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Gateway working to ensure training needs of area

Southeastern Wisconsin has a strong history and an optimistic future for its manufacturing-based economy.

At Gateway, we recognize that manufacturing skills and production systems have changed in recent years. Today's production workers must have advanced technical skills, an understanding of basic manufacturing systems and experience in quality and safety integration. In an effort to ensure we are meeting the training needs of our region, Gateway has joined with Milwaukee Area Technical College and Waukesha County Technical College to form the Southeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Consortium.

By networking our partner colleges we will be able to expand our services to better meet the needs of employers throughout the region. For more information on Gateway can serve your business or education needs contact me at albrechtb@gtc.edu.

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Bryan Albrecht

President, Gateway Technical College

Job fair is healthy, again

Gateway Technical College's annual Healthcare Employer's Day Job was a healthy success again, with nearly 260 checking out the opportunities presented by the many employers and college representatives at the event.

Those attending filled out job applications as well as talking to the business and college officials about the health care industry and potential jobs.

Thirty of Southeastern Wisconsin's major healthcare providers, local health agencies and nursing home facilities were be at the event as well as five four-year colleges seeking Gateway graduates and others who want to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree.

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Kenosha County pledges support to Horizon Center expansion

Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser presented a pledge for \$25,000 to support the expansion of Gateway Technical College's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology, 4940-88th Ave.

The expansion of the Horizon Center, just one year old, will house a diesel education program. Courses have begun this fall and will be expanded to a degree program within the year. Additional support for the expansion is being solicited.

The announcement of Kenosha County support came during the send-off breakfast for the S-Tech College Road Trip.

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The annual health care job fair held at Gateway was a success. For more information, contact **Sheri Fisch** at (262) 564-2720



Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser presented a pledge to Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht for \$25,000 to support the expansion of Gateway Technical College's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology. For more information: **Horizon Center Report**

Snap-on road trip to take Gateway's message national

A Gateway Automotive Technology student will be participating in the Snap-on sponsored 2008 S-Tech College Road Trip to share the message of the Horizon Center with colleges across the country.

Student Jim Leiting is taking most of the semester off to take part in the effort, and will be journaling his experiences on the road through a blog on Snap-on's S-Tech College Road Trip. The trip will travel to 17 states, 15 colleges, and three major education- or transportation industry-related events, ending at the PRI Trade Show in Orlando, Fla, Dec 11-Dec. 13.

The Road Trip is designed to take the Horizon Center concept for exceptional automotive instruction and diagnostic training and certification to other colleges for adoption.

Leiting earned his commercial driver's license to be able to drive the truck and trailer for the trip.

"I love the automotive community and always loved road trips," Leiting said from a stop in Des Moines, Iowa. "I am looking forward to spreading the fantastic opportunity we have forged with Snap-on."

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Gateway hosts collaborative conference with other colleges

Gateway hosted a collaborative meeting with several colleges in Southeastern Wisconsin to continue a partnership with UW-Stout as well as form collaborative efforts beneficial to all the colleges involved.

The effort began last year when UW-Stout sought to create a presence in Southeastern Wisconsin through technical colleges and articulation agreements which offer opportunities for students to go on and earn a four-year degree in specific fields. Colleges involved also include Waukesha County Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College and Blackhawk Technical College, which was added this year.

Several breakout workshops were held at Gateway in October focusing on collaborative ideas such as partnerships that would help the colleges, opportunities for



Gateway student Jim Leiting prepares to board his truck and begin the 2008 S-Tech College Road trip.

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recruiting on a regional level and articulation and transcribed credit agreements between the colleges.

Since communication has begun with UW-Stout, Gateway will also have the opportunity to see if any new programs could be articulated with the four-year college. WCTC will hold the conference next year.

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Davidson elected as board member to national tech college group

Debbie Davidson, Gateway Technical College vice president, Workforce and Economic Development Division, has been elected to serve as an executive board member of the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers based in Waco, Texas.

Davidson will begin her duties in January for the three-year board tenure which will include overseeing the direction of the coalition of 170 community and technical colleges across the United States. NCATC promotes the use of technology applications to enhance economic and workforce development programs and services.

"I am proud to represent Gateway as well as serve on the board of the NCATC," said Davidson. "Not only is the NCATC a rich resource for Gateway and other member colleges, but by being on the board, I am able to share the Gateway story and to learn new strategies and projects that would be a good fit for Gateway."

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Albrecht named to new national educational council

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht was one of 25 educational leaders from across the nation to be named to the national Education Council, a group focused on expanding and enhancing the manufacturing workforce.

The new council – part of the National Association of Manufacturers -- held its inaugural meeting Oct. 29 in Washington, D.C. "Bryan Albrecht will help the Education Council provide leadership, counsel and research to ensure America's manufacturing workforce is properly prepared to compete in the global economy," said Emily DeRocco, president of The Manufacturing Institute and former U.S. assistant secretary of labor for employment and training.



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Bryan Albrecht

President, Gateway Technical College

"This is a big undertaking. Charter members will focus on issues as wide-ranging as identifying solutions to address the adult literacy crisis, designing regional manufacturing talent development systems, creating 21st Century career and technical education programs and advancing innovation in the manufacturing economy."

Albrecht said he is honored to serve on the industry-focused education council.

"I am proud to represent Gateway Technical College in advancing America's workforce through the National Association for Manufacturing," said Albrecht.

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Gateway partners to mentor in Racine, Kenosha

Gateway Technical College staff members will begin to serve as volunteer mentors to local organizations through a partnership with Mentor Kenosha & Racine.

The program will leave a positive impact on Gateway's employees as well as the young people for which they will become mentors.

"We are becoming future makers for young people as well as providing an opportunity for our employees to contribute to the community," says Tina Schmitz, Gateway director of Budgets and Internal Audit. Schmitz is directing Gateway's efforts to participate in the mentorships program.

Mentor Kenosha & Racine, developed through the Center for Community Partnerships at UW-Parkside, connects community partners and individuals by fostering meaningful mentoring relationships in the Racine and Kenosha area.

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Fellner named president of state business incubation group

Therese Fellner, Gateway's director of Business Development, was selected as the newest president of the Wisconsin Business Incubation Association (WBIA).

Fellner was sworn in as president of the WBIA Oct. 27 and will now begin her term to provide leadership and advance the support of business incubation in Wisconsin. Fellner was appointed to the WBIA's board of directors earlier this year.

With Fellner's appointment also comes the recognition of the integrity of the business incubation program at CATI, increased access to statewide business incubation programs and services embracing technology and innovation, and illustrates yet another way in which Gateway Technical College leads our community in economic development.

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WGTD reaches into all counties of district

WGTD 91.1 FM continues to reach into all of the counties served by the Gateway Technical College District.

It can be heard in Kenosha and Racine counties at 91.1 FM. In Walworth County, WGTD can be heard in the Elkhorn area at 101.7 FM and in the Lake Geneva area at 103.3 FM.

In addition to its live broadcasts, Internet users can hear archived local newscasts, high school football game videos, and radio theater broadcasts of the 91.1 Players at the station's Web site. WGTD will offer election night coverage from NPR News, Wisconsin Public Radio and its own team of reporters in the field. Special programming begins at 7 p.m.

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