



Gateway culinary students served up their skills, and tasty treats at Empty Bowls. The annual fund-raising project raises awareness about hunger and homelessness in the community.

## Culinary students make impact at Empty Bowls event

Gateway Technical College Culinary Arts students served the Racine community as they helped serve soup for the homeless recently at Empty Bowls held in the Masonic Center.

More than 20 students brought serving and cooking equipment to the event and used the skills they developed in their Gateway Culinary Arts courses at the community-wide event.

The annual fund-raising project raises awareness about hunger and homelessness in the community. Area businesses, schools and potters make and donate clay bowls, while area restaurants donate soups and breads. Customers buy the bowls, enjoy the soup at the event, and then take it home as a reminder of those who face hunger every day.

The role Gateway students serve in the event is to take the soups donated by area businesses and restaurants, and bring them up to proper serving tempera-

ture. They then work with the front line servers to ensure the soup is hot and supplies meet the demand of customers at that particular time.

"I think the biggest thing the students gain is real-world experience," says Culinary Arts instructor Steve Villalobos, "the experience of being in a crowded kitchen and learning how to work within that environment.

"They learn real-time service, the need to make sure the food is at a certain temperature, make sure they provide quality service and everything is done correctly."

Profits from the event were donated to HALO and the Racine County Food Bank.

"Community service is a big part of what we do, and having students participate in this event helps to fulfill that mission," says Villalobos. "Everything I've heard from the students is that they really enjoyed it."

## Meet the new USG officers

Elections for Gateway's United Student Government (USG) recently concluded. USG advocates for students and helps unite the Gateway students through activities and events throughout the district.

Mark Short (president), Jamy Koepke (executive vice president), Grace DeLuca (treasurer), and Michele Czarniecki (secretary) are the new USG District Officers for the coming year.



**Mark Short,  
President**

"I am excited that we have a dedicated team of officers in place who truly want to put the needs of the students at Gateway first," says Accounting student and new district president Mark Short. His message for Gateway students is: "College is a place to try things out: if you have an idea for a club that doesn't currently exist, start one!"



**Jamy Koepke,  
Executive Vice  
President**

District executive vice president Koepke is a Medical Assistant and Nursing student. She plans to bring her enthusiasm and creativity to USG to help it grow and improve. "I want to help USG become more popular with all of the student body," says Koepke.



**Grace DeLuca,  
Treasurer**

District treasurer Grace DeLuca will graduate from the Administrative Professional program this summer. "Working with fellow officers as a team and also leading fellow students by my example are two goals I have set for the coming year," says DeLuca. She's excited to take on one of only two positions she hasn't held before.

"I was quiet and never had much of a 'voice' till I started at Gateway, and I want to be a 'voice' for those who are like me from before," says district secretary Michele Czarniecki. "I want to get more students involved in all of what Gateway has to offer."

Any student can join USG. The next meeting will be held on April 26.

Contact student life coordinator Trina Barry for information regarding USG at [barryp@gtc.edu](mailto:barryp@gtc.edu).



## Calendar of events

### Thursday, April 18

- Fall 2013 registration begins for new credit program students
- Student Design Show Opening Reception; 6:00–9:00 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus: Central Atrium

### Friday, April 19

- Family Fun Night; 5:00–9:00 p.m.; Kenosha Campus: Student Commons

### Saturday, April 20

- Celebrate Earth Day; 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; Elkhorn, Kenosha and Racine campuses

### Monday, April 22

- Fall 2013 open registration begins

### Wednesday, April 24

- Automated Manufacturing Open House; 3:00–7:00 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus: South Building, Room 134

### Friday, April 26

- United Student Government Meeting; 3:00–4:00 p.m.; Districtwide [gtc.edu/usg](http://gtc.edu/usg)

### Monday, May 3

- Last day of spring semester

## Drive to the finish line ... and then restart!

We're getting down to that last month of coursework and you may be wondering how you will get everything done you need to before the end of the semester, let alone think about taking courses this summer!

This is definitely the time to keep your eye on the next big prize, whether it is a successful career to support yourself and your family or continuing your education to achieve your bachelor's degree.

In marathons, you hear of people "hitting the wall" around the 20-mile mark. You're at about that point now in terms of the semester and I encourage you to seek the support you need to finish the semester successfully. Remember our Learning Success Centers/tutoring on the main campuses. Our faculty members are also outstanding in their ability to help talk you through challenges you might be facing during this last month. They always are willing to

help you achieve your goals.

Please also consider registering for a summer semester course. Gateway is the first technical college to offer three, 15-week

semesters. The purpose is to help you move through your requirements more quickly. It is also sometimes easier to concentrate on just one class and the summer might be your opportunity to take a course you know might be more difficult.

I wish you the best in this last month. Remember: We are your fans cheering you forward.

*Respectfully,*  
**Bryan D. Albrecht, Ed.D.,** President & CEO, Gateway Technical College



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College

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Spa Day coming to campus

During the week of April 22, students can find ways to relax as they enter into their final weeks of the semester at each of Gateway campuses through Spa on Campus events, featuring massage therapy and manicures.

The mini-manicures and massage therapy will be offered free to students. A

student ID must be presented at the time to receive the free service.

