

GATEWAY AS A LEADER

International Education

On the 18th of May, a Gateway team of 10 participants led by Instructors Elaine Asma and John Mizer left for Toulouse, France. The participants will be participating in a large restoration project of 1700's Chateau. The multidisciplinary team come from several disciplines ranging from Graphic design, engineering, to horticulture. The participants will return on the 28th of May, marking the final GTC study abroad program for the 2017 year.

Follow student blogs here: <http://gtcblogs.gtc.edu/france2017>

Learn more about the Chateau project here: <http://www.chateaugudanes.com/>

ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS AFFAIRS

BIT Division

From BPA (Business Professionals of America) club:

Student Mark Short attended the Business Professionals National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL, May 13, 2017. Mark placed in the following categories:

1st Place - Personal Financial Management Presentation

3rd Place - Advanced Spreadsheet Applications

2nd Place - Financial Management and Analysis Concepts

In addition to placing in the Top 10 in Management, Marketing, and Human Resources Concepts; Business Meeting Management Concepts; and Parliamentary Procedures Concepts, Mark also successfully passed the MOS tests for Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.



The Southeast Workforce Development Board and Racine County Workforce Solutions is delighted to announce that our inaugural TechHire cohort is underway! Eleven students were chosen following an application and interview process. This group of students is pursuing a Web Java Programmer Certificate developed and delivered by IT Web Programming faculty at the new IT Excellent Center on the Racine Campus of Gateway Technical College. Over the duration of the 18-week training, these students will be eligible to earn four industry recognized certifications and have an internship to showcase their talents.

MET Division

Earth Day – Sustainable

Alternative energy (Insert from Lake Geneva Regional News): One Gateway educator and his daughter viewed the event as a chance to educate the public about alternative energy. They set up two booths at the event, one displaying simple examples of solar panels used in introductory alternative energy classes and one that showed off more advanced tools in this field. “We’re here to expose people to solar panels and wind energy,” said Gateway student Megan Jazdzewski, daughter of Gateway educator Jim Jazdzewski. “We’re talking to anybody and everybody who stops. “That included both children and adults. Jazdzewski said that many of the families she had talked to so far that day had children who were interested in taking environmental classes at Gateway in the future. And though many of the interested children were not yet old enough to take these classes, Jazdzewski was confident that the information would be relevant for years to come. “Coal is not going to last forever,” she explained. “But we’re always going to have the sun.”



Horticulture

Earth Day was a success with large crowds and beautiful weather. The horticulture plant sale made over \$3,000. Funds from plant sales are used to support program needs such as purchasing all the hydroponic systems and establishment of the orchard.



Two students from the Horticulture program gave a presentation at the High School Environmental Summit on Compost.

The Racine Garden club held their April meeting at Pike Creek. The club sponsors 3 scholarships and students were on hand to meet and thank club members. Kate Field gave tours of the greenhouse and presented information on the WI Pollinator Protection Guidelines developed by the WDATCP last year.

Twenty-three students from Central High School in Paddock Lake came to visit the Pike Creek Horticulture Center. Students toured the greenhouse and learned about permaculture. They also spent time at the Center for Sustainable Living.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Legislative

We continue to monitor budgets both at the state and national levels. Gateway attended the Joint Finance Committee meeting in Madison, in which the Technical College system was discussed. Every individual that commented about the Technical colleges was very positive about the opportunities that we offer to our students, businesses and the community. We had a very successful budget year and experienced great support.

Marketing and Communications

It has been an exciting end of this semester. We've had many opportunities to demonstrate the value of Gateway Technical College to our communities. Events such as Celebrate Earth Day on the Kenosha and Elkhorn Campuses, President Trump's visit to Snap-on with Gateway's involvement, the Promise kick-off events at all three campuses, Graduation, Yo Puedo, and Adult High School/GED graduation have created positive impressions and hope for thousands of visitors and students. The media

coverage and even paid advertising have generated additional positive coverage of the college and has solidified the brand of Gateway being a leading economic driver and future maker for tens of thousands residents of our three counties.

Foundation

As of May 30, 2017, the Foundation has raised \$1,475,920. The generous gifts were from individuals (including Gateway faculty and staff as well as alumni), corporations, service clubs, and foundations. Donors have contributed to areas such as the mission of the Foundation, student scholarships, the endowment, the Gateway Promise Endowed Fund, student emergency funds, and the Boot Camps.

