



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
APRIL 2026**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Matt Janisin)

Academic Operations

Open registration for Summer and Fall semesters has begun. Academic Operations and the scheduling office is responsible for building and producing the course section offerings for the district for each academic term.

Pre Run/Cancel for Summer 2025 will take place on April 20 thru May 1, 2025, this effort is to help ensure schools look at the enrollment numbers of their section offerings and make appropriate decisions based on the College's efforts to best align section offerings with student demand. A variety of decisions may be completed during this time, including; canceling, stacking, pending, and tweaking section offerings. This process is also helpful with creating a final Run/Cancel meeting on May 4 that is efficient and productive.

Kenosha Campus

Kenosha hosted several events during March, a few to mention, United Way's reading across America, Kenosha Common Council, Gateway's Yo Puedo, Gateway's IEP Red Hawk Rescue, and a Junior Achievement Event.

All Kenosha Chiller work is completed except for TRANE control work which should be completed in early April. Technical Building Corridor refurbishment is completed and being closed out.

Racine Campus

The Racine Campus welcomed 100 students from Bigfoot High School on March 10, 2026. The Racine Campus hosted the Racine Middle School Expo on March 25, 2026.

Horizon Center

Sealcoating and striping work out at Horizon was delayed due to temperatures and weather, it should begin this Spring. Remodel of the Dyno room has been approved.

School of Pre-College and Momentum Programs

Gateway Technical College submitted a WTCS grant application to launch an HVAC Integrated Education and Training (IET) Program, serving up to 10 Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Learner (ELL) students. Participants will earn the HVAC-R Technical Diploma while gaining integrated workforce skills to support entry into high-demand, family-sustaining careers. Gateway is currently serving 16 students through an existing Welding IET Program, which supports up to 20 ABE and ELL students in earning a Welding/Maintenance and Fabrication Technical Diploma. Both initiatives address poverty, unemployment, and regional workforce shortages through accelerated credential attainment.

Program Effectiveness

Sam Lopez, Program Curriculum and Quality Analyst, and Dr. Nancy Chapko, Instructional Design Strategist, presented at the 2026 WTCS Advancing AI Together Summit. Their presentation focused on the utilization of our AI-supported curriculum review process designed to support faculty in their examination of learning outcomes, course flow, assessments, and instructional materials. Success stories from their work with our faculty were shared, allowing attendees to gain insight into how they could deploy a similar structure at their own college. The presentation was very well received, and participants were excited about applying the practices shared.

College Excellence

Gateway is in year 6 of the Open Pathway accreditation cycle with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). In years 5-9 of the 10-year cycle, institutions must conduct a Quality Initiative project. The Quality Initiative is the “innovation” part of the cycle where institutions must demonstrate that they are not just meeting the accreditation standards, but are actively engaged in continuous improvement. Projects must address a significant challenge and are required to be at least two years in length. Institutions may choose to join an HLC sponsored academy around student success or assessment, or they may design their own project. We chose to design our own project, centered around data-informed decision making. Our proposal was reviewed and approved by two HLC peer reviewers. The first year of the project will focus on incorporating data into Academic Affairs processes and decisions, and the second year will focus on KPIs for executive leadership and the board. We will be reporting our progress to HLC at mid-point and at the end of the project. This work will lead us into preparation for our next 10-year comprehensive accreditation visit in 2029-30.

School of Health

Construction of the new Dental Assistant/Dental Hygiene spaces is completed. Patterson Dental is wrapping up installation of equipment. Dental Assistant has completed their move from Kenosha and will start classes in the fall. We've hired a Program Director/Instructor for Dental Hygiene. The PD/Instructor will start working on accreditation starting with the self-study.



FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES (Sharon Johnson)

Community Connectedness

- Art Seed Showcase
- Tempo Racine
- Susan B. Anthony Women of Influence Awards - UW Parkside
- American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Annual Conference

Student Accounts

- Student Accounts is proud to share that Gateway Technical College has once again been recognized as a Military Friendly School, earning Gold status for 2026. In addition, the college has maintained its designation as a Military Spouse Friendly School.

