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## Getting back to work

With the news reminding us every day of the challenging times in which we live in, you might wonder why I chose getting back to work as my topic this month.

Getting back to work is the single most important reason students attend Gateway. With record enrollments, we continue to see the impact of a sluggish economy on the working men and women throughout our community. During the last academic year, Gateway celebrated its 100th anniversary by paying respect to the community leaders who founded what became the Wisconsin Technical College System right here in Racine.

Today, we continue to see the need to provide career and technical skill training to assist citizens in transitioning into the workforce and fueling our economy. We continue to work to meet that need, too, illustrated through the success Gateway graduates have had this summer in finding jobs in our communities.

Business and industry connections play a big part in our success. Student internships are one example of how many companies are advancing their workforce in partnership with Gateway. As we get back to work with a new semester, I encourage you to explore Gateway services as



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a way to build your workforce.

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## CNC boot camp starts up again

Gateway will begin its 12th computer numeric control (CNC) boot camp on Sept. 12, an innovative and fast-paced program to learn the essentials of CNC operations.

The boot camp helps dislocated and underemployed workers by putting them through a rigorous program to teach them to be CNC machine operators. Students leave the 14-week, 40-hour-a-week program with the technical skills to land a job, or to apply the 14 credits earned toward a Gateway CNC production technician technical diploma. Gateway worked with employers to ensure that participants have the opportunity to earn national certifications as part of the boot camp.

The program will help meet employer demand, too – there are currently many open CNC positions in the Gateway district.

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## Green Matters! Series to focus on home 'green' topics

A three-part series of green and sustainability-focused seminars will be held at Gateway's Center for Sustainable Living this fall, beginning with Putting Your Garden to Bed, to be held 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 29.

The series will feature experts in a variety of sustainability topics, teaching on everything from your garden to your furnace. Barb Larson with the University of Wisconsin Extension-Kenosha County at the Sept. 29 seminar will show participants the different ways to garden in the fall, as well as putting the garden and landscape to "bed" before winter sets in.

The remaining seminars are:

- Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Are you losing heat? This seminar will provide participants with some advice on how to operate and maintain home heating and air conditioning units effectively, cutting energy consumption and costs.
- Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., What degree of green are you? This seminar will provide participants with



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direction how to determine their own degree of green and focus on sustainability – and how to properly meet that focus.

Workshops are open to the public for a nominal fee of \$10.

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## Gateway videos feature collegiate issues, events

Gateway Technical College continues to highlight student activities, events and its many resources to students and the community through videos posted on its YouTube channel.

A recent video featured Gateway's Center for Sustainable Living, a center devoted to working with students and the community as a venue to discuss and put into action sustainability skills for business and life.

Other videos feature student activities, events, student celebrations, college programs, resources and insight into the college's programs and initiatives.

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## Horizon Center hosts statewide auto training

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, hybrid vehicle and high voltage technologies as well as best practices on how teachers can create curriculum and deliver instruction to their students. Training sessions for the four-day seminar included Snap-on diagnostic training for students, advanced propulsion vehicles, diesel training and seminars from representatives of individual manufacturers on the newest and most cutting-edge equipment and vehicles.

New this year was a boot camp for automotive instructors with less than five years' experience.

Addison Huck, a student enrolled in Gateway's Diesel Technology program, was awarded a tool set worth



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\$3,270.00 through the WATDA scholarship program.

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## Gateway installs solar panels at Racine Campus

Twelve solar panels were installed onto the south end of the Racine Campus Technical Building recently as a learning tool for students as well as a way to generate some power for the college.

In addition to providing a hands-on learning tool for students in affiliated sustainable energy and electrical engineering programs, a touch screen monitor in the Racine Campus student life center will display the output of the solar panels in real time while also allowing students to review the history of the output of the panels. This will give all students and visiting community members a real-time look at solar energy production.

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## Gateway named top 10 workplace, again

For the second straight year, Gateway Technical College has been named one of the top 10 places to work among large employers in southeastern Wisconsin, according to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's Top 100 Workplaces 2011 list.

Gateway ranked ninth in the large company category of businesses with 500 employees and was in the top 100 overall in all categories. The Philadelphia-based Workplace Dynamics conducted the survey for the Journal Sentinel which invited 1,000 companies of 50 or more employees from throughout Southeastern Wisconsin to participate.

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## Gateway hosts national training event

Instructors from around the country traveled to Gateway Technical College as part of a national transportation train-the-trainer in July at the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology.

Gateway instructors delivered the nationally recognized Snap-on Incorporated train-the-trainer curriculum, which provides attendees with training in the latest automotive



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diagnostic platforms, torque technology methods as well as cutting-edge training in medium to heavy-duty vehicles and diesel technology curriculum.

Diagnostic tools included the Ethos, Solus, Verus and Pro Link IQ, equipment used on a variety of vehicle types and sizes.

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## Gateway nursing grads post high scores in statewide board exam

Gateway Technical College nursing graduates posted a 92 percent pass rate in the recent state board examinations, one of the top rates in the state of Wisconsin.

The 92 percent is higher than the 88 percent national average pass rate averaged over the past two years of testing, and higher than all but seven of the 35 Wisconsin colleges represented by their graduates in the exam. Scores are produced through a rolling average of the last two years of testing, or eight tests which are taken four times each year.

The averages show that Gateway students, who fully participate in the program and are active learners, have a high probability of passing the stringent state board exam.

The scores will be one factor under consideration when the accreditation team visits this fall. The high scores represent Gateway's commitment to provide strong educational opportunities to its students.

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## Gateway student places at international competition

Gateway Technical College student Jacqueline Fick, Racine, took home seventh place in the wedding bouquet design competition at the National Symposium of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) held in San Francisco.

The Gateway Horticulture student was provided with materials and given 45 minutes to make a bridal bouquet from them. Fick was one of three students from the college at the symposium, attended by students from 15 two-year and four-year colleges in the United States and Canada and more than 900 professional floral design artists from around the world.

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