The Gateway Promise Endowment Campaign has reached \$2,022,490.

The 23rd Annual Foundation Scramble took place on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Hawks’ View Golf Course. We had 126 golfers who joined us for the day. Highlights of the program included student scholarship recipient speaker Amy Crum inspired a \$1,000 winning voice auction bid for the condo week stay donated by Bruce and Jackie Battersby. Snap-on Tools donated two cabinets used at President Trump’s executive order signing and two Bahco Tools professional set. For both items, one was offered during the live auction and Snap-on offered a second item once they saw the excitement for the item. We had the good fortune of having four Gateway scholarship recipients at the event. Three also serve as alumni volunteers.

The Foundation has awarded 30 scholarships to high school graduates who direct enroll to Gateway. Students represent 22 high schools across the district. Here are the students by county and high school:

Bradford High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Alexander Hernandez	Harborside Academy <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Joshua Campbell	Hillcrest School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Alex Bonogofsky
Indian Trail <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Avijan King	Lakeview Technology Academy <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Ryan Bowman	Reuther High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Leslie Velasco
Tremper High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Jacqkia Chamness	Wilmont High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Adam Ruehmer <i>Gateway Central High School</i> Jake Raiman	Burlington High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Rachel Bergles <i>Gabriella Ortiz Memorial</i> Alexandra English <i>Gateway to Success</i> Ethan Wills
J.I. Case High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Jack Long	Lutheran High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Niko Burton	Union Grove High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Megan Goessl
The Real School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Brayden Groth	Walden III <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Cameron Bucholz	Washington Park High School <i>President’s Opportunity</i> Emma Widmar <i>Dave Dixon Transportation</i>

		Dominic Yeats
Waterford High School <i>President's Opportunity</i> Hunter Dassow <i>Gateway to Success</i> Nicholas Estrada	William Horlick High School <i>President's Opportunity</i> Caitlyn Jansen <i>Gateway to Success</i> Nina Musurlian Michael Wittrock	Big Foot High School <i>President's Opportunity</i> Andrew Rego <i>Jessica Tueting Esch Memorial Scholarship</i> Hannah Hartwig
East Troy <i>President's Opportunity Scholarship</i> Hannah Buhholtz	Elkhorn High School <i>President's Opportunity Scholarship</i> Hannah Sattler	Faith Christian School <i>President's Opportunity Scholarship</i> Sydney Henke

ENROLLMENT

Summer enrollment is positive +0.04% compared to summer 2016. Fall enrollment is down with outreach and enrollment activities being worked on.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The annual public hearing on the FY18 budget was held on May 3, 2017, with no public comment. The only media present was Racine radio, WRJN.

Bill Whyte attended four Tax Incremental District (TID) meetings in May with new projects beginning in Racine with an update to Regency Mall and a new industrial park in Pleasant Prairie.

The first Moody's call for FY18 was conducted on May 30th in preparation for the \$7 million bond sale in July.

The Business Office is preparing to convert expense reporting to a Per Diem arrangement which will significantly reduce wasted processing time.

Grants Update

The Grants team is preparing for the College's external auditor's visit this month regarding all the grants and drafting a preliminary copy of the Single Audit and related documents. Grant budgets are being created along with new general ledger numbers for set up once the official award letters are issued by Wisconsin Technical College System. The Permanent Employee List of grant funded individuals for FY18 has been created and forwarded to Human Resources for updating in the system for correct allocation on the first payroll in July. The team continues to provide ongoing support of financial resources regarding the grant management and exploration of new funding opportunities.

Business Office Positions Update

After 11 years of service to Gateway Technical College, Judy Braun, Manager, Purchasing, will be retiring. Judy's exact last day is still to be determined however it will

likely be in late summer or early fall. We are looking at options to fill this void for an indefinite period for training, transition, and continued support. This job has been posted and is being recruited for a replacement.

We are also excited about the newest addition to the Business Office team! The new Director of Accounting, Christopher Ziarko, will be joining us on June 12th. The arrival of Mr. Ziarko is perfect timing from the perspective of year-end closing and the FY 2017-2018 internal audit.

Insurance Update

Sue Debe and Tom Cousino participated in the Risk Mitigation Forum April 19 - 21, 2017 held at The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI. Gateway Technical College's insurance casualty/property and worker's compensation insurance provider, Districts Mutual Insurance (DMI), sponsored this free forum which featured leaders sharing their expertise on a wide variety of "hot topics" in higher education risk management.



