

GATEWAY AS A LEADER

Hear A Better World: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Matters!!

The Office of DEI and Disability Support Services with Deaf and Hard of Hearing celebrated through the month of March in an event we call Hear a Better World. Our goal is to educate and create awareness on hearing loss and deafness so each student feels included and staff and faculty members are better prepared for teaching students with hearing loss. Our interpreter team setup tabling on each campus to kick off Hear a Better World. We were greeted by students and staff who were able to learn about the equipment we offer those with hearing loss while understanding that these accommodations assist not only in their educational journey but allow for greater inclusion at Gateway.

HEAR A BETTER WORLD





For the first time, we offered a Crucial Conversation event with a panel of students who were deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf with low vision. This discussion allowed us to celebrate each person's unique differences and abilities. Questions were asked of each student about their struggles, barriers, and triumphs as they navigate in a hearing college and community. We hosted 49 people at this Zoom event. The message was clear, "We just want to be treated like everyone else. Take the time to get to know us." For the second straight year, we offered ASL Storytime inviting our Gateway community to join us for an evening with their families to learn signs and watch an entire story voiced and signed in American Sign Language. Our attendance of 24 videos on Zoom is misleading, as several family members (Grandmas and children, included) joined in! This year's book was The Rainbow Fish by Marc Pfister. The first 20 people to sign up were delivered a beautifully illustrated, hardcopy of this book. The event brought awareness to the language of

ASL and a realization that storytelling whether you read it out loud or show it on the hands, can be captivating and understood in any language.

ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Academic Operations

Standardized syllabus review and auditing is underway for the 2021/2022 academic year. Schools are being contacted to add, update, and correct information in the Syllabus Repository.

Textbooks and Materials for the 2022/2023 academic year have been completed. Gateway Campus Follett Bookstores are in the process of ordering books and materials for the Summer 2022 semester.

Course and room scheduling is continuing to work on 2022/2023 course offerings, updates, changes, additions. Meetings and events room and space requests continue to increase now that more activities are taking place on-campus.

Kenosha Campus

Earth Day will be held on the Kenosha Campus, Saturday, 4/23/22, 10am - 1pm. There will be a variety of activities including a Pike Creek clean-up service learning activity, children Earth Day related activities, presentations at the Bee Barn, there will be vendors located in the Pike Creek Horticulture Center and other activities by the Horticulture program will be offered. The Urban Forestry Program will be giving out tree saplings and the IT program and club will offer electronics recycling.

A couple facilities projects at the Kenosha campus are underway and coming along nicely. The HVAC lab is in progress and expected to be ready for use for the Summer Semester. Some new equipment may be delayed due to supply chain issues but it will not prohibit the program from offering classes. Gateway East construction for the Barbering and Cosmetology program is in progress and expected to be completed mid July. In the interim the program will continue to run in the Academic Building on the Kenosha Campus. Once the weather cooperates, concrete repairs and exterior column work that started in early Fall, will be completed.

School of Business and Transportation

WTCS Board Approval for Human Resources AAS degree and working on a Fall 2023 roll-out.

School of Manufacturing, Engineering and Information Technology

The School of MEIT wrapped up the Spring advisory meetings with over 100 employers presenting jobs to over 200 students. Employers had over 700 open job positions open for our students. Some pictures of the events:



Greg Chapman participated in a day of Engineering at KTEC in Kenosha, see the exciting link of the student and teacher reaction.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxG_Jo73nAo

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Community and Government Relations

Ecofest on the Racine Campus was held on March 19th. This was a great community event and was received very well. This is an annual event that we have been able to bring back to an in person event. The event was well attended and the committee did a great job with the vendors and the many activities that took place.

The Center for Sustainable Living continues to host girl scout troops. This month the troops participated in activities around recycling and water.

The college was involved in Kenosha's South Branch Pike River Project and participated in the signing of the agreement between Kenosha County and the US Department of the Army.

A listening session was held at iMET for Congressman Steil. This session involved a short presentation and then a question and answer session. Bryan and others from the community are participating in a Congressional Field Hearing which will take place at UW Parkside on April 11th.

