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# Time to set new year's training resolutions

On behalf of Gateway, I would like to wish you a very happy New Year.

Many of us will set our 2010 resolutions as we ring in the New Year. One goal may be to improve your profitability – either business or personal – through training and upgrading skills – your own or the skills of your employees.

Gateway can help you achieve your resolution. For business owners, we offer customized training to meet workforce needs. We also supply qualified, well-trained workers who complete our certificate, diploma, and degree programs who can be an immediate asset to your company.

For displaced workers looking to upgrade their skills, or seeking to enter a new career altogether, we offer hands-on training to quickly enter a new career. We continue to add new career options – such as Industrial Mechanical Technician, Community Pharmacy Technician, and Clean Water Resources Technician to give our students more pathways to employment.

Let Gateway be the first stop on your path to reaching your 2010 workforce and career resolutions. And, again, happy New Year.



Bryan Albrecht, Gateway President albrechtb@gtc.edu

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# Gateway inks agreement with Mount Mary College

Gateway Technical College and Mount Mary College in Milwaukee signed an agreement giving students expanded educational and career opportunities.

The articulation, or transfer agreement, allows Gateway graduates to continue their education at Mount Mary toward a bachelor's degree. The agreement encompasses five specific programs as well as the ability to transfer any Gateway associate degree into Mount Mary's Liberal Studies degree program. In addition, Gateway students who earn a General Studies Transfer Certificate can apply that to the general studies core requirements at Mount Mary. Gateway graduates can transfer up to 64 credits to Mount Mary.

"The transfer agreement is a symbol of the commitment each of our institutions has for students," said Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht. "This agreement helps to put one more landing point for our students to help them direct their educational path."

The agreement provides a seamless opportunity for Gateway associate degree graduates, no matter which program, to continue their education by transferring into Mount Mary College to earn a Liberal Studies bachelor's degree. Gateway students earning a General Studies Transfer Certificate could apply those credits earned to any Mount Mary degree program and enter a few credits short of junior status.

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## Gateway holds open house at new welding lab

Gateway Technical College recently celebrated its new 9,000-square-foot welding lab featuring 18 booths, each with four different kinds of welding equipment.

The lab area allows Gateway to deliver modern practical welding training – the added space means more opportunity to work with larger fabrication projects and the additional training it provides. The project cost is \$775,000 for remodeling existing space and \$200,000 in equipment for the lab.

Equipment to be used in training includes a state-of-the-art Accurpress press brake which allows classes to bend metal for specific projects. Gateway will also have a new,



Gateway Technical College and Mount Mary College officials sign an articulation agreement allowing Gateway students several options to transfer to the four-year college. www.gtc.edu/transfer



Staff, students and community members celebrate the opening of a welding lab on the Racine Campus. www.gtc.edu/weldingmaintenance

5-by-10-foot computer numeric control plasma table to cut any shapes needed for the classroom. Students will have the opportunity to train on other equipment which they will find in the workplace.

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# Students to benefit from donated equipment

Gateway Technical College received donated equipment that will aid student learning in the Fire Protection Technician, Fire Certification classes, fire department continuing education/training, and the Paramedic Technician and EMT programs.

TNT Rescue Systems Inc., Ashippun, Wis., and its dealer, Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC, Belleville, Wis., donated a set of rescue and extrication tools, valued at \$20,000, designed for use at accident scenes. Twenty-four hours of extrication training, using equipment, is required within the Firefighter II certification training and the 12-hour refresher courses. Gateway provides training for certification and the refresher courses.

The tools offer students the ability to practice using the latest technology.

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# Gateway-county partnership provides leadership training

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht and Racine County Executive Bill McReynolds honored graduates from Gateway's Advanced Leadership Certificate program.

In an effort to address the county's future workforce needs as many experienced workers retire, Gateway and Racine County officials have partnered to provide leadership training to current county staff. The county foresees future succession planning programs with Gateway.

The program is designed to respect the time of busy personnel with a combination of flexible online learning, limited classroom training, and personalized one-on-one coaching. Learners study behaviors of successful leaders, compare those behaviors to their own, and are then given the tools to bridge any gaps.



Extrication equipment was recently donated to Gateway which will aid training. www.gtc.edu/ems



Gateway and Racine County partnered for a leadership training program. For more information, (262) 564-2989

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## **Torque certification program meets** needs of wind, auto, machine repair techs

Snap-on Incorporated, in partnership with Gateway Technical College, has created a national torque certification program designed to meet the needs of the wind technicians, automotive mechanics, and industrial machine repair technicians.

Torque is the turning motion used to tighten or secure a fastener to achieve proper clamping force. The three-part training program will be held starting Jan. 20 and the last course will be Feb. 3. The training covers torque fundamentals, electrical torque, and larger hydraulic equipment.

The courses prepare participants to take a national assessment and gain Snap-on Torque Certification. This 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.

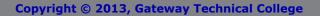
The first course, Intro to Torque Technology, is Jan. 20; the second, Mechanical and Electronic Torque Applications, is Jan. 27; and the third, Hydraulic Torque Applications, is Feb. 3. Cost is \$140 per person, in-state rate, and \$210 per person out-of-state.

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