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Mobilizing a green community

It takes a community to educate a child and it may very well take a community to mobilize a green effort – and Gateway wants to be one of those at the head of the class to do so.

Gateway is committed to be a leader in our communities in the area of “green” and sustainable practices through programs, campus improvements, and an overriding management philosophy.

Gateway’s green programs and districtwide focus on sustainable practices will directly and positively impact communities, students and the employers of our district. We’ve developed new programs in geexchange, water resources engineering, and wind-torque technology that will provide training and graduates for in-demand careers in sustainable resources.

When appropriate, we are incorporating sustainable practices in program curriculum as it reflects our employers’ needs. We’ve also looked districtwide to see where we could pragmatically become more “green” in our operations while holding the line on taxpayer dollars.

We’re moving forward with our green practices because we believe it’s what our communities and business partners want and need – and we identify green careers of the future.

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Gateway partners with Workforce centers for dislocated worker training

Dislocated workers can get back on their feet through a number of training opportunities and other career and education guidance provided by Gateway Technical Collage as part of a collaboration with Southeastern Wisconsin Workforce Development centers called Smart Career Restart – Resources for Dislocated Workers.

Smart Career Restart is short-term training which will provide completers with marketable skills to land a job in today’s tough economy in in-demand career areas. Smart Career Restart programs include Machine Repair, Medical Receptionist, Office Skills, Logistics, and Telecommunications. Completers can also apply the credits they’ve earned in the Smart Career Restart programs



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toward a Gateway technical diploma or associate degree.

The intense courses vary in area of training and length, which range from two weeks – such as Logistics – to 20 weeks -- Machine Repair. Several programs will be held in Racine County, and one in Kenosha County. Residents from each of Gateway's three counties of Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth are allowed to attend training at any of the locations – it does not have to be in their home county.

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Roberta Gassman highlights Industrial Machine Repair ceremony

A total of 13 program completers were lauded at Gateway Technical College's first-ever Machine Repair Boot Camp completion ceremony on the Racine Campus, highlighted by keynote speaker Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary Roberta Gassman.

The innovative boot camp – based on employer demand and input -- assists dislocated and underemployed workers by putting them through a rigorous program which trains them to be machine repair technicians. Students leave the 19-week, 40-hour-a-week program with the technical skills to land a job, or could apply the 14 credits earned toward a Gateway Industrial Mechanical Technician degree expected to begin in Spring 2010. The Machine Repair Boot Camp is funded in part by a Department of Labor, Employment and Training WIRED grant.

Completers include: Jerrid Barber, Todd DeGroot, Jeff Jenkins, William Jenkins, Justin Jensen, Henry Nelson, Carlos Palos, Joseph Porras, Peter Simanek, Garry Stanley, Michelle Stewart, Jeffry Techert and John Wick.

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Three sworn in as Gateway district board members

Rebecca Vail, Roger Zacharias and R. Scott Pierce were sworn in as members of the Gateway Technical College District Board of Trustees.

Pierce is a newly appointed board member, Zacharias is a returning board member after a one-year absence, and Vail was reappointed to her seat. The three were appointed to three-year terms to run from 2009-12. Zacharias served on



Secretary Roberta Gassman with boot camp completers and staff

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R. Scott
Pierce



Rebecca
Vail



Roger
Zacharias

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the board 2004-08.

Pierce is the district administrator for Central High School District of Westosha, Vail is the district administrator for Twin Lakes School District #4 and Zacharias is a business representative/organizer for Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters.

Board members also selected officers. Fred Burkhardt was selected as trustee board chairperson, Zacharias as vice-chairperson, Vail as secretary and Suzanne Henkel Deans as treasurer.

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Albrecht represents U.S, Gateway at international conference

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht represented the United States at the Second International Conference on Vocational & Technical Education held in Singapore, spotlighting the college's innovative programs on the world stage.

The conference was for policymakers and practitioners from around the world. Albrecht spoke on Gateway's successful partnerships with business and industry in designing global education and training systems. The Institute of Technical Education, Singapore, sponsored Albrecht's participation.

"The opportunity to represent Gateway at an international level is a credit to our innovative faculty and to the programs we provide to our communities' students," said Albrecht.

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Stephanie Sklba to serve as interim Gateway Foundation director

Stephanie Sklba has accepted the position of interim director of the Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc.

Sklba took over as an interim director after the passing of former director Ken Vetrovec in July. "Stephanie brings a broad base of experience in working on foundation activities," said foundation chairwoman Bonnie Ricchio.