Donations in the amount of \$5,000 to each of the technical college's local foundations were distributed. With these donations, DMI has contributed \$416,000 in unrestricted funds to the local technical college foundations from the time of its existence commencing in 2012.



A highlight of the forum included the announcement of DMI's 2nd Risk Impact Award. Congratulations to Tom Cousino, Director, Safety and Security, for being Gateway's awardee for his recognized risk mitigation efforts. Tom was awarded a commemorative plaque and engraved tumbler at the DMI sponsored dinner, Thursday, April 20, 2017.

FY 2016-2017 Year-End Close Update

It is time for Year-End Close once again! The college's external auditors will be onsite the week of June 12th and the Business Office is busy preparing for another busy but rewarding year-end. We have participated in our first meeting along with the Student Accounts and Financial Aid teams to kick things off and everyone is ready to do their part.

HUMAN RESOURCES & FACILITIES

Bill Whyte reports the 3-year Facilities Plan has been prepared for Board approval in June and will be submitted to the state by August 1.

The lease for the Waterford Fire Station is being reviewed by attorneys and will be presented to the Board in July.

The RFP process for architectural services ended with Partners in Design selected for the next 5-year period.

The contract with the Gateway Technical Education Association (GTEA) has been negotiated for the 2017-2018 fiscal year at the CPI of 1.26%. It will now be sent to the GTEA membership for ratification.

Magan Lawrence attended the MRA annual conference where she participated in the benefits track.

Josh Vollendorf is transitioning into the new Compliance Manager position and is currently reviewing Title IX materials to streamline current processes.

Debbie Miller advised that the first on-line open enrollment for medical and vision benefits was completed and went very well with 100% of those eligible participating.

She also noted we have informed all Medicare eligible retirees about the elimination of the optional medical and dental supplemental insurance.

Jacqueline Morris served as a panelist for NEOGov's "City Tour" users group meeting in Milwaukee. Other users asked the panelists questions regarding setup, implementation, and training.

Jacqueline performed the national anthem for the recent associate degree and adult high school 2017 graduations.

Tom Cousino attended Crisis Prevention Institute Training to become a Certified Instructor to teach 12 different modules on how to remain safe in the workplace and handle potentially difficult situations.

He presented on Safety/Security principles to the parents of Gateway Promise Students at the open house events on each of the campuses.

Tom conducted an audit of our Hazardous/Flammable chemical storage on the Kenosha Campus. He's working with an expert to ensure we are in full compliance with OSHA storage standards for all of our chemicals. In addition, there was an audit of all eyewash stations/showers.

Tom graduated from the year-long Leadership Kenosha program.

He worked with a Rooftop Safety company and conducted an inspection of the Racine Campus to better understand where improvements can be made to ensure we are in compliance with OSHA standards.

Tom received the final Clery Compliance Audit Report from D. Stafford & Associates that was completed at the end of March, 2017. They made 209 recommendations to help the College increase and come into compliance with Department of Education and federal Act requirements.

Tom attended the D. Stafford & Associates Clery Compliance Training Academy in order to gain a better understanding of all the requirements that the College needs to be in compliance in an effort to have compliant Clery, Violence Against Women's Act, Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, and Title IX programs.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Career Pathways

On May 31, 2017, three Washington Park High School seniors were recognized at the school's annual Technical Education banquet for earning Gateway's Automotive Under Car Technician pathway certificate. Under the instruction of Jerry Kobriger, the students completed the four courses required for the certificate during their high school

automotive training and are the first group from Park to be awarded the credential. In recognition of their efforts, the students were provided with a certificate of completion and a Snap-On wrench engraved with Gateway's logo and the name of the certificate. Even more meaningful is the fact that these students have earned a college credential prior to graduating from high school, providing them with the necessary education and training to obtain entry-level employment in the automotive career field directly out of high school.

LEARNING INNOVATION

Distance Learning

Our team recently participated in the Engineering Sumo Bot Challenge held at the SC Johnson iMet Center. We were testing/piloting some mobile video conferencing technologies that will enable us to engage high school and outside partners with our other programs, activities, and events at the college. This approach goes beyond simple "live streaming" of an event and includes the opportunity for two-way collaboration and participation. We are looking forward to additional proofs of concept regarding these solutions in the near future.

