



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 18, 2015

GATEWAY AS A LEADER

Instructor Pam Hillman and students attend DECA Conference

Three students from the Kenosha chapter of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) recently attend the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA. The students were accompanied by their advisor Pam Hillman. The students competed in business and information technology events against as many as 160 competitors per event from across the United States.

Michelle Saucedo competed in nine events. She placed 3rd in Advanced Interview Skills and 8th in Advanced Spreadsheet Applications. She took 9th place in Parliamentary Procedure Concepts and 10th in Personal Financial Management Concepts. Michelle also placed in the top 20% of competitors in two other events.

Lorissa Cheatham competed in eleven events. She placed 9th in Federal Income Tax Accounting and placed in the top 20% of competitors in three other events. Benjamin Leon competed in four events. He placed 6th in Computer Security and in the top 20% of competitors in one other event.

Both Ben and Michelle earned industry certifications while attending the conference.

ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Academic Operations

The Scheduling office has been working hard on implementation of Infosilem room scheduling software, and they have met with program chairs and discussed course, professor, and room constraints. A meeting with all Scheduling Committee members will be scheduled late July/early August to review and finalize recommendations made by the various sub-committees.

Adjunct in-service will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2014. Zina Haywood will be discussing FQAS and announcing the roll out of an Adjunct Resource Program, this will be a resource for Adjuncts to find helpful information on FAQ's, discussion board access, important contact names/phone/email, FQAS, and request for mentoring support.

Relocation of the Kenosha Book Store is in progress with the intent of opening at the new location prior to Fall 2015 semester.

Business and Information Technology

Item # 1: Instructor Paul Nelson and student's sets fundraiser for student club



In the Fab Lab photo taken at the iMet, I took my Emerging Tech class on a field trip to iMet to learn more about 3D Printing from Greg Herker and Greg Chapman. Val, who's holding the guitar, learned that there is a class/workshop you can take to buy the guitar parts, assemble and test your own guitar! FUN!

In the second photo, (where I'm wearing a black shirt) this was taken during a fundraiser my computer club (GCPU) sponsored on the Elkhorn campus in the renovated South Building.

Item # 2: Instructor Mike Hashek is awarded Top 10 Certification Administrator from ETA (Electronic Technicians Association- International)

This is a certificate indicating the Supervisory Management Program is a Top 10 Certification Exam Proctor in the World. ETA is an international organization and we are leading the way in Customer Service through the two Certifications we offer within our program. This is quite an accomplishment for the team and one we are quite proud of.



Developmental Education

33 Adult High School students and 1 GED student participated in the May 19th AHS/GED/HSED Graduation Ceremony.

Gateway Graphic Design and ELL students from Gateway partnered with UW Parkside's Typography class to present artistic representations of the immigration experiences of students or their relatives. Posters based on their collaboration will be on display from May 18-June 25th.

Ginger Karaway, Laura Knudson, and Debra Solomon – presenting during the May Faculty Professional Days week on their experience at the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of other Languages) Conference.

Sandy Monahan, Jeannine Volbright, and Craig Schambow presented the revised GED Orientation on May 11 to the ABE Adjuncts and full time faculty on May 9.

ELL students in the ELL Immersion Program received certificates of achievements at the May 1st end of the year celebration.

Mike Troutt, Juan Veloz, and Dora McGill, provided assistance and translation services for the Yo Puedo event on May 13th.

General Studies

Communications Department Chair Lisa Kusko wrote a grant proposal for an Inspiration Grant from the Gateway Foundation for \$3,000. The proposal, entitled "Testing Into Success," was approved. The project will provide funding for students in Gateway's two lowest developmental writing courses to retake the COMPASS writing test to see if they can advance through the writing sequence more quickly, saving them time and money and keeping them on track for completion of a degree. The initiative promotes success and retention among students most at risk of dropping out.

General Studies faculty were well represented at the May graduation. In addition to the faculty who attended (see the photo below), Science/Math faculty Mike DuPrey and others helped with set up and organization of the event.



From left: Dr. Tom Halloran (Communications), Dr. Don Zakutansky (Science), Dr. Stevie Summers (Social Science), Tiffany Garrison (Science), Henry Meier (Science), Lori Baxa (Science), and Dr. Katy J Vopal (Communications)

Phi Theta Kappa, the national honorary society for two-year colleges, won two awards from the Wisconsin Regional Challenge for growing the chapter. The first award provides free registration for one person to one of the regional meetings next year. The second award is a cash award of \$250 to use at the chapter's discretion.

