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Skills build bridges between hope and opportunity

More than 1,170 student residents of Racine County, Kenosha County and Walworth County were recognized in May for completing their associate degree or technical diploma in a technical or professional occupation from Gateway Technical College.

As a resident of our community I am proud of each and every one of the graduates. Some took years to accomplish this personal and career dream and we as a community should be equally proud of their accomplishments.

Recently, Manpower Inc. released its fifth annual Talent Shortage Survey. In that report they stated: "The top hardest-to-fill jobs are skilled trades, sales representatives, nurses, technicians, engineers, accounting and finance staff, production operators, administrative assistants, management/executives, drivers, and laborers, according to the survey of more than 35,000 employers."

These are Gateway graduates. They are our neighbors, coworkers, and most often the professionals we rely on in



Bryan Albrecht

President, Gateway Technical College

time of need. They are our accountants, firefighters, welders, CNC machine operators, nurses, cosmetologists, police officers, and surgical and dental assistants. They drill geothermal wells, install fiber optic cable, and design roads, buildings, and Web sites that support e-Commerce, and they prepare the food that we eat in many of our local restaurants.

Gateway graduates are building bridges between hope and opportunity. In a recent survey of Gateway graduates, 86 percent reported they found jobs in a down economy. The connection between hope and opportunity is clear to us at Gateway. It is the effort demonstrated by our students to learn and master technical knowledge and skills.

Gateway is your communities' technical college, and I hope you will join me in saluting the graduating Class of 2010.

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Gateway education 'is right this day and time'

Hands-on training delivered by instructors with real-world experience gives Gateway Technical College graduates the solid foundation to succeed in the work place of today and tomorrow, said Robert Spitzer at Gateway's Associate Degree and Technical Diploma Class of 2010 Commencement Ceremony. Spitzer, former Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) president, was the keynote speaker

The ceremony recognized an estimated 1,170 candidates for graduation in 40 associate degree programs, 16 technical diploma programs, and 11 advanced technical certificates.

Other highlights included the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc. to Randal Reusser, a 1991 Gateway Electronics Technician program associate degree graduate who is now a Gateway electronics instructor. Lidia Hernandez, the Racine Campus Star Ambassador, and Jessica Garcia-Dyess, an Information Technology student, provided the Student Response.

The commencement program will be available on Gateway's Web site in early June.

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To view a rebroadcast of the ceremony,
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Leaders cut ribbon at Advanced Propulsion Lab

Speaking at the grand opening for the 12,800-square-foot Advanced Propulsion Lab at the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology, U.S. Department of Labor Assistant Secretary Jane Oates said the quality training provided at the center creates a perfect vehicle to bolster the economy and sustain careers.

Training workers in the advanced skills they need today and tomorrow is the key to providing solid careers for the workforce and moving the American economy forward, said local, national and state representatives at the grand opening.

"Advanced propulsion is an all-encompassing term and this facility will provide training for qualified technicians in many different areas of the transportation industry," said Gateway President Bryan Albrecht.

Governor Jim Doyle said, "To see this addition is a wonderful moment for me. It is critical that we have workers trained to meet the needs of the changing world of transportation."

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President's Opportunity Scholarships awarded to 17

Gateway President's Opportunity Scholarships have been awarded by the Gateway Technical College Foundation, providing 17 Spring 2010 high school graduates from within the Gateway Technical College District with increased opportunities to build on their career and college preparation.

The scholarships represent another way the Gateway Foundation supports high school students in their pathway through college. A \$500 scholarship to Gateway will be awarded to each of the 17 students. Students earning scholarships represent all three of the counties in the Gateway district – Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha.

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Nicholas Pinchuk, Snap-on Incorporated chairman, president and chief executive officer, speaks at the ceremony.



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Recognition of board members leaving the board

The Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees recognized its outgoing board members at the May board meeting.

Board members Pat Johnson, Fred Burkhardt, and Rebecca Vail will not be returning to the board once the new board appointments become official. Burkhardt and Vail have taken jobs outside of the district. Gary Olsen, Lyons, took the oath of office at the May meeting and will fill out the remaining two years on Vail's term.

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Gateway receives KABA mentoring award

Gateway Technical College and two of its employees were recognized by the Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA) for their dedication to the group's mentorship program.

Tina Schmitz and Dawn Herrmann participated in the mentorship program and were recognized at KABA's annual meeting event. Schmitz also was recognized for three years of service to the program. Gateway was recognized for its role in sponsoring the two mentors in the program.

Since 1997, KABA has managed an elementary school mentoring program. Adult mentors are recruited from the business community to mentor 3rd through 5th grade students from the Kenosha County school districts. The mentoring program has had a positive impact, helping build self esteem and self confidence, improving attendance, improving academic performance and building relationships with adults and other students.

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Pat Johnson (left), Fred Burkhardt (center), and Rebecca Vail (right)



Gary Olsen



NC3 official office launched at Gateway

National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) unveiled the first national office housed at the Advanced Propulsion Lab of Gateway's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology, Kenosha.

