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Spring Magic

As we enjoy the magic of the spring season, I welcome you to our Community Connection newsletter. This forum for communication allows me the opportunity to share with you some of the new programs, partnerships, and success of our college.

The 2005-06 academic year has brought many new changes for our college and has positioned us for regional economic growth. Let's start by celebrating our 962 Gateway graduates. Gateway students are remarkable students and employees. They have dedicated the time and resources it takes to become knowledgeable and skilled workers for our communities' businesses and industries. Gateway has traditionally provided a base for economic development through its 65 degree programs, customized training opportunities, and short-term diploma programs. To learn more about what we can do for you, check out our website at www.gtc.edu.

Just as our community and programs change, so must our way of staying in touch. In the short time that I have been your college president I have learned that communication is essential to positive growth. For that reason I have



Bryan Albrecht

launched into the world of cyber communications. I am establishing a President's weblog (BLOG) and regularly broadcast college updates through podcasting—which can be accessed either through your computer, or downloaded onto an iPod. If you would like to drop in on our first podcast, please use the following link. You may have to download the latest version of the player software. If so, you may need to reboot before accessing.

<http://www.gtc.edu/albrechtWeekly>

My commitment to you is that our college will be responsive to our students and to our communities.

Sincerely,

Bryan Albrecht

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Gateway Graduation Held

Gateway Technical College's Associate Degree and Technical Diploma Class of 2006 Commencement Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 23, at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Sports and Activities Center, Kenosha. The ceremony recognized 962 candidates for graduation.

Mary P. Burke, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, delivered the commencement address. Appointed by Governor Jim Doyle in January 2005, Burke has accepted the leadership role in growing the Wisconsin economy. She told the assembled crowd, "It is exciting for me to look out and see Wisconsin's future--our leaders, our employers, our innovators. Our state's economy and communities depend on you to take us forward."

Other Gateway Technical College Commencement highlights included the presentation of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc., to Kara Schmidtke, a 2002 graduate of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. While at Gateway, Schmidtke earned the Scholastic Award for the highest academic achievement in her program. Although at the beginning of her professional career, she has already distinguished herself. She is employed in the Racine office of Balistreri & Associates, a multiclinic physical therapy provider. She has built upon the training and experience received at Gateway by researching and developing a water therapy program for the Kenosha/Racine area clinics. Schmidtke continues to support Gateway by accepting students into clinical rotations at the facilities. She supports the community by engaging in numerous fund-raising



Mary P. Burke, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (above)

More than half of the eligible candidates for graduation participated in Commencement May 23, 2006 (below)

activities for organizations such as Special Olympics and the HALO program in Racine.

Bryan Albrecht, Gateway president, delivered the welcome; Robin Benson, an accounting program graduate, provided an enthusiastic Student Response, endorsing her Gateway education.

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Protective Services graduates (Fire Science, Police Science, Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement) were led to their processional line up by the Kenosha Area Pipes and Drums Association.

Nurses' Pinning Ceremonies Held

Sixty-five newly graduated nurses participated in the traditional pinning ceremonies at two Gateway campuses Friday, May 19.

The pinning ceremonies are a nursing ritual—a rite-of-passage into a profession committed to caring above and beyond limits set by other disciplines. The nursing pin (which contains the symbol pictured on the banner to the right) embodies the intention to stay with the patient long after everyone else either gives up or goes home.

This was the first time Gateway held two pinning ceremonies, signifying the growth of the nursing program to its newest Burlington Center. The Burlington Center celebrated the pinning of 21 nurses at a ceremony held at Burlington High School, located adjacent to Gateway's Center. The opening of the new Burlington Center in August of 2005 consolidated health courses; previously courses were taught at several locations because the program had outgrown the old facility.

Forty-four graduates were pinned at the Kenosha Campus pinning ceremony held in the Madrigrano Auditorium.

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Fire Academy Achievement Ceremony

Nine individuals successfully completed their training at Gateway Technical College's Southeast Wisconsin Fire Academy. The Academy was developed through a partnership with the Kenosha Fire Department which now contracts with Gateway to provide training to its new recruits as well as continuing training.

While the Achievement Ceremony marked the third class to complete training through the Academy, it was the first to include newly hired Kenosha Fire Department employees.

All nine received their certificate of completion. The four Fire Department employees also took their traditional Oath of Service to the department and the community. Their wives or mothers were then asked to pin their department badge to their uniforms.

Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Chief Tom Czerniak told all Achievement Certificate recipients they should always keep three words in mind:

Pride: They should be proud each day to provide a critical



Matthew T. Bodenbach, Henderson Darby III,
Joseph Devroy, David Kovach, Ricardo
Lebron, Jeremy McCormick, Brandon Nevils,
Philip Petroski, Matthew Stahl, Captain Jack
Jasperson – Instructor, Chief Matt Hurtienne
– Kenosha Fire Department

service to their communities.