Congratulations to Phi Theta Kappa and its faculty advisors, Jessica Gleason (Communications), Heidi Jenkins (Communications), and Dr. Suzanne Sublette (Social Science).

General Studies is proud to have so many award-winning faculty members. Congratulations to Heidi Jenkins (Communications) who won this year's Racine Presidents Faculty Excellence Award, along with Star Award winners Kyle Kendall (Spanish, Kenosha), Donnetta Davis (Communications, Racine), and Amy Hankins (Communications, Elkhorn), who join all the past award winners of Star and Presidents Excellence awards. Congratulations also to Dr. Stevie Summers (Social Science), who

won the Excellence in Teaching Award from Gateway's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Health Careers

We continue to search for a second Veterinary Sciences instructor and now a replacement Pharmacy Technician instructor for a 2015FA start. There is also a vacancy for a Kenosha Nursing instructor and a HTLC skills lab assistant also in Kenosha.

We have over 100 applications for the Veterinary Tech/Veterinary Asst programs in Elkhorn. We are requiring 20 hours of shadowing a Veterinary physician or CVT and interviews for up to 40 applicants are being scheduled.

An application for new HPOP funds has been submitted to the federal government. We should know something in the fall.

Dean Mike O'Donnell and Associate Dean for Nursing Diane Skewes met with a team from Aurora University/George Williams College for a dual enrollment RN-BSN option. A written document is being crafted to outline the arrangement.

MA Instructor Mike Randolph graduated from Leadership Racine on May 12. Dean Mike O'Donnell attended the ceremony.

PTA Instructor Dr. Traci Gotz graduated from Leadership Kenosha on May 20. Dean Mike O'Donnell attended the ceremony.

Nursing instructor Vicki Hulback and the HPS support staff from Kenosha has been leading in-service training in OB care for paramedics affiliated with Kenosha Fire Department and for OB unit nurses at St. Catherine's Hospital.

A renovation plan for the conversion of the Radiography space in Burlington to become the Pharmacy Tech lab has been developed.

A summer cohort of Nursing students has been selected for participation in the expansion of sections funded by the Blueprint for Prosperity grant.

Dean Mike O'Donnell attended the quarterly meeting of the board for Milwaukee Area Health Education Center (AHEC) on May 13. He is scheduled to travel to Colorado later in June at the request of CAPTE to conduct a re-accreditation visit for Pueblo Community College's PTA program.

Elkhorn Campus

Plans are underway for the campus Open House event scheduled for July 23.

The campus donated a door prize to the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce in support of its annual Golf Outing on May 20 at Evergreen Country Club.

The campus donated a door prize to the Elkhorn High School in support of its Operation Graduation lock-in event.

Dean of Campus Affairs Mike O'Donnell rolled up his sleeves for the blood drive at the Alternative High School on June 3. He also toured the campus with the Gateway Foundation Board of Trustees at their June 9th meeting in Elkhorn. He also attended the Walworth County Literacy Council meeting on June 12.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Efforts are underway in Marketing to promote registration for fall classes and attendance at the July Open Houses. Ads are being scheduled in digital, newspaper, radio, billboard, and direct mail media.

Branding and rebranding is taking place in several spaces/student support areas: Career and Employment Services, Testing, Horizon Center, Burlington Center and finishing work on Kenosha Student Services area. The goal is to create inspiring spaces and to be consistent across Gateway campuses.

A new virtual tour of Gateway is in production by an outside vendor with whom we've shared a vision and Gateway-created components. We expect completion within a month.

Marketing is working with Facilities to produce a flat bed float for use in area holiday parades and with the campus Deans to generate a walking team to participate along with our Rudy the Red Hawk.

Program brochures are being developed for each program to give instructors and new student specialists a leave-behind when they are promoting programs of study. The material will also be shared electronically via Recruiter as part of the communications track.

As of June 2, 2015, donors have generously contributed through the Foundation \$1,218,562.21 to help Gateway students.