Facilities

- Onboarding and Training of New District Mail Tech
- Working with the Design and Construction Team to Finalize Plans For FY26-27 Projects.
- Working with Facility Managers to Align and Update Department Policies and Procedures.

Safety and Security

- Completed self defense training for Student Nursing Association
- Moving forward with DMI grant purchases, a gas storage container for Elkhorn welding was purchased and delivered.
- QR codes being posted to improve custodial staff access to Material Safety Data Sheets.

Budget and purchasing

- The Budget Office is happy to be presenting a balanced preliminary budget for FY 2026-27 to the Gateway Technical College Board on April 15th.
- Pending approval, Gateway will 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, 2026.

LEARNING INNOVATION DIVISION (Jeff Robshaw)

Information Systems

- The implementation of OCR transcript processing using ProcessMaker is nearing completion. It will use API integrations with both Perceptive Content and Colleague. Acceptance testing is in progress.
- The implementation of LightLeap for fraud detection of Applications, Financial Aid, and New Course Taker Students is in progress. This should reduce the amount of manual review being performed.

Information Technology

- LID is partnering with MEIT to plan the infrastructure and technology requirements for the college's Microsoft Data Center Academy student data center. Together, we are ensuring that the environment is designed to deliver services securely, efficiently, and in alignment with institutional standards.
- As part of the AI Steering Committee's initiative to pilot AI "avatars," the Cybersecurity team is partnering with Kaltura to develop a cybersecurity training module featuring an interactive avatar that guides learners through the material. LID is also leading the development of an institutional "AI Hub," a centralized site that will curate AI tools, training, guidance, and other resources for faculty and staff.

End User Computing and Distance Learning

- We are completing the installation of all technology in the new Dental Lab in Racine. The majority of that work has been completed. Currently we are finalizing the deployment of the last of the monitors and computers for this location.
- Beginning April 21st we will be removing all technology from the Vet Tech building in Elkhorn prior to a construction project that will last up to 2 months. Once work is completed all the technology will need to be set up in the building again. Items will be stored in a storage container that will be placed in the Vet Tech parking lot.

STUDENT SERVICES (Tammi Summers)

Student Support Programs (Jomarie Coloriano)

Go Lead Our World (GLOW) - Leading Bravely

- GLOW 2026 kicked off with a dynamic Leading Bravely Panel Discussion, in honor of Women's History Month, where four accomplished leaders shared diverse leadership journeys, fostering reflection on resilience, authenticity, and growth.
 - Jada Peters, Gateway Technical College alumna and Marketing Coordinator at Snap-on Incorporated, shared her journey from student to professional, highlighting career-readiness, persistence, and navigating early-career growth.
 - Tanya Burton, Student Services Center Director at Gateway Technical College (Racine and Kenosha campuses), discussed student-centered leadership, equity-minded practices, and leading within higher education.
 - Kelly Andrichik, Chief of Police at the University of Wisconsin–Parkside, shared insights on leadership in law enforcement, emphasizing courage, decision-making, and community engagement.

- Maggie Campbell, Director of Strategic Initiatives at Building Our Future, shared perspectives on cross-sector leadership, systems change, and advancing community impact.
- Students gained insight into professional development, career advancement, and overcoming workplace barriers, with an emphasis on leading with confidence, resilience, and authenticity.



Go Lead Our World (GLOW) Student Summit

- Engaged 58 student participants in interactive networking workshops that strengthened communication, relationship-building skills, and confidence in professional settings.
 - Strengthened students' understanding of leadership pathways through real-world, hands-on experiences, including mock interviews with immediate, on-the-spot feedback from professionals.
 - Increased students' capacity for workplace success through a dedicated Emotional Intelligence session, enhancing self-awareness, empathy, and effective collaboration.
- Featured an inspiring keynote address by Tamara Coleman, CEO of the Racine Family YMCA and Gateway Board of Trustees member, which uplifted students and challenged them to tap into their fullest potential and leadership capacity.
- Expanded access to career readiness resources through the pop-up G-Boutique, providing professional attire at no cost and supporting students' preparedness for interviews, internship and employment opportunities.