Professionalism: They have received the highest training for their position and should continue to learn and share their knowledge among themselves and with community members.

Volunteer: 73 percent of America's firefighters serve as volunteers for community departments. He urged them to consider volunteering in addition to employment.

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IBM Assigns Gateway More Responsibility

IBM has assigned Gateway Technical College the role of supplier of the IBM ACE program. IBM ACE is an eBusiness application development curriculum developed by IBM. Gateway had been IBM's first North American adopter of the multimodule instructional program. Three other community colleges have since adopted the curriculum.

Under the new scenario, Gateway will be compensated, not only when other colleges in North America purchase the curriculum from IBM, but for its new role as program manager. Gateway instructor Saad Yousuf will be the "face" of IBM, coordinating other college's program development and implementation.

"I expect to assist colleges with both technical and nontechnical issues of program implementation," says Saad Yousuf. "I will offer guidance on delivery models, instructional models, the learning environment, testing, and more."

In correspondence with participating colleges, Alexandre Rodrigues, IBM Project Manager, explained, "The primary reason for this change is capitalizing on Gateway's experience. They have been operating the program for three years and have built expertise at every level and have developed several of the models we now use.



Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Chief
Tom Czerniak



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Gateway understands our program and they understand how colleges must make their decisions and operate."

Gateway also partners with IBM in the marketing and sales of the IBM ACE eBusiness Application Developer program.

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Albrecht Addresses Prestigious Conference in D.C.

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht was invited by the U.S. Department of Education to address the First National Summit on the Advancement of Girls in Math and Science, May 15, 2006, in Washington, D.C. He was requested to present "Higher Education/Workforce Development Issues" to this prestigious national policy organization. Albrecht was the only representative of a two-year educational institution invited to speak.

Albrecht discussed a number of the programs Gateway Technical College has instituted to develop partnerships with the middle and high schools, offering a pathway for young women to feel successful and comfortable in their math and science education. Those efforts include: Young Women in Technology Camps, Pre-College Camps, transferable credit options, adults providing mentoring and role modeling, technology tours, and college awareness nights.

This first summit on the advancement of girls in math and science was sponsored by the U. S. Department of Education and co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Margaret Spellings, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, opened the event by stating, "We are joined by more than 100 of the best and brightest scientists, explorers, and entrepreneurs in the world." The summit featured prominent national figures in math and science such as Dr. Sally Ride, the first woman in space; Dr. James Billington, Director of the Librarian of Congress; Dr. Patricia Galloway, Past President, American Society of Civil Engineers; Ellen Levine, Editor-in-Chief, Good Housekeeping; Patricia de Stacy Harrison, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and Patricia Diaz Dennis, Chair of the National Board of Directors, Girls Scouts of the USA.

"It was a great honor to be included with such a distinguished group of national leaders in math, science, and engineering," says Bryan Albrecht, Gateway president. "Today's students need strong math, science, and



Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College President, was invited to address the First National Summit on the Advancement of Girls in Math and Science, sponsored by the Department of Education. Contact Albrecht at albrechtb@gtc.edu; 262.564.3000

technology skills to succeed in careers such as bioengineering, computer applications, and business. Our country can't afford to lose the excitement and innovation that every young person brings to our schools at an early age. Together we must seek ways to inspire and support young girls throughout their middle and high school years and assist in every way that we can in providing a path to a successful career."

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CNC Boot Camp Featured at Governor's Conference

Representatives of Gateway Technical College and the Racine County Workforce Development Center presented at the Governor's Conference on Workforce Development last week. Their presentation, "CNC Boot Camp: Drop and Give Me 14 (Weeks, That Is)" was chosen as an example of how a Technical College, working with the Workforce Development Center, quickly developed a 14-week, 40-hour-per-week training program that responded to significant local manufacturer needs and helped prepare displaced workers for employment. Gateway speakers included Debbie Davidson and Ed Knudson from the Workforce and Economic Development Division (WEDD), and Ron Sellnau, Dean of Campus Affairs-Elkhorn. Mark Mundel and Melissa Hennessy represented the Racine County Workforce Development Center.

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Program Advisory Committees

Gateway Technical College is building stronger connections to the business community through its Program Advisory Committees. Each of Gateway's academic programs has an advisory committee which is charged with providing expertise about its industry's trends and training needs. The committees generally meet twice a year with Gateway's program area education and training experts, who, in turn, develop curriculum components to deliver to these needs.

During the first week of May, over 300 advisory committee members were invited to attend either of two listening sessions—one in Elkhorn, one in Kenosha—designed to gather input from committee members on how the advisory committee process could be improved.

