



*President's Report
February 2026*

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Matt Janisin)

Academic Operations

Academic Operations is in the final push and production for the 2026/2027 academic year course section offerings. In addition to section creation, this process takes into account a variety of scheduling constraints. Including student, faculty, room, conflict fee schedules among other things. The Scheduling Office ensures the section offerings follow what is promised to students according to the program's curriculum sheet and that schedules are conflict free between their program and general education classes.

IBD meetings are underway to help improve processes and procedures for facility usage for internal and external meetings and events. The framing question for this discussion is – How does Gateway best move forward with external rentals that meet the needs and interests of the College and retain the interest of the community?

In collaboration with BibliU bookstore we were able to provide \$2500 in Scholarship book cards for the Spring semester. These cards are provided to students who are in need of support with their textbook and/or material purchases for their Gateway classes.

Racine Campus

Installation of dental lab equipment and furniture continues to move forward with steady progress being made.

On January 27, 2026, the Racine Campus hosted the Alumni Mentoring Panel in the Multicultural Resource Center. Students gained valuable insights from Gateway alumni career pathways and the importance of mentoring.

Fine Dining has returned for Spring 2026. Culinary Arts students are showcasing their skills by offering a four course lunch to the public every Tuesday.

Kenosha Campus

Kenosha Campus held Gateway Days on January 12 & 13 to welcome students to the spring semester. Welcome tables were set up throughout the campus buildings and

centers. This is an opportunity for students to ask questions, pick up information about support services, ask for directions, meet faculty and staff, and pick up snacks and other items to help them during the semester.

Madrigano Haribo Hall hosted the State of the College address on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Gateway's Impact Program hosted a Dr. King's Legacy event in Kenosha on January 20, 2026 and a MLK day of service on January 23, 2026.

New light poles and heads were installed at the Kenosha Campus Parking Lot. Roofing repairs for the Kenosha Campus have been approved and Camosy will move forward with applying for a permit and getting submittals processed. Academic Building chiller replacement to the tower has been delayed due to the cold weather. The project team will watch the weather over the next few months so this work can be completed.

Horizon Center

Sealcoating and striping work out at Horizon was pushed due to below zero temperatures, this work will now be done in spring of 2026. Remodel of the Dyno room is in the design phase and expected to go out to bid in early February.

School of Pre-College and Momentum Programs

High School Equivalency Updates:

Requirements for all GED/HSED Options:

- Be 18.5 years old or your 9th grade class has graduated. (Ages 17-18 years old must have a contract from a school district. Age 18 may attend classes, but no testing.)
- Live in Wisconsin (for at least 10 days).
- You have not graduated from high school and you are not enrolled in any high school.
- Complete a GED/HSED orientation, course #890-721 or 890-730, Adult Basic Ed. Success Skills including TABE testing and developing a personal education plan.

- HSED 5.08 - Foreign high school diploma or foreign college degree
- HSED 5.09 - Competency-based program
 - Graduation report - Fall 2025
 - College 5.09: 26 graduates during fall semester
 - Spanish 5.09: 17 total
 - 15 graduated at the end of the fall semester with Gateway
 - 2 referred to YWCA for RUSD diploma

- Retention report - Fall to Spring
 - College 5.09: 58 students retained; 11 exited
 - Spanish 5.09: 19 students retained; 6 exited
- Current enrollment - Spring 2026
 - College 5.09: 81
 - Spanish 5.09: 20 (6 morning + 14 evening)

School of Health

- Dental Hygiene construction in Racine is nearing its conclusion. Patterson dental has nearly completed equipment installation, working with plumbers and electricians to tie equipment into college facilities.
- The Respiratory Therapy program started their first clinical rotation spring 2026 semester. Clinical rotations include Froedtert South in Kenosha and Ascension in Racine.

School of Business and Transportation

In January, Katie Graf began her role as Dean of Business, Transportation & Dual Credit. The semester was launched with the successful kickoff of Spring 2026 courses across the School. Initial meetings with program faculty and department chairs began to support continuity, collaboration, and program alignment. The H-EV Equipment Grant was finalized, advancing hands-on learning and instructional capacity within Transportation programs.

