sponsored by the Society of Leadership and Success and our Student Government Associations will be presented at the Kenosha Campus auditorium. It will be "The Science of Changing Your Mind," with nationally known speaker Joe Dispenza.

ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS AFFAIRS UPDATE

Business, IT, and Service: Four students won silver medals at the Wisconsin Restaurant Association's Cold Plate Competition: Louis Aulozzi, Donald Hurbut, Austin Marchant, and Michael Udell. The competition was March 11, in Milwaukee at the Midwest Conference Center. On March 25, the Garde Manger class will be taking their practical final. Pictures of their plates will be on display outside the kitchen. On March 2, the students participated in the Empty Bowls soup luncheon and dinner. Approximately 600 guests were served.

Gateway's Marketing and Management Association (GMMA), Kenosha campus, won the Outstanding Chapter Award at the Wisconsin Marketing and Management's Association (WMMA) 48th annual competitive conference held in Madison on March 6–9. This was the fourth straight year the GMMA was awarded first place. Approximately 250 students attended this conference from business programs throughout the Wisconsin Technical College System and the University of Wisconsin–Madison. These students competed in 20 marketing, management, design, and accounting events to qualify for the International Delta Epsilon Chi Competitive Conference, which will be held in Anaheim, April 22-25. The Kenosha Chapter qualified 34 students for the international conference. Business professionals from across the state judged these events. Individual event winners were:

- 1st Place - Advertising Campaign – Laura Funk and Keli Mielke
- 1st Place – Business-to-Business Marketing – Christian McWhinney and Ted Matelski
- 1st Place - Financial Statement Analysis – Jody Simpkins & Michelle Slogoski
- 1st Place – Retail Management – Erica Gloria
- 1st Place – Human Resource Management - Ron Schoolcraft
- 2nd Place – International Marketing – Davis Leto and Paul Velardo
- 2nd Place - Sales Manager Meeting – Linda Klean
- 2nd Place- Marketing Management – Joe Bryzek
- 2nd Place - Entrepreneurship – Karina Mohar
- 2nd Place – Design – Jennifer Ulrich
- 3rd Place – Sports and Entertainment Marketing - Kyle Bence and Adam Ziobro
- 3rd Place – Travel & Tourism Marketing – Tiara Ormond
- 3rd Place – Marketing Management - Kevin Ciskowski
- 3rd Place – Internet Marketing – Eli Gonzalez
- 3rd Place – Design – David Kwasinski
- 3rd Place – Sales Manager Meeting - Troy Namath

Other qualifiers for the International Conference in Anaheim are: David Marshall, Danielle Gennacaro, Rebekah Henry, Karen Overocker, Amber Estes, Amanda Madeja, Jessica Allyn, Megan Pontillo, Nick Mercier, John Slupik, Katrina Marshall, Alex Calder, and Jolie Collazo

The Racine DEX Chapter raised \$2,000 for the Wisconsin Make-A-Wish Foundation; their contribution placed them fourth overall in the WMMA competition. Of the ten Racine students competing, four qualified for the International competition in Anaheim, April 22-25. Deana Arias will compete in Apparel and Accessories Management; Chefon Person in Human Resources Management; and Travis Conner and Homero Marquez in the Management Institute event.

Open house for the Business Excellence Center will be April 21 and is being coordinated by the Biz Squads. Also on that evening, Gateway will host the RAMAC Gold Key Dinner. In addition to these events, the Biz Squads are also working on three additional projects. They are jointly working on the policies and procedures for the new Business Resource Center and advertizing with a BRC logo. The individual projects that each squad is working on are: Squad 1–Babes Fiber Garden, and Squad 2–Racine Public Library's coffee shop. The Supervisory Management program will be moving to a three-semester fully on-line program (year round) with a six semester completion plan for full-time students.

Four students--Kristin Leto (Accounting–Kenosha), Dan Mecha (Accounting–Racine), Marcia Jackson (Accounting–Racine) and Vicki Stefka (Business Management–Racine), and three staff--Jeff Robshaw, Tom Kennedy and Jill Buchmann, left for Germany on March 6. As a result of the visit from Mr. Matzner, President of KSH, in October 2008, Jeff Robshaw's role was to discuss and facilitate communication technology implementation. Tom Kennedy is an adjunct instructor that teaches the German language and culture class for Gateway students. They will be exploring the differences between U.S. GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the U.S.), HGB (German Accounting Standards), and IFRS

(International Financial Reporting Standards). Our students, along with the German students, have been busy developing their own company; solving four “cases” that were developed to illustrate some of the differences between the systems; and preparing the final results of that company. The students will also visit the European Central Bank, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, and several local companies. At one of the companies the students will attend a lecture on the IFRS given by a top accounting executive at Heraeus and a senior manager from PricewaterhouseCoopers in Germany. The Student Abroad Program will be a lifelong memory and a wonderful opportunity throughout the students’ educational journey here at Gateway.

