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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Matt Janisin)**

**Elkhorn Campus**

Dan Lyons and Dr. Amy Hankins are the new Teaching and Learning Fellows. They started at the beginning of the summer semester. Jessica Gleason is a returning Fellow. Here is the description of what they will be doing with Meg to support faculty:

- Create training materials and online modules for workshops and individual learning.
- Create how-to documents and videos for instructional technology.
- Organize and curate resources for faculty and staff reference.
- Respond to questions related to instructional technology, course set-up, and pedagogical issues.
- Deliver training to faculty and staff.
- Stay current with trends in instructional technology and instructional delivery.
- Communicate with LID about instructional technology issues.
- Maintain detailed records of completed tasks, faculty contacts, and client feedback.
- Maintain confidential relationships with faculty clients.

Welding Elkhorn hosted Scouting America on three consecutive Monday nights last month where 13 local scouts from Elkhorn Troop 243 and one scout came from Madison to complete the very sought-after welding merit badge.



We also had the Scottish Student Visitors work on an activity in our Welding Lab.



### **Racine Campus**

The students from Scotland toured the Racine Campus on May 13, 2025.

The STEM Scholars Program had their End of The Year Gathering on May 15, 2025 on the Racine Campus.

Racine Campus hosted The Microsoft & United Way of Racine County Community Impact and Resource Fair on May 31, 2025.

### **School of Pre-College and Momentum Programs**

95 graduates participated in the HSED/GED Graduation Ceremony on May 28, 2025 at Grace Church, Racine.

We have been awarded Year 2 of the Welding Integrated Education and Training Grant for the FY2025–2026 academic year. The first student cohort, which began in January 2025, is on track to complete the Welding/Maintenance and Fabrication Technical Diploma on the Elkhorn Campus.

We have also been awarded Year 2 of the WTCS Leadership Grant. This project will support the continued expansion of English as a Second Language (ESL) course sections during the FY2025–2026 academic year, aiming to serve more adults with limited or no English proficiency and address the growing regional demand for ESL programming. This past spring, the College served 778 ESL students across its main campuses in Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties.



## School of Health

- The Respiratory Therapy had their accrediting body do a site visit May 8th and 9th. The site surveyors were very complimentary of our program development, including faculty, equipment and spaces. No citations! Our program will be presented to their board in July for provisional accreditation. We will be able to seat students in the fall 2025 semester.
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- We recently had a group of students attend a service learning trip to Kenya which included visiting the Nairobi World Health Organization (WHO), where we met with individuals of the emergency readiness/response team to learn their roles.



- The School of Health recently had a group of students travel to North Carolina! Our amazing group of students helped to build homes for families who lost everything during the fall hurricane.



## School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Provost Honor student–Theresa Hauser, Paul Lawson, Durward Bevis, and Richard McLaughlin have a manuscript accepted for publication in the International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology.

Title: Genome-based reclassification of *Terribacillus goriensis* (Kim et al. 2007) Krishnamurthi and Chakrabarti 2009 as a later heterotypic synonym of *Terribacillus saccharophilus* An et al. 2007

Provost Honor student–Jenna Storz, Durward Bevis, and Richard McLaughlin have a manuscript accepted for publication in the journal *MicroPublication Biology*.

Title: Isolation of *Bacillus cereus* Group from the Fecal Material of Turtles

## Program Effectiveness

The Program Effectiveness team continues to provide support to PE coordinators on the submission of their annual student learning plans, both the closure of 2024-25 plans and opening of 2025-26 plans. As of late May, 97% of programs submitted all required assessment plan elements and supporting approvals. Remaining programs are waiting on curriculum committee approvals of completed plans, and intend to submit their plans in early June. After all plans are received, the Program Effectiveness team will analyze all program-level submissions and provide a snapshot of assessment performance for the 2024-25 academic year for the college as a whole.

## College Excellence

Institutional Research has published a new research brief, [Understanding Student Readiness and Needs](#). Information in the brief is taken from the Gateway Success Navigator survey, which is used by advising to help identify at-risk students and connect them to support services. The survey results indicate that less than half of students feel very prepared for college-level coursework and managing their time/workload, and that most students are very confident about reaching graduation but paying for college and managing stress/mental health are concerns. Based on this data, it's important for the college to continue to enhance academic support services, increase awareness of scholarships and emergency grants, strengthen mental health resources, and promote usage of existing support services.

