

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 19, 2008

GATEWAY AS LEADER

Zina Haywood, Steve Whitmoyer, and Grace Kragness are with the Wisconsin Technical College System representatives in China for the purpose of developing educational partnerships. Our Engineering programs have initiated an exchange program with several schools in China and we see this as a potential student exchange in the future.

Bryan authored an article on business partners that was printed in the national publication *Student Affairs Leader*, MAGNA Publications.

Gateway's Horizon Center has received the Silver Citation from the *College and University Facilities* magazine. The award announcement stated:

Gateway Technical College, Horizon Center for Transportation Technology—Kenosha, Wisconsin (Interior Renovation) Partners in Design Architects—Kenosha, WI

"This renovation tells the story of the college. A unique building that identifies the end user. A mission-driven solution."—2008 jury

Gateway completed the application for \$28,000 in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for extraordinary costs associated with snow removal this last winter. Beverly Hansen, Gateway's Controller, and John Thielen, Racine's Director of Facilities, led the effort to acquire the grant.

Gateway sponsored an outstanding team at the recent Kenosha Literacy Council Spelling Bee. Our team was named the "Letterheads" and our outstanding spellers were led by captain Sarah Nielsen, and included Sheri Eisch, Chris Lazaro, and Mary Ann Ours.

Gateway hosted the first Sustainable Campus Conference at CATI. The conference was sponsored by Siemens Corporation and the Association for Career and Technical Education.

We have received notification of a grant award from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration in the amount of \$210,000 to provide scholarships for disadvantaged students enrolled in Gateway's health occupations programs.

After the earthquake in Myanmar, I contacted Gerry Millette asking if any of the families of the students who were at our April Board meeting were affected. We received a number of very nice notes from our students thanking us for our concern. They indicated that they did not have information yet. A picnic was held on May 12 on the Burlington campus to raise funds for the victims of the earthquake.

ENROLLMENT

The 2007-08 enrollment target is 5020 FTE, which is a 3% increase over 2006-07. As of May 16, our headcount for the spring semester is 13,143, which is 3% decrease compared to this time last year. Our FTE count as of this date is 2182.5, which is 25.5 more or a 1.2% increase over last year at this time. Our headcount for the year is 22,915 and our FTE count is 4,691.6, which is a 3.4% decrease over last year at this time.

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Gateway Technical College deferred payment plan previously available for the spring and fall semesters only, is now being offered for our summer semester as well. This allows students to defer the full payment into three installment payments. For ease of use by students, a new on-line process has just been

unveiled for the summer semester. A student can enroll, make installment payments, view their payments, and check the installment due dates and the balance without traveling to a campus.

TECH PREP GRANT

Special Populations events were held at the Racine Campus on April 16 and 30 and at the Kenosha Campus on April 22 with 135 high school students participating from consortium school districts. Credit Transfer Fairs were held on April 22, April 29, and May 6 on the Kenosha, Racine, and Elkhorn campuses. There were two sessions for each campus running from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Between all three campuses there were a total of nineteen colleges represented. The purpose of the Credit Transfer Fair is to support the college's efforts in creating seamless transitions.

A transcribed credit agreement has been completed with Elkhorn High School for the Auto Mechanic Fundamentals course. An agreement with Badger High School for DC/AC I and Digital Electronics is in process and expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Twenty educators from consortium school districts and Gateway will be participating in the Summer Educator Externship program. Participants can expect a rewarding, hands-on experience as they put in a minimum of 32 hours with a local business. The orientation meeting is set for May 29 at CATI and a sharing session is scheduled for August 7 at the Madrigrano Auditorium.

The PK-16 Summer Institute will take place on June 16 and 17 at the conference center on the Racine Campus. There are currently 84 educators planning to participate in this event on a variety of projects related to career pathways/programs of study, articulation agreements, aligning curriculum, and career development resources. Program advisory committee members/business partners have been invited to participate on June 16. Dr. Juli Taylor from UW-Stout will be the speaker/facilitator for the two days.