Feel free to follow along with their journey at the blog that was developed. The students will be adding their perspectives along the way. The blog website is: www.gatewayingermany.blogspot.com

The Graphics program will offer an online accelerated option for the entire program. The Graphics program has developed two new ATCs in computer animation and digital photography. In addition, two Graphics summer courses will be offered for middle and high school students, including Manga Art and Flash Animation. The Student Design Show this year is at the Elkhorn Campus on April 23. In Fall 2009, the Graphics program will be offering five new ACE courses.

Gateway hosted the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference at the Elkhorn Campus and at the Abbey in Fontana on February 20. There were 105 other participants from around the state. Bryan Albrecht was the keynote speaker at the awards banquet. Results are:

Name	Event	Place
Tammy Sharer	Advanced Office Systems	5 th
Tammy Sharer	Desktop Publishing	4 th
Tammy Sharer	Administrative Support Team	1 st
Debbie Richter	Integrated Office Applications	1 st
Debbie Richter	Administrative Support Team	1 st
Brenda Putze	Administrative Support Team	1 st
Anna Konkol	Integrated Office Applications	4 th
Anna Konkol	Website Design Team	1 st
Anna Konkol	Prepared Speech	2 nd
Karina Mohar	Website Design Team	1 st
Karina Mohar	Prepared Speech	3 rd
Tammy Hubbard	Website Design Team	1 st

All six students qualified to attend the National Conference to be held in Dallas, May 6-10.

Advisors to BPA are Ken Haling and Tina Cipriano.

Celebrating Earth Day – April 25 – Kenosha IT classes / students participating:

- 1) IT Customer Service Support – creating “How to” documentation to use software that will remove personal data from hard drives – Kathy Stenzel, instructor;
- 2) Hardware & Software Troubleshooting – Burning CDs and floppy disks with free software that will remove personal data from hard drives – Tom Rubis & Linda Spaulding, instructors;
- 3) Data Security & Recovery Support – researching how to remove personal data from cell phones and PDA – Linda Spaulding, instructor.

Students in the above courses are assisting to inform the public about protecting their personal data when recycling digital devices.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has issued updated regulations to Administrative Code 83 related to the Community-Based Residential Facility (CBRF) training provided by nursing assistant faculty. Faculty members are reviewing required changes and are already working with the Department on proposed updates.

The Dental Assistant program received feedback from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) about its recent progress report. Improvements made since the July 2008 site visit have resulted in the program being awarded "approval without reporting requirements." The next site visit for the program is scheduled for 2015.

Gateway health occupations programs will be well represented at the April 2 Racine Unified School District Career Fair at Festival Hall, coordinated by the Office of Marketing and Communications. Booths will feature representatives of nursing, nursing assistant, medical assistant and other health career areas.

Judith Kaplan, nursing instructor assigned to the Burlington campus, has indicated her desire to retire after 17 years of service to Gateway Technical College. The effective date of her retirement is May 13, 2009.

Orientation for nursing students beginning clinicals in Fall 2009 has been scheduled for March 23 in Burlington and April 3 in Kenosha.

A very favorable articulation agreement between Gateway Technical College and Carroll University (Waukesha) has been developed which will allow Associate Degree Nursing graduates who achieve Registered Nurse (RN) licensure to enter a BSN Degree Completion program. The agreement allows for up to 64 credits to be accepted by Carroll toward the Bachelor's degree, with additional opportunities to earn nursing credits by challenge exam.

Dean Mike O'Donnell will attend a state-called meeting for health deans in Madison on March 31. He will then travel to the Wisconsin Dells to attend a state-called meeting for Nursing Assistant program directors at which the new regulations will be discussed (DHS 129) and implementation strategies shared.

Manufacturing and Engineering (M & E): Instructor John Nelson has been accepted as a Project Lead The Way Master Teacher for computer integrated manufacturing. John will be attending a conference in Rochester, NY, on April 23-26 that will focus on training courses.

