



Service learning opens new understanding to Gateway students

By Gena Checki
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to combine education with helping others? If so, service learning may be for you.

Gateway Service Learning Specialist Madeline Carrera says service learning “is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.”

- The benefits of service learning are numerous:
- Students get hands-on job experience practicing and modeling ideas learned in class.
- They develop their own personal characteristics that will help make them better citizens.
- Students distinguish themselves from other job candidates when looking for work.
- Service learning students build their leadership, time management, documentation, and other skills.
- It enhances a person’s pride in their own community and it provides self-fulfillment.

Service learning student Connie Stout, who earned an associate degree in Graphic Communications and is currently working toward an advanced technical certificate in Animation, agrees with those benefits.

“It’s not what we get in return from people in need, but what we can do for them that counts,” Stout said.

Service learning has also changed Stout’s perspective.

“I have always known that there has been a percentage of the population that is below the poverty level and needs help,” she said. Service learning has helped put Stout in touch with that segment of the population, where she was involved in fundraising efforts.

Carrera points out that students can get involved in service learning by taking the Gateway class Serving to Learn Locally. It is a two-credit course that requires students to serve 36 hours in the community while still meeting in a classroom environment to discuss and reflect upon their various projects. Service learning is open to all students. Some departments are already incorporating service learning into classes. These departments include Horticulture, Nursing, and Criminal Justice.

Study Abroad students combine learning and travel

By Christopher Wells
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The Study Abroad program at Gateway Technical College has sent students overseas for educational opportunities since 2007.

From March 2 to March 16 of this year, seven students and two faculty members embarked on a study abroad experience to Paris, France, which was open to Graphic Communications and IT-Web Developer/Administrator students as well as students in Computer Animation, Digital Photography, and Multimedia Advanced Technical Certificates.

This was much more than a field trip or a vacation. Students learned about multimedia production including photography, drawing and video. They departed from O’Hare Airport and arrived in Paris eight hours later. They had apartments rented for them, within easy access of the

Metro, or train station.

Sight-seeing served two purposes: entertainment and inspiration. Students visited the Parsons School of Art, Notre Dame Cathedral, Luxembourg Gardens, the Eiffel Tower, Versailles, the Champs Elysee, L’arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Catacombs, and various museums throughout Paris and the surrounding areas.

As a requirement for participating in this educational opportunity, all students accepted into the program took a course in French and a course in Multimedia Applications in the Fall of 2011. The multimedia class was an advanced class that took knowledge and techniques from previous classes and showed how to deliver them in one media format for a presentation.

They used the pictures and impressions gathered from sightseeing in their group presentation to Leo Burnett, an

international ad agency that is the creator of All-State Insurance’s “Mayhem” campaign.

Students gave a presentation, followed by a presentation from Leo Burnett. The exchange illustrated the agency’s philosophy on advertising and how they believe their work (and potentially all advertising) can positively impact any audience.

“We went to enhance our knowledge of how design functions in another culture and the similarities and differences between them,” said Allison Amber, who graduates this summer with an associate degree in Graphic Communications. “We went to build upon and enhance our skill sets in our areas of interests.”

Hear all about it

Hear about student experiences and projects from the Germany and France study abroad programs: April 13 1:00 p.m. Kenosha Campus - Bioscience Building Room 120



Building a professional network for success

College is an important time in your life to strengthen and broaden your relationships. Not only are you an important component of your family network, but your college and professional networks play an increasingly important role in creating your future.



Bryan Albrecht
President, Gateway
Technical College

I am sure you understand the value of a professional network—people within your profession with whom you can seek advice, share information and meet even more new people. Building a professional network can serve as a valuable resource when looking for a job or career advancement. Socializing or participating in a volunteer project with those who are already working in the profession you seek helps you perfect the skills you learn at Gateway.

Gateway provides many ways for you to enhance your professional network. Some are in-person and even in-class. Many programs have courses taught by instructors who are still employed at some level in the field or have maintained professional relationships with former co-workers. You might get the opportunity to volunteer at or get a to attend a professional conference. Many of the business programs have opportunities to compete and be judged by professionals in their field—another great opportunity to interact and broaden your network.

Social media sites like LinkedIn, young professional groups like YLink, and student organizations can all connect you to professionals and new friends. A simple way to get started is to join our Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn site (accessed from the home page of gtc.edu). Each of these will quickly network you to friends and alumni within the Gateway community.

