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Gateway salutes and serves veterans

We take seriously our commitment to providing support services and opportunities for those who serve our country.

Gateway salutes the thousands of members of our community who have served our country through military service, past and present. Gateway provides specific support services for veterans, including career counseling, veteran benefits advising, proficiency assessments and credit for prior learning.

We have seen a sizeable increase in the number of veterans enrolled at Gateway in the last four years – this year, 688 veterans will begin or continue their career path at Gateway.

Since 2006, the number of veterans on campus has tripled. We salute their service and seek to provide assistance for veterans' needs while they attend Gateway. We staff counselors at all three campuses who provide assistance to veterans in their academic pursuits. They guide veterans through the process of certification, such as helping them secure funding and benefits through available state and federal sources.



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Veterans can be found throughout the many different programs offered here at Gateway. We see them in programs ranging from Horticulture to Human Services and in student organizations as well – our Aviation Club counts five veterans as its members, including three who served in Iraq and one in Desert Storm.

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GMMA students take first place as chapter, several as individuals

Gateway Technical College's Marketing and Management Association organization captured the Wisconsin Marketing and Management's Outstanding Chapter Award for the fifth straight year at the 49th Annual Competitive Events Conference held March 4-March 7 in Madison.

Six Gateway students also captured first-place honors at the competition which featured more than 250 students from business programs throughout Wisconsin's Technical Colleges and the University of Wisconsin System. The first-place winners:

- Linda Medal and Anne Jorgenson -- Advertising Campaign
- Nick Mercier and Jon Kapreilan -- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Jennifer Northington -- Sales Manager Meeting
- Alex Calder -- Sales Representative

These students competed in 20 marketing, management, design and accounting events attempting to qualify for the International Delta Epsilon Chi Competitive Event Conference, which will be held in Louisville, Ky., April 16-April 21. The Gateway Chapter qualified 43 students for the international conference. Gateway's Ron Schoolcraft was elected the Southern Region vice-president.

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GMMA students won first place in their statewide competition for the fifth straight year.

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Governor visits Gateway, discusses plans to create jobs

Governor Jim Doyle delivered an address on clean energy and green careers at Gateway Technical College's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology. The address followed the Automobile Dealer Association of Mega Milwaukee's Technician of Tomorrow competition.

"My number one priority is helping our businesses create jobs and giving our workers the opportunities to get those jobs," Governor Doyle said. "As Gateway Technical College shows, we are making the investments now to position Wisconsin to seize opportunities for strong growth in advanced manufacturing and clean energy technology."

Governor Doyle highlighted Gateway's leading training program in wind turbine construction and repair, which trains workers to meet the needs of the state's growing wind industry.

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Two Youth Options students headed for nationals competition

Two Kenosha Unified School District students taking classes at Gateway Technical College under the Youth Options program brought home first place at a regional automotive technology contest and will represent Wisconsin at the national event held April 6-April 7 in New York City.

Brent Tate and Jayson DeCesaro, both of Kenosha, won The Automobile Dealer Association of Mega Milwaukee's (ADAMM) Technician of Tomorrow contest, held at Gateway's Horizon Center, beating out four other top-ranked, two-member automotive technology teams from Wisconsin.

DeCesaro, Tate, and their adviser, Gateway Technical College Automotive Technology instructor, Bill Fell, will travel in April to the New York International Auto Show. DeCesaro and Tate also won Snap-on tools and a \$3,500 scholarship to the Wisconsin technical college of their choice.

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Gov. Doyle delivers a speech at the Horizon Center

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Students Jayson DeCesaro and Brent Tate will compete at a national auto tech event. For more information: Bill Fell, fellw@gtc.edu

Expert speakers featured at 18th Annual Winter Green Conference

Nationally-known garden and horticulture experts, Melinda Myers and Rita Randolph, spoke at Gateway's 18th Annual Winter Green conference in January. Presentations by Randolph included "Unusual Plants and Container Combinations," and "Ornamental Edibles," while Meyers' topic was "Growing Green: Designing a Sustainable Landscape."

"We have a great range of topics for every type of gardener or horticulturist," said Lisa DePratt, Gateway adjunct horticulture instructor. The public event included presentations by other experts on horticultural practices and focused on preparing and planning for spring planting. Other highlights include student portfolios, a gardener's used book sale and green industry-sponsored displays.

Proceeds from the event are used to support Gateway Technical College Horticulture student scholarships. This event was co-sponsored by Gateway Technical College and the Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association, Southeast Chapter.

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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 48th Annual Milwaukee/National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Home Improvement Show.

The Gateway interior design team of Brenda Peebles and Amy Nocek competed against design students from three other colleges in creating a meditation room design. Each of the four teams received \$250 to complete the display.

The experience provides students with the real-world skills of space planning and design, staying within a budget, project management and organizational skills. The participating schools will receive \$1,000 for their interior design program, which will be used by students to purchase their art supplies and portfolio cases.

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Motorcycle Rider program designed to keep road users safe

Gateway's Motorcycle Rider program will provide four free motorcycle and driver programs designed to make our roads safer.

The series of workshops is aimed at providing road users – drivers and motorcyclists – with useful and accurate tips and information on sharing the road, perception in traffic, group riding and the seasoned rider.

All sessions will be held 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology, 4940 88th Ave., Kenosha.

Sessions include:

- Street Smart, Rider Perception, March 17. This session focuses on improving perception abilities; learn to identify factors that could impact your safety.
- Group Riding, March 24. This session focuses on learning to put safety first whenever participating in a group ride. Learn about ride preparation and organization.

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'Green' seminars provide insight into profitable, sustainable practices

Gateway Technical College offers its Green Business Practices seminar series, an introduction to profitable "green" strategies that can improve a business's bottom line and increase employee awareness of sustainable practices. The final seminar will be held 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., March 18, in the Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation, 2320 Renaissance Blvd., Sturtevant.

Seminars cost \$25 per person, which includes a continental breakfast. To register, contact Beth Tilley at (262) 741-8518, or tilleye@gtc.edu.

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Gateway first in nation to offer geexchange drilling

Gateway Technical College will become the first in the nation to begin offering geexchange drilling and overall geexchange system training with three course offerings.

The first of three courses began Feb. 22 and will train students in various geexchange drilling techniques and equipment used in this type of heating and cooling system.

Manufacturers and other industry leaders have pointed to a shortage of qualified technicians in this expanding industry to illustrate the need for the training.

A second course began Feb. 26, focusing on hands-on training to fuse piping. A final course began Feb. 27 will focus on grouting and sanitation operations with a geexchange system.

The three classes represent the initial courses of a two-year geexchange program being developed by Gateway. State grants paid for the development of the initial courses being held.

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Gateway hosts NC3 organization

Gateway Technical College hosted an NC3 meeting February 17 at the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology.

NC3 collaborates with leading educational institutions and globally competitive industries to support and advance innovation in the transportation and energy sectors.

Its vision includes linking business and education to collaborate in the classroom to stimulate the connection between the current and future workforce.

NC3 member organizations include Snap-on, Business Education Partners Group, Gateway Technical College, Francis Tuttle Technology Center (Okla.), Shoreline Community College (Wash.) and South Seattle Community College (Wash.).

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