



Personal, professional learning

Gateway global scholars lend a hand in Central America

By Michael Sosinski
Staff Writer

Last month, 23 Gateway Global Scholars and three instructors visited Orange Walk, Belize, where they worked with schools, youth groups and government programs on projects aimed at sharing knowledge and helping to eliminate poverty in the small Central American country. Through the Global Scholars program, Gateway students not only learn about other cultures, they also learn about themselves while gaining real-world experience in their field of study. This experience is what Denise Schneider, study abroad coordinator at Gateway, defines as “service learning.”

“Service learning incorporates active learning, meaningful service and reflection that allow students to gain insight into themselves and their careers while providing service to others,” Schneider said. It is through service learning that

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Gateway students in the Information Technology, Horticulture

and Nursing programs created a lasting effect on the citizens of Orange Walk, and vice versa.

“We all had to be incredibly flexible at all times; some days schedules and plans changed on an hourly basis. Improvisation and adaptation were takeaways for everyone on the trip,” said participant Lisa Trudeau, a Horticulture student. “Many of



Gateway and Belizean students participate in a Youth for the Future leadership activity.



Photos by Todd Faulk

Gateway Information Technology student and Global Scholars participant Mark Hargrove provided training and guidance to students at Chan Pine Ridge School in Orange Walk, Belize.

us also had to take on jobs we hadn’t planned for. I, for example, had to give an impromptu lesson on soil testing to about 50 high school students.”

The end result will be beneficial for the students personally and professionally.

“The entire experience made everyone a more well-rounded person in most aspects,” Trudeau said.

Along with the service learning in Belize, there are other opportunities for students to participate in the Global Scholars program. For the 2013–14 school year, there will be a cultural enrichment program that will travel to Italy, an international project team with a partner college in Germany and a multimedia project partnering with an international advertising agency in Paris and Berlin.

Center would offer expanded training for public safety students

A proposed Public Safety Training Center would offer new and enhanced training opportunities to Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties for students entering these career study areas.

Students and professionals would be able to train in a more realistic setting, providing them with the means to better face actual emergencies in the communities they will protect and serve.

The center would provide for expanded scenario training inside buildings in a simulated neighborhood, as well as a dedicated emergency vehicle operation course. A firing range at the new center would also replace the four-lane shooting range in the basement of the Kenosha Campus.

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The expanded area of a new center would help alleviate the crowding that sometimes occurs when law enforcement recruits need to use space on the Kenosha Campus.

Kenosha Police Chief John Morrissey says Gateway has the reputation of having “one of the premier law enforcement academies in the area” where graduating recruits possess the skills needed by police today.

“When you have a local training center that provides quality training - which Gateway does provide - that absolutely means better-trained officers,” Morrissey says. “A center like the one being proposed will allow us to receive the training officers need annually and provide the opportunity for even more specialized training, which benefits our officers and communities.”

Combined response training is one area of training Gateway currently has trouble accommodating. Gateway Fire Protection Program Coordinator John Dahms says the new center would add areas for his students to train and participate in different simulated emergencies, making them more efficient when they are in the field and working with their community departments.

Building a strong community

We live in a generous community.

Each day that I spend in our community I am encouraged and inspired by the generosity of the many people that support Gateway Technical College and its students.

This past year, the Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc., awarded over \$85,000 in scholarships to students. All of which was donated by our community members. Some donors are businesses that have recognized the high-quality training delivered by Gateway as reflected in the Gateway graduates they have hired as new employees.

Recently, Beverly and the late Otto Tarnowski donated nearly \$1 million to support the construction of our new SC Johnson iMET Center; and SC



Bryan Albrecht
President & CEO,
Gateway Technical
College

Johnson company donated \$1.7 million in tuition assistance for our Boot Camp students—many of whom will be trained there. Their confidence in Gateway and our students is both astounding and humbling.

While money is important to our ability to increase services, it is not the only way to support the mission of our college. Each of us can participate in efforts that demonstrate the generosity of our community by volunteering and supporting others. Service and commitment are among the greatest ways to build a strong community.

