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Celebrating a century of learning

With the beginning of 2011, Gateway Technical College begins a new journey into its second century. Gateway is celebrating its 100th anniversary and its history as the first publicly-funded vocational school in the state and country.

Wisconsin was the first state to establish publicly funded adult and vocational schools when it passed a law in 1911, requiring all cities of more than 5,000 to establish a school. Racine was the first to do so, beginning classes in the state's first vocational training school just weeks after the legislation was adopted.

Over the years this has grown into what we know today as the Wisconsin Technical College System. In 1911, Racine established the first vocational school and Kenosha established its school in 1912. It wasn't until 1972 that the name Gateway Technical Institute was adopted, which was changed to Gateway Technical College in 1987 which, by this time, also included Walworth County. The name Gateway was adopted to represent the "gateway" to Wisconsin through education.

Technical colleges were first formed to help employers and employees meet the demands of the industrial revolution. Today, Gateway and Wisconsin's technical colleges lead in



Bryan Albrecht
President, Gateway Technical College

providing skills to support the digital and knowledge economy. We are all very proud of our past and excited to build a stronger Gateway through community involvement in our second century of learning.

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Gateway opens remodeled Dental, Surgical Technology lab

Gateway opened its remodeled Surgical Technology and Dental Assistant labs in the Science Building on the Kenosha Campus, providing students with an expanded lab setting as well as adding newer equipment that mimics the working environment.

For example, digital radiography capability has been added to the dental assistant lab and laproscopic surgical suites are part of the new Surgical Technology lab/operating room environment.

The renovation will allow Gateway to accommodate more students and provide more access to training in the two programs. Health occupations such as dental assistant, surgical technology, and nursing are high-growth and high-demand occupations within Southeastern Wisconsin. These programs are vital to meeting the healthcare workforce needs of the state. Funding for the project comes from the federal budget as a result of the work of Sen. Herb Kohl.

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Bradshaw Medical group donates for scholarship

Bradshaw Medical group has donated \$10,000 to endow a scholarship to be given annually to a student in Gateway's Surgical Technology program.

The scholarship was announced at the grand opening of a remodeled lab for Surgical Technology students.

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Albrecht selected as NC3 chairman

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht was selected as the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) board chairman by the group at a national meeting held in conjunction with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) conference in Las Vegas.

"I'm proud to have been selected as chairman of this national group of business and education leaders focusing on collaborating and building learning structures that will strengthen the connection between workforce training needs and the delivery of that training," said Albrecht.

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 in the transportation, energy, and aviation sectors.

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Gateway featured in ACTE Issues brief

Gateway Technical College was featured in the Association for Career and Technical Education's issue brief "CTE's Role in Worker Retraining" released earlier this month.

The brief describes how career and technical education programs – such as those at Gateway – play a pivotal role in retraining adults and providing them with the skills needed to reenter the workforce or advance along career pathways.

"Maintaining a competitive advantage in today's workplace is hinged on training and retraining of the workforce," Albrecht said in the brief. "Reskilling is critical to transforming America's economy. This issue brief describes models that have demonstrated success in connecting careers with worker training and provides engagement strategies from which we can all learn."

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Official from Spain visits, helps deliver presentation at national event

Salvatore Nigro, European chief executive officer-Education for Employment Foundation (EEF), one of Gateway's grant partners in a program to deliver automotive diagnostics training in Morocco, visited Gateway Technical College and later copresented with college officials at the Association for Career and Technical Education's national convention held in Las Vegas in early December.

Nigro – with EEF at its Madrid, Spain, office – is part of the effort to deliver a diagnostics training framework through the Higher Education for Development to the Broader Middle Eastern and North Africa (BMENA) Region. Nigro codelivered a presentation with Debbie Davidson, Gateway vice president-Workforce and Economic Division, and Julie Dresen, Gateway grant development specialist.

The proposed project, Automotive Diagnostics Training Partnership, brings together college instructors from Gateway Technical College, Francis Tuttle Technology Center (OK), and Shoreline Community College (WA), and Ecole Superieure de Technologie Oujda, Morocco, to share best practices in automotive diagnostics training and to strengthen their cultural competencies to more efficiently prepare a global workforce in the target countries and the United States.

At that same convention, Stephanie Sklba, Gateway vice president-Government and Community Relations, was part of a national panel exploring how secondary and postsecondary programs can collaborate to meet the demand for a broad range of competencies necessary for the "green" economy.

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Gateway notified its application selected for training grant

Gateway Technical College has been notified that its application has been selected for funding on a six-month \$59,560 planning grant through Higher Education Development (HED). The grant will support the creation of a long-term partnership to strengthen the capacity of Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA) partner institutions through the promotion of entrepreneurship.

Gateway and its partner organizations will work with the



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Universite' Mohammed I Oujda/Ecole Superieure de Technologie in Morocco on a number of business creation, enhancement, and development efforts. Partner organizations include Rock Valley College's EIGERLab in Rockford, Ill., and representatives of the Wisconsin Business Incubation Association and the National Business Incubation Association.

"Our entrepreneurship partnership with the BMENA region serves as a model to expand student experiences in global economics and business practices," said Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht.

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Knudson speaks at NOCTI conference

Two Gateway Technical College officials took the message of the success of the college's boot camp model to a national convention of the National Occupational Testing Institute (NOCTI) in Las Vegas earlier this month.

Ed Knudson, Gateway Workforce and Economic Development Division executive director and Craig Maeschen, CNC instructor, spoke on the boot camp model which has successfully partnered with the Racine County Workforce Development Center and area employers to provide results-oriented, short-term training programs.

The boot camp, geared toward incumbent and dislocated workers, offers intense, short-term training solutions which help program participants to return to the workforce and kickstart their Gateway career through completing program courses which also count as Gateway credits.

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Albrecht participates in NAM talent roundtable

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht participated in a National Manufacturing Talent Development Roundtable discussion with the National Association of Manufacturers recently.

The discussion focused on the strong partnerships between industry and education to train and educate the next generation of manufacturing talent.

"It is a credit to Gateway's business partnerships that we are recognized as a national leader in workforce

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development,” Albrecht said.

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Gateway Law Enforcement Academy graduates 24

A total of 24 graduated from the Gateway Technical College Law Enforcement Academy which continues to provide quality law enforcement training benefiting communities in the college district.

Mark Haleen, Franklin, earned the Highest Academic Achievement Award for this graduating class, while James Pettis, Racine, earned the Second Highest Academic Achievement Award. Jon LeGath, Racine, earned the Top Gun Award for best marksmanship.

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