



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
JUNE 2026**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Matt Janisin)

Racine Campus

Pt Wall construction will be beginning the week of June 8th.

Patterson Dental has completed their portion of the Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene classroom and lab spaces.

The Racine Campus hosted the Waffles for Wisdom event sponsored by Dan Larkin, Student Success Coach for Advanced Manufacturing. Sixty students attended the event and interacted with student affairs and academic affairs faculty and staff.

School of Pre-College and Momentum Programs

STEM Scholars Graduation Data - Spring 2026

Graduation Term	Cohort	Number of STEM Scholars	Academic Institution	Academic Program
Spring 2026	2	2	Carthage College	Computer Science
Spring 2026	3	1	Gateway Technical College	Electrical Engineering Technology
Spring 2026	4	1	Gateway Technical College	IT Software Developer
	Total No. Graduates	4		

Anticipated Graduation Data – Fall 2026/Spring 2027

Graduation Term	Number of STEM Scholars	Academic Institution(s)
Fall 2026	3	MSOE (2) & Carthage College (1)
Spring 2027	9	Gateway (8) & MSOE (1)
Estimated Graduation Total	12	

School of Business, Transportation, and Dual Credit

The School of Business, Transportation & Dual Credit celebrated student achievement through two recognition events honoring 159 High School Academy completers and 289 Youth Apprentices from 16 partnering high schools. The School also hosted the Student Design Show at the Elkhorn Campus, showcasing the creativity and talent of our students. Congratulations to all graduates, and a special thank you to faculty Casey Grapsas, Pat Stevens, Linda McGee, Keith Rios, Jodi Heisz, Sarah Dakwar, and Kelly Brand for participating in commencement activities. The High School Partnerships team completed billing for all 2025-26 high school contracts.

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Richard McLaughlin did a High Honors project with his student Elizabeth Gorka that resulted in a publication. Below is the publication information:

Elizabeth E. Gorka, Sebastian Christopher Romero, Durward L. Bevis, Nicole A.M. Dutton, Janelle Brandt, Richard W. McLaughlin (2026). Complete genomic sequencing and characterization of an ESBL-producing *Escherichia coli*, sequence type 8211, isolated from the fecal material of an Eastern Bongo". microPublication Biology

Program Effectiveness

The Program Effectiveness team continues to provide support to program effectiveness coordinators on the submission of their annual student assessment plans. As of late May, 98% of programs submitted all required assessment plan elements and supporting approvals. After all plans are received, the Program Effectiveness team will analyze each program's data and reported results and provide a snapshot of assessment performance for the 2025-26 academic year for the college as a whole.

College Excellence

This spring Institutional Research conducted a custom student survey designed to gather feedback on specific areas of the student experience. Topics covered include: new student recruitment, dual enrollment, academic advising, early alerts, student services and supports, disability accommodations, scholarships, instruction, learning management system experience, and introductory math course feedback. The results of the survey have been shared with departments that deliver these services as well as with faculty. The [full report](#) can be accessed on the Institutional Research intranet page.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES (Sharon Johnson)

Community Connectedness

- Commencement Ceremonies
- Presidents Association Visioning Session
- Gateway Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting
- City of Racine Joint Review Board Meeting
- Village of Waterford Annual Joint Review Board Meeting
- MATC Advisory Audit Committee Meeting
- Racine Art Council Board Meeting
- Tempo Racine

Student Accounts

- Gateway served a total of 613 military-connected students across Summer, Fall, and Spring terms, including veterans, spouses, and dependents utilizing federal and state educational benefits.
- A total of 131 military-connected students graduated during the academic year

Facilities

- WTCS Board Approval for Racine Barber/Cos Phase 1
- Vet Tech HVAC is at 85% Completion
- Coordinating the start of 4 construction projects across the district.

Safety and Security

- Completed on site visit from DMI for security evaluation
- Finalizing training program for Horticulture front end loader
- Beginning to look at roof top fall protection enhancements
- Lockdown buttons in the security offices for each campus are installed and operational. Allows lockdown of a campus with the touch of a button.

Budget and purchasing

- College leadership is proud to present a final preliminary FY 2026-27 Budget.
- College leadership will continue to monitor this budget very closely and prioritize resources to ensure alignment with our strategic plan.
- The budget will be forwarded to the WTCS by June 30, 2026.