On March 23rd, Gateway and Elkhorn Area High School participated in Youth Apprenticeship Day at the state capital. This day included workshops, a visit from the Governor as well as the students making visits to our elected officials.

The season of community events is beginning. Staff from the college attended the Reaching for Rainbows event in Kenosha. This event honored Bryan with the Living Legend award. We also attend the Grateful Plate Gala which supports the local food banks/pantries.

The Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) conference was held at St. Norbert's college on April 13th. We had individuals attend in person and virtually. This event honored Zina for her leadership with WWHEL and for supporting women across the state of Wisconsin.

Foundation

Our heartfelt gratitude to the more than 360 donors whose investment in Gateway students empowers Gateway students to change their lives – forever.

As of March 31, 2022, the Foundation has raised more than \$780,591. The generous gifts were from individuals (including Gateway faculty and staff as well as alumni) and organizations (including businesses, foundations, and service clubs). Donors have contributed to areas such as the mission of the Foundation, student scholarships, the endowment, the President's Opportunity Scholarship Endowed Fund, the Gateway Promise Endowed Fund, student emergency funds, the WGTD Program Fund, and the Short-Term Training fund.

We are grateful to the following organization donors for their support of Gateway Students through the Foundation:

- Camosy Construction (\$5,000) Foundation Scramble
- Johnson Financial Group (\$3,390) Foundation Scramble
- Nielsen Madsen Barber, SC (\$1,140) Foundation Scramble
- Compeer Financial/Chicago Community Trust (\$2,500) Compeer Financial Scholarship
- Trane (\$2,450) Foundation Scramble

Gateway Foundation will host its 28th Annual Foundation Scramble on Thursday, May 26, 2022. Sign up now to golf with the goal to invest in hard-working Gateway students through the Foundation. Learn more at https://www.gtc.edu/aboutgateway/foundation-and-alumni/foundation-scramble

Marketing

The department's annual Program of Study Marketing review process is wrapping up and we've enjoyed working with program faculty to review and update marketing materials, testimonials, photos and video. We've been able to connect with the majority of programs and are now working to update materials ensuring we're best marketing our programs utilizing exciting and up-to-date information. We have also begun promotion and marketing of the college's new programs as well.

We are continuing to promote Summer semester enrollment including a registration push for continuing students as well as upcoming digital campaigns targeting nonreturning students, prospects and guest students (area college students home for the summer). In addition, promotion continues aimed at high school seniors and their families promoting the high school Promise program.

Final planning and preparations are taking place for the Kenosha and Elkhorn Celebrate Earth Day events that will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the Kenosha and Elkhorn Campuses. At the Kenosha Campus event the community is invited to enjoy children's activities, environmental displays, electronics recycling, plant sale and hands-on activities. In Elkhorn, the community is invited to a drive-through event with free gift for each family, take-home activities and electronics recycling.

WGTD

As part of the ramp-up to the spring election, volunteer Len laquinta hosted 'mini' forums featuring 27 of the 40 Kenosha City Council and Kenosha County Board candidates in contested races. Education Matters host Karin Sconzert moderated a forum featuring candidates for Kenosha School Board.

ENROLLMENT

Spring enrollment remains down -3.5%. Year-to-date enrollment, including summer, fall, and spring is -2.0% while still serving 555 more students than this time last year. Focus has shifted to preparing for next year's admission and enrollment cycle. Initial registration even though early in the enrollment cycle is very strong, +17% enrollment, for summer 2022 and fall 2022.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES

Joint Review Board Representation

Sharon Johnson represented Gateway Technical College at a recent Village of Bristol Joint Review Board meeting.

FY 2022 - 2023 Budget Preparation Update

The Budget Office is happy to be presenting a balanced preliminary budget for FY 2022-23 to the Gateway Technical College Board on April 14th. Pending approval, Gateway will then hold a Public Hearing in May and present it again in June for final approval. A final budget must be approved and submitted to the WTCS office by June 30, 2022. Thank you to everyone who was involved in this year's budget process.

Grants Update

The Special Revenue Fund-Operational portion of the budget for Board review and approval is finalized. Grant accounting staff continues to provide financial support for new grant proposals and to monitor project expenditures.