Respectfully,
Bryan Albrecht, Ed. D

Gateway expands Earth Day Celebration to every campus

Gateway's community Celebrate Earth Day event is expanding to include the Elkhorn, Kenosha and Racine Campuses. The April 21 celebration will kick off with a community clean-up in an area park from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Plan to show your Gateway pride and help beautify your community by volunteering at one of the following locations:

- Kenosha: Simmons Island, 5001 Simmons Island Drive
- Racine: Pershing Park, 500 Pershing Drive and Sam Myers Park, 6 Eleventh Street
- Elkhorn: Babe Mann Park, Proctor Drive in the city's industrial park

Events will continue after the clean-up from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on each campus including hands-on demonstrations, family friendly activities, vendors and informational opportunities. The event is free and open to the public. A full schedule of events can be found at gtc.edu/earthday.

SC Johnson gives \$1M to address qualified worker shortage

In an effort to reduce the skills gap in Southeastern Wisconsin, SC Johnson has committed \$1 million to Gateway Technical College's Gateway to Careers program.

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Gateway to Careers will expand the college's successful boot camp model of short-term, intensive training which prepares participants for entry-level positions in several manufacturing-related industries that have identified local shortages of qualified employees and job applicants.

"Gateway Technical College is proud to partner with Fisk Johnson, SC Johnson chairman and CEO, in his effort to close the skills gap in the city of Racine," said Gateway Technical College President Dr. Bryan Albrecht. "The continued commitment to community demonstrated by this SC Johnson contribution is remarkable and we are excited about our role in the Gateway to Careers project and honored by SC Johnson's trust in Gateway's ability to deliver results."

Racine Campus to move Student Services

Students on the Racine Campus will soon benefit from a \$1 million renovation to create a new Student Services area to meet the needs of an expanding student population.

The renovation to the third floor of the Racine Building will provide an easier way for students to find many of the resources they need including admissions, counseling, registration and financial aid services. Student workshops will also be held there as well as

training. Some of the current Student Services area will be converted to classrooms to meet the academic needs of students.

The expansion is expected to be complete and meeting the needs of students by Fall 2012.

AITP student finalist for scholarship

Gateway IT-Programmer/Analyst student Annie Fahy was selected as one of the top 10 finalists for the 2012 Robert Half Technology/AITP Scholarship.

Each year, Robert Half Technology and the Association of Information Technology Professionals offer two \$2,500 scholarships to two outstanding AITP student members pursuing studies in information technology. The scholarships awarded are based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership activities, community service and future career interests.

Promote in Connect

If you have a news release, photos, story idea or event announcement, email Connect at guniak@gtc.edu. The May submission deadline is Thursday, April 26.

Calendar of events

April 10-April 19

• Fall 2012 Semester Priority Registration. Login to WebAdvisor to find your priority registration date

Monday, April 16

• Blood Drive sponsored by Burlington Student Nurses Assoc.; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Burlington Center - Room 100

Tuesday, April 17

• Community Awareness Day sponsored by Racine Human Services Club; 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Racine Campus - Student Commons

• Deaf Culture Day; 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus

Thursday, April 19

• International Dinner sponsored by International Club; 6:00 p.m.; Burlington Center - Room 100

Saturday, April 21

• Celebrate Earth Day Community Clean-up; 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Elkhorn: Babe Mann Park, Proctor Dr. in industrial park; Kenosha: Simmons Island, 5001 Simmons Island Dr.; Racine: Pershing Park, 500 Pershing Dr. & Sam Myers Park, 6 Eleventh St.

• Celebrate Earth Day ; 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Elkhorn, Kenosha and Racine Campuses. Displays, family activities, and information
Details at gtc.edu/earthday

Monday April 23-Friday, May 11

• Cap and Gown Sales - Follett Bookstore

Monday April 23-Friday, May 4

• Student Design Show
Racine Campus - Library

Tuesday, April 24

• Student Design Show Opening Reception; 6:30 p.m.; Racine Campus - Library

Wednesday, April 25

• Fall Semester Open Registration Begins

Saturday, April 28

• SCORE - Building Credit and Obtaining a Business Loan

Workshop; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; CATI - Auditorium; Free to Gateway students. Register at scoresewisconsin.org.

Tuesday, May 1

• United Student Government Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; Meeting held

district-wide. Check gtc.edu/usg for locations.

Tuesday, May 8

• Spring Semester Ends

Get Green!

celebrate Earth Day

A Community Celebration of Our Planet

Saturday April 21

Elkhorn, Kenosha & Racine Campuses

Details at www.gtc.edu/EarthDay

Gateway Board of Trustees advocates for Gateway students

The Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees has your interests in mind in each and every decision they make regarding your education, preparation for your future career, and helping prospective students gain access to services as they prepare for college.