These gifts include the following Foundation Scramble Sponsorships:

Titanium Level: \$7,500: Partners in Design & Trane

Platinum Level: \$5,000: Snap-on & Complete Office of Wisconsin

Gold Level: \$3,000: Kenosha Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – and –
Riley Construction & Camosy Construction

Silver Level: \$2,000: Colerget Conference Center

Lunch Sponsor: \$1,500 Bane Nelson

Dinner Sponsor: \$1,250 Wells Fargo

The Inspiration Grant program was created to provide funding to students, faculty and staff for the development and implementation of high quality, innovative projects that advance learning and support College principles and/or the Gateway Technical College

mission. They are one time grants that often provide supplies or other needed resources or pilot program funding. The Foundation has also granted the following Inspiration Grants this May:

Online Softskill Training for Engineering Students (Pat Hoppe; Engineering) \$2,250. Pilot program to teach soft skills to a group of engineering students.

Gateway Technical College Society of Mechanical Engineers Club Gas Radio Controlled Boat (Rich Buhnerkemper) \$2,000 Equipment for creating a gas radio controlled model boat.

SafeZone Training (Katie Lohre, Vicki Wahler, Nicole Gustafson-Binger, Mary Xiong; Student Support Counselors & Multicultural Student Support Specialist) \$2,254. Provide train the trainer to educate Gateway community on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer basics and identify "safe zones" that are places for community members to be open about their identity and place to come for assistance or referral if needed.

Testing into Success (Lisa Muzaffar Kusko, Communications) \$3,000 Pilot for students to see if students in Gateway's two developmental writing courses can advance through the developmental writing sequence more quickly retake Compass-Writing test.

Mentor Southeast Wisconsin has held its second meeting. This diverse group of organizations and individuals is discussing how to become a resource for each other and the community, along with ensuring that the community needs around mentoring are being met. Three mentor trainings have taken place. One was done internally at Gateway and the other two were for external organizations. This training is needed for programs to ensure that their mentors are comfortable with their roles. Manoj Babu, Julani Bayan, Jayne Herring and Stephanie Sklba have been trained to be mentor trainers locally and are looking at national certification options.

There has been some activity around the state budget that includes the provision for Gateway to open/authorize a charter school in our tri county area along with the surrounding communities. This was picked up by the media and there have been a number of stories around the topic. The college did not initiate the conversations and does not plan to open a charter school. We will continue to work with our secondary schools in partnerships around academies, the development of career pathways focusing on STEM, transcripted credits and articulation agreements.

ENROLLMENT

Summer enrollment is currently +1.5%. Fall enrollment is currently down -6.2%. To date, enrollment for FY16 is currently -2.9%. Fall enrollment outreach initiatives are underway.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Business Office Team wishes to congratulate Beverly Hansen and Sherry Croce on their retirements. Beverly and Sherry have dedicated many years of service to the college. We wish them abundant years of health and enjoyment in the new adventures ahead!

Moody's Investors Services assigns Aaa Rating

Moody's Investors Services assigns an Aaa rating for \$8,000,000 of General Obligation Promissory Notes, series 2015-201616A. Moody's also maintains the Aaa rating on Gateway's outstanding general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) debt, which totals \$69.2 million post-sale. The \$8M debt issue will be used to fund \$1.5M building and remodeling projects and \$6.5M for district equipment needs.

FY 2015-2016 Budget Update

The FY 2015-16 budget was approved at the May 14, 2015 Board meeting. Budget officers will be able to view their FY2015-16 budget in the coming weeks and will be able to have full access to them starting July 1, 2015. The FY2015-16 Budget will be monitored closely as we wait for updated information regarding Net New Construction, Equalized Values, and State Aid allocations. This information is typically not known until approximately October 1.

FY 2015-16 Casualty, Property and Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewals

The renewals (effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) reflect the following:

- The policy ratings for Property, Casualty, Educators Legal Liability (ELL), Equipment Breakdown and Campus Violent Acts will all remain flat for the July 1, 2015 renewal. Increases or decreases in premium values may be due to changes in building appraised values and acquisitions, overall estimated payroll and salary adjustments, number of vehicles included in college fleet, overall employee FTE and student FTE.
- Cyber Risk Liability rates have been established for the renewal for the full 12-month period (vs. 11 months for FY 2014-15). The Cyber Risk policy premium for FY 2014-2015 was funded with an 80% contribution (\$169,000) from DMI and 20% payment from the colleges. For FY 2015-2016, the colleges are paying 100% of the premium.
- The ELL coverage and workers compensation remains volatile with frequency and severity of claims trending upwards. Both lines of coverage will be closely monitored throughout the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 policy year.
- Workers' compensation rates are set by the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau and DMI abides by their rates. The net effect of these rates is an overall increase of approximately 6% depending on the college's Mod Factor. The average Mod Factor within the 16 technical colleges is 0.80. Gateway's mod factor is currently 0.91.
- Premiums for crime, foreign travel and business travel accident coverage will be invoiced separately once approved and released by the Wisconsin Technical College Insurance Trust.