Hispanic Student Programming (Elizabeth Rosiles-Zavala)

- Yo Puedo (I Can) College Day 2026 was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, in Kenosha Campus and Friday, March 13, 2026, in Elkhorn Campus, where we were thrilled to welcome students from 10 local high schools from Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties!
- This year marks our 11th anniversary of welcoming high school students to explore new ideas, connect with valuable resources, and gain inspiration for their future careers.
- We had a great turnout for our high school conference, with 231 students attending the events.
- The students actively participated in sessions, engaged with our speakers, and took full advantage of the networking and learning opportunities provided.
- The strong attendance reflects the interest and enthusiasm of local high school students in exploring new educational and career pathways.
- We are proud of the impact this program has had and grateful to everyone who has contributed to its success over the years.
- We've received amazing feedback from students, teachers, and guests who were truly inspired by the event. We are excited to keep working together and to continue positively influencing the lives of our students.



AHSIE Conference Report (Boston, March 8–11, 2026)

Theme: Leading with Corazón: Reimagining the Power of Servingness

- Jomarie Coloriano, Dr. Cynthia Galvan, Elizabeth Rosiles and Ann Stotts attended the AHSIE Conference 2026 in Boston from March 8–11, 2026, centered on the theme “Leading with Corazón: Reimagining the Power of Servingness.”
- Dr. Gina Garcia, (She is a key scholar in the study of Hispanic-Serving Institutions) challenged attendees to move beyond enrollment, eligibility, and grant acquisition, urging a bold, justice-centered vision of servingness.

- Drawing on research and practice, she highlighted how HSIs can strengthen equity, embrace asset-based frameworks, and drive institutional transformation, especially amid reductions in Title V funding.
- A key takeaway was the importance of advocacy for students and educational resources. While national leadership influences policy, meaningful change often begins with organized, collaborative efforts within institutions and communities.
- Sustainable impact in education and social change comes from cultivating relationships, maintaining consistent effort, and sharing expertise.
- Additionally, HACU was recognized for its critical role in advocating for HSIs at the federal level, particularly in securing and protecting funding that supports Hispanic-serving institutions and their students.
- The AHSIE Conference offered educators a space for reflection and inspiration, while addressing HSI challenges and reinforcing the importance of supporting Latino students.





TRIO (Stacey Malacara)

- TRIO (TAG) at Gateway had 30+ students receive a Gateway Foundation Scholarship this past February. These scholarships will help our students get closer to that graduation finish line.
- Students took an overnight trip to Madison to participate in TRIO's SLICE (Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement) Summit. At this event they toured the capitol, attended a Careers in Public Service Panel, and also learned how to tell their story in writing postcards to state representatives. Gateway TRIO alumni, Megan Bahr, was one of the panelists.
- In February, our program participants traveled to the University of Wisconsin Whitewater to help celebrate our National TRIO Day. Our program received a special invite from one of our alumni that transferred to UWW and is now participating in their TRIO McNair Program.
- Gateway celebrated National TRIO Day/Week with the theme of CELEBRATE, ADVOCATE, & PARTICIPATE in Service and Community Building by filling out "thank you" cards to thank a mentor, grabbing a TRIO cookie, sending postcards to Washington, and by participating in the Empty Bowls Community Service event.
- In March, Gateway TRIO staff traveled to Washington DC to meet with our state representatives on the hill as they advocated for TRIO programs and services.