Facilities Projects

The college's Spring projects are starting to wrap up with the finishing touches beginning for the LEA Simulator project as well as the Refrigeration Lab remodel. Additionally, progress is well underway regarding the remodel of 3800 square feet at the Gateway Professional building for the Barbering/Cosmetology program. The project is expected to be completed in early July.

Final planning is underway for our Summer projects, with the parking lot repairs in Kenosha, Burlington and Racine slated to begin in June/July and the remodel for the Science Wing slated for early July.

Lastly, the team is continuing on designs to improve our HVAC systems in Kenosha and Horizon while working to improve our controls on the Racine campus with the use of COVID relief funds.

Facilities Operations

The facilities team is working to get the campus' ready for Spring and the upcoming graduations and events. In addition, the team is working on preparations for the return of NC3 on campus. Lastly, facilities remain committed to providing a safe working and learning environment through its enhanced disinfection protocols to mitigate COVID on campus.

Safety and Security

The college's safety consultants, US Compliance, have continued to improve our safety compliance efforts through the development of a robust training and inspection program that each academic program can adjust to fit their needs. Over the coming months, we will work with all the different schools and their safety champions to tailor our efforts to fit their programs needs.

Work continues to progress on the college's new electronic door access system; we are now almost 65% complete on our Kenosha campus. The project provides a more efficient way to secure and lockdown the campus in the event of an emergency.

HUMAN RESOURCES

On March 3rd and 4th Jacqueline Morris and Magan Perez attend the Labor Law and Labor Arbitration Conference that focused on relevant industry cases and training in employee management.

Jacqueline Morris, Selina Bohn, Magan Perez along with Kelly Bartlett worked with the Ad hoc Board to interview the executive search firms.

Jacqueline Morris attended the WTCS Business Officers state meeting as a breakout room guest to discuss recruitment concerns.

Magan Perez rolled out an additional Life Insurance benefit options to employees. Informational sessions were coordinated between the insurance rep and employees to provide education on the different benefit options and enrollment process.

John Frost is preparing for the GTEA certification election. He has gathered a list of eligible voters, started communication with the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (oversees the voting process), and has begun speaking with Ted Kraig from the Union. Voting starts on April 1st and ends at noon on April 21st.

Jacqueline Morris, Magan Perez, and John Frost have opened the application for remote work. They have been collecting and organizing remote work requests and department guidelines.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Our Title III Project Manager, Dr. Chris Neff, submitted the annual performance report for the first year of our grant, which ended in September of 2021. Our first year was focused on infrastructure for student success. We hired the grant staff

including Dr. Neff, Student Success Programming Coordinator Mary Xiong, and Faculty Advising Coordinator Gina Stoebe. We also funded instructors for the Gateway to Success first-year experience course and launched peer advising in student services. DEI, work-based learning, and data system improvements are also projects launched in our first year.

We also submitted our annual institutional data update to the Higher Learning Commission. In line with HLC policies, we will also be identifying more of our programs that include online courses and more locations where students can complete at least half of a system-approved credential. Preparations are beginning for our Assurance Review in 2024 as well.

Pathways and Program Effectiveness

The Program Effectiveness team supported faculty through the evidence-based curriculum modification application process to adjust course and/or program content for the 2023-24 academic year. Faculty presented data and evidence highlighting curriculum-related concerns to the District Curriculum Committee to ensure a strong correlation between proposed modifications and the root cause of current concerns. A total of 35 applications were submitted, ranging in complexity from the adjustment of requisites or course sequencing, to the removal of existing courses and/or addition of new courses. Faculty receiving approval will work with the Program Effectiveness team between April and October to document their specific modifications.

The new program approval application for the proposed Human Resources associate degree has been submitted to WTCS for review at the 5/17/22 WTCS Board meeting. During an ad hoc advisory committee meeting on 3/3/22, local employers eagerly endorsed the new program and provided support of the proposed program curriculum. Upon approval, program components will be finalized in summer 2022 so recruitment efforts can begin ahead of the fall 2023 program launch.

LEARNING INNOVATION DIVISION

Information Systems

Upgraded the Infosilem software used for Room Scheduling.

Began work on the data extracts necessary for the Program Portfolio Project.