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Richard McLaughlin and his daughter were part of a promotional video for the Institute of Hydrobiology Chinese Academy of Sciences. He worked with his daughter on critically endangered Yangtze finless porpoise. Here is a video link: [Yangtze finless porpoise video](#)

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Program Effectiveness

In preparation for the 2026-27 academic year, the Program Curriculum and Quality Analyst finalized all updates to curriculum sheets and submitted course and program level curricula to the WTCS system office for state education director approval. A total of 29 programs made modifications to their course content for 2026-27, resulting in 134 courses being uploaded for review. Approvals from the system office are expected throughout the month of February, and all updated course and program content will be available beginning in March 2026 ahead of summer and fall registration.

College Excellence

Institutional Research conducted several surveys to support the Gateway team that is participating in the Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum offered through the the American Association of Colleges and Universities. The Institute is a seven-month program that helps campuses respond to the challenges and opportunities artificial intelligence presents for courses, curriculum, and higher education in general.

Gateway's team is conducting an environmental scan to inform its work. During the fall semester, IR conducted surveys of students, employees, employers, and K-12 partners to assess their current AI usage as well as challenges and opportunities. Results of these surveys are available on the [IR intranet site](#).

High School Partnerships

In January, the High School Partnerships team successfully kicked off the Spring 2026 semester across all dual credit programs. The College released the 2026–27 High School Academy offerings, supporting continued pathway alignment with workforce and postsecondary goals. The team also hosted the Spring Career Prep meeting with K-12 partners to support student planning and transitions. Additionally, a Career Pathways Grant application was submitted to expand and strengthen the Start College Now program.

Business and Workforce Solutions

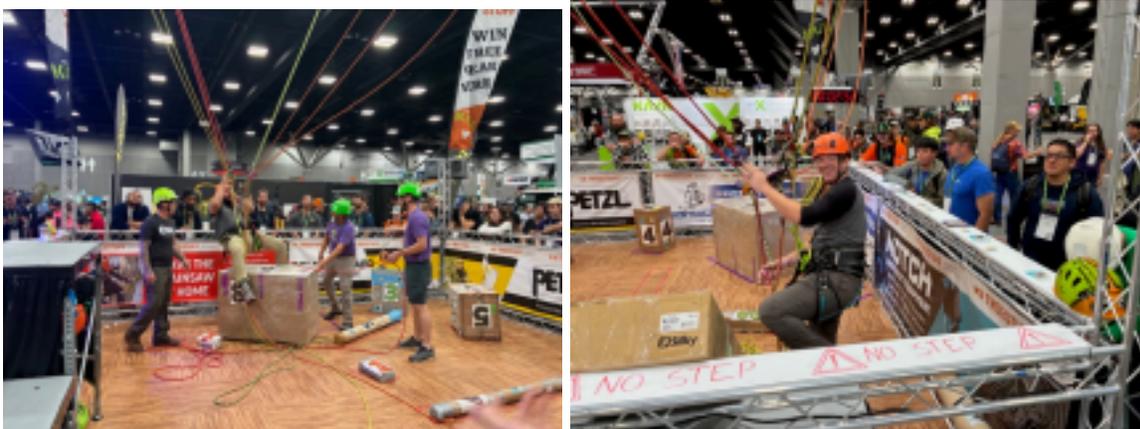
The Gateway Arborist Apprentices were at Petrifying Springs County Park, in Somers, WI as part of our service learning agreement with Kenosha County Parks. Apprentices were climbing and pruning trees to improve structure and tree health. PETS is one of the most used parks in the Kenosha County Park system, and Gateway's work at the park provides added benefit to hundreds of thousands of annual visitors!



Gateway Arborist Apprenticeship program providing information about apprenticeship at the IL Arborist Association annual conference in Nov 2025.



Gateway Arborist Apprentices participating in the Treestuff Human Claw at the Tree Care Industry Expo in St. Louis, MO Nov 2025. Arborists were connected to 4 tie-in points, each with a different connection device, and had to maneuver their way around the ring to pick up boxes with their feet and transport them to the landing place. Each box was worth different points and had differing weights. All participating students won prizes ranging from \$20 to over \$300 in prizes!



FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES (Sharon Johnson)

Community Connectedness

- United Way of Racine- Victory Celebration
- Tempo Board Meeting
- 2026 Black Voices in Higher Education & Leadership panel participant

Student Accounts

- Focused on ensuring a strong start to the spring term by supporting student account readiness, resolving enrollment-related billing issues, and collaborating across Student Services to reduce barriers to student success.
- Successfully prepared and distributed 1098-T tuition tax statements to students, supporting timely tax filing and ensuring compliance with federal reporting requirements.

Facilities

- Working to finalize FY 26-27 Facility Plan
- Successfully bid the ECP Playground Repair Project
- Working through final stages of Trane PDA assessment.

Safety and Security

- Fob door capital project is near completion. All new fob readers have been installed, final programming is left to finish up.
- Completed safety presentations for School of Health and United Student Government.
- Will be doing Q&A session at next FTLC meeting and presenting Self Defense for Nurses cosponsored by the Student Nursing Association.

Budget and purchasing

- Initial FY 2026-27 budget submissions were submitted on January 28, 2026. ● Submissions are being compiled and will be evaluated by ELC members. ● Vice Presidents will work with their respective teams to refine their submissions and strongly vet their needs to ensure that funding is aligned with Gateway's strategic goals.

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 search for a replacement for Perceptive Transform, a web based fill in form product that directly integrates with Perceptive Content, our Document Management System, is in progress. Once a replacement is found and funding is available it will proceed to implementation.

Information Technology

- Continued advancements in AI solutions
 - Internal Chat bot that can assist IT staff in retrieving information and conducting routine tasks to increase productivity, efficiency, consistency, and improved delegation. This model is easily adaptable to other areas of the college such as a Contact Center, Student Advisors, Talent and Culture, etc.
 - AI Vendor review assistant - Can review comprehensive documentation such as HECVATs and SOC2 audits and provide a summary highlighting the strengths and weaknesses within the documents, a vendor score, and specific risks to education such as FERPA and accessibility concerns. This could be adapted for contract review, data sharing agreements, RFPs writing/reviews, etc.

- Over the past several weeks, IT has been executing a major infrastructure-consolidation initiative within our virtualization environment. By carefully evaluating workloads, rightsizing virtual machines, and rebalancing resource utilization across clusters, we were able to reduce the number of hypervisor nodes required to support campus operations. This optimization also lowers the total number of CPU cores that must be licensed resulting in substantial long-term cost savings. This effort required extensive planning, analysis, and coordination to ensure services remained stable throughout the consolidation process. The project positions us for more efficient management of our virtual infrastructure going forward, while also reducing overhead and improving overall operational sustainability.

End User Computing and Distance Learning

- Campus techs prepared our computer labs and other instructional technologies to facilitate a smooth start to the semester.
- As we finish the migration to Windows 11 in some locations, we are identifying desktop computers that are underutilized in some labs and moving them to locations where they are needed. In these spaces that desktops are being removed, we are looking at placing laptop carts for use, outfitted with laptops that were not recirculated during the project. A main driver for this is computer prices have gone up around 25% so far this year, and further increases are expected.

STUDENT AFFAIRS (Tammi Summers)

Student Support Programs (Jomarie Coloriano)

National Mentoring Month Launch (January 19–30, 2026)

Gateway Technical College successfully launched its first National Mentoring Month, engaging 90 students, faculty, staff, and alumni across multiple campuses and virtual platforms. The initiative elevated mentoring as a high-impact strategy to strengthen student engagement, persistence, and career readiness while fostering meaningful cross-campus connections.

Key activities included:

- HEADS UP Mentoring Information Session to introduce mentoring opportunities and benefits
- MLK Day of Service, connecting mentoring to civic engagement and



- community leadership
- Alumni Mentoring Panel highlighting career pathways, lived experience, impact of mentoring, and professional insight
- Mentor Community Networking Event to strengthen relationships and sustain mentoring momentum

Hispanic Student Programming - Elizabeth Rosiles-Zavala

- The You Belong Here Bash Spring 2026 events were designed to bring us together, celebrate our community, and start the semester with energy and excitement. These events served as an early-term engagement strategy to welcome students, support retention efforts, and reinforce our institutional commitment to an inclusive campus culture.
- A total of approximately 202 students participated across three locations: 44 students at Elkhorn, 65 students at Kenosha and 93 students at Racine. The strong attendance across all locations reflects student enthusiasm and engagement, as well as the importance of intentional community-building efforts.
- Overall, the You Belong Here Bash Spring 2026 events successfully set a positive tone for the semester and reinforced our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive campus environment.

