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Gateway committed to developing highly skilled workforce

While Gateway's value to the communities it serves is great, it seems to grow with importance during the time of a soft economy. We are committed to developing a highly skilled workforce during what has become some challenging economic times.

We have positioned our college to educate and train in careers that provide skilled and knowledgeable workers for nearly every aspect of our community life. From nursing and firefighting to manufacturing and hospitality, Gateway provides more than 65 career programs designed to support the infrastructure necessary to build a community and a business economy.

Our commitment to developing a highly skilled workforce is something that has the ability to impact our communities and students relatively quickly. Gateway produces the highly skilled workers we need right now. We train local residents very rapidly and assess each learner and deliver what they need to realize their potential.

We match programs to the exact skills needed so that graduates succeed from day one, and evolve the curriculum, technology, and program mix to meet today's and tomorrow's needs – sometimes within months.

We remain committed to training workers to land solid jobs and to help businesses and communities reach their full potential.

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Spring Brown Bag series focuses on marketing, budgeting

Business entrepreneurs looking to refresh their social networking skills, develop operational budgets, and learn the art of a 10-minute speech are invited to attend the Spring 2009 Entrepreneurial Brown Bag lecture series to be hosted at Gateway Technical College's Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation (CATI), 2320 Renaissance Blvd., Sturtevant.

The Spring 2009 series offers sessions focusing on building and strengthening businesses by using marketing and budgeting strategies. The session is free. A free box lunch will be provided to the first 25 who sign up for the event.



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- March 19: Operational Budget Management. Presenter: Gene Glas, of Hands On Consulting, Union Grove.
- April 16: The Art of the 10-Minute Speech. Presenter: Mary Finley, membership manager, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Wisconsin.

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Gateway donates computers to RUSD

Gateway Technical College donated more than 20 computers to the Racine Unified School District at the Learning Resource Center on Gateway's Racine Campus.

Gateway President Bryan Albrecht and RUSD Superintendent James Shaw spoke about the partnership and connection between Gateway and RUSD.

Gateway donated 25 MacIntosh computers to RUSD as it updates its computer laboratory for the Graphic Communications program.

The donation helps RUSD replace some of the computers which were stolen in Fall 2008. The computers are used with a new program aimed at helping students improve their writing skills.

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Six Gateway students capture first place at statewide BPA event at Elkhorn

Six Gateway students captured first-place honors at the state leadership conference of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) hosted by Gateway on the Elkhorn Campus in late February and qualified to compete in the national BPA competition in May.

Tammy Sharer, Debbie Richter, and Brenda Putze placed first in the Administrative Support Team category; Anna Konkel, Karina Mohar, and Tammy Hubbard placed first in the Website Design Team Category; and Richter also placed first in the Integrated Office Applications category. Sharer also placed fifth in Advanced Office Systems and fourth in Desktop Publishing; Konkel placed second in Prepared Speech and fourth in Integrated Office Applications; and Mohar also placed third in Prepared Speech.



RUSD Superintendent James Shaw, left, with Gateway President Bryan Albrecht.



Debbie Richter, Anna Konkel, Gateway President Bryan Albrecht, Karina Mohar, Brenda Putze, Tammy Sharer, Tammy Hubbard.

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There were 105 other participants from 13 Wisconsin technical colleges competing in the BPA competition in several different categories, held on the Elkhorn Campus and the Abbey in Fontana. BPA is the national career/technical student organization for students preparing for careers in the business world.

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Gateway president meets with national lawmakers

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht visited Washington D.C. in early February to talk with several lawmakers about Wisconsin's technical colleges and the role they play in training a skilled workforce.

Much of the discussion revolved around federal stimulus funding and its impact to technical colleges, and how it could be channeled to ensure and enhance the effectiveness of stimulus funding in training and returning Wisconsin residents to work. Board members Ram Bhatia, Neville Simpson, and Fred Burkhardt, as well as Stephanie Sklba, Gateway Vice President Community and Government Relations, accompanied Albrecht on the trip.

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InSinkErator Company donates to scholarship for new program

The InSinkErator Company recently contributed \$10,000 in support of creating a scholarship for Gateway's new Industrial Maintenance program to begin soon on the Racine Campus.