NC3 was established to address the need for strong industry partnerships with educational institutions in order to develop, implement, and sustain industry-driven and industry-recognized portable certifications that have strong validation and assessment standards. NC3 is a national coalition of business and education partners forging forward in an effort to respond to the current and future economic needs on a local, national, and global level.

Initial certifications have been developed for automotive diagnostics. This initial effort provided a template to engage other educational providers nationally. The scale of the effort was then expanded to include truck diagnostics (diesel, natural gas, and hybrid) and the energy industry to address the need for industry-recognized torque certification standards and its application to the construction, commissioning, and maintenance of wind towers.

The implementation strategy to grow the NC3 network and bring this concept to other colleges includes regionally located NC3 leadership schools that provide instructional material development, train-the-trainer activities, and mentoring to NC3 education members. The vision of the coalition is to be better as a whole than individually.

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Gateway Youth Options team scores high at competition

Brent Tate and Jayson DeCesaro placed second in the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition held in Thiensville on May 12. The two-student team was only seconds away from taking first place in a field of 10 teams qualifying for the state event.

Tate and DeCesaro and other competitors were handed a work order to service a Ford vehicle with system "bugs" placed in it. The teams – working as if they were in an actual dealership service area – then had to diagnose and fix the flaws and return it to the testing area. Since they were operating under simulated workplace conditions, they



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Jayson DeCesaro (left) and Brent Tate.

were also required to return the vehicle in clean and orderly condition as if they were going to return it to an actual customer.

Scores were determined on the teams properly diagnosing and fixing the most system issues and returning the vehicle in its original condition within the best overall time. Tate and DeCesaro took second place, a mere seconds away from the first-place finishing team from Washington Park High School in Racine.

This is the third statewide competition the students have competed in and placed at a high level.

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WGTD needs input on Big Band, Jazz station in Lake Geneva

WGTD is seeking input from the Lake Geneva community on whether to convert its "NPR News and Classical Music" outlet at 103.3 FM to a station that airs a music-intensive format that features a wide variety of jazz and Big Band.

Due to the advent of digital broadcasting that can only be received by owners of the new HD radios, WGTD has decided to fill a void in Southeastern Wisconsin by devoting one of its auxiliary stations – HD2 – to the jazz format.

"We're asking people who currently listen to 103.3 in the Lake Geneva area to see whether they'd be able to pick up WGTD at 101.7 or even Wisconsin Public Radio at 88.7," David Cole, WGTD general manager. "We're also seeking input from listeners and potential listeners about the possible switch."

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Radio theater to broadcast TV variety show classics

WGTD Radio Theater will broadcast an original radio version of several classic TV variety shows including "The Jack Benny Program," "Laugh-In," and "The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson" before a live studio audience 11:15 a.m. June 26 at Gateway's Center for Bioscience and Information Technology.

Gary Stamm will star as Jack Benny and Johnny Carson, and Don Jensen will play Don Wilson and Ed McMahon.

Audience members are welcome and admission is free. The



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audience should arrive by 10:45 a.m. In addition to being aired over WGTD, the program will also be streamed live online at WGTD.org. WGTD 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.

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Gateway honored with 2010 Signature Award

Gateway was honored at the annual Reaching for Rainbows Pursuit of Excellence Dinner Dance with the 2010 Signature Award from the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund.

The Signature Award is presented to organizations which have provided a high level of in-kind support to the organization.

The mission of the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund is to promote opportunities for economically or academically disadvantaged youth and support breast and cervical cancer initiatives for economically disadvantaged women.

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CATI Inc. to be transitioned to Gateway

CATI Inc. program and service delivery will transition to Gateway Technical College on December 31, which will strengthen the outreach services of the college and CATI Inc. This transition will lead to better alignment between the community's workforce and business entrepreneurial needs.

The transition of CATI Inc. to Gateway will provide a continuum of programs and services for businesses and entrepreneurs, including:

- Technical assistance for new products or new markets
- Business development and growth
- Entrepreneurial training for new and existing companies
- Business incubation program

Gateway will serve as the custodian of intellectual property owned by CATI Inc. and proactively pursue opportunities to add to the intellectual property library, benefit existing businesses and entrepreneurs.

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Karen Bislew and Sandra Gray-Rohan of Gateway receive the Signature Award.



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Higher Learning Commission grants 10 years of accreditation

Gateway has been granted another 10 years of regional accreditation through 2020 from The Higher Learning Commission, a national independent organization which evaluates the quality of higher education institutions.

The commission extended its approval to two of Gateway's fully online programs, IT Web Developer/Administrator and Graphic Communications.

The accreditation provides one more validation of the quality of Gateway's overall and commitment to the public and community. The team of evaluators that visited the college highlighted the many strengths of Gateway's programs after their visit to the college.

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