Student Finance Specialists - Patrice Fullilove-McCall

- The SFS team approved 9 Foundation/WTCS State Emergency Grants, totaling \$6,769.49, to support students in need.
- The SFS team participated in collaboration with the NSS and assisted 13 students with completing the 2026–2027 FAFSA at Bradford and Indian Trail High Schools.
- During the month of January, the SFS team assisted students with a wide range of inquiries, including SAP/M150 appeals, account questions, payment plans, veteran benefits, FAFSA assistance, and more. Total student connections:
 - Resolved Email Communications: 1,097
 - Phone Calls Completed: 607
 - Appointments Completed: 407
 - Peak-Time Walk-Ins: 248
 - Total Student Connections: 2,359

Student Support Counseling - Katie Lohre

- The Student Support Counseling team has been busy connecting with students during the beginning of the semester. This semester is Mental Health awareness month and there will be events sprinkled throughout the semester.
- Krystal recently finished the first phase of training as a Somatic Therapist and those skills will be shared with a nursing group on the 13th.

Go Lead Our World (GLOW) Leadership Experience (Beginning March 2026)

Beginning in March, Gateway will launch the Go Lead Our World (GLOW) Leadership Experience, a series of leadership-focused events designed to build student confidence, leadership capacity, and global awareness. GLOW aligns leadership development with career readiness by integrating reflection, networking, and applied learning opportunities.

Programming objectives aligned with Gateway Technical College career competencies include:

- Developing leadership and professionalism through a Leading Bravely Panel, featuring campus and community leaders
- Strengthening communication, teamwork, and networking skills through the GLOW Summit, focused on leadership development and relationship-building
- Encouraging inclusive and ethical leadership practices that prepare students to lead with purpose in diverse academic and workforce environments
- Supporting career readiness by connecting leadership learning to real-world applications

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (Interim)

Foundation (Jennifer Charpentier)

- **Direct Aid to Students:** The Foundation's Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026: doors open at 11:30 am, lunch is served at 12:30 pm, and the ceremony starts at 1:15 pm (anticipated schedule).
- **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 January 31, 2025: \$514,572 from 313 donors. • **Gateway Technical College Alumni Association:** invites you to submit nominations for outstanding alumni who have made a meaningful impact in their professions and communities by February 15, 2026. Learn more about the **Distinguished Alumni program** and nominating an alum at <https://www.gtc.edu/about-gateway/foundation-and-alumni/distinguished-alumni-nominations>

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

Talent & Culture -

Talent & Culture and Training & Development completed 14 hours of Cornerstone software training in preparation for system implementation. A kickoff meeting with the Cornerstone implementation team was held on January 20. Implementation is ongoing and remains on track, with individual functional meetings scheduled to take place in February.

In January, the Training and Development department onboarded two new full-time faculty and fifteen adjunct faculty through the New Faculty Launchpads program, equipping participants with essential knowledge to begin teaching, with particular emphasis on Brightspace (the college's learning management system) and the standardized syllabus process. The team also updated department-level training materials to meet accessibility standards, and refreshed and assigned the annual FERPA training.

In January, the onsite employee clinic successfully transitioned to Aurora. Meet and greet sessions are scheduled for February for eligible staff, spouses, and dependents to provide an opportunity to meet the new clinic team in an informal, relaxed setting.

Center for Sustainable Living -

Marketing -

The Marketing & Communications team is currently developing the student handbook. This project requires significant coordination across multiple departments and areas of the College, and work is underway to ensure this important resource is ready for student use in the upcoming academic year.

Team members from Marketing & Communications participated in judging for this year's Campus Ambassador Awards. The team was excited to support this initiative and contribute to the selection of student ambassadors who represent the campuses and the College.

WGTD -

David Cole was appointed to serve as the Kenosha County Media Coordinator, a clerical role that facilitates the use of cameras and audio recording equipment in circuit courtrooms in accordance with Wisconsin Supreme Court media guidelines.