Sklba will continue her current position responsibilities as vice president of Community and Government Relations. During this time of transition, Sklba will concentrate on building upon the base of scholarships for Gateway



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students, community donor development, and aligning the services of the foundation with the changing needs of our college.

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Health Careers Wing ready to open for students in Fall 2009

Remodeling work will be completed on a 6,600-square-foot Health Wing on the Elkhorn Campus in time for the start of the Fall 2009 semester. The upgrade will benefit health careers students – and area communities – through equipment improvements and other work that provides realistic, hands-on training.

The new lab area will give Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant and Community Pharmacy Technician students the ability to train in a real-world environment and the skills to be successful in their career.

The work done is a result of a commissioned study group of Walworth County residents which recommended changes to programs and services needed for the region. Residents in that county will benefit by the new training space and the possibilities it presents to continue to train and equip graduates to deliver quality health care services to an increasing aging population.

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New center to expand training opportunities in fire technician, EMS

Gateway's HERO Center will break ground and open in Spring 2010. The state-of-the-art facility provides training to emergency medical services students and will open near Gateway's Burlington Center.

The center represents a partnership between Gateway and Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wis., to provide the equipment and industry capital for hands-on training and expand current offerings to also include leadership fire officer leadership training, which broadens the scenarios from which a student can learn.

The center will double the size of a Gateway building at 380 McCanna Parkway to include two fire-apparatus bays, a high-tech command center training room, added classrooms and training space. Gateway students will also

Elkhorn's new Health Wing.



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benefit with the addition of modern patient care simulation equipment and multi-purpose rooms which allow for simulation-based training.

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Gateway to break ground on advanced propulsion training facility

Gateway will break ground on its 12,800-square-foot Advanced Propulsion Training Systems addition to the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology on August 20, a project which will expand opportunities for Diesel Technology students and area employers.

The addition will house courses for the college's one-year Diesel Technology technical diploma and the two-year associate degree program. It will also include projects, training, and research with students and industry professionals in such areas as electric cars, diesel engines, hybrid vehicles, biofuels and other alternative fuel powered vehicle technology.

The addition puts Gateway's position at the cutting edge of the transportation industry in southeastern Wisconsin at an even higher level. Gateway students will be able to acquire the skills and knowledge to address technological changes to all non-gas transportation as well as the diagnostic equipment that goes along with them.

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More than 40 automotive instructors benefit from annual training event

About 40 high school and college automotive instructors received training in automotive technology at the Team Wisconsin Summer Training Institute at Gateway's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology. The Foundation of the Wisconsin Automotive & Truck Dealers Association directed the institute, in place since 2000.

Much of the training focused on advanced automotive technologies as well as best practices on how teachers can create curriculum and deliver instruction to their students on these technologies. Training sessions for the four-day seminar included such topics as Snap-on diagnostic equipment, Subaru braking systems, Lexus Hybrid diagnostics, Wisconsin Vehicle Emission Inspection Program



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vehicle air quality standards and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources air quality monitoring.

National Snap-on automotive certification evaluations were also administered to some participants.

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Train-the-trainer seminar held at Horizon Center

Community and technical college instructors from across the country were trained and certified on Snap-on newest vehicle diagnostic platforms at a weeklong train-the-trainer seminar at the Gateway Technical College's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology July 27-July 31.

These instructors became equipped with the skills, knowledge, and course materials necessary to train students, current automotive technicians and fellow educators on Snap-on's Vantage Pro and Verus diagnostic equipment. Since a prerequisite to the seminar was certification in the Ethos, Solus Pro, and Modis units, instructors will now be able to deliver instruction on all Snap-on diagnostic equipment. Instructors were also trained in the ShopKey software which includes vehicle service and diagnostic system information.

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Gateway to begin offering wind-torque courses to instructors

Gateway will begin to offer wind-torque certification courses in August, which will equip instructors and trainers in a number of torque applications through hands-on training in a lab and classroom environment.

This train-the-trainer program in torque technology will provide the student with hands-on learning of torque techniques, bolting applications, and tool set-up and selection concepts within today's wind industry. Torque is the turning motion used to tighten or secure a fastener to achieve proper clamping force.

Students will use mechanical, electronic, and hydraulic torque instruments and torque tension devices in a lab environment to achieve proficiency in classroom and lab operation. Courses emphasize classroom safety, torque techniques, tool application and examination practices. The program designed to meet the needs of the growing global wind industry.