*Yours in service,
Bryan D. Albrecht, Ed.D.,
President and CEO,
Gateway Technical College*



Calendar of events

Thursday, February 21

- Summer 2013 registration begins for new credit program students.

Friday, February 22

- First Spring 2013 payment plan installment due

Saturday, February 23

- College Goal WI
2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Kenosha Campus—Bioscience Bldg.

Sunday, February 24

- College Goal WI
2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Elkhorn Campus—South Bldg. and
Racine Campus—Racine Bldg.

Monday, February 25

- Summer 2013 open registration begins

Friday, March 1

- Admissions priority date for Fall 2013
- Financial aid priority date for Summer 2013

Monday, March 4

- Financial aid Spring 2013 academic plans close at midnight
- United Student Government officer election nomination deadline
- Midterm grades available on WebAdvisor

Tuesday, March 5

- In-service—no classes and Student Services closed

Monday, March 11–

Friday, March 15

- Spring Break—no classes

Sharing culture through music

By Michael Sosinski, Staff Writer

Gateway hosted its annual African-American Heritage Celebration earlier this month to increase awareness of cultural diversity on all three campuses.

Galen Abdur-Razzaq, a contemporary flutist, performed on each campus, using his music to entertain and educate the audience.

Gateway students who attended were impressed with Abdur-Razzaq's skill and knowledge.

"The flute playing was gorgeous, and it had a funky sound to it, too, which was cool," said Human Services student Cydni Nealy, who attended the event on the Kenosha Campus.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Dean's list students named

Dozens of students have earned a place on the Gateway Technical College Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester.

To be named to the list, students must complete at least six hours of postsecondary course work (not including development/remedial credits) and achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

To view the complete list go to www.gtc.edu/deanslist.

Put creativity to work on student handbook cover design contest

Creative students have until March 8 to enter a contest to design the cover of the next Gateway Student Handbook.

Contest entries should reflect the college and the Gateway experience while properly incorporating the Gateway logo. Entries will be judged on their reflection of Gateway, creativity, visual appeal and diversity in age/ethnicity in photos (if used).

The first place entry will be used for the 2013–14 student handbook cover. First- through third-place winners will be awarded \$200, \$150 and \$100 Gateway Foundation scholarships, respectively.

For more information, go to www.gtc.edu/handbook-contest.

Get free, hands-on help with financial aid

Need help navigating the financial aid process? Financial aid experts will be available for free assistance at each Gateway campus later this month.

The College Goal Wisconsin sessions will be held in conjunction with the statewide effort to help students and potential students learn about financial aid and get help completing the Free

Application for Federal Student Aid, a federally required form for students who seek grants and loans.

The sessions will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Bioscience Building at the Kenosha Campus, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Racine Building at the Racine Campus and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 24 in the South Building at the Elkhorn Campus.

Students are encouraged to attend and bring the following: Social Security card, driver's license, 2012 federal tax returns or 2011 federal tax returns if 2012 is incomplete, 2012 untaxed income records, 2012 bank statements, 2012 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records and stock, bond and other investment records and if not a U.S. citizen, an alien registration card.

All students are eligible to apply for financial aid.

For more information, go to www.collegegoalwi.org.

Enjoy Culinary Arts Extra Servings

Members of Gateway's Culinary Arts Club are serving lunches on the Racine Campus Commons area 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays through the last week of the spring semester.

The meals are \$5 per plate, and have typically consisted of fried chicken pieces and potato wedges. Club advisor Steve Villalobos says the students will serve fish and potato wedges as a dish through the Lenten season.

Students are preparing the meals as a fundraiser for their club, as well as a way to apply their training in a real-world setting. Villalobos says one of the goals is to raise enough money to attend the National Restaurant Association show in Chicago in May, considered the largest of its kind in the United States.