Continued the implementation of attachments in Self Service which would allow documents to be uploaded via Self Service.

Continued the process of creating Ellucian Experience cards to replace Ellucian Web Advisor pages.

Continued work on converting Colon Prompt reports to alternatives.

TechOps

LID was awarded a DMI (Districts Mutual Insurance) grant to fund a Threat

Assessment and Network Penetration test. GreyCastle Security was selected to perform this work based on their experience in higher education. The GreyCastle final report was recently provided to our team and we are reviewing the results and recommended actions for project prioritization and future staff and funding requirements.

User Experience

Distance learning team has been working on preparing Blackboard class sections for upcoming semesters. This includes preparing the deployment of the standardized course shell and stacking of classes.

Techs have been working on deployment packages for applications. These applications will be deployed with Syxsense.

Techs upgraded the infosilem client for all Room Scheduling Staff.

STUDENT SERVICES & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Admissions

This month we opened the Spring 2023 Term on the Application for admissions, allowing students to apply an entire year in advance for the Spring term. The admissions team also processed 661 documents and 971 new applications, which is an increase in 200 applications from March 2021! The team is anticipating receiving and importing the ACT test scores from the Wisconsin ACT High School Test date in early March and will work with other departments to communicate and recruit these students.

New Student Specialist (NSS)

Throughout the month of March, the NSS team continued to work with adult and high school students in program selections and applications. They worked in the high schools, on campus and virtually to accommodate all student's needs and schedules. The NSS team hosted several Get Ready Application workshops, both in person and online, to assist students in starting and completing their application processes. They also participated in events such as WEF education fairs, the Kenosha Expo, the Haribo Interest Fair, the Horticulture Career and Internship Fair, the GEMS conference, the Heath and First Responder live patient simulation, Medical Lab Tech information sessions, I Am A Red Hawk days, DSS Gateway Experience and SC Johnson on site information sessions. The NSS group also hosted campus tours for individuals and their families as well as for groups like Heart of the City, UW Extension Independent Learning group, Big Foot High School and a series of Heath Academies tours for RUSD.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office has been working on setting up a process to find and award students impacted by the new Dept of Ed Regulatory change to the Clock to Credit Conversion Formula. Working with the Director of Career Pathways, Director of Advising and Director of Admissions to guide staff in regards to 'truth in advertising'. Making sure all staff take the opportunity to well inform students who may be interested in programs or courses that may be impacted by the change. The

Financial Aid Office has been working on our Title IV Program recertification. As of March 31, all needed documents have been submitted and we are awaiting a response from the Dept of Ed. 37 students have appealed to continue receiving financial aid. Of those, 27 students took advantage of our new M150, exceeding 150% of program credits, Appeals process.

Student Finance Specialists (SFS)

High School Admission/FAFSA Workshops have begun for incoming students for 2022-23. SFS began outreach to Racine Workforce Development Center and community centers, Kenosha Job Center and the Boys & Girls Club. This is the beginning of plans for the month of April, to scheduled days onsite within the community to assist students with FAFSA completion. The SFS have been making calls to potential process students to provide any needed assistance in completing their FAFSA.

Student Accounts

Student Accounts has received notice that we have earned the Military Friendly Survey's Top 10 Large Community College School designation. Gateway was ranked ninth best in the Large Community College category in the ratings, which recognize colleges with leading programs for veterans, members of the armed forces leaving military service and military spouses. The Top 10 category is the highest designation a college can receive in its category.

Academic Advising

The Academic Advising team has entered priority registration for both summer and fall. The feedback from students is positive that they can register for two semesters (SU/FA 22) and plan for the third semester (SP23). Our Peer Advisors are working on outreach calls to students who were active this year (registered for a class), but have no academic plan for summer or fall. They help students schedule appointments with different experts on campus if needed, SFS, NSS, Career, Advising, etc. Advisors also had their second annual Academic Advisor Connection week event, where students were invited to attend a virtual event to learn about Academic Advising and Peer Advising Services. Students also had the opportunity to submit a thank you note to their Advisor, thanking them for what they have done to help them be successful. The Advising team is throwing it back and going back to the "basics." They have all been partnered with another one or two advisors to practice all the technology skills they have learned in the last 3 years (Advise, Mongoose, Self-Service, 10to8, CyscoJabber, Zoom, etc). The intent of this is to close the gap in skill level and bring the team to a standard operational level. The feedback so far is that advisors are enjoying this opportunity to have hands-on practice and learn tricks and tips from others.

