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Gateway - your community resource

As I begin my third year as your college president, I am reminded on the unique role that Gateway plays in the growth of our community.

Each year, Gateway serves approximately 25,000 residents, involves more than 400 business and industry representatives in our programs and supports more than 50 businesses through customized training. I am proud to tell everyone that Gateway is a community resource.

With programs in critical community growth areas such as safety and protective services, health and wellness, business and manufacturing, entrepreneurship and quality, it is not hard to find a Gateway connection to the community life we all enjoy. It is our mission to serve the citizens of Southeastern Wisconsin, through education, and to build a stronger economy by supporting and enhancing a qualified workforce.

I appreciate your support and investment in ensuring that together we have the resources necessary to provide up-to-date programs, safe and productive campuses, and a faculty and staff to lead us into the future.

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Bryan Albrecht
President, Gateway Technical College

Fall session starts

Gateway's fall session began Sept. 3 with a number of new initiatives and programs giving students even more opportunities to receive training in one of more than 65 career options.

Students will enjoy the full impact this semester of the new Racine Campus health labs, as well as benefit from a new Pharmacy Technician diploma program and a Diesel Technician certificate offering. The number of students taking an increased class load rose this fall, too, by 57.6 full-time equivalent students, or 3.1 percent, compared to Fall 2007.

Sept. 3 represents a nearly two-week later start for Gateway, a result of a full summer semester offered for the first time in Summer 2008.

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Gateway holds seminars on green business practices

A Gateway seminar series will provide an introduction to profitable "green" strategies which can improve a company's profits and increase employee awareness of these methods.

The six-seminar series begins Oct. 10, 2008, with Green Business Practices – outlining the building blocks to establish these methods – and ends March 13, 2009, with the bottom line-focused seminar, Return on Green Investment.

The seminar series includes:

- Building Envelope, Nov. 14
- HVAC Systems, Dec. 12
- Green Cleaning, Jan. 9
- Green Behavior, Feb. 13
- Return on Green Investment, March 13

Seminars cost \$25, which includes a continental breakfast, and will be held 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Center for



For more information on the diesel program, go to www.gtc.edu and click on Career Options, or visit www.gtc.edu/horizoncenter



To register, contact Beth Tilley, (262) 741-8518, tilleye@gtc.edu.

Advanced Technology and Innovation, 2320 Renaissance Blvd., Sturtevant.

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Gateway continues with energy management plan

Gateway continues to focus on reducing its energy consumption and being environmentally responsible through light fixture replacement and other items aimed at reducing related electricity costs.

Light fixtures and bulbs will be replaced throughout the district this fall in addition to installing motion detectors which turn on lights of occupied rooms and turn them off once unoccupied. Future projects will make the buildings more efficient, improve the indoor air and environment quality, and reduce energy costs to taxpayers.

Gateway is committed to taking a measured, rational approach that still maintain services to students, staff and the public who use buildings.

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Summer camps give students inside look at career options

Nearly 90 high school and middle school students got an inside look at college classes, and the career opportunities available to them, at pre-college summer camps held at Gateway.

Students participated in exciting, hands-on camp programs such as Animation 3D Character Creation, Exploring Lego Robotics, Game Makers-Level I and Game Makers-level II. The fun camps gave students a look at career opportunities focused on technology.

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Alumni board selected, Stevens elected president

Mark Stevens was elected president of the Gateway Alumni Association Board of Directors in August.

The association was formed in 2007 as a way to connect alumni with each other as well as alumni to Gateway's current students and initiatives. The new board represents the first officially elected board, replacing the first ad-hoc



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Exploring Lego Robotics was one of the pre-college summer camps held at Gateway.



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board.

Other newly-elected board members include: Karen Linak, vice president; Evette Rowley, secretary; five members at large – Paula Clark, Manuel Dayenian, Ed Knudson, Randy Reusser and Rita Richmond. Rowley was also appointed as treasurer of the board and Kim Sanderson assumed the role of past-president.

The first meeting with the newly elected members was August 18.

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Online programming increases 50 percent

Response to student demand has caused the number of online opportunities as well as the number of actual students to surge this fall by nearly 50 percent.

The total headcount for students taking online classes increased from 1,582 in Fall 2007 to 2,374 this fall, and online course sections more than doubled from the 126 offered in Fall 2007 to 273 this fall.

"We responded to community interest that indicated they wanted more Internet sections," said Zina Haywood, Gateway executive vice president/provost. "This year's offerings represent more opportunities for full-time and part-time, working students to earn their degree or further their career."

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TechConnect links employers, qualified students and graduates

TechConnect Employment Information Systems (TEIS) continues to link employers with qualified Gateway students and graduates through a job postings site.

TechConnect, a project of the 16-college Wisconsin Technical College System, encourages area employers to place job postings for Gateway students and graduates to see. College instructors and graduates can also register and have jobs in their program area e-mailed to them.

A recent update to the job posting system that allows students and graduates of technical colleges to access the TechConnect job postings will serve as a type of prequalification. TechConnect will only be accessible to



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students and graduates at Gateway facilities, or those who choose to register and then access the system through their own computer. The change will ensure that the Gateway student and graduate community has access to those job postings.

Employers can list their job openings on TechConnect may do so by accessing

<http://www.wisconsintechconnect.com/> Students and graduates wishing to access available jobs can do so through www.gtc.edu/techconnect.

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Gateway names new Health dean

Gateway Technical College has named Michael O'Donnell as its dean of Health Occupations.

O'Donnell was the Medical College of Wisconsin's director for Continuing and Professional Education for more than 12 years prior to his current post at Gateway.

"Michael brings to Gateway a rich background in health occupations experience that will benefit the students and the college," said Zina Haywood, Gateway executive vice president/provost.

Currently licensed as a registered nurse and emergency medical technician-IV tech, O'Donnell previously served as a campus administrator and an assistant professor of Healthcare Management at Southern Illinois University and the University of Florida.

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Michael O'Donnell - dean of Health Occupations