Program faculty continue to develop programming in the area of alternative energy. We started offering classes this semester in geothermal technology.

Transportation: The Horizon Center will be hosting "Dynodays" on Saturday, March 21. The event is being hosted by the Diesel Ad Hoc advisory committee. Area farmers are invited to bring their tractors to the center where they will be able to test the strength of their tractor on a power take-off dynamometer. In addition, instructional seminars will be running throughout the day.

Elkhorn Campus: The Interpreter Tech Program and The Silent Connection sponsored the 7th Annual Deaf Culture Day on March 12. The day was a huge success, with well over 300 people in attendance. The day included a number of presentations. Students from the Wisconsin School for the Deaf performed ABC Stories which is a Deaf Cultural Art form, Traditional Storytelling, and the Sign Song Dancers group provided the entertainment for lunch. They began their program with God Bless America which caught everyone's attention. Officer Czerwinski of the Walworth County Sheriff's Department talked about some myths that exist in regards to traffic stops and deaf people. The officer was fantastic! He began by talking to them and quickly changed to role playing. That visual change showed a great deal of respect to the audience. The students were full of questions. Following his presentation, he stayed and talked with the students and has agreed to go to WSD to share more information with the school. That was an awesome community connection!

The 18th Annual Walworth County Job Fair will be held on March 19. The Fair runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the North Building. The event is a one-stop place for job-seekers in many categories to look for a job; full-time, part-time, seasonal and temporary positions will be available, and employers from a range of industries will be represented. It is also a place where employers can connect with applicants. The Job Fair is a joint venture of Gateway and the Walworth County Job Center.

Kenosha Campus: Campus safety and security continue to take center stage. During the March 4th inservice, a workshop was offered on the development of security plans. Dennis Sherwood will attend campus faculty meetings to discuss Gateway plans and to get their input regarding campus safety/security.

Racine Campus: The Racine Literacy Council and the Academic Development Department staff met on February 24th to discuss and plan more effective ways to collaborate on delivering services to students. We were able to provide consistency with books that we use and some potential joint staff development activities. We also agreed that we need to explore ways that volunteers could expand services for students with both organizations.

On March 11, members of organizations that provide services to VA students and potential students joined together on the Racine Campus with an array of services. The event was organized by VA student counselor, Kevin McCray. With the expected influx of veterans returning for educational services, the timing was excellent. Veterans meeting with providers were able to get the most up to date information available.

Dr. Soheila Brouk, Psychology instructor, provided a workshop on the Stigma of Psychological Disorders this month. The workshop was well attended.

The campus has begun preliminary discussions with the Racine County Workforce Development Center in marketing our Adult High School program to dislocated workers who are only a few credits short of receiving their actual high school diploma. Jayne Herring is supporting the marketing efforts with resources. More details will be forthcoming in next month's campus update.

Institutional Effectiveness: The last session of our new non-violent crisis intervention program for this semester will take place next week. Called *Respect, Service, and Safety in the Workplace*, this six-hour workshop prepares staff to de-escalate potential crises using verbal and nonverbal techniques. Criminal Justice instructor Joe Whiten and ABE instructor Jaci Haley-Renaud facilitate the workshops. Just over 100 employees will complete the training this year, and more sections will be scheduled for the coming year. One participant shared this feedback with us, "I wanted to let you know how valuable I found your training session yesterday. It isn't often that I take training that I really feel will change the way I do my job. Your training fell into this category for me. I have been thinking about different ways to handle situations in the classroom, and I will have much more confidence now that I have been given concrete information on how to handle and diffuse the stress that is inevitable in our workplace."

Version 3 of the Gateway Conversation HLC self-study draft is now being reviewed by our college community. On March 4, the entire faculty, including instructors and counselors, read chapters three and four of the HLC self-study in a group activity at their spring in-service. We received constructive feedback that will help us improve the report. On March 9, we launched our eight-week contest to read and give feedback on the report. Employees can read a 10-page selection from the report each week, give feedback, and enter a prize drawing. Eight weekly prizes and one grand prize will be awarded. The entire HLC report is also available now at www.gtc.edu/hlc; electronic forms are provided to send immediate feedback on each chapter of the study. Additional review activities will take place with student focus groups, campus planning teams, clerical and technical staff, and administration.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

This has been another busy month! The WACTE conference was held in Appleton. Gateway had a strong representation there with people presenting workshops and receiving awards. The WACTE Legislative Seminar is April 23 and Stephanie Sklba is the chair of this event. Planning is underway and we are hoping for a great turnout in Madison. Ron Jandura will be a panelist in the morning.