FY 2014-2015 Audit Update

The FY 2014-2015 audit has begun! We had a productive audit kick-off meeting on June 4th and everyone is preparing for a smooth year end close. Our external auditors will be onsite June 22-24th to begin their initial field work and with a lot of teamwork we are anticipating for a successful year end!

OMNI Grant Reform Update

Great progress has been made in creating and/or updating our policies and procedures to be in compliance with the new grant reform. We are nearing completion of the initial phase of this project and will begin exploring ways to effectively communicate the updates to staff. The team continues to put forth a huge effort to get this project done and all should be commended. Everyone's efforts will ensure that Gateway remains a strong viable institution!

HUMAN RESOURCES & FACILITIES

On-going development of the Trane Energy Management System continues by involving IT and curriculum development in the process.

Bill met with Bryan and Kenall executives to solicit their support on planned building projects which they endorsed along with light experiments with Horticulture on various options for LED lights in growing various crops.

HR conducted employee listening sessions on all campuses and the Burlington Center regarding the changes to our benefits effective July 1, 2015. There were good questions on the changes. Employees were not happy with the level of changes but most understand why it was necessary. There was a Health & Dental Insurance open enrollment conducted through May 29, 2015. Eleven (11) changes were made.

Gateway participated in a Consortium RFP process for life insurance where a new provider was selected. The implementation process has started.

Contracts were negotiated with the GTEA and the GESP at 1.62% which is the CPI.

The modified Employee Evaluation form was developed with new merit guidelines to be used for all non-represented personnel for a July 1, 2015 implementation. It was presented to all management employees at the May supervisory training.

Two (2) deans have accepted severance agreements and signed the hold harmless agreement.

We have begun the initial planning for the September Employee Learning Day morning program.

John Frost reported that Payroll has processed over 800 letters of employment for the Summer semester. We are expecting over 1,000 by the end of processing.

The faculty contracts were mailed on time. The deadline for submitting the contracts is Monday, June 15, 2015.

Gateway's annual Relay for Life initiative is in full swing and many HR staff are involved.

The new requirements for the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) are in place at Gateway for July 1, 2015. These requirements require changes to our sexual misconduct policies, various mandated training, continued communication regarding policy and resources, etc. The VAWA Committee at Gateway is in the process of addressing these new requirements.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

On June 15, the IE division welcomed Dee Ford to the Program Effectiveness Specialist position on our PE Team. Dee was previously a divisional associate in Gateway's nursing department. Her knowledge of Gateway's processes and excellent organizational skills will help us continue to support our programs' improvement efforts. Welcome, Dee.



John Thibodeau accompanied Fire Service Instructor John Dahms to the 2015 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence sponsored by NISOD in Austin, Texas. John Dahms received the 2015 Excellence Award, which John Thibodeau presented to him at the awards dinner. Sonya Cooks and Heidi Jenkins, who were unable to attend the conference, will also receive medallions from NISOD.

Research, Planning & Development

The Research department has completed the report of the class of 2013-14 Graduate Follow-up Study. A total of 2,167 graduates were surveyed and after many evenings of phone calling, an 81% response rate was achieved. The results are once again very positive, with 97% satisfied with their Gateway training, 85% employed, and 64% employed in their field of training. The average hourly wage was reported at \$17.39, with associate degree graduates earning an average of \$19.98 per hour.

Office of Quality Systems

The Office of Quality Systems is currently finalizing elements for White Belt Training Modules for Racine County which will be used to train all county workers on Lean Six Sigma. The training is in an online format.

Employee Learning

July 1st will mark the start of implementation of Gateway's new learning management system, Maestro, from SumTotal. After an exhaustive review of four different systems, Maestro provided the most robust and user friendly features at an affordable price. The new learning management system will help track faculty quality assurance qualifications, allow faculty and staff to take on-demand and compliance training, register for instructor led training, maintain a transcript, and much more. Maestro will also increase the efficiency and accuracy of training records, centralize the training management function, and provide staff with easy access to a variety of training opportunities.