The two-year Industrial Maintenance Technician degree will begin this fall and be open to any Gateway students. Previously, it had only been offered through Gateway's Johnson campus.

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State secretary holds budget sessions at Gateway

Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing Secretary Celia Jackson held public meetings at the Kenosha Campus and Racine Campus to discuss the state budget situation.

Jackson emphasized that during these tough fiscal times, Governor Jim Doyle remains focused on our general principles of supporting education, health care, and job creation.

"Our State faces a \$5.4 billion budget shortfall over the next two fiscal years and everything will be on the table as Governor Doyle rolls out his proposed 2009-2011 budget in the next couple weeks," said Secretary Jackson.

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Gateway holds free health clinic for community children

The Gateway Technical College Dental Assistant and Associate Degree Nursing programs held a free health fair for Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha children in mid-February.

Gateway students conducted dental examinations; height, weight, and vision testing; and educational seminars on healthy living for 120 children ages 5 to 11 who are in the club. Two area dentists, Drs. Josephine Chianello-Berman and Susan Cable, volunteered their time and skills for the event.

Gateway students offered hands-on and interactive educational health activities for the children to participate in as well as height, weight, and vision testing. The event offered a way for Gateway to reach out to the community and to provide some hands-on training for its students.

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Radio theater to present Ray Bradbury-style thriller

WGTD Radio Theater's 91.1 Players will present a Ray Bradbury-style science fiction thriller, 11:15 a.m. March 7, live before a studio audience in the Center for Bioscience and Information Technology on the Kenosha Campus of



Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing Secretary Celia Jackson talks during a state budget discussion at Gateway.



Students and instructor take a break to pose during the health fair.
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“ Highway 43: The Ray Bradbury Waukegan Mystery Theatre” is based on scientific discoveries, space travel, and time travel. Steve Brown and Michael Ullstrup, creators and writers for the WGTD Radio Theater, wrote the original script for the radio thriller.

WGTD, based out of Gateway Technical College, can be heard in Racine and Kenosha counties at 91.1 FM, in the Elkhorn area at 101.7 FM, and in the Lake Geneva area at 103.3 FM. Audience members are welcome and should plan to arrive no later than 10:55 a.m. Admission is free. The program is financially supported by the Kenosha law firm of O’Conner, DuMez, Alia and McTernan, and the Agape Chiropractic Clinic, Lake Villa, Illinois.

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Gateway hosts legislative breakfast

Area lawmakers attended a legislative breakfast hosted by Gateway Technical College in late February in Burlington, talking about many topics including the college’s role to train workers and provide them with career and skill upgrade training, especially during this era of a soft economy.

Several lawmakers or their representatives attended the event held in Burlington, including: Rep. John Steinbrink (D-Pleasant Prairie), Sen. Bob Wirch (D-Pleasant Prairie), Rep. Cory Mason (D-Racine), Sen. John Lehman (D-Racine), Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Genoa City), Sen. Neil Kedzie, (R-Elkhorn), U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, (R-Wis.), and U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold, (D-Wis.).

Lawmakers talked on a number of issues, including Gateway’s ability to remain flexible and the need for flexibility to train workers in today’s business world.

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New boot camp to begin offering machine repair training

A new Industrial Machine Repair Boot Camp program will begin on the Racine Campus.

The boot camp will help dislocated and underemployed workers by putting them through a rigorous, 19-week program beginning March 26. It trains them in the



State lawmakers talk at a recent legislative breakfast.

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fundamental mechanical skills needed for entry level work as machine repair technicians. Completers could also apply the 26 associate degree credits earned toward a Gateway Industrial Maintenance Technician degree.

The Industrial Machine Repair Boot Camp is paid for in part by the Department of Labor Employment and Training WIRED grant. The grant encourages local cooperation among public and private entities to develop a skilled workforce that will attract new economic development and jobs. Additional funding is contributed by the Racine County Workforce Development Center.

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Interior design students compete at NARI show

A team of Gateway Interior Design students competed against other technical college students in a room design contest at the 47th Annual Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Show.

The Gateway interior design team of Stacy Tompsett, Tiffany Guzy, April Falaschi, Stephanie Silva, and Gabrielle Kosterman competed against design students from Milwaukee Area Technical College and Waukesha County Technical College in the bedroom design category.