We are also investigating a solution from Cisco called Spark Boards. These devices are interactive white board systems that incorporate meeting technologies and video conferencing capabilities. These systems will allow learners/participants at remote sites to collaborate live in the same whiteboard environment. We are seeing strong application possibilities across our instructional areas with this solution.

Information Systems

The DAAB (District Activity Advisory Board) online request and approval process is in progress. The initial request screen is being improved and student agreement form will also be online.

Creation of a Web Advisor screen to facilitate ABE / ELL test recording is in progress.

Work continues on the Promise Student tracking system as requirements continue to evolve.

Updated the HLC Persistence and Completion Academy's Data Book for 2011 and added more demographics.

A process for putting the Non Instructional LOE online is in progress.

User Experience

We represented Gateway at the VMware Users Group annual conference in Milwaukee. The conference had many sessions on individual sponsor products as well as in depth sessions on VMware related products and informational sessions on IT Leadership and End User computing as a whole. There was also a session on building a home lab, which is something that could be useful in our academic areas if we began teaching virtualization more in depth.

Installation of the BARCO rooms for the Innovation Grant is nearly completed. All that remains is to configure the BARCO devices in those rooms.

Began testing a remote ID Photo system to be deployed at the iMET and Burlington Student Services Kiosks. Staff in the Contact Center will be able to create IDs for the students without the student needing to drive to one of the three main campuses. IDs can then be mailed to the student's home address.

We have begun our annual process of identifying which computers will need to be upgraded in the next fiscal year. The held the initial meeting with the campus deans, and we plan on completing the selection process by the end of July.

Red Hawk Days and Yo Puedo! are a couple of Gateway events that we have supported recently. Both of these events, focused on high school students attending Gateway after graduation, have been technology-focused. For Red Hawk Days, students used Chromebooks for completing their FAFSA and course registration and to learn WebAdvisor, email, and BlackBoard. BARCO units were used for Yo Puedo! for the morning presentation and to play Kahootz, which tested the students' retention of the information that they were presented.

Technology Operations

We represented Gateway at several local vendor events including the WI IT Symposium, the CDW Milwaukee IT Summit, both in Milwaukee, and the HP Spring Update event in Brookfield. These events offer opportunities to network with local IT leaders and share ideas for solving the IT issues we have in common.

Summertime generally means it's time for network switch upgrades, and this summer is no different. We are selectively upgrading network switches around the district to implement patches as needed. As always, we do our best to minimize the disruption to our students and staff and perform this work after hours and weekends whenever possible.

The new roundabout being constructed by WISDOT adjacent to the 496 building at the Burlington Center is impacting our fiber infrastructure. The fiber in Burlington, which operates both our Burlington and Elkhorn facilities, needs to be relocated for the construction of the roundabout. Relocating the fiber may result in network outages as the road work is completed. Our fiber vendor, Midwest Fiber Networks, uses their maintenance window from midnight to 6:00AM to complete most of planned work, however, as we all know accidents happen on these construction projects and one wrong move with a backhoe can result in an unplanned outage that could take hours to repair. We monitor our network closely and will report any planned or unplanned outage which may impact our students or staff as a result of this construction.

We continue to upgrade the multimedia equipment in classrooms and meeting spaces around the district. And this month, our infrastructure team and the campus deans will be finalizing the list of rooms which will be upgraded in the upcoming fiscal year.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Academic Advising

Advising Days, funded through an innovation grant, was well received by students on the Kenosha campus. In addition, the academic advising team is focusing on our Promise students through campus based “Kickoffs” and working with students individually. These individual appointments are focused on guiding Promise students to develop academic plans, register for the Fall semester, and to help them transition from High School to College.

Career and Employment Services

The Career & Employment Services team will be heading to the Wisconsin TechConnect/Career Services and Student Employment Training two-day event in June. This is an annual event hosted by the Wisconsin TechConnect Consortium. The event will discuss all needs related to TechConnect, other career software initiatives, and sharing of best practices, trends, and/or related topics to career and employment services.

Disability Support

Closed captioning is an important endeavor benefits students, faculty, staff and the community. Anytime we post a video on our website, in the classroom or at a college event it should be closed captioned. Since 2014, we have added captions to more than 600 videos for classrooms, workshops, marketing and other events.