State Secretary Morgan was on campus March 4 for a WGTD interview on the state budget. Federal stimulus money seems to be the talk these days and meetings have been held internally to look at areas that we may be able to receive funds in along with talking to outside organizations to develop plans

together. The Racine Workforce Development Center has put together a team of individuals, which includes UW-Parkside and Gateway, to develop a plan to submit.

On March 4, the Racine Unified School Board held a legislative committee meeting for elected officials and the local education partners. This meeting addressed safety in the district along with student expectations. Also on this day, a presentation was given to faculty, at inservice, on green activities and initiatives that are taking place at the college.

On March 13, WCEDA held its Government Affairs Committee meeting. At this meeting, recommendations were approved to be given to the County Board in regard to solar and wind energy.

The Racine Taxpayers Alliance held a Mayoral candidate forum on March 17 for the community. All the candidates were invited to attend and discuss their ideas for the City of Racine.

On March 18 in Madison, an informational hearing was held for the Committee on Colleges and Universities. Senator Wirch is a member of this committee. The testimony was on the impact of the UW System in Wisconsin.

A briefing and strategy discussion on the Regional Transit Authority, KRM and the Racine transit system is scheduled for March 19.

On March 30, the state budget hearings will be in Racine at Case High School.

The Alumni has added a handful of new members, bringing the membership total to 112. Rita Richmond had to leave the Board so applications were solicited for her replacement. There were three interested candidates and on March 12, the Board met with each of the candidates and unanimously voted on accepting all three of the candidate to the Board. There are 54 people signed up to visit the Titanic exhibit in Milwaukee on March 28. A strategic planning session is being held on March 23 for the Alumni Association. Plans are in the works for May graduation.

The Master Class Schedule for summer and Fall is at the printer and will be on campuses the week of March 23. The marketing department is supporting the HLC report draft review process. Talks are being held with vendors about a variety of digital methods of personalized, interactive communication for ongoing promotion with target audiences. The new student handbook is currently being edited. April 2 is Racine Unified's Tech Awareness event at Festival Hall, at which we will have a large presence. Our next virtual open house will be on April 27. We are preparing to launch student blogs on "life as a student at Gateway."

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The 10th CNC Boot Camp completion is scheduled for March 27 at 1 p.m., Racine Conference Center. Sixteen students will be completing their program.

The first Machine Repair Boot Camp starts on the Racine Campus on March 23. Eighteen students are scheduled to begin at that time. Both the Kenosha County Job Center and the Racine County Workforce Development Center have recruited and registered students for the program.

Gateway is sponsoring several entries in the April 4 BotsIQ competition to be held at Discovery World in Milwaukee. Last year, the S.C. Johnson Campus submission took third place in the competition.

Workforce Advancement Training Grants are available at this time. WEDD representatives are currently working with eight possible submissions for the emergency funding now available. Companies from all three counties are in the pool of applicants.

Gateway hosted a Logistics breakfast on March 18 at the Horizon Center with industry, workforce and economic development partners to explore training in transportation, distribution and logistics using new assessments from MSSC (Manufacturing Skills Standards Council). More than twenty people attended the event to discuss training needs and the alignment of the assessments with regards to local employers needs.

Gateway hosted a meeting on supply chain for the renewable energy industry on March 3 at the Horizon Center. This meeting brought together industry and economic development partners to discuss the next steps for engaging local industries in the supply chain for renewable energy. Next steps were proposed and include attendance at the Wisconsin Energy Association supply chain seminar in Appleton on March 31.

Gateway is hosting an event entitled "Your Organization in Second Life" on April 7 at CATI. This event is open to workforce, economic development and industry participants to learn more about marketing, promotion and doing business in virtual reality. Gateway has expertise in this area and also owns an island in Second Life. Attendees at this event will be provided with a tour of Second Life and will learn how to use this new medium to further their business and organizational objectives. For more information or to register please contact Debbie Davidson at 262-564-3422 or email davidson@gtc.edu.