## Business and Workforce Solutions

### Apprenticeship Completion Ceremony – June 12, 2025

- Gateway's annual Apprenticeship Completion Ceremony will take place on **Thursday, June 12, at 6 p.m.** Refreshments will be served at **5:30 p.m.**, and business casual attire is encouraged.
- The event will be held at the **SC Johnson iMET Center** in Sturtevant.
- This ceremony honors the **2024–2025 completing apprentices**.



- Family, instructors, and industry partners are invited to celebrate the graduates' accomplishments.
- The event showcases the success of Gateway's apprenticeship model and employer collaboration.
- Over **47 apprentices** from **9 programs** and 18 students from the Barber/Cosmetology Instructor Certificate program are expected to be recognized.



#### 11th Racine Youth Offenders Cohort Completes Mechatronics Training

- Another cohort of young men is equipped with the skills and knowledge to work in mechatronics-related jobs.
- Mechatronics instructor, JD Jones hosted an open house in May at the Racine Youth Offenders Correctional Facility (RYOCF).
- 53 guests attended the event which included meeting the students and learning about the efforts that went into conceptualizing, designing and creating the unique projects.
- Guests, which included Gateway and DOC (Department of Corrections) personnel, voted on the best projects.
- Prior to the open house, representatives from Spectrum Plastics and R&D Automation attended an industry-partner day. This special event allowed employers and students to have in-depth discussions around the student projects, industry trends, and what to expect when out in the workplace.
- These candid conversations are instrumental in helping students transition from incarceration to careers *and* in helping employers comprehend the level of training that Gateway offers.

### Liz Oplatka Addresses Walworth County Leaders

- BWS's Organizational and Leadership SME, Liz Oplatka, was the keynote speaker for the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA) Workforce Symposium 2025.
- Her presentation focused on the state of today's workforce and addressed methods for building and keeping an engaged workforce.
- Of course one of those methods is to train employees!
- Approximately 75 area business leaders were in attendance; and, upon encouragement from attendees, discussions on these and other emerging trends will continue with a series of Zoom conversations.



### **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES**

#### **Community Connectedness (Sharon Johnson)**

- CACUBO (Central Association of College & University Business Officers) Webinar
- STEMS Scholars Spring 2025 Program
- Commencement Ceremonies
- GED/HSED Graduation

#### **Student Accounts (Breezann Warnock)**

- Student Account team members are participating in the Higher Education Certified Credit Professional professional development program.

#### **Facilities (Andrew Kallenbach)**

- Finalizing Projects at 496 in preparation of turning the building back over to BASD
- Racine Dental Lab and AHU project 40% complete.
- Received successful bids for Kenosha Chiller and I-Met electrical projects

### **Budget and Purchasing (Jason Nygard)**

- College leadership is proud to present a final preliminary FY 2025-26 Budget.
- As we continue to navigate through these challenging times, leadership will continue to monitor this budget very closely and prioritize resources to ensure alignment with our strategic plan.
- Once approved, the budget will be forwarded to the WTCS by June 30, 2025.
- Thank you to everyone who put a tremendous effort into this year's process.

### **Safety and Security (Chris Burton)**

- Narcan kits are now fully deployed near all AEDs.
- On pace to meet the June 23, 2025 deadline for Stop Campus Hazing Act compliance.
- Finalizing campus safety website updates for Emergency Preparedness and Hazing

### **Audit (Anandhi Krishnan)**

- The Business Office is getting ready for the FY 2024-2025 audit. The audit is scheduled for the week of September 2nd.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (Tammi Summers)**

### **Veterans Support Programs – Memorial Day Remembrance (May 19–23)**

- The D365 Veteran Subcommittee hosted a weeklong remembrance event honoring those who gave their lives in service to our country. Students, staff, and faculty were invited to pick up and wear a red poppy flower—a symbol of sacrifice and resilience. Poppies were made available at Student Services Centers, Libraries, and Learning Success Centers on the Kenosha, Racine, and Elkhorn campuses.
- The initiative created space for reflection, remembrance, and community connection in advance of Memorial Day.
- The program encouraged conversations around veteran support and the importance of honoring fallen service members.
- Participation demonstrated Gateway's ongoing commitment to supporting military-affiliated students and promoting awareness of their experiences.

## **PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (Interim)**

### **Foundation**

- **Direct Aid to Students:** \$72,000 was awarded to 48 high school students who completed the High School Scholarship Application and plan to direct enroll at Gateway Technical College. The students represented 26 high schools within the Gateway District.
- **Total contributed dollars** secured in support of Gateway students, the college, and the foundation as of May 31, 2025: \$1,048,135.81 from 516 donors.



## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **Jewish Heritage Month**

#### **May 6 – Kenosha Campus: Debra Solomon presented on Jewish Heritage and Food**

- Students and staff celebrated Jewish Heritage Month with a meaningful cultural event.
- Guest speaker Debra Solomon shared stories and insights about Jewish traditions through the lens of food.
- Attendees learned how food reflects Jewish identity, history, and community.
- Traditional Jewish dishes were served, allowing participants to engage all their senses.
- The event encouraged dialogue and appreciation for Jewish heritage.
- It created an inclusive space for cultural exploration and connection.

### **Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

#### **May 13 – Racine Campus: Calligraphy with Keiko Skow + Food Tasting**

- Gateway students and staff celebrated AAPI Heritage Month through art and cuisine.
- Keiko Skow led an engaging Japanese calligraphy activity, where participants had their names written in Japanese.
- The demonstration highlighted the cultural and historical importance of calligraphy in Japanese tradition.
- Attendees sampled a variety of Asian-inspired foods, expanding their cultural palate.
- The event fostered cultural appreciation and hands-on learning.

### **Office of Equal Opportunity & Civil Rights**

- We have been continuing the process of reviewing college policies to make sure they align with legal requirements, remove unnecessary barriers, and are comprehensive.
- Web accessibility regulations are effective on April 24, 2026, and the college continues efforts to make sure we are compliant by that date. Josh Vollendorf, Director of Compliance, has presented on web accessibility requirements internally as well as for several WTCS system-wide groups.
- We continue our efforts to language access and have added bilingual signage to several campuses and are working to translate documents from different areas of the college into Spanish to ensure meaningful access.
- The college piloted [PocketTalk](#), a near instantaneous interpretation device, at two locations and is now recommending it for purchase by different departments to serve visitors, students, and families who need services in a different language.

### **Libraries**

On May 21, Paige and Dawn partnered with our colleagues at WiLS to host a statewide forum for library staff—primarily from academic institutions—to discuss strategies for navigating the evolving information landscape. This session was held in response to participant interest following the initial event in March. Due to continued engagement, the group plans to reconvene for another session in Fall 2025.

## **Student Finance Specialists (SFS)**

### **Academic Advising**

- With the start of the Summer 2025 term, advisors continue to meet and connect with students regarding registration for both summer and fall terms.
- Advisors continue to work on their on/off plan dashboards in Advise, updating plans for students who were not successful in their Spring 2025 classes, or for those who did not take classes this Spring. Advisors aim to have 90% of their students with a full and up to date academic plan to graduation.
- Peer Advisors work on outreach plans for students who are not registered for Fall 2025, encouraging them to connect with their academic advisor.

### **Tutoring Services**

This summer semester, Tutoring Services launched our first Professional Learning Community, or PLC. The goal of the PLC is to provide a space for tutors to improve their craft of tutoring and to grow as a professional in a specific content area. Our first PLC was focused on IT tutoring & content. We met with the six IT tutors & LSC faculty last week, and the first meeting was a huge success. Led by LSC faculty, the tutors shared their student success stories, challenges, traded expertise on content & coursework, and discussed student outcomes. We plan on meeting once a month moving forward with the IT group and expand the PLC idea to other content areas, such as math, writing, and accounting.

### **Student Life**

Student Life wrapped up the Spring Term with graduation cap decorating that brought creativity, community, and a lot of glitter to campus! Graduates walked across the stage with personalized caps as a result of this amazing and fun event. As we look ahead, Student Life is planning for multiple giveaways and discounted opportunities on campus. Students can look forward to a lineup of exciting activities including ticket giveaways, and a visit from a local food truck once a week on the Kenosha and Racine Campus. Staff are more than welcome to participate at full price. Students will receive a \$5 discount. August 6th, be on the lookout for our highly anticipated End-of-Year Celebration. It's the perfect chance to stay connected, enjoy some summer vibes, and celebrate all we've accomplished. Currently, our United Student Government team is finishing out their term by attending a leadership conference. During this opportunity the students will be able to sharpen their advocacy skills, and connect with fellow student leaders from across the region. Lastly, we're excited to officially welcome our newly appointed Student Trustee! He'll begin his role this July and will serve as a key voice for the student body on the College's Board. We can't wait to see the impact he'll make in the coming year.