Some recommendations:



Ed Knudson, Debbie Davidson, and Ron Sellnau spoke at the Governor's Workforce Development Conference titled, "The Wisconsin Workforce: Building Skills for a Global Economy"



If you are interested in participating in an advisory committee, contact **John Thibodeau** or call 564-3050.

- Become more active—perhaps increase the number of meetings per year.
- Provide some content that is beneficial to the members such as discussion of best practices in their industry or innovative programs at other colleges.
- Use more electronic communications for and between advisory committee members; share more information prior to committee meetings so advisors have more time to review.
- Advertise for more advisors—or do some brainstorming about employers NOT currently represented on the advisory committee.

Gateway's Division of Institutional Effectiveness will use the input gathered during this month's meetings to refine the Advisory Committee process and reflect these changes in the next handbook.

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Advisory Committee Profile

MaryBeth Robers, Medical Assistant Program Advisory Committee

MaryBeth Robers of the Racine Family Medical Residency Program has been helping to shape Gateway's Medical Assistant program for more than fifteen years.

"As part of the advisory committee, we offer opinions about industry trends and, collectively, give the instructors and deans a good picture of what procedures and equipment are being phased out and help them see how widespread new procedures have become.

"Our business has changed radically over the eighteen years I've been involved and over time I feel I and others on the committee have helped Gateway keep pace and even ahead of trends. For instance, conducting manual blood cell counts was a big part of the program. Students needed to successfully complete many of these counts. Now, because of new instrumentation, students learn how to do a manual count so they understand the procedure, but much more time is spent learning the instrumentation.

"The institution of technology in most aspects of our work has created the greatest change and I think we've done a good job of bringing those changes to the Gateway program so students are ready for today's workplace. This, too, has helped those of us representing many different medical clinics also compare notes on what new procedures



Medical Assistant Program Advisory
Committee

are being adopted by the other facilities. It is a learning experience for us as well.

"Many, if not all, of us on the Advisory Committee also serve as clinical sites for the students' real-world learning. We also get called into action for participating in Gateway health career fairs and, periodically, other activities.

"We enjoy our partnership with Gateway and see it as mutually beneficial to the students and to the future of health care in our area."

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Gateway Leader Honored at Luncheon

Gateway's Executive Vice President and Provost for Academic and Campus Affairs, Zina Haywood, was honored earlier this month at the Living Legend Luncheon. The Benefactor award was presented to Haywood by the Racine/Kenosha chapter of the Interdenominational Fellowship of Ministers' Wives and Widows(R/KIFMW&W).

Two Living Legend awards were presented at the luncheon. One was awarded to 93-year-old Corrine Owens, long-time NAACP member and active in the equality movement since coming to Racine in the 1950s. Zina Haywood was presented with the Benefactor award because of her leadership in the community and the impact she is already making, although only recently elevated to her position of Executive Vice President.

The R/KIFMW&W developed the Living Legend Luncheon to honor women who have paved the way for others and serve as role models.

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Tonya Evans presents the Living Legend Benefactor award to Gateway Vice President/Provost of Academic and Campus Affairs, Zina Haywood (left).

Robots Face Off at Annual Sumo Bot Competition

Karcher Middle School, the reigning champion of Gateway's annual Sumo Bot Competition, upheld its claim at the 2006 competition held May 18 at the Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation, Sturtevant.

They edged out 20 other teams from the tri-county area, most of which were from high schools. LakeView Technology Academy, Pleasant Prairie, took home the first place trophy for the sumo bot competition, where one bot has to push another bot out of a 6-foot ring. LakeView also took first place in the timed event, where the robot had to pick up two ping pong balls from two containers and put them in another. A third event is the poster presentation, which was won by Karcher Middle School. The final event is an engineering log recording the development and testing of the team's bot. The winner of that event was Karcher Middle School.

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High School Student Wins iPod

Adam Ziobro correctly completed a quiz designed to introduce high school students to Gateway's new high school website. The site was designed specifically for high school students looking to get more information about Gateway's many benefits for prospective students. (www.gtc.edu/highschool)

Adam is a student at Badger High School in Lake Geneva. The quiz-based contest was promoted to juniors and seniors at 26 public high schools in the three-county Gateway District. The quiz led students through the new site where they would find answers to specific questions about Gateway. An iPod was presented to a drawing winner from each school that participated. Only correct quizzes were eligible to win.

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For more information about the Sumo Bot competition or the engineering technician programs at Gateway Technical College, contact Mr. Pat Hoppe hoppep@gtc.edu.



Marie Collins, Badger High School, presents Adam Ziobro with his iPod.

Gateway's high school website can be found at www.gtc.edu/highschool

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