PRE-TECHNICAL LEARNING GRANT

Elkhorn and Wilmot Automotive students have visited the Horizon Center for a full day of hands-on activities. Bradford will also be spending a day at the Horizon center. Approximately 75 students will participate in the program. Ken Dotzler has organized the field trips and has developed an interactive CD for the high school Automotive instructors to take back to their schools and distribute to students.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND TESTING

The number of applications to Gateway is up by 10% over last year. Even with that increase, our processing time is one day for turnaround. Admissions will be creating informational and training materials to assist all frontline staff in helping students. These new manuals will be given to SSA/ESA's on the May 28 training day. We are creating additional on-line forms that will provide easy access to applicants as well as a quicker turn around time in processing. The new on-line forms will be available before July 1.

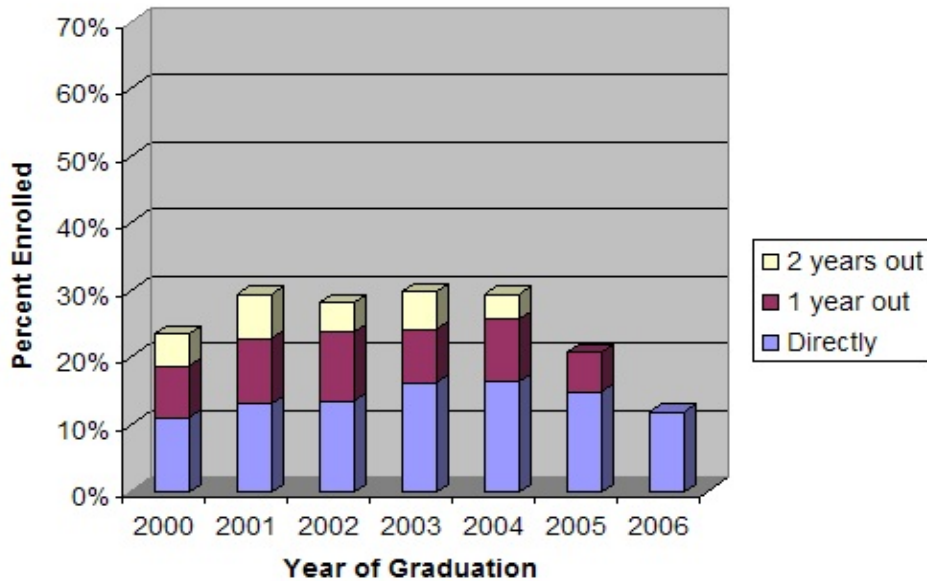
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

A tentative high school campus visit schedule has been developed for the 2008-09 school year. This is a collaborative project with the RRCAs and will be targeted for all the campuses, CATI, and the Horizon Center and will be organized by career clusters and pathways.

Below is high school enrollment data.

**Badger Graduates Enrolling Within Three Years
To Gateway Technical College**

		GTC	Total Grads	Percent Enrolled
2000	Grads (Directly)	23	208	11.06%
2000	Grads (1 yr out)	16	208	7.69%
2000	Grads (2 yrs out)	10	208	4.81%
2000	Grads (Total)	49	208	23.56%
2001	Grads (Directly)	24	184	13.04%
2001	Grads (1 yr out)	18	184	9.78%
2001	Grads (2 yrs out)	12	184	6.52%
2001	Grads (Total)	54	184	29.35%
2002	Grads (Directly)	25	185	13.51%
2002	Grads (1 yr out)	19	185	10.27%
2002	Grads (2 yrs out)	8	185	4.32%
2002	Grads (Total)	52	185	28.11%
2003	Grads (Directly)	41	252	16.27%
2003	Grads (1 yr out)	20	252	7.94%
2003	Grads (2 yrs out)	14	252	5.56%
2003	Grads (Total)	75	252	29.76%
2004	Grads (Directly)	40	245	16.33%
2004	Grads (1 yr out)	23	245	9.39%
2004	Grads (2 yrs out)	9	245	3.67%
2004	Grads (Total)	63	245	25.71%
2005	Grads (Directly)	38	255	14.90%
2005	Grads (1 yr out)	15	255	5.88%
2005	Grads (Total)	52	255	20.39%
2006	Grads (Directly)	32	269	11.90%



ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS AFFAIRS UPDATE

Bits about Business, I.T. & Service: Jim Buck received a special award from IBM for above and beyond the requirements in developing a new course entitled, IBM Certified Specialist ILE RPG Programmer.

Graphics students were presented with many awards (designed and created by students from graphics and CNC manufacturing) and had a very successful show on the Racine campus, April 28-May 2. Food catered by Culinary Arts also received recognition from outside judges who wanted more of the same for next year.