Financial Aid (Pam Lowrey)

- As of the end of March, the financial aid office has disbursed \$10,142,292.54 to 2,577 students for the Spring 2026 term.
- As of the end of March, The Financial Aid Office has reviewed 307 Financial Aid SAP Appeals.
- In March, the Financial Aid Office began processing 3,931 financial aid applications for 2026-27.
- During March Promise awards were applied to student accounts for Spring 2026. For Spring 2026:

High School Promise

283 Actively Enrolled

24 Received Promise funds totaling \$22,954.50

Other Eligible students were covered by Grants and Scholarships

Promise 2 Finish

32 Actively Enrolled

13 Received Promise funds totaling \$15,039.75

Other Eligible students were covered by Grants and Scholarships

Student Life/D365 (Lindsey Kosman/Shania Montgomery/Jomarie Coloriano)

Student Life has focused on creating meaningful, student-centered experiences over the past few months:

- Selected our District Student Ambassador, who will be recognized at the WTCS banquet this April.
- Partnered with Title IX/AODA to engage students in safe decision-making through a mocktail event and resource sharing.
- Hosted Wellness Week, engaging 150+ students in stress-relief and well-being activities.
- Served 115 students at the March Coffee on Student Life event across campus cafés.
- Engaged over 200 students during our Valentine's Day event where students received goody bags and a stuff your own stuffed-animal activity.
- Celebrated Women's History Month with a vision board luncheon, trivia, and a social media giveaway campaign.

Please don't forget to join us at the Student Life Awards Banquet on April 28th to celebrate our student leaders! Our RSVP form is now live.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (Interim)

Foundation (Jennifer Charpentier)

Direct Aid to Students: Quote from a recent scholarship recipient: *“Gateway has given me confidence, growth, and helped me find my voice. I am deeply grateful for all the instructors, peers, and especially to you [scholarship donor] for helping make this journey possible. I work full-time, have a part time, volunteer and attend school full-time, and scholarships like yours help ease the weight and help me push forward.”*

Save the Date: The Foundation's 32nd Annual Golf Scramble: Golf With a Goal will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Hawks View Golf Course. To register your foursome or learn more about the event go to gtc.edu/foundationscramble

Total dollars contributed to support Gateway students, the college and the foundation as of March 30, 2026, the Foundation has secured \$649,985 from 349 donors.

TALENT & CULTURE and MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS (Interim) **Jacqueline Morris)**

Talent & Culture -

We are pleased to formally update the Board of Trustees on the successful launch of the College's comprehensive compensation study, a strategic initiative sponsored by the Executive Leadership Council (ELC). This study represents a significant commitment to our workforce, ensuring our compensation structures remain competitive, equitable, and aligned with our college goals. The initiative began with a series of training sessions facilitated by our partners at Cottingham & Butler TRC. Their team brought invaluable expertise regarding the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and local market trends, ensuring the study is grounded in relevant data. We would like to recognize Selina Bohn, Lisa Guerrero, and Magan Perez who worked tirelessly alongside the vendor to ensure these sessions ran smoothly.

To ensure total transparency and alignment across all levels of the College, we conducted seven targeted sessions:

- 1 Supervisor Training to equip leaders with the tools to support their teams.
- 1 GTEA CORE Training focused on high-level information sharing and core engagement.
- 5 Employee Trainings providing broad-based project overviews and gathering staff feedback.

The level of participation was exceptional. Employees across all departments engaged deeply with the material, demonstrating a high level of interest in the College's future compensation strategy. In response to the high volume of thoughtful questions raised during these sessions, the Talent & Culture team—in collaboration with Cottingham & Butler—has compiled a comprehensive FAQ document. This resource is now live on the Talent & Culture Compensation Intranet, providing all employees with immediate access to clear, accurate information as the study progresses.

WGTD -

- WGTD remembered longtime volunteer program host Mike Kehoe with a Morning Show dedicated to his friends and family sharing memories. Mike was a former Education Matters co-host and was producing a weekly jazz program right up until the time of his death. Mike was 83.