LEARNING INNOVATION

Distance Learning

We are providing data and recommendations to Ray Koukari and Cheryl Ucakar in regard to the IT Academy grants. Specifically, we are providing recommendations on staffing levels and job duties for technical support related to the deployment of videoconferencing equipment in support of the grant.

We are exploring additional means of bringing expanded videoconferencing to the college. LifeSize, the vendor who provides much of our videoconferencing infrastructure, is offering a cloud-based solution which may enable us to scale our implementation within the college. Research is ongoing.

ReadSpeaker, a screen reading application for websites, has been fully implemented, in coordination with the Marketing department. This application provides expanded access for visually impaired users of our website and Blackboard resources.

We have deployed 8 additional apps within our Blackboard mobile application, *Gateway4Me*. We have deployed 19 total apps within this tool for students.

We continue to support students and staff as they encounter challenges with online technologies, etc.

The EMS program intends to pilot Respondus monitor this semester with two high schools. This technology allows for more secure online testing.

Information Systems

Creating the processes to import BWS student information from Go Sign Me Up in to Colleague

Creating reports for HLC Persistence and Completion Academy

Creating the processes to import scheduling information from Infosilem in to Colleague

Created a process to facilitate the checking of hours for adjuncts and casuals for ACA purposes

In process of implementing the Ellucian mobile application for Colleague

Continuing work on the Online Petitioning project (LSS Black Belt project)

Implemented Planet Press to print checks. Results are positive.

Work on reports in CROA is on-going

Server and Virtualization Technology

We have a consultant onsite to help “firm up” our VDI deployment from 5/26-6/5. This includes setting up multiple servers to reduce impact from outages, ensuring anti-virus is working correctly, and setting up two sites for desktops. We are also redeploying AppVolumes for desktop management.

New printers have been ordered and received to replace non-duplexing printers in the district. We will be working with campus technicians on deploying these printers during the summer.

Three techs are attending a Nimble class on 6/4/15 to better understand how the NASs work, as well as see if they provide the same services that our current SAN environment does. We use Nimble NASs for some of our VDI deployment, but we would like to implement these units for our servers, as they have a lower cost, require less management, and are generally smaller.

The Greenprint team is meeting with additional vendors as replacements for Ricoh. We will have a decision by the end of August as to what vendor we will be going forward with.

Networking, Infrastructure, and Technology Support Services

The Network Operations team has installed a new edge switch stack in the Admin Center. If the pilot goes well and we can implement this new switch stack district-wide, Gateway could save ~\$300k in planned replacement costs over the next 3 years in capital spending to replace these old switches.

The Network Operations team has selected a vendor from the RFP responses for our district-wide voice telephone services. We have selected to stay with our current vendor Windstream who gave us the most favorable terms and functionality we require.

Laptop and desktop replacements for faculty, staff and classrooms in accordance with our practice to replace computers > 5 years old is well underway and will be completed by the end of the Spring semester.

The infrastructure team has successfully kept pace with the facilities improvement projects in Elkhorn and Kenosha. They have worked exceptionally hard to coordinate all of the technology infrastructure on these major projects.

In coordination with Marketing/Communications, we are assessing the plan for district-wide digital signage. The current system does not meet our security requirements (the system runs on Windows XP).

STUDENT SUCCESS

Tutoring Services

For the 2014-2015 academic year, Gateway students logged nearly 18,000 visits for 31,000 hours of tutoring in the Racine, Kenosha, and Elkhorn Learning Success Centers. These numbers, however, do not include the many students tutored through Supplemental Instruction, Facilitated Study Groups, HPOP, Multicultural Services, TRiO, and the various boot camp programs. We are working to find a way to efficiently track those numbers, too. Tutoring Services will soon expand its online tutoring services. Increasing tutoring access will not only benefit our online students, it will also help those students whose schedules make it difficult for them to come in for face-to-face tutoring. Completion of all action items from the Kaizen on Tutoring, including new processes for hiring, training, and marketing, is on track with most scheduled for completion on or before September 1, 2015.

Student Accounts

In an effort to increase communication with our students, the Student Accounts team will be sending weekly emails to all students with a Spring 2015 balance. This is in addition to the regularly scheduled end of term statement.