Career & Employment Services

577 students and community members signed up to attend the Haribo interest events with over 400 attending over 3 days. The upcoming Gateway and Kenosha Colleges Career Fair has 70 employers registered. Several Reverse Career Fairs took place with 183 students and 85 employers attending including Nosco, Good Foods, Modine, Eaton Corporation, Centrisys, Uline, Superior Crane Corporation, Foxconn, and Sanmina. Offers were made and interviews established. CES prepared students via dozens of classroom presentations this month including Surgical Technology and MET and others. Reverse fair prep, resume, mock interviewing, cover letter workshops and resume presentations for Ellsworth CNC and Kenosha Correctional Center CNC were conducted. CES also conducted a resume workshop for the REAL School electronics students.

High School Partnerships

Katie Graf and Mary Appenzeller have been planning for Gateway's 8th Annual National Signing Day coming up on April 14th, which will be held at each individual school. Kim Enright has been registering final Spring 2022 transcripted credit classes in March. On March 23rd, Gateway's Youth Apprenticeship Consortium participated in Youth Apprenticeship Day at the Capitol, visiting with 16 representatives! This year, Gateway has a total of 144 Youth Apprentices, which is an increase of 54 more compared to 2020-202. Melissa Earnst is finalizing applications for the Academies for 2022-2023. We were able to get 1 more cohort for the welding program in Elkhorn and Racine for a total of 2 cohorts per campus for the 2022-2023 academic year. She is also finalizing students for the 2021-2022 school year and prepping for them to finish. Mary Blue is working on getting VanGuard 2022-2023 courses in place. Sam Duczak has been working on VOICE mini grants. Sam and Kim Enright are working on updating the articulation lists. We held our 2022 Spring Virtual Counselor Lunch March 15th with over 60 attendees where Jamie Spaciel, Jorge Nieto, Maxwell Banor and DeAnn Possehl Assistant Provost from UW-Parkside spoke about Gateway program highlights.

LEARNING SUCCESS

Student Life

<u>USG nominations</u> are open to students through March 25, 2022. There are 13 USG Student Leader positions available. Elections will be held April 4 - 8, 2022.

On April 21, 2022, the WTCS State Ambassador Leadership Development & Banquet will be held in-person at the Wilderness Hotel in the Wisconsin Dells. Gateway's Student Life Coordinators will kick off the Leadership Development program during the day for the 16 new WTCS ambassadors. Our 2021 District Ambassador Jesus Vega, Jr. will be the emcee for the state banquet honoring this year's WTCS Ambassadors. Attending the banquet to support our 2022 District Ambassador, Nicole Oberlin, are Lindsey Kosman, Trina Muscarella, Gary Flynn, Zina Haywood, Stacy Riley, and Tammi Summers.

There has been an increase in the number of Student Life Van requests and Funding Requests coming into the Student Life Office. Programs, Clubs, and Classes are starting to get out and travel more. We are excited to see this increase in requests knowing students are getting to experience these fields trips and conferences in person. A couple examples include: the Law Enforcement Academy participating in the American Lung Associations Stair Climb, Lakeview's Robotics Program presenting at the Wisconsin TECHNOLOGY Education Association Conference, Barber/Cosmo club attending the American Beauty Show, and Wisconsin Midrange Computer Professional Association (WMCPA) attending their Spring Conference.

Impact Program

As covid restrictions recede, nonprofits are relaxing their protocols and opening up more opportunities for volunteers. The Impact Program is working with these organizations to post their needs in our GivePulse volunteer platform (gtc.givepulse.com) and get the word the word to students.

The office is working with administrators, faculty, and students to develop a districtwide action plan for voter education and engagement for the fall term.

The Impact Program continues to support instructors in implementing service learning (when faculty use community service to teach course concepts) by helping them prepare students for service and facilitate effective reflections.