"Red Carpet Theatre Premier," the spring dance for adults with disabilities took place May 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Racine Student Commons. We served around 140 guests this year, which would make this year's dance our biggest in the last ten years.

Kelly Infusino received an award from Kenosha Area Business Alliance for six years of participation in their disadvantaged youth mentoring program in conjunction with the Kenosha Unified School District. Kelly has mentored students in the 3rd to 5th grade.

The last Human Services Student Club meeting for this school year was held May 14 in the Gourmet Room on the Racine Campus. The meeting began by awarding the May Human Services Student of the Month. The club provided a free lunch for all Human Services students in attendance. The club reviewed this year's activities and made recommendations for next year's club activities.

Brenda Pirstill, Early Childhood instructor, emailed her students requesting their participation in Transition Day as a volunteer for the children's activity rooms. Six students volunteered, including Vicki Faint, Cindy Saavedra, Amanda Larson, Laurel Goldsworthy, Leslie Nyland and Janet Moore. Both Cindy and Janet live in Racine but agreed to go to Kenosha because that is where the need was. Brenda is delighted that these students found time in their schedules and hearts to make this commitment. All of them have multiple obligations to meet, including major assignments due the following week for their Gateway classes. It truly is our good fortune to have the opportunity to work with students like the six named above.

We are excited about students that are now enrolling for the summer 2008 semester for our new "Accounting on Demand" program. In the first few weeks of open enrollment many of the classes were filled and additional sections had to be added. Almost all of the remaining sections are seeing multiple digit enrollments. Way to go Accounting!

Health Careers: There is a possibility that health care facilities will require students to carry personal health insurance before they attend clinical. Many of our students do have health insurance through their employers, but there is a population of students that do not have personal health insurance. This could impact entry level programs like Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant, Health Unit Coordinator and Medical Terminology more so than others. This could become a significant issue in the future.

The Wisconsin Technical College System approved the request for Carl Perkins grant money for program improvement with a focus on improving student retention rates. The Program Improvement Grant will focus on student preparedness for the nursing program as well as faculty development initiatives. ISTAN (human patient simulator) has been received on the Burlington Campus. EMS and ADN faculty are working jointly for use by both programs. There appears to be great teamwork as the groups plan student utilization. Vanessa Kramasz will be traveling to be trained on use of the ISTAN. She will also work with Carol Eschmann on the Kenosha Campus this summer as Carol will be assessing students in classes being run over the summer session.

Bill Whyte will be meeting with Jack Waters from Kenosha Community Health Clinic, and Heidi Gottfried, Lori Andreucci and Diane Skewes to discuss the possibility of providing on-site assessment of employees at the clinic.

Faye Picket, instructor in Health Information Technology, had a student in the Elkhorn Medical Terminology Class show up for her final Wednesday night. She had visited her OB/GYN earlier in the day to find out she was dilated at 4cm and found out she would probably have the baby within the next 24 hours. Faye ran down to Jo Hart's (Nursing Assistant Instructor) office faster than you could say baby, to see if she would be around, just in case. Of course, Faye had offered her an incomplete and never thought she would actually come to class that far along. But she wanted to concentrate on the class because it took her mind off of the pain . . . She made it through without incident, but Faye said she had never waited for every minute to tick by faster while the students took an exam, than she did last night.

Manufacturing and Engineering: Engineering Tech faculty hosted the second annual WTCS Robotics challenge on April 26. There were nine teams from three technical colleges. The autonomous bots tracked a white line to locate a flame, extinguish it, and return to the starting line. This challenging event demonstrated the talent of our students. They accomplished basically the same task as the high school students. The big difference is that our college students used autonomous (pre-programmed, self directing) robots while the high school and middle school teams will use a remotely controlled robot.

A group of young women from Wilmot High School toured our facility on May 12. The purpose of their visit was to explore Biomedical Engineering. At 50%, Biomedical Engineering has the highest percentage of women of all engineering disciplines.

The fifth annual Sumo-Bot Robotics competition for middle and high school students was held on May 15 at CATI. Twelve teams from six district middle and high schools participated. The task this year is the most difficult it has ever been. Candles will need to be extinguished in five separate coffee cans lying on their side at heights from 6 inches to 2 feet off the floor. Based upon visits to the respective schools, the teams have devised some very ingenious methods of extinguishing the candles. .