LEARNING INNOVATION DIVISION (Jeff Robshaw)

Information Systems

- The Team IA implementation to replace Perceptive Content forms will be kicking off in late June.
- The implementation of LightLeap for fraud detection of Applications, Financial Aid, and New Course Taker Students is in progress. This should reduce the amount of manual review being performed.
- An experimental integration between Colleague and Infosilem class scheduling is in progress.

Information Technology

- The IT department is exploring internal AI development to build custom, in-house applications, creating opportunities for long-term software cost savings. Initial efforts are strategically focused on backend management tools. Because these tools serve a fixed internal user base, they allow for safe troubleshooting and occasional downtime without impacting public-facing operations. Additionally, this internal focus ensures the applications remain securely contained within our private network ecosystem rather than exposed to the internet.

- College ID/Credentialing System (Project Completed): The college has successfully finalized its transition from IDMS to VisionDatabase Elite ID, modernizing our ID and credentialing infrastructure through a secure, cloud-based platform. This milestone was achieved through close, collaborative coordination between IT, Information Systems, and Student Services, ensuring a seamless launch. Comprehensive staff training has been completed, fully preparing teams to utilize the new system. Ultimately, this upgrade enhances our security posture with vendor-managed updates, improves operational efficiency, and ensures long-term scalability and sustainability in alignment with the college's institutional strategic goals.

End User Computing and Distance Learning

- We will be reinstalling all of the equipment that was removed from Vet Tech in Elkhorn. That work will begin this week.
- Throughout the summer, we will be evaluating technology in the classrooms and labs, and identifying opportunities for redeploying computers to locations that require newer hardware. This will be done due to the continuing increases in computer hardware costs. As of June 1st, we are experiencing hardware costs increasing another 30% or more, and this is on top of increases in January and March.

STUDENT SERVICES (Tammi Summers)

Student Support Programs (Jomarie Coloriano)

Veteran Support Services:

- Veteran Support Services continues to support veterans, military-connected students, and their dependents by connecting them to educational benefits, academic support services, career development resources, and community-based assistance. The program remains focused on promoting retention, academic success, leadership development, and overall well-being.
- During the 2024–2025 academic year, 59% of veteran program students identified as first-generation college students, 36% were female, 34% were traditional-age students (18–24), and 65% were adult learners (25+). The number of female veteran students enrolled at Gateway increased from 127 in 2021–2022 to 167 in 2024–2025, reflecting continued growth in this student population.
- In June, Veteran Support Services will lead Gateway's commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence, featuring a keynote presentation by Yolanda Medina, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Woman of the Year, at the SC Johnson Student Life Center on the Racine Campus.
- Additional activities include an educational visit to the Kenosha Civil War Museum and a college-wide engagement initiative featuring a traveling Independence Day banner across the Elkhorn, Kenosha, and Racine campuses, inviting students to reflect on the significance of this historic milestone while strengthening student engagement and connection to the college community.

Student Accommodations & Accessibility Services (Katie Lohre)

Financial Aid (Pam Lowrey)

- 128 students were officially verified via V1/V4/V5 Department Ed verification process
- 336 students reviewed in the Student Forms workflow for various verification reasons (homeless youth, citizenship, verification of support etc).
- Disbursed \$347,901 for 661 students
- 112 Financial Aid SAP Appeals were reviewed.
- Closed out the 25-26 Promise year - *HS Promise 281 students enrolled with 78 students of those students receiving funding totalling \$87,967.34 *Promise 2 Finish 41 students enrolled with 17 students receiving funding totalling \$32,833.10.
- 912 students' financial aid was packaged and/or reinstated during the month of May.