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Gateway, Famous Racing Sausages team up for Challenge fund-raiser

More than 200 children and several adults participated in Gateway's Community Cup Challenge, racing against the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club's Famous Racing Sausages as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The Racing Sausages later greeted children of all ages and posed for photos with participants and event-goers.

Hot dogs and brats were available for sale to benefit the American Cancer Society. Gateway staff members conducted a number of fund-raisers for the society over the year. Timothy Mahone was the Community Cup Challenge champion.

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Gateway launches Gateway Gives Back service campaign

Gateway President Bryan Albrecht has embarked on an effort to measure the impact Gateway staff members, as individuals or as a team, have on the communities of its three-county district of Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth counties. Many employees volunteer for a variety of non-profit organizations.

Whether it's through events like the sausage race, mentoring, or free health check-ups, Gateway staff give back in many ways. In an effort to share Gateway's stories internally and in the communities it serves, the college plans to launch a new internal Web site where staff can seek others who have a similar volunteer interest, share a touching story, and log their hours of service.

Gateway will keep a continuous record of all the hours logged by Gateway staff and students. Several staff members have already logged their hours, giving back to their communities through a variety of organizations serving our diverse population.

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Tim Mahone won the first Community Cup Challenge
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Gateway's free dental clinic is one example of how the college gives back to the community
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Gateway students begin blogging on campus life

Students and the public can now tap into Gateway campus community life through the eyes of students or socialize online at Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and a student blog. Social media is a great way to keep students and the community updated on news and happenings at Gateway.

The Gateway student blog features students sharing their thoughts, experiences, and blogging about their program of study and campus life at Gateway. Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube share program information, news updates, and information about events on campus.

Follow the blogs or join Gateway networks on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

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More than 160 youth take part in summer programs

More than 160 students in sixth through 12th grade took part in exciting, hands-on summer programs ranging from creating and posting video games on the Web to learning the technology and "green" aspects of today's transportation industry.

Students attending the camp came from each of Gateway's three-county district. Summer camp program training and instruction offered included: creating computer video games, exploring Lego Robotics, drawing skills for Manga, exploring health field careers, taking digital photographs, exploring the transportation industry and building Web pages. There were three successful levels of video game instruction.

Gateway provides the courses as an interesting way for youth to explore technical fields or give some insight into their future career choices.

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Gateway begins Fresh Water Engineering Technology program, first in state

Students starting in Fall 2009 will be able to enroll in Gateway's Fresh Water Engineering Technology program, the first of its kind in the state.

The two-year associate degree program will provide training to become a dynamic and effective water quality technician, an in-demand career as the need for fresh water resources continues to grow.

A technician's work may take the individual out into the field, inside a lab, as well as the office. Program graduates will have the skills to be effective in a wide range of potential job areas. The program is a part of the Construction Sciences degrees group in Gateway's Engineering Technology programs. Courses will be held at the Engineering Tech Wing located at Gateway's Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation in Sturtevant.

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Instructor an invited speaker at international conference

Gateway instructor Steven L. Whitmoyer presented at an international conference in Barcelona, Spain, to highlight an innovative Gateway Technical College education delivery method.

Whitmoyer, Gateway's Lead of Engineering Technology programs, presented on Gateway's Nodal delivery method at EDULEARN09, The International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies. The conference's main objective is to promote and disseminate the experiences in new technologies in education and e-learning in all educational fields and disciplines. There were more than 450 presenters from 66 countries, representing every continent in the world.

The delivery method's success has led to a shared program arrangement where Blackhawk Technical College students are taking Gateway's Civil Engineering Technology classes in Janesville. Gateway's nodal delivery method is an innovative, accelerated, brain-based learning methodology using voiceover Internet technology to connect students at various Nodal classrooms together.

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'Green' workers provide landscape work on Racine Campus

Fourteen federal stimulus "green" youth workers – who landscaped or painted with low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paint – worked on a number of projects on the Racine Campus, including recent work to a rain garden on the grounds. They were part of the 215-youth effort throughout Racine County.

The Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network installed a rain garden on the Gateway campus to the east of the Racine Building in 2008 and the youth workers – 14 to 24 years old – transplanted several more plants there to boost its capacity in early July.

A rain garden is a bowl-shaped planting bed using native Wisconsin plants to store, rapidly clean and move water back into aquifers especially from impervious surfaces like rooftops and parking lots.

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Youth worker Jacob Lopez works on the Racine Campus rain garden.