Training and assessments in manufacturing production and maintenance awareness were offered to local employers and 100% of the participants passed the MSSC assessments after completed the training. For more information on the MSSC training and assessments please contact Ed Knudson at 262-564-2990 or email knudsone@gtc.edu

The final Spring 2009 Entrepreneurial Brown bag event is on April 16, The Art of the 10-Minute Speech; the presenter is Mary Finley, membership manager, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Wisconsin. To register contact Joyce Peterson at (262) 898-7514 or via e-mail at petersonj@gtc.edu

Therese Fellner, president of the Wisconsin Business Incubation Association (WBIA), will attend the National Business Incubation Association Annual Meeting scheduled for April 19-22. All expenses are paid by WBIA.

Therese Fellner and Matt Wagner of CATI, nominated Ictect (Gateway Business Incubator tenant) for the Apollo Award. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a business owner or entrepreneurial team who started a new and innovative business in Racine County in the last three years. The award was developed in the interest of promoting entrepreneurial spirit in the Racine area, and encouraging creative, innovative business people to make their dreams a reality while providing jobs and economic stimulus for the area. The selection committee includes representatives from RAMAC, the Workforce Development Board, the Small Business Development Center, Racine Unified, Burlington School District, Gateway Technical College and last year's winner, Alliance Enterprises (also Gateway business incubator tenant).

Hispanic Business and Professionals Association (HBPA) is sponsoring a "**Minority Business Certification and Contract Opportunities Training**" at CATI on Tuesday, March 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Small, minority-owned businesses, specifically those in the areas of roofing, HVAC, interior painting, concrete, hazardous material abatement, and carpentry are encouraged to attend. Racine County businesses who attend the training are eligible to participate in a six-month business mentoring program funded by the Racine Community Foundation, matching small business owners with established business owners in the community to assist in applying training knowledge to submitting bids for school, city, and county contract opportunities. Mentor/mentee training sessions are scheduled for May 5 & 6 at CATI. Dr. David James, former President of the International Mentoring Association, will be conducting the training.

CATI is now an internship placement site for Gateway students finishing up their degree requirements for the Administrative Assistant program. Currently, two graduating students are placed with Ictect (business incubator tenant) and with Therese Fellner in the administrative suite of offices. The intern with Therese will also work on projects with RCEDC.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Larry Hobbs and Mark Zlevor attended a meeting last week in Delevan and made some contacts in the renewable energy field. One of the firms, Convergence Energy, is interested in exploring the use of solar energy on the Elkhorn Campus. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled.

Larry Hobbs, Stephanie Skiba, and Mark Zlevor will also be presenting Gateway's story at the Midwest Renewable Energy Conference in Milwaukee next week. Bryan will be part of a panel of technical college presidents at that same conference.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The new Wellness Committee has been organized and the first meeting is scheduled for next week – we are very excited about the membership and everyone who was invited accepted. Members are Kelly Bartlett, Mike O'Donnell, Jeanne Owen, Judi McNamara, April Gandy, Greg Lebrick, Jim Schneider, Marv Campbell, Jerry Fox, Cyndean Jennings, Tedd Lupella, Terry Strash, Paulette Jenrette, Debbie Miller, and Bill Whyte. In addition, Gateway has nine teams in the Corporate Cup Challenge in Kenosha.

The first meeting of the Board Appointment Committee was held in Burlington on March 11. They include Peter Hansen, Racine and chair of committee; Nancy Russell, Walworth; and Joe Clark, Kenosha. Applications will be available Thursday with the deadline of noon on April 7. Interviews will be April 29 at 5:00 p.m. in Burlington. Ron Jandura, Ron Frederick, and Rebecca Vail all have terms expiring.

LEARNING INNOVATION DIVISION

The Distance Learning department is continuing to support faculty and staff through ongoing training and one-on-one support. We are using Adobe Connect for remote assistance of faculty who request technical or pedagogical support. We are also working on the Online Student Orientation project, where online and traditional students will have access to a web-accessible resource that will provide overview information about the college.

Jeff Robshaw and Dan Madsen have been participating in the security initiative led by Dennis Sherwood. We've provided input into the mass notification system as well as other technology components that could be deployed to enhance security for students and staff

Wireless access points are being deployed on a continuing basis across the district to increase our wireless coverage area. We are continuing to support the call center approach to customer service at peak registration times and preparing for the next peak implementation of the call centers across the district. The department is also involved in supporting the Virtual Open House by providing technical support and video production capabilities for the additional programs that will be highlighted.