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IT'S ACADEMIC: Gateway Academic Advisors offer academic progress, guidance and assistance

Gateway Technical College offers a staff of highly trained and experienced academic advisors in each program area. Academic advisors are available to provide new and continuing students with information about academic programs and curriculum requirements, and to assist students with course selection. Academic advisors are the primary contact for students regarding academic planning, including registering, dropping and adding classes, transferring to another program or school, withdrawing, or any other matter of an

academic nature.

To a new student, the advisor is the primary source of academic advice and assistance in interpreting placement test results, providing an overview of their program and helping complete an initial course schedule. To the continuing student, the advisor is able to update students on their progress in their program, review graduation requirements and provide encouragement, guidance and referrals as needed. Advisors are available to guide students at any time during their educational experience at the college.

It is the responsibility of the student to consult an academic advisor regarding academic information

To a new student, the advisor is the primary source of academic advice and assistance

and concerns that may affect the student's academic progress. While Gateway's academic advisors are

here to guide and assist students toward program completion, it is ultimately each student's responsibility to fulfill his or her degree requirements. New and continuing students who have remedial requirements, fewer than 24 credits or who do not meet the standards for good academic standing should work with their academic advisor. Continuing students with 24 or more credits who are in good academic standing may also work with a faculty advisor for program assistance.

Pursuing a dream

Humanitarian, social justice efforts honored at MLK event

By Randall Delaney
Staff Writer

Let us recommit ourselves to Dr. King's dream as we reflect, regroup and respond," said keynote speaker and Racine Police Chief Arthel L. Howell when addressing the crowd at the 19th annual Gateway Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. The main message of the Jan. 21 event was to revive King's dream through education.

The event included inspiring messages from Gateway President Bryan Albrecht and Executive Vice President/Provost Zina Haywood. Seventh-grade student John Bush sang an encouraging song along with Stacey Mia, while poet Mary Ann Lockovich read her poem, "Liberty Bell."

Jamy Koepke, one of four Humanitarian Award recipients recognized at the MLK event, explained her volunteer efforts.

"I do fundraisers to help people just because I want to," Koepke said. "I don't look to get anything out of doing fundraisers except for the joy

that I feel from helping others."

Jo Wynn, DaZhan Wilkerson and Trevor Foster also received the Humanitarian Award.

In addition, more than 100 students from Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties were recognized as Kindness and Peace Mentor Award recipients for their social justice efforts.

Barber/Cosmetologist student Johnny Jones said he enjoyed the celebration and when asked what he learned from the event, said, "Not to limit myself. I've done that before in my life. I plan on finishing my Barber/Cosmetologist diploma in May and it makes me believe I can go on to do more things."

CNC boot camp graduate Shanta Harris closed the event with his story of redemption and fulfilling his dreams.

Harris credits Gateway's CNC boot camp for the chance to fulfill this dream.

Students get jumpstart on four-year degree at Gateway

A new dual admission program is now available at Gateway and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Qualified students who choose the 1-plus-3 General Studies certificate program would register at Gateway but also be enrolled at UW-Parkside.

These students are able to seek financial aid through UW-Parkside, which they would be unable to do at Gateway without declaring a program of study.

The transfer agreement gives student an affordable option to earn general studies credits. Successful transfer students enter UW-Parkside as sophomores.

The "1" in the agreement represents students completing their general studies courses, or about a year's worth of courses for a full-time student. The "3" represents the final three years of courses students would take in a specific program area at UW-Parkside.

The transfer agreement benefits students who might have been otherwise unable to attend UW-Parkside because of grades or failing to meet the university's academic entrance standards.

In addition, Gateway offers a weekend college format in which students can earn 26 of the 30 credits needed for the certificate transfer agreement. Weekend classes meet on Friday nights and on Saturdays.

For more information about the Gateway/UW-Parkside 1-plus-3 program contact Student Services at sscontactcenter@gtc.edu.



Gateway's 2013 Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Recipients Lisa Albrecht accepting on behalf of Trevor Foster, DaZhan Wilkerson, Jo Wynn, and Jamy Koepke (L-R).