Registrars Office (Travis Jansen)

- We are in the final stages of our yearlong implementation of the Processmaker software and plan on going live later this summer. This software will automate significant portions of our transfer credit review workflow which will both improve the transfer credit processing time for our students and ease the administrative burden on staff. This will also allow us to be more proactive about our transfer equivalency development and use of un-official transfer evaluations as a student recruitment tool.
- Spring 2026 commencement was a success and our largest on record! A total of 550 students participated, which was a 10% increase over our previous yearly high.
- We're also happy to report that our Spring 2026 student program completion numbers set new records. A total of 1,479 students completed an Associate's Degree, Technical Diploma, or Certificate program in the term! This beats our previous high total of 1,476 in Fall 2019.
- Our office is heavily involved in launching a new eForms software for the college this summer. The new software, TeamIA, will be able to replace two existing eForms platforms while also providing increased automation and flexibility for college processes.
- We helped with implementing the college's new priority placement (TCS10) criteria and processes, along with admissions and advising, for Summer and Fall registration. This included extensive work on colleague processes, reporting, and communications.
- We participated in the college's review of the EAB Navigate 360+ tool and provided extensive feedback to assist with the college's decision making around this product.

Career & Employment Services (Jason Pruitt)

- The Advisors kicked off the month of May by attending the final run/cancel meeting with the EVP and the Academic Deans.
- The summer semester started on May 8, Advisors were busy the first week of May assisting students getting registered, or adjusting their schedule if one of their sections was canceled.
- Advising is undergoing a leadership transition, and Yoceline Vargas has been named as the interim Director.
- The Academic Advising team assisted with the "Credit to Degree" events that happened on the Kenosha and Elkhorn Campuses.
- Advisors also participated in the EAB Navigate 360 Demo that was hosted on Campus on May 13.
- May was also a busy month with performance evaluations and many advisors volunteering for the commencement ceremonies.

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

- Student Life has continued to create meaningful opportunities for student engagement and leadership development. Students and staff can stay updated on upcoming events at studentevents.gtc.edu:
- Hosted the Student Life Awards Banquet on April 28, recognizing 125 student leaders and organizations. We welcomed 123 attendees to the banquet.
- Completed the USG Retreat and Orientation for the 2026/2027 year, welcoming 10 new student leaders.
- Celebrated AAPI Heritage Month through study abroad presentations and a Lilo & Stitch movie screening among other campus activities.
- Assisted with both Commencement ceremonies by coordinating and serving as volunteers.
- Attended the Wisconsin Student Government meeting where the USG team elected new student leaders to serve.
- Celebrated the accomplishments of our graduates, including a few USG members.

We look forward to hosting our July engagement opportunities to keep students connected and involved for the summer term.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (Interim)

Foundation (Jennifer Charpentier)

- **Direct Aid to Students:** As of the end of May, 48 students have received \$60,622 in assistance for tuition, food, and transportation.
- **32nd Annual Golf Scramble:** Thank you to Gateway Foundation's generous sponsors, golfers, auction donors and volunteers. We had a successful day Golfing with a Goal in May. Estimated net from the event is about \$60,000.
- **Total dollars contributed** to support Gateway students, the college and the foundation as of May 31, 2026, the Foundation has secured \$985,364 from 395 donors.

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

Talent & Culture

- Training and Development offered a session on Coaching with Strengths for supervisors and employees who work directly with students. The session focused on helping participants facilitate strengths-based conversations that support students and employees in reaching their goals.
- Planning is underway for the Annual Employee Learning Day, a conference-style professional development event for all regular Gateway employees. This year's event will take place on Tuesday, September 29. Classes and student support services will pause for the day to allow employees across the college to participate in learning and development opportunities.
- Training and Development also continues work on the transition of the software that supports the college's training management system, Red Hawk Tech.
- Benefits had their first quarterly clinic report out since switching clinic providers from Ascension to Aurora. Utilization data remains similar to last year's date with a slight increase in utilization reported for February and March.
- ELC Review & Approval: The Executive Leadership Council (ELC) has formally reviewed and approved the comprehensive appeals summary provided by our compensation vendor.
- Staff Communication: Following this approval, a targeted update was distributed to employees to notify them of the final outcomes. Status: This successfully wraps up the appeals phase of the study, keeping our timeline on track and ensuring transparency across the organization.

WGTD

- WGTD 103.3 FM in Lake Geneva is temporarily off the air due to the repainting of the water tower where our antenna is located...A new Saturday morning program debuted in May. "Noteworthy" features the music and stories of local musicians. It's co-hosted by Bill Robbins and Kerry Spitzer, two musicians themselves. The program will air occasionally in the 'Community Matters' slot at 12:15.