Tutoring Services

Tutoring Services supported students in **55 programs/subject**s during the recent Perkins Grant reporting period, July 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022.

The top programs/subjects most supported by Tutoring Services included:

- Mathematics (804)
- Nursing (543)
- Accounting (101)
- Communication (801)
- Computer Software (103)
- Office Systems (106)
- IT Software Development (152)
- General Studies (890)

A total of 571 unique students accessed Gateway's Tutoring Services in-person and/or virtually via zoom. In all, 2956 visits were recorded, totaling 4643 hours. Data records document 809 non-unique student visits, suggesting that at least 238 students accessed both virtual and in-person tutoring.

The top courses most supported by Tutoring Services included:

- Quantitative Reasoning (804-135)
- Computers for Professionals (103-143)
- Complex Health Alterations I (543-109)
- English Composition (801-136)
- Gateway to Success (890-155)
- Nursing Health Alterations (543-105)
- Accounting Principles (101-114)
- Complex Health Alterations II (543-113)

Tutoring Services is actively working to recruit tutors for student support on all three campuses, especially in nursing, math, and IT. The current pay schedule for casual employee tutors, established in 2014/15, presents challenges that the team would like to discuss with Human Resources.

Learning Success Coaches

The Learning Success coaches are actively recruiting and servicing students in the following programs: administrative professionals, business management, human services, marketing, and nursing students.

Mary Goodhall has coached a grand total of 136 Nursing students. Mary is developing workshops for Studying and Test Taking Strategies as well as How to Navigate the Next Gen NCLEX exam questions.

LaToya R Thurmond has coached a grand total of (45) Administrative Professionals, (108) Business Management students, (48) Marketing Students, and

(113) Human Service students. LaToya has continued to offer the following student success workshops:

- Fleld Placement Planning
- Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Standout Skills for the Business/Human Service Professional
- Personal/Professional Branding

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BUSINESS & WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Mrs. Alberta Heinen scheduled special training for her Cosmetology Apprenticeship students. They participated in training with Raymond Merlin from Gateway's Police Academy in Run, Hide, Fight. Mrs Heinen has been doing this program with Officer Merlin since 2017. Students learn to protect themselves and be aware.

BWS leadership instructor, coach and organizational psychology consultant Elizabeth Oplatka led a 3.5-hour workshop for cosmetology apprentices identifying and providing appropriate, safe assistance to domestic violence victims. Apprenticeship instructor Alberta Heinen and Liz Oplatka began working together about four years ago and have provided these workshops to students ever since. The impetus was Illinois' passage of a law requiring all cosmetologists, barbers, and salon employees to have such training annually because salon employees are in an ideal position to identify those at risk of abuse. Although there has been some interest at the state level, Heinen and Oplatka have yet to assist in establishing programs at other technical colleges.





Gateway Industrial Design Fab Lab



The Fab Lab engaged many classes this month assisting with projects, showcasing Gateway's versatility in training and career possibilities. Our Fab Lab outreach has connected now with three of six Siena Schools providing assistance as they navigate introducing STEM concepts to their curriculum. This month we visited Our Lady of Grace, St Rita's, and John Paul II. John Mizer's Advanced Design Class, started its cross platform capstone project. Students visited the lab to learn 3D printing. John also started trophies for the student show. Students from Gateway's Alternative Food Growing class, utilized the Fab Lab to discuss design and aesthetics of their growing rigs. Students are utilizing the Fab Lab to build their stations, which provides them with an opportunity to explore not only Advanced Manufacturing and Computer Numeric Control, but to experience first hand technology in their discipline. The Horticulture Class also visited the lab to make rubber stamps for an event with its collaborative partners. The Fab Lab assisted R.E.A.L. School Students in Intro to Fab Lab, this month learning about robots, and moving on to laser projects. Manufacturing Quality class, had an opportunity to weld assisted by The Fab Lab. Students learned some of the basic principles of heat and energy transfer and welded coupons together.



The Fab Lab conducted an online Digital Art Tiles Workshop with Racine Public

Library. Virtual workshops have become a staple form of collaboration with several local institutions and community groups, and will likely continue to be. Participants experienced designing a tile, then watching as the tile was laser engraved.