Express Services

An Innovation Grant has allowed us to offer a new way for students to connect with Student Services with the addition of Live Chat, an online instant messaging service. In the first four days of service, over 260 customers have chatted with the Contact Center. Visitors to our chat include current and prospective students, employers, and community partners. Another Innovation grant, "College Starter Supply Kits" has also been well received by students. As an additional service/outreach to our students, we continue to open one hour early on the first day of each semester. Express Services produced a fabulous presentation outlining their commitment to our team service values with the theme of "Be Our Guest!"

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid team has been working with Ken Riley to ensure that all Promise students will have their financial aid all set before the Fall 2017 term. We have emailed and called all Promise students that need to turn in additional documentation for Verification. This process was well received by students. We needed to walk several students through logging into WebAdvisor and their college email which was much appreciated. We look forward to working with these students and helping them achieve their educational goals throughout the next three years.

Learning Success Coaches

The Learning Success Coaches will be expanding their program’s focus to include students in the areas of Accounting and LPN to RN Bridge, in addition to the current students in Business Management, Human Services and ADN-Nursing.

Multicultural Program

This year's 5th annual Student Leadership Conference, planned by the Multicultural Program, was themed "Go Lead Our World." Over 6 student clubs facilitated 12 workshops on various leadership and student development topics encouraging peer-to-peer networking and learning. The conference hosted 200 students throughout the district over the two-day period in April. In addition, 5 students received \$1,650.00 in tuition voucher assistance. The ELL/ABE Learning Communities continue to assist students in integrating success skills and academic knowledge while being in a supportive academic environment. Over 20 ELL/ABE students have started their transition process into a Gateway academic program or have successfully transitioned into a Gateway academic program.

Step Up/NTO

Shayla Thompson replaced Ken Riley as the Student Support Specialist for the StepUp/NTO programs. Currently, the Step-Up club is working on rebranding and renaming the club. In addition a job shadowing program for NTO students and a Learning Community developed with Innovation grant funds are in the works.

Student Accounts

The Student Accounts Team has been leading outreach calls to students with an outstanding balance Spring 2017 term. They have started calls for the Summer 2017 term and have completed 304 calls to students on the payment plan with a past due payment. This is an opportunity to remind students of the payment obligation and make connections with students who need assistance. The calls were a collaborative effort with Student Accounts and the SEA team.

Student Support Counseling

In February, the Student Support Counselor Team attended the American College Counseling Association National Conference. New counseling approaches and tools as well as ideas for counseling and retention were learned and shared with students. Additionally, the Better Together Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Project will be rolling out the results of the survey offered to all students and staff this Fall.

Testing Services

Testing Services in partnership with Adult Basic Education, hosted the GED/HSED and Adult High School Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, May 24th at the Madrigano Conference Center. This event celebrates the achievements of our students who have earned their High School Credential in the past year. Students who earn their High School Credential earn, on average, \$9,000 more per year than those without. Many of these students continue their journey at Gateway by enrolling in a post-secondary program.

TAG

TRiO is now TAG! The Racine Campus has been using peer advocates to ensure all students who register with DSS are paired with a support program, and we plan on implementing this district wide in fall. We awarded 15 students with \$1,000 TAG Grant Aid Scholarships this year. Additionally, TAG students were awarded over \$7000 in

Gateway Foundation scholarships. Our program has been receiving statewide recognition after being prominently featured in this year's Wisconsin TRiO Factbook. We were the only technical college represented, and our program had the most students featured. This book was presented to our state's representatives to encourage them to continue to support funding for college access programs.

Tutoring Services

At the end of July, Learning Success Center Instructors Jenna Lassila and Amanda Pulda will attend the College Reading and Learning Association's (CRLA) Summer Institute in St. Louis, Missouri, to continue the department's post-Kaizen work of developing a comprehensive framework for tutor orientation and training at Gateway. They will also have opportunities to explore CRLA's International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC) for Gateway's Tutoring Services program.

Veteran's Support Services

Veteran Support Services continues to offer Kognito Trainings throughout the district in an effort to have all staff complete the training. Veteran 2 Veteran Mentoring as part of Heads Up Mentoring held a Memorial Day BBQ on the Kenosha Campus and the Diversity 365 Veterans subcommittee is planning the Independence Day Celebration for July 5th on the Racine Campus.

BUSINESS & WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Business & Workforce Solutions is happy to welcome Katie Dembowski to the division! Katie serves as the Account Manager and is responsible for outreach to business and industry, supporting customized training and enrollment in professional development workshops. Katie transitioned from New Student Specialist to Account Manager in May. Her office is located at the iMET Center in the Business Resources Suite. Please join us in welcoming her!

