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Gateway invites public to attend burial of centennial time capsule

Gateway Technical College is inviting the public to join in the commemoration ceremony to bury the 2011 Centennial time capsule, 3 p.m. Nov. 9 behind the Centennial Rock on Gateway's Racine Campus, 1001 S. Main St.

The Centennial Rock is located on the east side of the Lake Building.

"We are proud to be the stewards of technical education in Southeastern Wisconsin during this exciting year of commemoration," said Stephanie Sklba, co-chairperson of the centennial celebration committee and Gateway vice president, Community and Government Relations.

"We hope the items we place in the time capsule will help those who open this in the future better understand how Gateway serves our communities, our students, and our successes in its 100th year."

Items in the capsule will illustrate how the college and communities celebrated the centennial and provide insight to future generations on how the college and students functioned in 2011.

The burial of the capsule is one of many ways Gateway is celebrating its 100th anniversary as the first publicly-funded technical college in America. Wisconsin was the first state to pass legislation allowing for the creation of local continuation schools, which would later become technical colleges. The Racine Continuation School – the name

predecessor to Gateway Technical College – was the first to be established in Wisconsin.

Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