On May 13, a transfer agreement between Gateway's EET-Biomedical Engineering Technology and Marquette University's Biomedical Engineering program was signed at CATI. This is the first agreement like it in the state. Gateway is the first technical college to have its biomedical engineering program transfer to a 4 year Biomedical Engineering program. A brochure announcing this program is included.

Pat Hoppe received an email of thanks from an individual residing in Dearborn, Michigan: "Mr. Hoppe your web site helped me pass my class thanks." The Engineering Tech Wing web site continues to extend its reach well beyond our Gateway student population.

On May 12 the Civil Engineering Technology senior design presentations for the pseudo-RFP for the Walker-Pugh Redevelopment project were made in downtown Racine. Those in attendance were impressed with the presentations and the projects. Steve Whitmoyer expresses his appreciation for the support given the Civil Engineering Tech program over the past few months, and the opportunity for such a great senior design project. When he took over the program in 2000, the goal was to develop a program which would be one of the premier Civil Engineering and Architectural Technology programs in the United States. In order to achieve that goal, he knew we would have to develop a program where we could teach 80% of what is typically taught in a four-year school within a two year program. Great strides have been made at getting to that point with the program, but we needed a really big, real-life senior design project to showcase how far we have come and to evaluate where we need to improve ... and the opportunity to use the design of the Walker-Pugh site was a perfect fit for that.

As one of the numerous professionals in attendance put it --- *"as I was driving home I realized I was jealous of the knowledge, techniques, and confidence the students have gained. The presentations and products were as good if not better than what I review from the "professionals" on a day-to-day basis. Your program really raises the bar for us old-timers in the trenches."*

Elkhorn Campus: The Elkhorn and Burlington Scholastic Awards program was held on May 13 in the Atrium on the Elkhorn Campus. Special guests included Terry Simmons, VP Student Success and Karen

Barker, NISOD award winner, who inspired students and staff to strive for excellence. It was a very nice evening for students to be recognized for their academic achievements and to be able to share it with their families and friends.

The Credit Transfer Fair was held on campus May 6. Eleven colleges were available to talk with students about their credit transfer options. Alverno College, Carthage College, Concordia University Wisconsin-Kenosha, Lakeland College, Marian College, Ottawa University, Robert Morris College, University of Phoenix, Upper Iowa University, UW-Parkside and UW-Whitewater were all available.

The Middle School Tech Expo was held on campus April 23. Approximately 582 middle school students were exposed to twelve different career areas. Programs involved were: Graphics Communications, Accounting, Welding, Administrative Assistant, IT, Interpreter Tech, Automated Manufacturing, Fire Science, Marketing/Business Management, Mechanical Design, Electronics and EMT/Paramedic. Tour guides included counselors, faculty and support staff. A big thank you to Alysia Martinez, as well as Gina Stoebe and AJ Laird Recruitment, Retention and Counseling Assistants for their efforts in this event.

Grace Kragness received a certificate for Exemplary Leadership Service on the School of Education Advisory Board from UW-Stout. She has served on this committee from fall 2004-spring 2008. This advisory board was developed when UW-Stout combined all education majors into the School of Education.

Kenosha Campus: The Criminal Justice Simulation lab has been completed and the program advisory committee toured the facility. Feedback from the committee members was very positive.

On April 26, the Kenosha campus hosted an Earth Day celebration. The event was held in the conference center with activities in the Horticulture Center and a ground breaking ceremony for the prairie that will be developed west of the BioScience building. It was estimated that over 300 people attended.

On May 3, Kenosha campus hosted a day long "transition" event. The campus had many participants.

Racine Campus: The Racine Campus is collaborating with the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network to establish a Rain Garden on the campus. A rain garden is a landscaped area planted to wildflowers and other native vegetation to replace areas of lawn. When the gardens fill with a few inches of water, it slowly filters into the ground rather than running off to storm drains. The planting will begin on May 17. Volunteers with the Root-Pike WIN are donating their time and expertise to establish the garden.

The Campus Planning Team met on May 9 with Lieutenant Jim Dobbs of the Racine Police Department to continue our work on campus safety. We are beginning to collect data and documents for our Emergency Kit that will be available to law enforcement in emergency situations. We are in the beginning stages of planning our first trial run in a lock down situation for fall, 2008. We will be meeting and working over the summer on this initiative.