On May 2nd Gateway was invited to Auburn Hills Michigan to participate in a best practices meeting at FCA headquarters. Gateway was the pilot school that helped develop the CAP Local program with FCA personnel in the Fall of 2014. There are currently 50 schools across the country who are participating in the cap local program in all have been to Gateway for benchmark against our program. The plan is to have an additional 50 schools on-boarded over the coming year bringing the total to 100.

Gateway is working with NC3 to welcome its newest industry partner Festo on automated and advanced manufacturing. Festo sees the coming advances manufacturing commonly referred to as "Industry 4.0" (machine to machine communication, machine learning, automated decision making, etc) as a driver for a more highly skilled mechatronic technician to install, maintain, and troubleshoot these advanced systems. Gateway will be looking for instructors to both work with Festo directly on creating the certifications and also using the certifications in our Gateway curriculums so our students can get another industry credential in these in-demand fields.

A press release related to the President's Innovation Grant that allowed for local high school instructors to come to Gateway for both training and equipment donation in the area of Torque Technology was released to the local schools. Many of the schools publicly shared their stories through press releases and other media outlets. Below are links to some of the stories:

[Two area teachers bolster tech training - My Kenosha County.com](#)

[UGHS teacher participates in 'train-the-trainer' event at Gateway - Journal Times](#)

[Local high schools receive Gateway donation - My Walworth County.com](#)

[Kenosha Unified teachers get torque training at Gateway - Kenosha News](#)

On Thursday Greg Herker, John Zehren, and Matt Janisin participated in the Yo Peudo event on the Kenosha Main Campus. The event had about 100 students total that attended to learn more about the various career paths available at Gateway. We used the Mobile Certification Truck to bring over items from the Fab Lab and Automotive program to perform some hands-on demonstrations including Dremel 3D printing, virtual welding, and torque testing.

The Mobile Certification Truck was also used to bring the 525 meter certification kit to the Elkhorn Alternative High School. Over the course of two days 15 students completed the course.

Gateway was invited to a meeting in Washington DC on June 1st by the Millennium Challenge Corporation which is tasked with reviewing grant proposals and other initiatives in Morocco in the areas of public and private partnerships. Over \$450 billion have been dedicated and a key area of interest is “ to address the supply of skilled labor by providing graduates from secondary schools and workforce development programs with skills that respond to private sector needs.” This is what Gateway, Snap-on, and NC3 has been doing in partnership with a university in Oujda Morocco since 2011.

On May 24, 2017 Matt Janisin and Randy Reusser met with Greenlee on a new NC3/Greenlee Fiber Certification. This will be the second VDV (Voice Data Video) certification developed by Randy Reusser and Tim Kopp of Greenlee and will be Launched in Fall 2017.

Thalia Mendez worked with David Maaske, Wisconsin and Metro Chicago District Director for SCORE on the Celebrating Entrepreneurship in Racine and Kenosha breakfast event hosted by Gateway. President Bryan Albrecht welcomed everyone prior to opening remarks by both Mayor John Antaramian, City of Kenosha and Mayor John Dickert, City of Racine. Local entrepreneur and former Fast Pitch winner Gary Krause, EKG Concepts spoke about his SCORE mentor and how the relationship helped his business grow.

Thalia has joined two working groups (Mentorship and Talent Retention) for the Milwaukee 7 initiative, *Marshalling Our Resources*, whose vision is to spark the emergence of a robust and inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem supporting the full spectrum of entrepreneurs growing new companies and creating more jobs throughout the M7 region.

Gateway's proposal for the WEDC Seed Accelerator Grant was awarded for the full amount, \$80,000. Two 10-week accelerators will be run with five entrepreneurial teams in each, one in September 2017 and a second in March 2018. Both accelerators will be preceded with two half-day Design Sprints and completed with a five-part Founder's Series after the Spring 2018 cohort.

The Apprenticeship Completion Ceremony is approaching quickly! On June 16, 2017, we will complete almost 70 Apprentices at a ceremony held at the Madrigrano Auditorium on the Kenosha Campus. Please join us to congratulate our completers and wish them "good luck" on their future endeavors.

On May 13, we held the High School Boot Camp #4 Completion Ceremony. Seven area high school seniors completed the entire program which began in July of 2016.