The students designed and furnished the 12-by-12-foot bedroom area, which will be located near the west entrance of the Expo Center. Its focal point was a painting of Marilyn Monroe.

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Gateway students capture honors at state design competition

Gateway Technical College students captured two first-place honors and one second-place honor at the Wisconsin Technical College System Interior Design Competition held at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison.

Laura Dipper took first place in Residential Design, First Year; Stacy Tompsett captured first place in the Residential Design, Second Year; and Jenni Serpe took second place in Residential Design, First Year.

Students competed in two knowledge areas: a test of historical furniture and textiles, and an on-the-spot design



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Interior Design students Jenni Serpe, Laura Dipper and Stacy Tompsett
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scenario in one of three skill areas: residential design, commercial design, or kitchen design. Each participant was given a project scenario along with several finish samples to choose from and three hours to create a plan and presentation board. Design solutions were then judged by industry professionals.

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Walter Murphy named Gateway Star Ambassador

Walter Murphy, a Human Services student, is the 2009 Gateway Technical College District Star Ambassador.

Murphy, of Racine, was named the District Star Ambassador as well as the Racine Campus Star Ambassador at the Feb. 17 awards ceremony. He was named district ambassador among 28 nominees. Tiara Ormond, of Kenosha, a Marketing Business to Business student, was named the Kenosha Star Campus Ambassador, while Karina Mohar, of Lake Geneva, a Business Management student, was named Elkhorn Campus Star Ambassador.

The Star Ambassadors represent Gateway at various community and college events. They also become a resource for the college in the area of recruitment and retention of students.

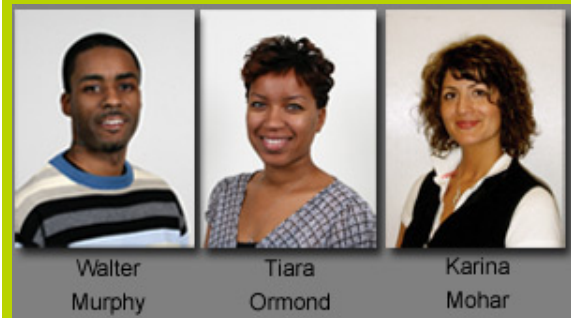
Murphy, who represents the district, is scheduled to be a speaker at the Adult High School graduation ceremony this spring. He will also be one of 16 Wisconsin Technical College students to serve as ambassadors for the statewide technical college system. He will attend a leadership conference for the system's ambassadors in April. In addition to the experience, they will gain the honor of being named a Star Ambassador, and each student also receives a \$250 Gateway Technical College Foundation scholarship.

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MSSC involvement leads to new Gateway opportunity

Gateway's involvement with the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) and their training and certification of workers in manufacturing has led to a new opportunity.

MSSC has now developed training and two certifications for workers in logistics – Certified Logistics Associate and



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Certified Logistics Technician. Gateway is seeking interest from district employers regarding logistics training. Gateway has logistics expertise within the college and would like to hear about local employer needs related to this area.

Gateway plans to convene a meeting in mid- to late-March to discuss local employers training and employment needs.

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Gateway to host supply chain summit

Gateway Technical College hosted a meeting of economic development and industry partners on the supply chain for the renewable energy industry at the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology, 4940 88th Ave.

The topic of retooling current manufacturing businesses to meet the needs of sustainable energy manufacturing has recently come up in conversations among industry and Gateway leaders.

For example, local manufacturers are inquiring about the role they might play in supplying parts for wind turbines, among other things. The goal of the March 3 brainstorming meeting was to determine a strategy to work with local employers, create a greater awareness of this industry, and connect to existing resources in the region.

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Gateway brings some green into gray winter with 17th annual WinterGreen

Gateway hosted its annual WinterGreen conference, offering conference-goers a chance to get some inspiration for spring and their own gardening or landscaping projects.

Presenters at the conference included Nancy Clifton, horticulture specialist with the Chicago Botanic Garden; Corrine Daniels, restorations nurseries director, Applied Ecological Services; Kris Bachtell, director of collections and facilities of The Morton Arboretum; Tim Thoeleck, founder of the American Academy of Landscape Design; and Jennifer Statz, Emerald Ash Borer Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer protection.



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Proceeds from the event are used to support Gateway Technical College Horticulture student scholarships.

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