The event will be held April 23 at the Burlington Center (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and on the Elkhorn Campus (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.); April 24 on the Kenosha Campus (11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.); and April 25 on the Racine Campus (11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) and at the SC Johnson iMET Center (4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

# celebrate Earth Day

*A Community Celebration of Our Planet*

## Saturday, April 20

### Elkhorn, Kenosha & Racine Campuses

Details at [www.gtc.edu/EarthDay](http://www.gtc.edu/EarthDay)

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Gateway students captured numerous awards at the state leadership conference of the Business Professionals of America.

## Showing their skills

### Gateway students take honors at state event, qualify for nationals

Six Gateway Technical College students captured first-place honors at the state leadership conference of the Business Professionals of America and have qualified to compete at the national BPA event in May.

Gateway students competed against students from 11 other Wisconsin technical colleges and took first place in the following categories:

**Presentation management team:** Elizabeth Klinzing (Elkhorn), Holly Anderson (Waterford), Magan Lawrence (Elkhorn).

**Interviewing skills:** Elizabeth Klinzing  
**Web design team:** Kasey Knudson (Reedsburg), Kelly Kendra (Genoa City), Nicole Rugen (Delavan).

Rugen also placed second in graphic design promotion and third in advanced interview skills, while Lawrence also placed second in interviewing skills.

The event was held in Green Bay recently. Students were judged by industry professionals who also shared their expertise with students.

“The experience students gain from a competition like this is priceless,” says advisor Tina Page. “It builds confidence, self-esteem, the ability to work with others as a team and they gain skills they can use once they enter their career. Competing and placing well at BPA competitions is something they can put on their resume.”

## Dual benefits

Students, community agencies benefit through service learning

By Mike Sosinski  
Staff Writer

More Gateway students and community agencies are realizing the benefits of service learning as the program keeps growing.

“We are already looking at over 1,400 hours of student-led service learning activities in 16 different classes,” said Madeline Carrera, service learning coordinator. “From Summer 2011 to Summer 2012, we had 288 students doing 3,598 hours of service. Already, we’re beating those numbers for the 2012–2013 school year.”

Since 2009, the Gateway Service Learning Center has actively pursued new relationships in the community, striving to provide community resources and bringing students and staff together to develop positive learning experiences in the community.

There are a number of ways students can get involved with service learning. Events, projects and presentations help students get involved in the community while honing academic skills and gaining real-world experience.

There are many benefits of participating in service learning. Successful completion of a community project leads to a certificate that can be showcased in a student's portfolio and on a resume.

Students partner with more than 40 agencies in Racine, Kenosha and Elkhorn. Some of the partners include the ELCA Urban Outreach Center in Kenosha, Advancing Family Assets in Racine and VIP Services in Elkhorn.

Students interested in getting involved should contact Carrera at [carreram@gtc.edu](mailto:carreram@gtc.edu) to inquire about service opportunities and to be paired with instructors.

## Career Services helps take out the guesswork

At some point everyone has wrestled with the question of “what career should I go into?” This age-old question has traditionally been answered through a variety of ways, some more reliable than others. Everyone knows someone who picked a career based on what a friend or relative told them to do, a media portrayal or what was the “hot job” of the day and realized later it wasn't a good fit after all. Career Services offers students a better and more reliable way of picking a career.

Career Services takes the guesswork out of picking a career. Operating from the belief that each person has a unique personality and career needs, career counselors assess each student's interests, values and skills, and then aligns them with Gateway programs that are a good fit. Perhaps you are looking for a job or are close to graduating. If so, learn how to conduct a successful job search, write a resume and prepare for interviews by meeting with a career counselor or attending an employment workshop.

Career Services is here to serve students' career and employment needs from the beginning steps of picking a career to the final step of finding a job. Students can expect to receive personalized counseling services and professional guidance that results in the satisfaction of knowing that the choices made are sound ones, and the path chosen will lead to a rewarding and satisfying career.

Students seeking services should call the Gateway Contact Center at (800) 247-7122 to schedule an appointment with a career counselor or to choose a workshop.





Children enjoyed learning about proper nutrition and how it relates to good oral hygiene.

# Building a healthier community

## Students pitch in at Wellness Event

Gateway students organized activities and workshops for children from the

Kenosha Boys and Girls Club at the recent Wellness Event. Gateway students from the Dental Assistant, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Cosmetology and Criminal Justice programs helped professionals with various activities.

The Dental Assistant program, for

example, offered workshops about nutrition and proper teeth brushing and flossing, as well as giving away goodie bags for each child. Heidi Gottfried, Dental Assistant program instructor, said the goodie bags served to educate children and their parents.

Helping at the Wellness Event allowed Dental Assistant student Kelsey Waite to put class work into perspective. "It's really good to apply all that we've learned so far, especially helping the kids, and this activity is getting us ready for when we graduate," Waite said.

## Gateway student takes first place in Interior Design Competition

Gateway Technical College student Megan Schultz (Kenosha) took first place in residential design, first year, and third place in the textiles, first year exam category, at the Wisconsin Technical College System Interior Design

Competition held recently.

Students competed in two knowledge areas:

- a test of historical furniture and textiles
- on-the-spot design scenario in one of

three skill areas—residential design, commercial design or kitchen design.

Each participant was given a project scenario along with several finished samples to choose from and three hours to create a plan and presentation

board. Design solutions were then judged by industry professionals.

Competitions such as these help students get experience in work situations and that's experience they can take with them into a career field.