

Gateway proud to host two national conferences

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Gateway's impact on education and training reaches far beyond the boundaries of the communities which we serve, bringing recognition and cutting-edge methods and equipment to the college which benefits students as they train to successfully enter their career.

Gateway is hosting two national conferences this week that show, through your support of college leadership, the many powerful ways Gateway impacts students far and wide.

Starting Tuesday and continuing today, Gateway is hosting the American Association of Community College Sustainable Education and Economic Development's "Building Sustainable Community College and Industry Partnerships" summit, bringing 100 visitors representing community colleges, government officials and industry leaders from across the nation to Racine and Kenosha to share ideas and best practices on sustainable education programs. The conference will also feature the inaugural Green Genome Awards to honor colleges that have been leaders in green economic and workforce development and sustainability.

Today through Friday, Gateway will host the annual National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers conference that

will feature hands-on workshops and seminars on how colleges can incorporate the specialized training offered by advanced technology centers into their curriculum. Gateway's development of five such centers and the career training opportunities they present to students and workforce development for businesses have become

national models for other colleges. This conference will also bring about 100 visitors from across the nation to Racine.

Hosting these national conferences shines the light on two successful principles of Gateway. The first is that we believe in providing the best instruction and cutting-edge delivery methods to our students. We want to make sure the training they receive is what's needed in today's workforce. You see that through the sharing of best practices that provide new and innovative means to train and equip students. We are proud to host these events at Gateway, which is seen as a national model where those best practices can be found.

Secondly, our strength comes in part from the many business partners in our communities that have stepped forward to provide industry expertise, equipment and other resources to ensure our programs and training align with the needs of industry today — in short, worker skills needed by employers. Many of our college business partners will be keynote speakers at these conferences, providing insight and expertise on a national level while still highlighting the Gateway successes.

Gateway was selected to host the SEED summit because of a demonstrated ongoing commitment to improve its campuses through sustainable practices. In addition to cost reduction measures, we have undertaken measures to transform Gateway's facilities on all of its campuses with renewable energy systems. Gateway is a national leader in developing training programs in emerging industries such as geothermal well drilling, automated building controls, urban farming, fresh water technology and sustainable energy systems.

Gateway has been a leader in NCATC for many years. Our technology centers train students for their careers as well as provide workforce development training that positively impacts the local economy. Our newest center, iMET, will provide intense workforce training needed by local employers as well as degree programs for in-demand engineering careers.

We have a lot to be proud of, and much of it is due to you and your support. We hope you're proud, too.

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