The Fab Lab assisted with the Apprenticeship "Meet and Greet" event as local businesses and interested participants learned about apprenticeship opportunities.





The RC Workshop with 4H and Home School groups raced CO2 cars that participants had designed and 3D printed. 3D printing not only offers them exposure to advanced manufacturing and design careers in Engineering, but brings a nice update to a standard technology oriented activity.



The Fab Lab was present at the Kenosha Health and Welfare Expo, at Parkside. The Certification truck was deployed, exposing attendees to 3D printing Laser engraving, virtual welding, and robots! As usual the Nurses were there in force.



The Fab Lab Certified in Festo Beginning Mechatronics, providing another certification we can deliver to students, and community particans. Certifications were delivered this month to Mitchell and Gifford RUSD school instructors, Kenosha Correctional Center cohort and Tool and Die Apprenticeship students, which includes nine weeks of learning advanced manufacturing and its relation to their field.





We hope to see many projects in the future like Tool and Die Apprenticeship, additional Gateway programs using the Fab Lab to highlight the importance of technology and advanced manufacturing in all fields, how it is changing our workforce, and how Gateway is leading the revolution in training and education.

On March 10th, Gateway hosted an Apprenticeship Meet & Greet event. Targeted at all individuals interested in learning about apprenticeship, this event brought subject matter experts, such as our apprenticeship program instructors, Wisconsin Bureau of Apprenticeship Standard representatives and business partners together as a "one stop shop" for local employers and students to learn about the trades, ask questions and get to know and become more familiar with the apprenticeship programs at Gateway Technical College.



Over 80 individuals, which included 8 prospective apprenticeship sponsors, current sponsors looking for new apprentices or programs and high school students looking to start their apprenticeship journey were in attendance. All had the opportunity to take tours of the iMET Center, learn more about the coaching currently offered to our apprenticeship and their mentors and receive an "Open your mind to Apprenticeship" tumbler they could personalize in Gateway's FabLab. It was a great experience and thank you to everyone who supported the evening's event.









OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI)



Representative Tod Ohnstad and Senator Robert Wirch sent messages of encouragement and support regarding Gateway's programming as a Emerging Hispanic Serving Institution.

TRiO - Spring is in the air for TAG participants!

During this past Spring Semester, TAG students were getting back in the swing of things now in our in-person format.

In January, TAG had its traditional Welcome Back Advisory time. TAG met on Zoom and chatted about how everyone's winter break was and the needs of the students for the upcoming semester. TAG had a large number of students log in, district wide. In February, TAG celebrated all of the program participants that worked hard to be awarded Gateway Foundation Scholarships! TAG participants walked away with over \$20,000 in Gateway Foundation Scholarships and \$10,000 in TAG Grant Aid. That's over \$30,000 for tuition, books, and living expenses! February was also a time to celebrate Black History Month. TAG Advisory for February was gathering (virtually) for a delicious personal serving of Banana Pudding catered by Racine's Yogi's Puddin' (a classic southern no-bake dessert), while attending Gateway's D365 Black History Month Trivia event. February 28th, Gateway/TAG celebrated its first ever National TRiO Day! There were photo opportunities for program students and Gateway staff that are TRiO Alumni. TRiO sugar cookies were also given out.





March was a VERY BUSY month for the TAG program. We had students attend our Gateway College Transfer Fair, which was it's first time being in person in two years. Paradigm Shift came back to facilitate a "Yet" goals workshop for TAG. TAG participants also attended Hear a Better World events and most recently the GLOW Student Leadership & Diversity Conference Events. TAG students participated in the Tailor Made for Success Rock the Runway pre-taping. TAG had two program students that signed up to walk the runway and then had two additional students that found the courage to go up on stage for fun. TAG will be attending the virtual viewing party in April.



Graduation is right around the corner and TAG Graduates are now preparing for Gateway's upcoming inperson ceremonies and are very excited. TAG has 10+ program students graduating this semester and



5+ transferring onto a four year university to work on their bachelor's degree. We are very proud of our students.

So whether the TAG Program is virtual or in person, participants stay busy. The TAG Program looks forward to the next President's report. #TRiOWORKS