The board serves as a link between the college and its stakeholders. Board member's primary roles include setting the college's annual budget, approving new courses and programs and deciding overarching goals for the college. Board member Pamela Zenner-Richards points to the decision to make Gateway a full, three-semester college as one example.

"All of these decisions impact students, and the board works to make sure the impact is a positive one," said Zenner-Richards. "The board works to

create the future for the college, its students and communities."

Board member Scott Pierce agrees. "We make decisions asking: 'How does this proposal best meet the needs of students?'"

Zenner-Richards and Pierce bring important expertise to the board. Pierce, administrator of Central High School District of Westosha, brings his expertise in what high school students need upon graduation to make college choices and Zenner-Richards, who serves as elected official member of the Gateway board through her position on the Racine County Board, is a longtime workforce development leader and understands the skills area businesses need from graduates.

Zenner-Richards says the college has

a strong reputation among area businesses for its graduates and educational programs and ability to meet employer needs with well-trained graduates, which results in graduates being hired.

"At Gateway, we change students' lives," says Zenner-Richards. "We give them the technical education necessary to obtain employment as well as personal development skills."

Pierce represents K-12 public education on the Gateway board.

"I see my role as one of making sure that Gateway can explain its educational options to public and private high schools in the district," says Pierce. "Technical colleges provide a wealth of opportunities for students who are not four-year college bound."

Pierce and other board members make

decisions to provide dual-credit, Youth Options and articulated credit agreements to high school students. He points to the ability of high-schoolers to take Gateway classes and enter programs while still in high school - giving them a head start in their academic and future career.

Finally, Pierce says, as a board member, he works to work ensure technical college education is considered in the decision-making process for potential high school graduates. "They don't always understand the choices they will need to make after high school," says Pierce. "Gateway can be that bridge to their career or future academic pursuits."

"Our board decisions ensure that students will receive training that helps them enter a high-demand career after graduation."

Register for Fall classes via WebAdvisor

Continuing student registration begins 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 10. Check WebAdvisor to see what day you are able to register. WebAdvisor is the best way to register for your classes: no lines, immediate information on what classes are available, register and print your schedule. Access all of this with a few clicks of your computer's mouse at gtc.edu/webadvisor.

The \$40 class reservation deposit is waived for continuing students who register April 10-April 19. This does not reduce your tuition and fees.

If you have questions while registering off campus with WebAdvisor, call: Elkhorn/Burlington: 262-741-8300 Kenosha: 262-564-2300 Racine: 262-619-6300

Summer Tuition/Fees and Payment Plan

Summer tuition and fees will be available beginning April 10. This is also the first day to enroll in the Summer 2012 payment plan. You can enroll in the payment plan online via WebAdvisor or at any Student Services center.



Teacher, student teach in-season cooking

Gateway Culinary Arts student Denise Rangel demonstrates how to make a broccoli salad at a recent seminar at Central High School. Rangel and Culinary Arts instructor Suzanna Elrod presented a seminar focused on cooking with in-season spring vegetables and fruits such as broccoli, asparagus and mangos. The event was hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Extension Master Gardeners.



Author Mel Robbins signs copies of her book and chats with students after her appearance at Gateway.

Photo by Gena Checki

Speaker tells how to avoid brain tricks that deter achievement

By Christopher Wells
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Mel Robbins, a former criminal defense attorney, best-selling author and host of the A&E Network's "Monster-In-Laws," was the presenter for the final seminar of the National Society for Leadership and Success leadership series at the Madrigano Auditorium on the Kenosha Campus.

The event, which featured Robbins' message of "How to Get What you Want - In the REAL World," took place March 20.

Robbins provided students and audience members the truth about life after college and the winning strategies needed to triumph in the real working world. She contends that we constantly battle with emotional versus strategic thinking, and that our brains kick in with negativity five seconds after we think of a new idea that takes us away from our normal routine, or comfort zone. Emotional thinking is giving

in to our brain's message of "Do it tomorrow," or "It will never work." Strategic thinking is taking action and getting started on it despite what your brain says, she says.

Instead, Robbins said, you should, "Keep going. Your brain tricks you into doing nothing. You are never going to feel like doing it. Get out of your head because you are behind enemy lines."

In order to get what you want, you should verbalize what you want, Robbins advised. Be specific, even if it is embarrassing or selfish.

Among the students in attendance was Delores Walton, in her final year of Gateway's Nursing program.