Student Finance Specialists

The Student Finance Specialist will be hosting four student success workshops, one each week, for the month of June. These are in addition to the regularly scheduled All Things Student Finance and FAFSA Days workshops. The workshops cover topics such as, money management and student loan repayment. The overall goal is to continue to educate students on smart financial decisions.

BUSINESS & WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

May 12, 2015 Kristin Niemiec presented an overview of Gateway's Business Resources and Launch Box CoWorking to the Business Idea Exchange Networking Group.

On May 27th, the first Launch Box Growth Accelerator cohort teams will make their final presentations to the teaching team and mentors in preparation for the end of program celebration, Super Send Off, scheduled for June 4th at the Madrigano Conference Center.

The Business and Workforce Solutions Division completed our first Telecom Installer Boot Camp on Friday May 29, 2015. Ten students started and finished in the boot

camp. Not one student missed a class during the 12-week Boot Camp and only one student was 10 minutes late, one time. The Boot Camp students completed 11 classes and earned 13 credits. Together they earned 158 technical certificates and certifications, with each student earning 15 or 16 certifications. None of this would have been possible without the great support of local companies, Workforce Development, Gateway administration, staff, and faculty, and the generous support of S.C. Johnson, a Family Company.

Friday May 29th the 2nd High School CNC Boot Camp completion ceremony was held. Ten students started the program in July 2014. They completed their senior year of high school in addition to completing the CNC Boot Camp and working for local employers for the spring 2015 semester. This summer two High School CNC Boot Camps will be held - one for Racine/Kenosha and one in Walworth County. If you know of any entering high school seniors for Fall 2015 who are interested in gaining college credits towards an in-demand career and being placed at local employers, please contact Rick Lofy at lofyr@gtc.edu.

Debbie Davidson spoke at the LakeView Technology Academy Project Lead the Way Student Expo. Students presented the projects they worked on throughout the year which incorporated all of the PLTW classes taken during high school, Kate Walker, Business Development Director, also attended and is working with students on business start-up ideas, patent processing, etc.

Shoreline Community College (WA) visited Gateway to learn more about our NC3 partnership and tour the Horizon and iMET Centers along with the Energy Labs on the Kenosha Campus.

Debbie Davidson will address the LakeView Technology Academy seniors at their commencement ceremony on May 29th. This year's 69 graduating seniors collectively earned 1,116 Gateway credits (average of 16 credits per student). This represents a savings of over \$2,000 per student for the earned credits. Congratulations graduates!!

The Fall 2015 Business & Workforce Solutions professional development catalog will be available soon. Watch for new offerings, online training and courses, and more business start-up and growth offerings. Courses begin in September!

The Center of Excellence Lean for Education kicks off with an introductory webinar on June 10th. Debbie Davidson and KC Jackson will provide an overview of Gateway's Quality journey to other colleges who wish to implement and/or enhance their processes through quality initiatives. This is available to all post-secondary institutions. For more info, please visit: <http://coeedu.qualitycampus.com/>

The apprenticeship ceremony is scheduled for June 11th at the Kenosha Campus Madrigano Center. For more information please contact Nicci Pagan at paganj@gtc.edu. Congratulations students!

The Automotive Diagnostic Partnership between Gateway, Snap-on, NC3 and EST Oujda, Morocco will celebrate the successful conclusion of the three-year grant project. Leveraging the momentum and support gained through the project, EST Oujda built a new automotive and mechatronics center based on what they learned from Gateway and other US institutions. A ribbon cutting will be held on June 3, 2015.

A corporate group from FCA - Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (formerly known as Chrysler, LLC) that manages service training globally for all FCA dealers visited the Horizon Center to further collaborate on a possible partnership with Gateway and other NC3 schools. They are looking to expand the pipeline of certificated technicians eligible to work in their dealership network.

The Fab Lab is currently assisting on two separate art projects, one for the Racine Public Library Foundation and another is being completed for the Launchbox. The Racine Journal times will be documenting the Library Project and putting together an article.

Gateway and the Fab Lab are assisting CESA#3 in developing a Fab Lab program for the Southwest area of WI. Debbie Davidson presented on a panel discussion in Fennimore, WI while Greg Herker spoke live via videoconference from the Fab Lab.

Greg Herker from the Fab Lab worked on-site at Mahone Middle School with 8th grade students involved in their STEM course where they built and tested rovers which they built and programmed. We are looking at further developing this outreach and we were able to spend time with students covering future careers and programs with Gateway.