The Racine Staff Development Center held three workshops in May: The Basics of Grant Writing, Microsoft Office 2007 and Maintaining Your Home Computer. Each workshop was well attended. The summer institute schedule is in the final planning stages.

The Administrative Staff offered a breakfast potluck for maintenance and facilities staff at 6:00 a.m. one morning to thank them for all their extra hard work that the winter weather required. Everyone ate very well!

On May 12, the Kenosha/Racine Scholastic Awards Ceremony was held in Madrigano Conference Center in Kenosha. Over 200 people attended the event, which is a record number. The Culinary Arts students in Racine provided wonderful refreshments.

On May 13, Marv Campbell graduated from the 2008 Leadership Racine program at the Roma Lodge. His team designed a new Root River brochure which will be distributed in the community. It traces the path of the river and documents activity stations along the river. Marv and Sue Hanneman, Graphics instructor, designed and produced the brochure with input from the whole team.

Institutional Effectiveness: On May 14, a work group of employees and students wrapped up our initial Community Conversations for the HLC accreditation project. We reviewed the success stories, values, and wishes from our group conversations and from over seventy individual conversations with employees, students, and community members. Using the Appreciative Inquiry model, we identified the positive core of our successes as a college and within each of the accreditation criteria. Then, we developed descriptions of the ideal future desired by the conversation participants for each criterion and for the college in general. This information will be shared with the committees researching for our self-study, with our self-study editors, and with the Gateway community as a whole.

The 2008-09 schedule for *Service: A Degree Above* was published and includes nineteen workshops throughout the college. Our goal for 2008-09 is to add another 250 employees to the growing list of trained service providers. All employees will complete this program by July of 2010. We will be training additional facilitators for the program in July. These individuals were nominated by the volunteers who facilitated the program this year or by their supervisors because of their excellent customer service skills: Dan Madsen, Jacqueline Morris, Mary Ann Ours, Pam Martin, Ray Koukari, Sally Tompsett, Anita Scaggs, Donna Kuzniar, Gary Leyer, Ann Daly, Dan Jaworski, Larry Paruszkiewicz, and Terry Green.

The employee development program is preparing to launch *The Gateway Journey*, a year-long new-employee orientation program which will expose staff to all functions and locations of the college and build connections among employees. New employees will complete activities online using Blackboard and record their progress in a personal guidebook. The program launch is tentatively set for July 1.

WGTD

WGTD now has a stronger signal enabling broadcasts to reach the western parts of Kenosha and Racine counties. The station began broadcasting from a new antenna mounted on a taller tower. An article from the Kenosha News is included.

Staff at WGTD have developed a number of new Gateway promotional segments, highlighting non-traditional students, customized training, placement, and a couple that are directed to parents. Information is included.

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The third Welding Boot Camp completion ceremony is scheduled for May 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of CATI. The next Welding Boot Camp is tentatively scheduled to start September 8 and be completed by December 19 using special state grant funds.

CNC Boot Camp #8 is in its 4th week with 14 students. It scheduled to complete July 19 with the ceremony planned for the Racine Campus at 1 p.m. The next CNC Boot Camp is scheduled to start around Labor Day with support from state grants.

On May 22, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., WEDD is hosting a manufacturing focus group with district employers who have expressed a need for Machine Repair Technicians. Over 70 companies have been invited to help shape a program and give direction as to how best the college can address their needs. This has been done in concert with the county Workforce Development Centers and Job Centers.

WEDD has submitted six Workforce Advancement Training grants for funding for next year for businesses across the college district that cover a variety of training initiatives. The value of the projects exceeds \$100,000 and will deliver over 750 hours of customized training. Additional grants for small businesses are being worked on for submission in the near future.

Gateway's Business Development Director, Therese Fellner, is working on a household survey project with the Kenosha County Division of Health which was implemented on May 1. Screening and selection of a new business incubator client is in process. A meeting was held on May 16 at CATI with

Carthage and UWP I.T. faculty for educational linkages through Gateway's Business Incubation for Growth (BIG) program. The following educational institutions visited Gateway in the past month to learn more about Gateway's advanced technology centers and educational partnership models: Hill College (TX), Waukesha County Technical College, Wallace State College (AL), Indian Hills Community College (IA), and Moraine Park Technical College.

Scott VanderSanden, President of AT&T Wisconsin, visited Gateway to present an equipment donation to the telecommunications program at CATI and to discuss future partnership opportunities between AT&T and Gateway.