"I really enjoyed her presentation," Walton said, with enthusiasm. "I will stay focused on correcting my emotional thinking and use the tools that I have learned here today to set new goals for myself."

Student floral designers learn from artist in residence

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This year's guest designer at the floral designers' artist in residence event was Alice Winterous from Grand Rapids, Michigan, who gave a floral design demonstration to chapter members and floral design students.

The event was held on Monday, April 2, at the Kenosha Campus.

This event offers so much to students, said Jane Edwards Gateway floral design instructor.

"They receive the most advanced techniques and [it] gives them an opportunity to train with the industry's best designers," Edwards said. Attending such a program also helps students obtain jobs in their field because it shows employers they have more knowledge



Shelby Jacobson applies floral adhesive to the purse she is making from a leaf at the floral designers' artist in residence event.

Photo by Gena Checki

and experience.

This year's program focused on event and everyday arrangements and quick and simple designs that get the wow factor.

Winterous emphasized that her program was all about creating exciting,

saleable looks using cost-effective methods. Her demonstration also highlighted today's trends in floral design, which include using decorative elements such as colorful wire and beads.

Winterous' presentation also included

projects for students to do. One project involved creating a purse using one ti leaf, one aspidistra leaf, two pieces of lily grass, and one ribbon. Other projects involved creating floral arrangements in glass cubes using electric tape and learning how to make "petalettes," which resemble small roses made from several rolled rose petals.

Shelby Jacobson, a student in Gateway's horticultural program, enjoyed the demonstration and found it very educational and worthwhile.

"I learned cool new ways to do simple arrangements that look nice," Jacobson said.

Jody Stephens, a student working toward her floral design certificate, also found the program beneficial because she learned new techniques in making top of the line floral creations.

New USG district officers ready to represent students

By Randall Delaney
Staff Writer

Gateway's United Student Government district-level officers are in place and ready for their new roles.

Gateway's USG members plan activities and events to create a better campus community and develop community service projects.

The USG is a part of the state-level Wisconsin Student Government, and two officers are appointed, or volunteer, to represent Gateway at the state level.

Gateway's new district president is current Elkhorn Campus vice president, Lindsey Schauer. She's in the Criminal Justice program and most of her courses are in Elkhorn, while residing in East Troy. Schauer is a sergeant for the Army National Guard, mother, wife, and student. This is her second semester in the USG.

"I can't wait to become more involved with the students in the next year," said Schauer. "Helping students become more active in the Gateway community is just a stepping stone for the great things that will come their way."

Grace DeLuca will be taking on the position of USG district vice president. She's USG's public relations secretary on the Racine Campus and a mother of five children. In the next year, she looks forward to receiving a degree in the Administrative Professional program and an Office Assistant technical diploma.

"I also look forward to becoming the district vice president and doing my job representing the students to

the best of my ability," said DeLuca. "I plan on spreading the word of the USG to reach as many students as possible and gain their involvement, while leading by example."

The new district secretary of USG is Sarah Joas. She's enrolled in the Human Services program and a mother of two children. She's looking forward to building bonds and increasing involvement through USG.

"I hope that we will have more students become involved in USG by not only attending meetings, but also wanting to join a committee," said Joas. "I believe that if the officers of student government are more visible and show how excited they are about USG, more students will want to become involved." Joas serves as the current district vice president

USG's campus positions filled for the upcoming year include:

- Elena Scherrer - Burlington Center public relations secretary
- Benjamin Lazzio - Burlington Center vice president
- Russel Timms - CATI public relations secretary
- Randy Joas - Kenosha Campus vice president
- Armando Ortiz - Racine Campus public relations secretary

There are still vacant positions at the district and campus level. Any students interested in filling a vacant position should contact Trina Barry, student activities coordinator at barryp@gtc.edu.



Photo by Gena Checki

Indie rocker performs at Gateway

Acoustic guitar/indie rock performer Hana Pestle performed March 20 and 21 at Gateway's Elkhorn and Kenosha campuses. Pestle, 22 is from Billings, Montana but currently lives in Los Angeles. She writes her own songs and performs them, but also performs some covers, playing guitar and singing. Her songs are a mix of soulful ballads combined with more upbeat songs. Audience members at the Kenosha Campus seemed to enjoy her music. Dental Assistant student Lakeisha Varnado, said she enjoyed Pestle's singing very much as did her friends. Pestle released a solo album in 2009 entitled This Way.



Show Dates

April 23
to
May 04

Racine Campus
Lake Building/Library

Opening
Reception

April 24
6:00 to
8:00 pm

Hors d'oeuvres
& Beverages