All eyes on iMET: Manufacturing training lab, prototype capabilities showcased

Several hundred people were on hand Feb. 12 for the grand opening of the SC Johnson integrated Manufacturing and Engineering Technology (iMET) Center in Sturtevant. The facility includes the region's first flexible manufacturing training lab instructing computer numerical control machining, welding, metal fabrication, automated manufacturing systems and industrial robotics.

Speakers at the event included Bryan Albrecht, Gateway president and CEO; Fisk Johnson, chairman and CEO of SC Johnson; Reggie Newson, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; and Brent Weil, senior vice president for The Manufacturing Institute. Albrecht acknowledged Beverly Tarnowski, who received a standing



Gateway President and CEO, Bryan Albrecht welcomes students, community and business leaders to the iMET grand opening.

ovation. Tarnowski and her late husband, Otto, made a generous gift to help allow the building of the facility, along with a sizeable donation from Gateway's partner, SC Johnson.

During breakout sessions, attendees had an opportunity to hear from national experts on relevant topics for local manufacturers. National manufacturing skills standards and certifications, employer skills gap remedies and STEM Academy education were among the topics discussed. Gateway faculty, industry representatives, First Technologies and MIT offered industrial design prototyping demonstrations.

A nearly 18,000 square-foot addition, which brings the iMET facility to 61,000 square feet, features the college's first Fab Lab, focused on industrial design and rapid prototyping.

Skills. Career. Community.

Academic Programming Expansion

These projects allow for Gateway to provide training in facilities built for career-specific education, using state-of-the-art equipment used in the workplace today for these in-demand careers.

- **Public Safety and Training Center—central location in Gateway District**
- **Expand and renovate Elkhorn Campus allowing for several new programs to be introduced to the campus/others, including automated manufacturing to be expanded**
- **Renovate Racine Campus including new Fresh Water Resources lab**
- **Remodel portion of Kenosha Campus Technical building including interior Design, Barbering labs)**

Increased Access/Improved Student Retention

These projects will provide students and the community with greater access to Gateway services. The project, similar to that recently completed on the Racine and Elkhorn campuses, will match the facility to the new student success model. In addition, a Learning Success Center which includes placement testing, tutoring and other academic support services would be created.

- **Expand and Renovate Kenosha Campus Student Services Center**



District Projects and Energy Efficiency

These projects include updating aging HVAC equipment and lighting to save taxpayer dollars and create a more comfortable learning environment. These projects also remodel or add to facilities for more appropriate use as we respond to community needs.

- **Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure**
- **Administration Center Expansion to bring administrative functions together and allow for more appropriate use of former space**

TOTAL PROPOSAL | COST: \$49 million | ANNUAL IMPACT / \$100,000 HOME: \$9.73

Remodeling to provide improved Student Services, added facilities for two programs

An expanded and remodeled Student Services Center on the Kenosha Campus would provide a more efficient way for students to gain access to services they need to enroll and plan their college journey.

It also will bring all the student success resource programs into one area, and remodeling would offer appropriate space and updated technology.

"This will also allow us to be consistent across all three campuses," says Gateway Dean of Enrollment Services Stacy Riley. "Students can go to any campus and expect to receive the same service, access to privacy and technology."

The remodeled and slightly expanded area in Kenosha would provide students with more efficient access to services such as admission, financial aid, academic advising, registration and other student success resource programs.

Learning success services would be housed in the new area, bringing them all into the same place, rather than spread out across the campus.

"The Student Services area of a college is the one place nearly all students must use and new technology and areas designed to handle a lot of students efficiently gives students confidence to believe the college will work toward their success," says Bao Lee, Gateway student specialist.

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A portion of the Kenosha Campus remodeling effort also includes space in the Technical Building for a more career-appropriate new lab for the college's Interior Design program. Currently, the program is housed in a few separate classrooms. The new lab area would concentrate Interior Design instruction in one area, allowing students to see the integration of all aspects of their future career as they progress through the program.

A new Barbering lab also would be added to the Kenosha Campus.